

District roundup

B'BARIA

Two receive acid burn injuries

Sept 3: A mother and her son received acid burn injuries at Austragram village of Sadar thana in the district, reports UNB.

The victims, identified as Khodeja Begum wife of Abdul Hamid Miah and her son Bappi were thrown acid on the night of August 22 by a gang of miscreants while they were sleeping in their house.

They were rushed to Sadar hospital in a critical condition.

Family sources said previous enmity was the reason behind the attack. A case has been filed with the local police. But police failed to arrest any of the miscreants yet.

SIRAJGANJ

3 children arrested with smuggled goods

Sept 3: Police on Friday arrested three children in the town on charge of smuggling and seized huge quantity of electronic goods and spares worth about Taka one lakh, says UNB.

Shahidul, Saiful and Fazul all aged 12 were arrested while they were going to Shashanghat by rickshaws with the goods.

Police also recovered a 100 cc Honda and a TV from Masimpur and Bazar Station area following their confessional statement.

According to police, the children had links with a group of unscrupulous trader who use them for bringing in the smuggled goods.

Three cases were filed with local police in this connection.

GAZIPUR

Attack on journalists condemned

Sept 3: Journalists, serving national dailies and news media, at a meeting here condemned the bomb attacks on various newspaper offices and the houses of journalists at Dhaka by some miscreants, reports UNB.

Presided over by BSS correspondent Mizanur Rahman, the meeting held on August 23 expressed its grave concern over the attacks on the offices of Ittefaq and Bangla Baani and the residence of Anwar Hossain Manji, Publisher, Daily Ittefaq.

The meeting urged the government to take stern measures against any threat on newspapermen and newsmen and demanded immediate arrest of the persons responsible for the attacks.

SATHKHIRA

One awarded life-term for murder

From Our Correspondent

Sept 3: Tapan Kumar Rudra, Additional Sessions Judge, Sathkhira convicted one Mosarrat Hossain of village Hajipur under Sadar police station on charge of killing his wife and sentenced him to suffer life-term imprisonment and a fine of Taka 10,000 indeftual to suffer one year RI recently.

The prosecution story in brief is that the accused Mosarrat beat his wife Zayeda Khan (17) mercilessly and she died on the spot on May 31, 1987 last.

A case was lodged with Sathkhira PS and after investigation police submitted chargesheet against him. The learned judge tried the case and following examination found the accused guilty and awarded the said punishment.

CHUADANGA

3 arrested with ammunition, target list

Sept 3: Chuadanga thana police arrested three activists of an outlawed party and recovered from them one country made pistol, four rounds of SLR ammunition, posters and a list of target persons from village of Kirangachi under Chuadanga Sadar thana recently, reports UNB.

Acting on secret information a contingent of police led by SI Shamsul Hoque raided a house at Kirangachi and arrested Sabidul Islam (24), Lulu (30) and Asadul (30), while they were holding a meeting.

A case has been filed with Chuadanga police station.

BARGUNA

Farmers demand introduction of crop insurance

Sept 3: Farmers of the six southern districts have demanded introduction of crop insurance in the agriculture sector, says UNB.

Some leaders of the farmers of Barguna, Patuakhali, Bhola, Pirojpur, Jhalakathi and Barisal in a joint statement here on Thursday said natural disasters like drought, cyclone, flood, nor'wester damaged standing crops worth about crores of Taka causing set back in agriculture every year.

The farmer's said if crop insurance system is introduced, the poor farmers can compensate their losses. They also alleged that due to various complexities and long term process to get loans from Krishish and others commercial banks most of them cannot avail the opportunity of bank loans.

According to agri experts 35 per cent crops are being damaged annually by natural calamities in these districts. If the crop insurance system is introduced the farmers would be relieved of their frustrations.

They said the system has proved effective in many developed countries of the world.

PABNA

Two JCD activists hospitalised

Sept 3: Two activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were hospitalised after they had been beaten up here Friday allegedly by supporters of a rival faction of Juba Dal, party sources said, reports UNB.

District JCD vice president Saiful Islam and worker Zulfiqer Haider were attacked by miscreants near the Kotwali thana while they were returning from the local BNP office in the evening. They were admitted to Sadar hospital.

JCD held a rally and brought out a procession in the town protesting the attack. They rally was addressed, among others, by JCD district president Mosabir Hossain Shanj and organising secretary Abdul Latif Biswas.

They blamed Juba Dal supporters for the attack and demanded punishment of the culprits.

LALMONIRHAT

Relief for erosion victims

Sept 3: Relief materials were distributed among the erosion hit people of the district by a non-government organisation under its three-day distribution programme, reports UNB.

The relief materials including saree, lungi, dry food and oral saline packets collected by the workers of the 'Apar Gram Pragati' were distributed among the Teesta erosion affected people of Dauabari, Sardura and Patikapara unions of Hatibandha thana on August 11 and Dhuniajha and Barabari unions of Sadar thana on August 12.

Deputy Commissioner Kazi Farid Ahmed, district BNP president Asadul Habib Dul and the organisation president Upendranath Roy were present on the occasion.

