From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Jan 15 Jayanta Kumar Dey (50), a senor lecturer of Physics. Sunamgand Government College, was stabbed to death by an angry student at Sunamgani town re-

The incident took place in the evening when the victim was returning home after finishing his duty at the college. The victim, along with his colleague Nuruddin, was on a rickshaw When they reached llospital Road, Dey was stabbed by Abdul Aziz, a degree examinee. The victim was immediately rushed to a hospital where he

The victim had asked Abdul Aziz not to adopt unfair means during the physics second paper examination on Sunday

Another report says Passengers of a number of vehicles were robbed of valuables and cash worth about Taka five lakh on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway recently.

According to the reports, a gang of armed dacoits numbering about 15 to 20 blocked the road by putting up barricades with timbers at Bhangapul near Goala Bazar of Balaganj thana at about 2-30 am. They snatched away the goods and money from the passengers of three night coaches, two minibuses, one tempo and five trucks at gun-point.

Steps being taken for new factory at Fenchugani RAJNAGAR, Moulvibazar, Jan

15: The government is taking steps to set up a modern fertiliser factory at Fenchugani to replace the present one. Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman said today, reports UNB.

Addressing a public meeting at the Uttorbhag union in Rajnagar thana, he said the present fertiliser factory at Fenchuganj would be kept operational until the new one is set up.

"Steps are being taken for financing the proposed new fertiliser factory at Fenchuganj," Rahman said adding that adequate fund, if needed would be provided for BMRE of the old factory to keep it operational.

Earlier, the Finance Minister inaugurated a sales office of the Bangladesh Biman at Moulvibazar.

Speaking on the occasion. he said Biman will begin regular flight to Shamshernagar when the ongoing development works at the Shamshernagar Airport is completed.

Facilities for landing and take off of wide-bodied aircraft would also be available at the Sylhet Osmani Airport on completion of the ongoing expansion work there, Rahman

Headmaster suspended for misuse of school fund

JAMALPUR, Jan 15 Students of Tirotha Satyapir High School boycotted their classes and brought out a procession demanding immediate removal of the headmaster for his alleged corruption on Thursday, reports UNB.

The agitating students alleged that the headmaster, Abu Taleb. misappropriated school fund and took extra fees from

the SSC examinees last year. They urged the concerned authorities to take necessary le-

gal action against Abu Taleb. Earlier, they submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner in this regard.

Every primary school to have building

HOMNA (Comilla), Jan 15 Shipping Minister M K Anwar Wednesday said the present government has given top-most priority on education development and Taka 3,500 crore will be allocated in the next national budget, reports BSS.

He was addressing the concluding function of the primary education fortnight-1994 here.

The Shipping Minister said the present government after coming to power has allocated about Taka, eleven hundred crore in the education sector during last two and a half

The government has sanctioned necessary allocations to develop general education, the registered non-government primary schools and for reconstruction of the flood-damaged primary schools. He said all the primary schools of the country would be provided with pukka

building within next two years. Anwar said during the last two an a half years the government had sanctioned Taka 300 crore for the development of the non-government high schools and the government high schools and colleges of the

country.

Stomach ailments alarming

stomach ailments and venereal tion, medical sources said, reports UNB.

According to the sources, a arge number of patients are rushing to the hospitals and health complexes every day seeking treatment following the widespread attack of the dis-

The reason behind the outbreak of the intestinal disease is said to be the paucity of drinking water and consumption of adulterated food. It may be mentioned here that many tubewells have been lying out of order causing scarcity of drinking water in the district for a long time.

frequent visit to brothels. Young girls and divorced women are taking recourse to prostitution for their bare survival, it is learnt.

Welding shops

Mushroom growth of welding shops beside the public roads are causing immense sufferings to the residents of the town.

According to witnesses, the

sparkles from the welding works are affecting the eyesights of the passers-by. Mini engineering workshops run day and night without any

protective measures before the nose of the law enforcing agencies. These shops are running without licence, local people al-

School-going children are the worst sufferers. Local elite have

According to consumers,

ebile oil, butter, ghee, powder

milk, rice, flour and ata are

urged the concerned authorities to take action against the unauthorised welding shop owners.

Confce on pry edn

A two-day conference on primary education of Dhaka division" was held at the local PTI auditorium.

The ADC (General) of Madaripur inaugurated the conference, with the district Education Officer in the chair last week: Deputy Director of Education of Dhaka Division Osman Gani attended the forth quarterly conference as special guest.

