

District roundup

MAGURA

Two beaten to death

June 15: Two people were allegedly beaten to death in the district by some miscreants following a previous enmity, police said, reports UNB. In one incident, one Salam Ali, 50, of Nandalalpur village in sadar thana was beaten to death by some unruly youths of Bhaina village of the same thana on June 3. According to witnesses, when Salam was shopping at the Bhaina bazar the unruly youths gheraoed him and started beating him mercilessly killing him on the spot. Villagers said previous enmity the reason behind the murder. Police arrested one Muznu Miah in this connection. In another incident Abdul Qudus (30), son of Akmal Hossain of village Chittabichampur in Mohammadpur thana was allegedly beaten to death by his in-laws on June 4. According to police, the victim came to visit his father-in-law Ismail Hossain's house at Nagra village on the fateful day. When Qudus was talking to his wife Ismail along with his son suddenly attacked him with lethal weapons and beat him to death. But Ismail Hossain informed police that his son-in-law committed suicide by taking poison.

GOPALGANJ

Misappropriation of CI sheets, former MP sued

June 15: District Anti-Corruption Bureau filed a case against former MP and Gopalganj Zila Parishad Chairman on charges of misappropriating CI sheet worth Tk 2.13 lakh, reports UNB. Bureau sources, the case was filed on May 31 against the accused MH Khan Manjoor with the sadar police for allegedly misappropriating 71 bundles of tins which were given as relief by the government in 1990.

NORSINGDI

Dacoit beaten to death

June 15: An alleged notorious dacoit was beaten to death here by a mob last week when he tried to assassinate the Godashia Union Parishad Chairman, reports UNB. The dead identified as Bachchu was enlarged on bail from jail three days before the incident. Earlier, UP Chairman Abdul Kadir filed a case against Bachchu and helped police to arrest him. At this Bachchu became furious and on May 29 equipped with a pistol and knife he was waiting beside the road near the house of the Chairman. When he came out from his house to go elsewhere Bachchu attacked him. The chairman while running after for life cried for help and the villagers managed to catch him. Later he was beaten to death by the angry mob. Police said at least nine cases were pending against Bachchu on charges of dacoity, arson, rape and toll collection with Monohordi and other police stations of the district.

NETROKONA

Boy rescued after 10 days of abduction

June 15: A teen-aged boy was rescued by his family members after 10 days of his abduction by handing over ransom money to the kidnapers, reports UNB. According to family sources, a gang of armed miscreants, who identified themselves as the activists of outlawed Shabbarah Party, kidnaped Araj Ali (13), son of Mohammad Ali of Paschika village in sadar thana at night in the last week of May and demanded Tk 83,000 as ransom. The outlaws also threatened Mohammad Ali that his son would be killed if he inform the matter to the police. Finding no other way out, Atar Ali, uncle of Araj Ali managed to contact with the kidnapers and rescued the boy from Jaria Rail Station through exchange of ransom Tk 22,000.

KHAGRACHHARI

One killed, six hurt in road accident

June 15: A truck driver died and six people were injured in a road accident at Andharmanik area on Barerhat road on Friday night, reports UNB. Witnesses said a Noakhali bound truck loaded with Jackfruit skidded off the road and plunged into a roadside ditch while giving side to a passenger bus coming from opposite direction. As a result, Md Abul Bashar (36), the truck driver died on the spot and of the six people on board, four received serious injuries. The victims Md Bashar, Sirajuddin, Khorshed Ahmed and Abdur Bashar were rushed to the Feni sadar hospital. A case was lodged with Corerhat thana police. Another report says: A young girl allegedly committed suicide by taking poison on Friday night. The girl identified as Ball Begum (20), daughter of Siraj Miah, inhabitant of 186 Boronal Mouza in Matrangra thana.

TANGAIL

28000 seedlings of fruits produced

June 15: Tangail Horticulture Centre has produced 28000 seedlings and grafts of different fruits bearing trees this season to earn Tk one point five lakh and also to provide them for interested growers. These are being sold to the growers at nominal prices, reports BSS. The plants included five thousand coconut seedlings five thousand Kazipara seedlings and rest are grafts from seedlings of various fruits. Meanwhile 16000 seedlings an grafts were sold. Official sources, said Tangail Horticulture Department is developing seedlings cuttings and grafts of different flowers to sell them at nominal prices through nurseries in Zila sadar area.