SHERPUR

Construction work of college building

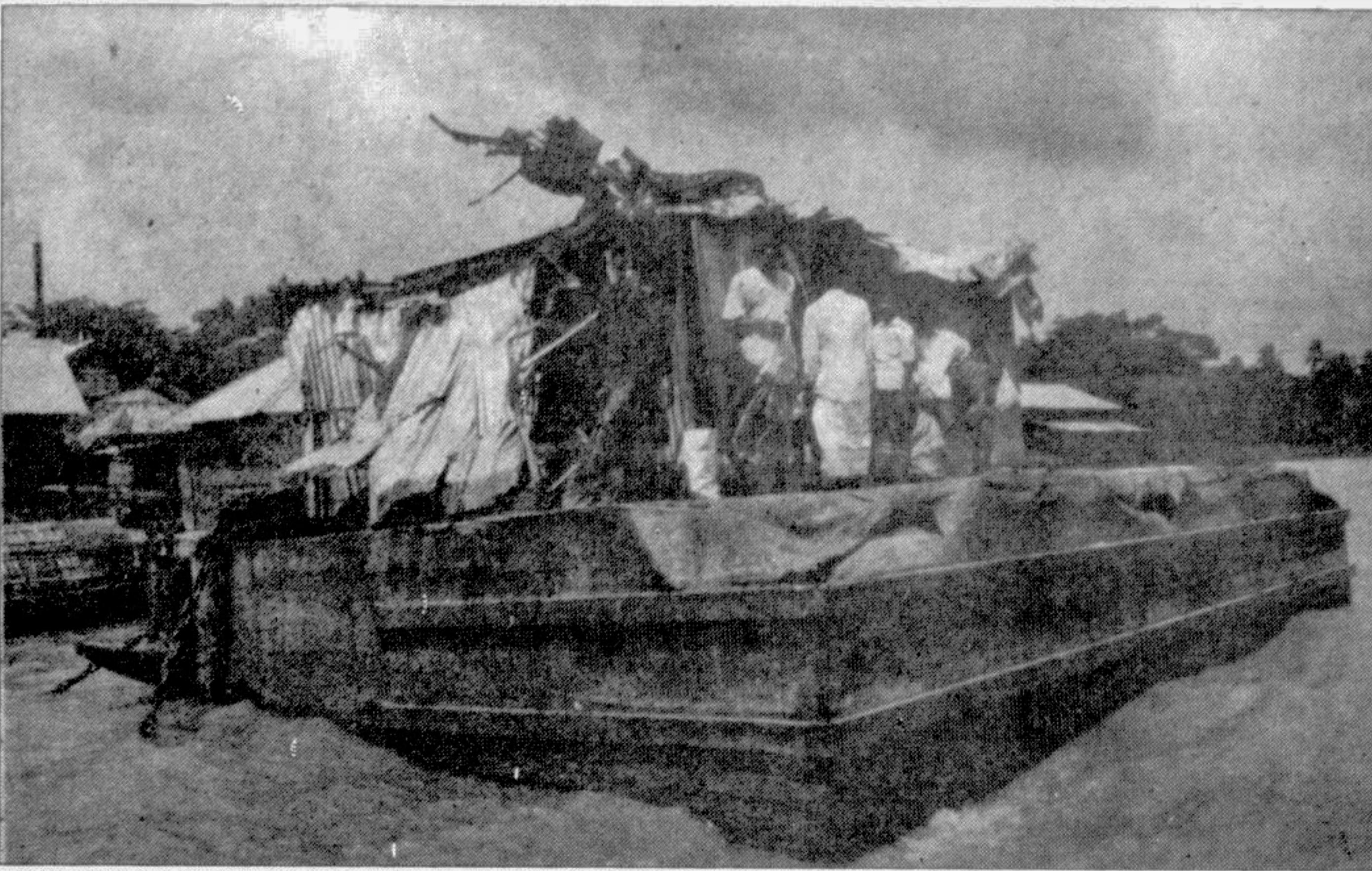
Sept 3: The construction work of the four storied science building of Sherpur Government Girls' College at a cost of Taka 52 lakh is progressing fast, reports UNB.

Facilities Department under Ministry of Education has taken up the project, which is expected to be completed by December next, official sources said.

College authorities said after completion of the work the students will be benefited and their long felt demand will be fulfilled.

Meanwhile, Facilities Department has taken up a scheme to construct a two-storey hotel building of the Sherpur Government Girls' College at a cost of Taka 52 lakh.

The work is expected to be completed by June, next year.



BARISAL: This dilapidated pontoon was placed at Mirerhat launch ghat under Ujjipur thana of the district one year back replacing a big better one for unknown reason. Thirtytwo vessels of Dhaka-Hularhat and Ujjipur-Banoripara routes touch this station daily. Thousands of passengers are to wait under open sky to avail launches.

— Star Photo

Chalan Beel Project

Incomplete work likely to be started next year

From Our Correspondent

BWDB source informed.

The work on the project was stopped as a result of constructing a regulator at the mouth of the river Baral near Charchhat of Rajshahi, the board claimed.

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The farmers of the beel area

under the scheme have been suffering much for keeping the project incomplete.

After the completion of the project an additional amount of crops worth about Taka nine crore could be produced 2,13,350 acres of land under the project area.

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