Speakers at the conference spoke on the performance and achievements in respect of primary education of Dhaka division during the past three

Officers of Primary Education Department of 17 districts * and superintendents of 11 PTI institutes took part in the conference.

large number of rickshaws.

haphazard parking of vehi-

cles in the busy areas and

unauthorised occupation of

footpaths by small traders are

the main causes of traffic jam

rickshaws plying on the road

have valid licences and more

than 2000 other rickshaws ply

without licences, informed

tempo and auto-rickshaws have

been increased in the town and

plying as per the whims of the

drivers violating the traffic

buses, trucks and minibuses

take there stoppages haphaz-

ardly on the roads and road-

sides every day creating traffic

hazard in the area blocking the

movement of pedestrians.

School children are the worst

affected due to regular traffic

thorities to look into the matter

immediately and take necessary

steps to ease the traffic jam.

Local leaders urged the au-

jam in the area.

Sonapur about 100

Meanwhile, the number o

sources said.

Only a limited number of

"Save youths from abuse of drug addiction"

KHULNA, Jan 15: Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Serajul Huq Saturday said that the people of the country should be motivated about the scourge of narcotics and save the youths from ruination to build a healthy society, reports BSS. . .

dressing as chief guest at a seminar on "during abuse and its resistance" at the Khulna University auditorium.

Arms factory unearthed

Maheshkhali police today recovered three guns and machine tools for manufacturing arms from a cave of

Fariarchhara hill, reports UNB. Police raided the cave early hours today and found the mini arms factory but none of the inmates was arrested.

Last year police had recovered four mini arms factory from Maheshkhali.

Presided over by Vice-Chancellor of Khulna University Prof Dr Golam Ali Fokir, the seminar was also participated by the professors and lecturers of the university, including doctors of Khulna medical collage. The key-note paper of the

sentuar was presented by the Deputy Director of the Department of Narcotics Khuma Khabir Uddin Ahmed.

The deputy minister said the main responsibility to check smuggling of narcotics in the country vested on the law enforcing agencies along with the co-operation of the people.

Referring to the present health policy of the government. Had said, the government was determined to ensure health for all. He also said the government had decided to give one ambulance and establish X-ray machine in every thana health complex by 1995.

Earlier the deputy minister inaugurated the newly constructed medical centre of the university



Prof Sara Tayfur Mahmood, former Principal of Teachers Training College (Women) of Mymensingh speaking as chief guest at a discussion meeting on Begum Rokeya recently.

Demand for bus terminal

MAIJDEE COURT (Noakhali), aman paddy is going on in full Jan 15: Thousands of passengers have been facing great difficulties in the absence of bus terminal at Chaumuhani business centre in Begumgani

about 300 buses run through Chaumuhani everyday, to and from various parts of the counand Laksmipur districts.

The buses and trucks stop on the roadsides of the commercial centre to load and unload goods and passengers creating traffic jam leading to fre- . quent road mishaps. Pedestrians are facing difficul-

been set up in Begungant five years ago, it is not in use and remained in a deplorables condition.

Local leaders have urged the concerned authorities to construct a bus terminal in the area without further delay.

swing in the district but the farmers are not getting the fair prices of their produce.

According to agriculture officials, the production of aman is satisfactory this year. But local farmers said they are to sell the paddy below the government fixed prices due to faulty marketing system.

Some farmers said that they are compelled to sell their paddy, even below the production cost, to repay the loan taken from money lenders.

Many farmers have already sold their paddy in advance to the money lenders due to economic hardships. Mentionable that the money lenders are doing brisk business by lending money at a high rate of interest as against the security of standing aman crops.

The farmers urged the authorities to strictly implement the prices of paddy fixed by the government to ensure their in-

Meanwhile Harvesting of 443 projects implemented

KHULNA, Jan 15 : At least 443 uplift projects were implemented under the Test Relief Programme in nine thanas of the district during the last financial year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, 36 projects in Fultola, 31 in Terokhada, 30 in Botiaghata and Dacop, 43 in Paikgachha, 35 in Koira, 88 in Dumuria, 35

Second marriage does it all!

MOULVIBAZAR, Jan 15 : A housewife in Barshijora village apparently agitated by her husband's second marriage hacked to death a minor boy and injured four people, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Nurjahan. first wife of Hashu Mia, chased her husband's matchmaker to a neighbouring house with a chopper (dao). But she swooped on the family members of neighbour Alak Mia when she was resisted, leaving his son Alyce (8) dead and three others injured

Alak Miah's wife Hashi Begum (20) and daughter Sakee (4) and servant Kader Mta (24) were admitted to sadar hospital with serious injuries

in Dighalia and 34 in Rupsha thanas and 111 in Khulna

struction and reconstruction of roads, bridges and culverts and 819 metric tons of wheat were utilised for the implementation of the projects.

