

National

District roundup

MAGURA

Three jailed for violating girl

Sept 11: A man was sentenced to life term and another two to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment for kidnapping and violating a girl, court sources said here Wednesday, reports UNB.

Convict Shamsuzzaman of Jhogdina in Mohammadpur thana was awarded life term while Akkas Ali and Maula of the same village 10 years RI.

The convicts were also fined Taka 10,000 each or in default, to suffer two years more RI.

According to the case, Dilruba Khatoon Fauzia (16) was kidnapped from her bed room at Jhogdina village while she was sleeping on September 21, 1992, by the accused who forcibly entered the house by breaking open the door.

The kidnappers took her to a house at Miasakhola in Narail and violated her one after another.

After 16 days on October 8, she managed to flee away and returned to her house and informed the incident to her guardians.

A case was registered and police submitted charge sheet against Shamsuzzaman, Akkas Ali and Maula after investigation.

Assistant Sessions Judge of the Special Tribunal Court Abdul Hossain Bepari found them guilty and awarded the punishment on August 26 after examining the witnesses and records of the case.

KUSHTIA

Illiteracy hindrance to national development'

Sept 11: State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan said Wednesday that the present government attached top most priority to education sector to free the nation from the curse of illiteracy, reports UNB.

He was speaking as chief guest at a seminar organised in observance of the International Literacy Day at Kushtia Polytechnic Institute auditorium. He said illiteracy is the main hindrance to our national development.

Mannan said without eradication of illiteracy from the society the socio-economic development of the country can not be ensured. He urged the people of all walks of life to come forward to implement the programmes initiated by the present government.

Earlier, the state minister led the Literacy Day procession from Kushtia Zila School to the Polytechnic Institute. Local students, teachers, guardians and cross section of people participated in it, says an official handout.

Parliament Member Begum Selina Shahid, Ahsanul Huq Molliah, Abdul Rouf Chowdhury and Dr Anwarul Karim, Prof Nurul Islam Chowdhury and President of Kushtia district BNP Shahidul Islam also spoke on the occasion.

NARSINGDI

Voluntary blood donation programme

Sept 11: A voluntary blood donation programme was held last week at Narsingdi Government College jointly organised by the district and youth unit of Red Crescent Society, says UNB.

A total of 72 bags of blood were donated by the students of the college. Zakaria Khaled, Deputy Director, Blood Centre, BDRCS, was present on the occasion as chief guest.

Pranab Chakrabarty, acting president of Narsingdi College Youth Red Crescent unit, Abdur Rahim, secretary college unit of Red Crescent and other officials were present on the occasion.

SATKHIRA

School teachers gherao TNO offices

Sept 11: Non-government primary school teachers of the district gheraoed offices of Thana Nirbahi Officers on Sunday to press home their four-point demands, reports UNB.

They also submitted a memorandum to the TNOs for early fulfilment of their demands.

Their demands include nationalisation of all non-government primary school teachers and sanctioning grants before nationalisation according to previous condition or giving salary of at the rate of Taka 1,500.

C'NAWABGANJ

Discussion meeting on dairy farm

Sept 11: A discussion meeting on dairy farm was held here at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room last week, reports UNB.

Wife Shahjahan Mia attended the function as chief guest, presided over by DC Md Sahidullah Mir.

Director of Rajshahi Livestocks Department, Nurul Islam and dairy farm owner Monirul Islam addressed the function.

Shahjahan Mia urged the farm owners to work hard to help make the country self-reliant in milk production.

Later, Shahjahan Mia handed over seven cheques amounting to Taka 2.25 lakh to the owners of seven dairy farms of the district.

B'BARIA

Property worth Tk 35 lakh gutted in fire

Sept 11: Property worth about Taka 35 lakh was burnt into ashes in the last eight months in different fire incidents in the district, reports UNB.

In Sadar thana, at least 30 fire incidents took place and goods worth about Taka 4.52 lakh were gutted.

Fire Service sources said they rescued goods worth Taka eight crore from different fire incidents during the period.

A man was succumbed to his burn injuries and 25 others were wounded in the fire incidents and property worth about Taka 20 lakh was gutted in Banchharampur thana.

In Ashuganj, goods worth Taka seven lakh were gutted by the devastating fire. Besides, in Sarail, Akhaura, Nabinagar, Kaabia and Nasirnagar property worth about Taka 2 lakh was gutted.

TANGAIL

Rehabilitation programme for blinds

Sept 11: The rehabilitation programme for the blinds of Mirzapur thana concluded here recently, reports BSS.

The programme drawn and run by the assistance for the blind children since 1988 benefited one hundred and eight blinds in the thana.

The association distributed three point five lakh taka among the blinds.

On the concluding session these people were handed over the savings and interest of the invested money. These blinds people through these money also ran their families during the last five years.

The assistance for the blind children during this time also ran some social welfare activities for the general public.

CHITTAGONG

Valuables worth Tk 2 lakh robbed from bus passengers

Sept 11: A gang of armed dacoits robbed valuable goods worth about Taka two lakh from the passengers of a Cox's Bazar bound chair-coach at Fashikhal under Chakaria thana here Thursday, police said, reports BSS.

When the passenger coach reached Fashikhal, the dacoits numbering about ten disguised as passengers with arms stopped the coach and snatched away money, wrist watch, and other articles from the passengers.