Tele link system in Gaibandha in worst situation

From Our Correspondent

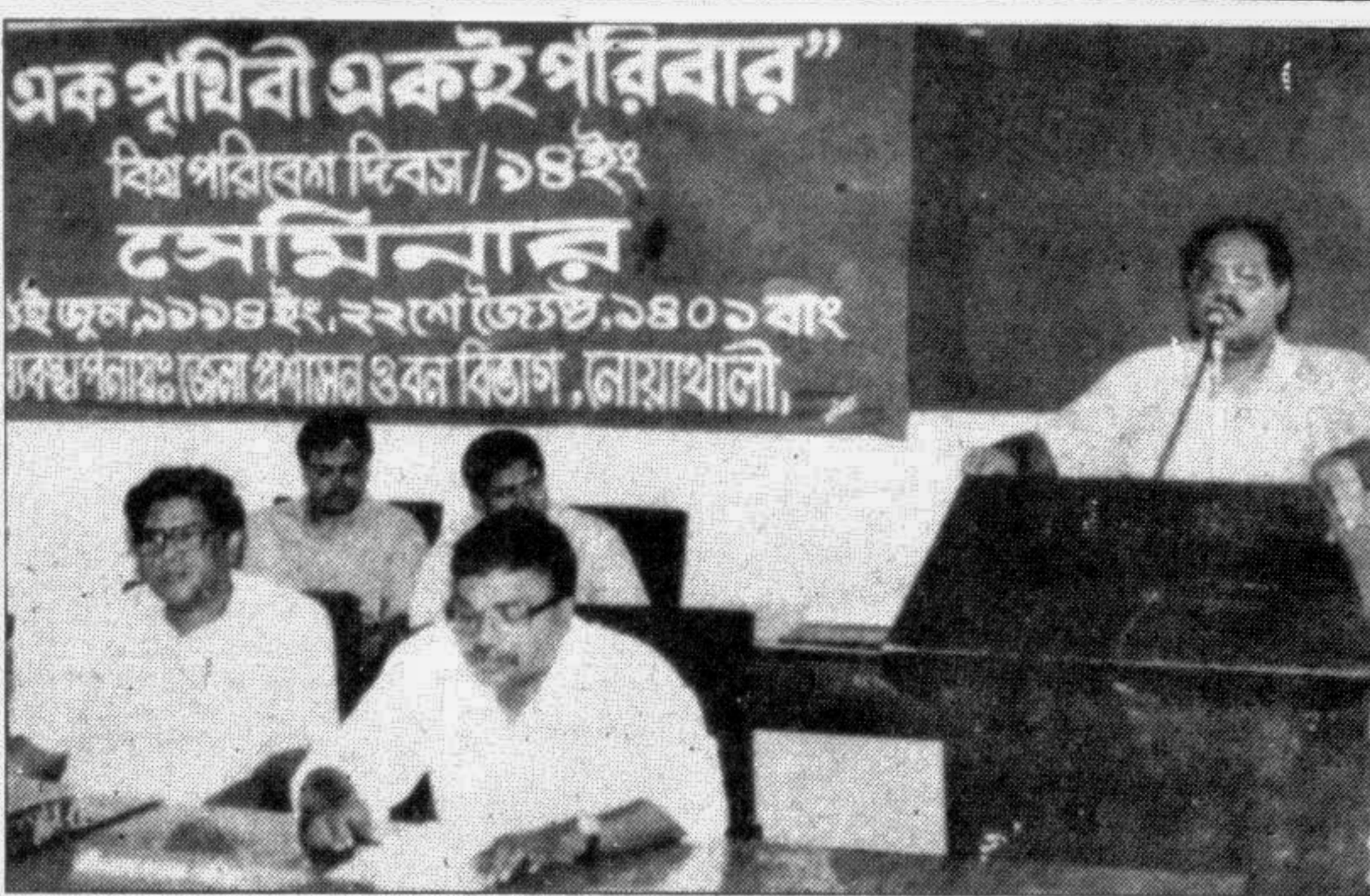
GAIBANDHA, June 15: The telephone communication system of Gaibandha district went into a worst situation for its worn out equipment, defective switch board and age old carrier that could not function properly. As a result sufferings of the telephone subscribers reached such a situation that is beyond tolerance. The services rendered by the local telephone department are worsening day by day. They even could not offer any fresh connection due to limited capacity which is still lying as it was when Gaibandha was a sub-division. Telephone sets did not respond in time of need and often went dead. Moreover noise and odd sound caused much disturbance in receiving message. All such matter happens due to major fault in underground cable and defective switch room. Auto system of telephone was first introduced in Gaibandha telephone exchange in 1978 and later it was brought under nation wide dialing system in 1986 with six out going channels. But now almost all the channels do not work properly and the system at present on the verge of closure. Sometimes only single channel worked which could not carry required load. Since the inception of Gaibandha telephone exchange the age old and worn out equipments are yet to be renovated or replaced by new one. At present the capacity of Gaibandha exchange is of 400 connections. Of that 300 lines put under NWD system. According to the telephone expert the system will work normally if 85 per cent of total capacity are utilised. But Gaibandha exchange is running with its full capacity. As a result the system could not work smoothly and often went disarray. During the current fiscal year telephone department undertook a large scale programme for the extension of capacity of all telephone exchanges and proper renovation of old equipments. Under this programme it was expected to enhance capacity of Gaibandha telephone exchange with more 300 additional lines and modernization of switch room. But the programme is yet to be implemented even at the end of this financial year. On the other hand over hundred new applications still lying in life since long. It is almost uncertain whether the prospective consumers will get new telephone connection. With the increase in water level in Brahmaputra basin erosion has taken alarming turn at Fulchari area. A two storied Fulchari thana parishad building is now on the verge of eroded away. Meanwhile erosion engulfed a residential building, one seed store of BADC and adjacent areas. During last week about 200 families of Mahipara area rendered homeless as the erosion hit the area. Despite frequent steps taken by Water Development Board (WDB) erosion is continued devastation in its usual course. Meanwhile WDB spent several crores of taka in the name of controlling erosion but all measures taken by the authority proved useless which ultimately turned to a national loss. It became an evil practice among the corrupt WDB officials, contractors and local leaders for earning a lot of money preparing fake projects on erosion control. The concerned contractors and WDB officials do every thing for the spending of total allocated fund. With a view to materialise ill motive they prepared fake estimates and did partial work as per sweet will and misappropriated lion share. At the end of rainy season nothing was left by the surging water for witness of so called works done at the name of halting erosion. On the other hand Fulchari thana administration sold the erosion hit buildings and other government property through auction in a negligible bid at a marginal time when the erosion attempted to engulf the assets. The said property could be disposed off at higher bid if the auction is conducted duly. According to an official source two buildings, one hundred feet brick built approach road, four large trees and few spare parts worth about some crore taka were sold by auction at the bid of taka one lakh five thousand and seven hundred sixty four. However, this time Fulchari headquarters will totally washed away by the erosion of river Brahmaputra. So shifting of Fulchari thana headquarters is inevitable to else other places with immediate effect.