With the completion of the projects read communication in the district has been improved to a great extent. At least 23 people were killed

during the last year, police sources said According to police, the

number of dacoities was higher in comparison with the previous year. At least 31 people were killed and nine dacoities committed in 1992. The number of murder was

year 1993. Eight people were killed in Dumuria and five in Police said most of the murders took place due to intraparty conflict of the outlawed Sarbahara Party, land dispute among the villagers, demand for dowry and student politics.

District roundup

NETRAKONA

Private efforts needed to help govt initiative Jan 15: Deputy Leader of

Prof M Badiul Alam, Pro-VC of Chittagong University, is addressing the inaugural function of 2nd conference on the foun-

dation and philosophy of mathematical and physical sciences held at the varsity research centre recently.

Parliament, Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury has called upon the affluent section of the people and social workers to come forward with philanthropic attitude for establishing educational institutions in the private sector to supplement government efforts; reports

He was addressing as the chief guest at the inaugural function of Holy | Child Kindergarten here Wednesday.

Prof Chowdhury said without private initiative, government alone cannot help bring the whole target group under existing educational facilities to achieve much coveted literacy rate within the scheduled pe-

He said in developed countries too, private initiatives greatly helped in expanding educational facilities.

MYMENSINGH

Shah puts emphasis on work-oriented education

Jan 15: Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah Thursday emphasised the need for work-oriented education in the greater interest of the country, reports

Speaking at a function on the occasion of 'education week' at the public hall here, the Jute Minister urged the teachers to improve the standard of education to make it meaningful. He said, if the standard of

education was not upto the mark, its application was not possible whether it was formal or informal education. The minister said, "We all-

work for our livelihood and hence we should not be ashamed in doing any kind of

He said the government had been contemplating to streamline the syllabus and curriculum. To achieve this objective, he said, the government would elicit suggestions from teachers and educationists.

NAOGAON

Smuggled goods worth ·Tk 3.27 crore seized in '93 Jan 15: The BDR personnel

seized Indian smuggled goods worth about Taka 3.27 crore in last nine months from April to December 1993, says UNB. A total of 25 smugglers were

arrested and 421 cases were filed during the same period. The smuggled goods included heroin, Indian cows and bullocks, cloths, sugar, salt,

spare parts. Another report adds: Bangladesh Rifles jawans also recovered heroin valued at Taka 50 lakh from local Wadud Boarding house last week.

Acting on a tip off, the BDR jawans raided room number six of the boarding house on January 4 and seized the

A case was filed with sadar thana

KUSHTIA Arms .

recovered Jan 15: Police recovered two rounds of bullet and an Indian made pistol from a house at Sherpur village in Daulatpur

thana on Tuesday, says UNB. Police said they recovered the arms on the basis of the confessional statements of arrested terrorist Mohid and his accomplice Sanowar of Mirpur thana who were arrested recently

SIRAJGANJ

One electrocuted

Jan 15: A man was electrocuted at Fulkocha village in sadar thana on Thursday, says

Taseruddin (40), came in contact with a disconnected live electric wire while he was working in the field and died

Sirajganj General Hospital for autopsy. A UD case was filed with sadar police.

SATKHIRA

2, loot valuables

Jan 15: A man and his wife

ants numbering 10 to 15 with deadly weapons attacked the house of Tapash Das and decamped with the booty.

plex. A case has been filed with the police.

It may be mentioned that three dacoities were committed

Local leaders have urged the authorities to ensure security of the people.

FARIDPUR

reviewed

Jan 15: A meeting of the district law and order committee was held here Monday with the Deputy Commissioner K M Nurul Huda in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting reviewed the

The meeting took note of rash driving of trucks in the town area. Earlier, it was decided that no truck would be allowed to enter the Chankbazar area on two weekly 'hat' days to

FENI

injured in campus violence

were injured in a clash between two groups of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Fulgazi College campus Thursday, reports UNB.

in the college

Of the injured, two students were sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and one to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

RAJSHAHI

Ataur Rahman recalled Jan 15: The 14th death an-

Shahidul Islam and Syeduddin Ahmed. Editor of the weekly Dunia, among others, spoke. The speakers paid rich

tributes to Ataur Rahman and said that he would always be remembered for his contribution for the wellbeing of the people.