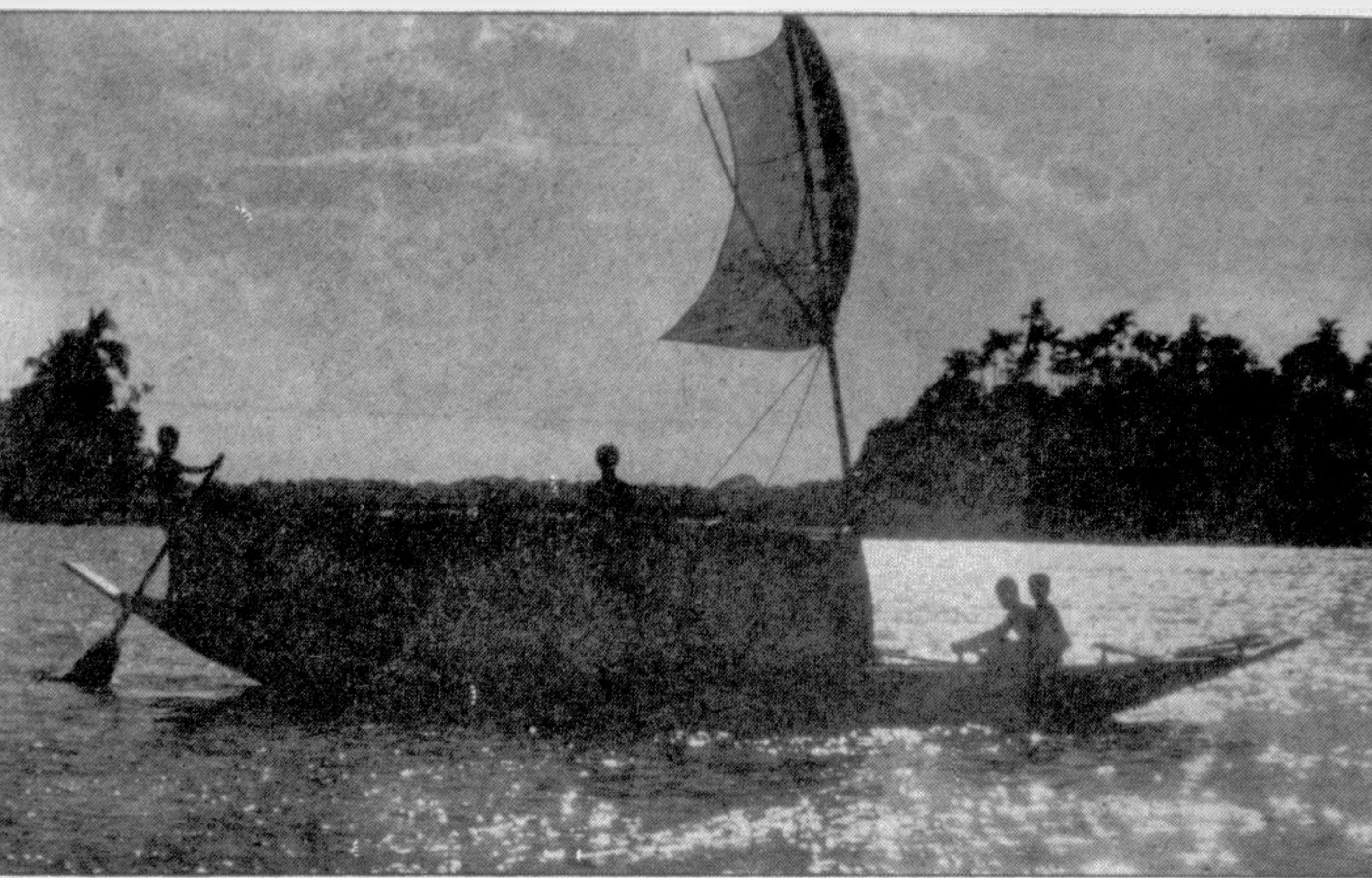
SHERPUR

SSC students accorded reception for outstanding results

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Babu Robi Neogi, President Sherpur Sangbadik Sangstha was present at the reception as the chief guest. It was presided over by the Aksaruzzaman, Principal of the Sherpur Law College. The function was addressed among others by Al Hajj Habibur Rahman and Abu Baker.

Twenty three students who scored better results from the district were present in the function. They were given prizes.



A traditional scenery of travelling in Bangladesh during rainy season.

— Star photo

1 crore people hostage to outlawed party activists

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Sept 11: Over one crore people in 26 thanas of Khulna division are hostage to outlawed party activists.

About 8,000 people have been killed by the activists in these areas during the last 20 years, it is informed.

It is learnt that the people of most rural areas of Jessore, Jhenidah, Narail, Magura, Khulna, Satkhira, Bagerhat, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Meherpur districts are now under the control of extremist groups and passing through a state of anarchy.

Detailed informations say that Kotchandpur, Kaliganj, Horinakundu, Sajolakupa, Moleshpur and Jhenidah thanas of Jhenidah, Bagerpara, Keshabpur, Obhainagar thanas of Jessore, Fultala, Dumuria thanas of Khulna Tala thana of Satkhira, Dakob, Soronkhola including Sunderbans thana of Bagerhat, Kamarkhal, Mirpur, Daulatpur and Kushtia thanas of Kushtia, Jibonagar, Alamganda, Damurhuda and Chuadanga thanas of Chuadanga. Gangni of Meherpur district one being dominated by these groups.

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Phensidyl sales depot

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JESSORE, Sept 11: Local town has reportedly turned into a sales depot of phensidyl.

Smuggled from India in large scale through different border routes of the district, it is being stored at several places of the town for sale and supply.

It is learnt that an organised gang is engaged in smuggling of the drug here to build up a buffer stock and ensure supply to all the markets of the country.

It is reported that certain areas of the town including Mollapara, Barandipara, Gophe, Churipatty and Railway Stationpara have become known for this business. A number of houses in these areas are being used as mini-godown for preservation of the item.

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A total of five including this one have been killed in the adjoining areas of Keshabpur, Dumuria and Tala thanas.

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