MADARIPUR, Jan 15: The survey pointed out that the disquieting menace accendiseases have broken out in the tuated because of the youths district in an alarming propor-

Meanwhile, a recent survey by some social welfare activists reveals that about 25 per cent youths of the district have been suffering from venereal dis-

MAIJDEE COURT, Jan 15:

Property worth crores of taka

are lost every year in four

thanas of the district due to ab-

sence of fire service station, re-

Begumgani and Maijdee Court

cover the whole area of the

The fire brigade teams from

Moreover, Hatiya thana is

The thana headquarters of

completely isolated by the river

Meghna and located far away

Chatkhil, Senbag, Companyganj

and Hatiya are thickly popu-

lated and enriched with hats

authorities to take immediate

steps to set up fire service sta-

tions in four thanas immedi-

Adulterated food

ing sold in different markets of

Begumgani thana including

Chaumuhani commercial centre

before the nose of the law en-

PABNA, Jan 15: At least 27

people including two women,

died following heroin addiction

in 25 thanas of Pabna, Natore

and Rajshahi districts last year,

officials said here on Friday, re-

Of the dead, 14 died in

About 25,000 young people

Meanwhile, the Narcotics

Control Department recovered

eight kilogram heroin, six

maunds ganja. 1,233 bottles

Demonstration for

khas' lands

10,000 landless and farm

labourers held a rally at South

Kabirpur here today demand

ing allocation of 'khas' lands to

the 'genuine' landless péople.

mediate withdrawal of false

cases filed by the local jotdars

The rally was addressed by

Speakers at the rally said

Shafi Munshi, Reazuddin and

Mahfuza Begum. Abdul Hakim

the jotdars filed more than

100 cases against some 1,100

landless people and farm

administration was also harass-

ing the landless and the farm

They alleged that the local

labourers to harass them.

to 'harass' the landless.

Munshi presided.

They also demanded im-

reports UNB.

SAVAR, Jan 15: Some

Pabna, seven in Natore and the

of the three districts have also

become addicted to heroin in

Adulterated food stuff are be-

The people have urged the

from the district headquarters.

ports UNB.

problems.

and bazaars.

forcing agencies.

ports UNB.

rest six in Rajshahi.

No fire service station in four thanas of Noakhali

found mostly adulterated. Even rotten foods are being sold in hotels and restaurants and many consumers are suffering from verious intestinal diseases due to intake of those food district facing innumerable

> Substandard and date expired medicines are also being sold in the market. The bread and biscuits mostly inferior quality are also found in bakery

> > Local people alleged that the

no mobile court to prevent rampant adulteration of food stuff for the interest of public health. The urged the government to take stringent action against

district administration formed

Traffic jam

the adulterators without further

delay.

Frequent traffic jam on the busy roads of district town including Sonapur area obstructs the movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

Local people said plying of a

Heroin addiction, 27 people die

phensidyl syrup and three

maunds of country made wine

from different parts of the re-

gion during the period. Five people were arrested and 244 cases filed in this con-Another reports says: Local

Government and Engineering Department (LGED) will implement 50 development projects in the district at a cost of Taka about 1.34 lakh during the curthe same period, the officials, rent fiscal year. Official sources said about

> the development works of 20 primary schools under General Education Programme while 16 registered non-government primary schools will developed costing Taka 67 lakh under Universal Primary Education Programme. The LGED allocated Taka 24

Taka 24 lakh will be spent for

lakh for the development works of three culverts and the Tebunihat while 18 lakh sanc-

in progress, officials added. Meanwhile, Two people were truck plunged into a roadside

The dead were identified as Nowsher Ali (40) and Mozhar

Hossain (48), both cow traders.

truck, bound for Boalmari mar-

ket, skidded off the road and

Police and witnesses said the

thana on wednesday.

tioned for 10 projects under Development Programme (ADP) in Sadar thana. The projects works are

killed when a cattle-loaded

ditch near Boalmari in Sathia Seventeen cows also lost their lives in the accident.

passage to another vehicle. Both the driver and the helper of the truck managed to escape after the accident. A case was lodged with Sathia police station.

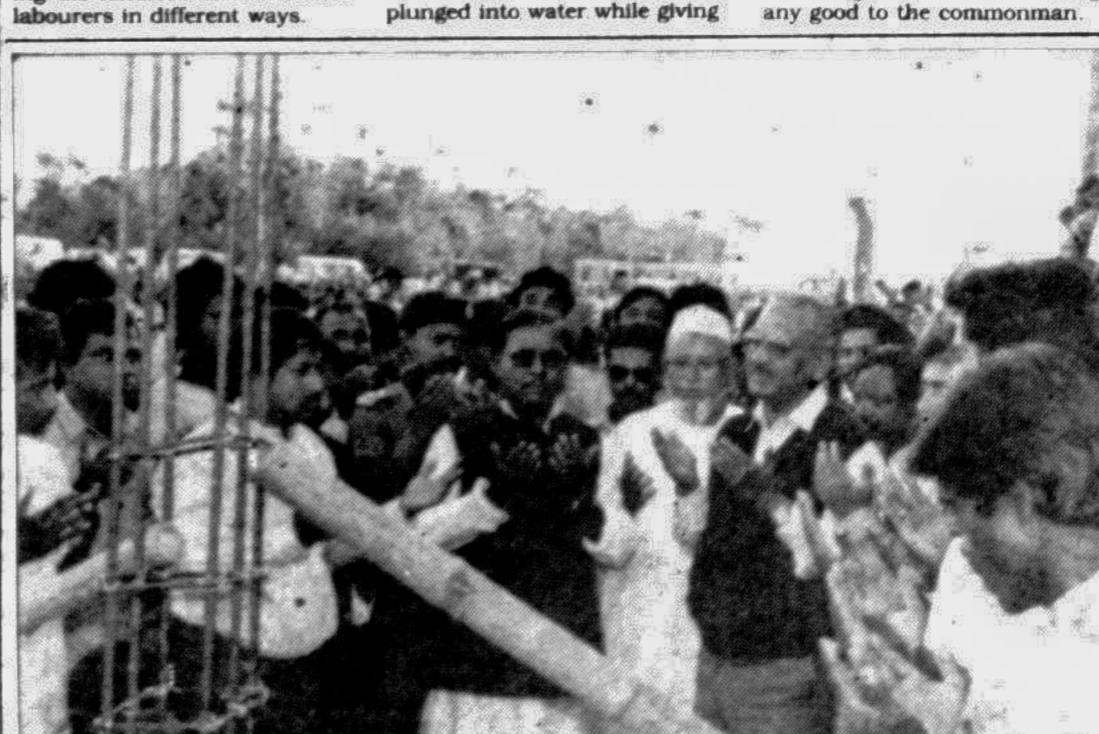
Jamaat opposes mid-term polls FARIDPUR, Jan 15: Secre-

tary General of the Jamaat-e-Islami Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami today opposed midterm election demanded by the Jatiya Party, reports UNB. "Awami League also talked of mid-term polls, but I don't think they are serious about

it," the Jamaat leader told a press conference at the Circuit House in the evening. He said his party want the present Parliament complete its 5-year term in the interest

of stabilising the democratic process Maulana Nizami said opposition political parties should be equally responsible with the ruling party on issues of na tional interest All irresponsible activities including hartals. and damaging property should be shun for the sake of unhindered economic development of the country. Jamaat is not

involved in any such activities. he added. Earlier, addressing a public meeting at the local high school ground the Jamaat leader flayed the BNP for its failure to secure just share of the Ganges water and to bring



MAULVIBAZAR: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman offering munajat after laying the foundation stone of Saifur Rahman Hall for the students of Rajnagar Degree College of the district recently. Azizur Rahman MP and Whip of opposition in the parliament are also seen in the picture. Star photo

The deputy minister was ad-

COX'S BAZAR, Jan 15:

thana, reports UNB. It has been estimated that

try including Dhaka, Chittagong

ties while crossing the road. Although a bus terminal had

metropolitan city. The projects include con-

and 13 dacoities were committed in nine thanas of the district

highest in Dumuria ad Paikgachha thanas during the Paikgachha, the sources added.

> The houseowner Hamid, managed to flee

instantly. The body was sent to

Dacoits injure

were injured when a gang of dacoits swooped on their house and looted valuables worth Taka one lakh at Khesra of Tala thana Tuesday night, says UNB. Witnesses said the miscre-

When Tapash and his wife tried to resist, the dacoits assaulted them seriously. They were sent to Tala health com-

in the thana during last week but police failed to arrest any

Law, order situation

overall law and order situation of the district and expressed satisfaction over it.

avoid traffic jam.

Ten students

Jan 15: At least 10 students

The clash was the outcome of old rivalry over the leadership

Contribution of

veteran NAP leader, was observed here Thursday in a befitting manner, says BSS. A discussion was held at the local press club where noted writer Hasan Azizul Huq. Prof

niversary of Ataur Rahman, a