6 killed in road mishaps

JHENIDAH, June 15: At least six people including three children were killed in separate road mishaps in the first eight days of this month in the district, police and hospital sources said, reports UNB. Two children were killed on the spot at Chandpur bridge in Saikupa thana on Jhenidah-Kushitia road. The victims while crossing the road were run over by a Jhenidah bound minibus. An old man was killed at Goalpara in Sadar thana on Jhenidah-Madura road when a Magura bound microbus ran over the victim and plunged into a roadside ditch. He was taking rest by side of the road. Both the mishaps took place on June 1. On June 5, a housewife riding on a motor cycle with her husband Abdus Sattar, an Engineer of Kushitia sadar, was coming from Jessore. When they reached at Chutlia crossing in Jhenidah sadar on Jhenidah-Jessore road the housewife suddenly fell down from the running motor cycle and sustained serious injuries. She was rushed to the hospital where she succumbed after a few minutes. A boy who was working in a workshop was killed on the spot when a speeding truck knocked him down at Chuadanga bus stand. Another boy was killed at Kashiipur in Kotchandpur thana on Chuadanga-Kalganj road. He met tragic end while he was crossing the road on June 8. Separate cases were lodged with the police.



BAJITPUR (Kishoreganj): A silent procession to mourn the death of Professor Ashabuddin Ahmed, an eminent politician, was brought out recently in the town. The procession was organised by the local branch of Bangladesh Lekhak Shibir. — Star photo



MAIJDEE COURT (Noakhali): Moshir Rahman, Deputy Commissioner of Noakhali district addressing a seminar held on the occasion of World Environment Day recently. A Muhit Khan, DFO (sitting left) and Mahbul Alam, ADC (Gen) (sitting next to him) are also seen. — Star photo

Tk 93 cr PDB projects in Ctg

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, June 15: The Power Development Board (PDB) has taken up a project to improve overall electricity supply in Cox's Bazar district, greater Chittagong and eight offshore islands. PDB source says, an amount of Taka 930 million with a foreign exchange component of Taka 577 million has been earmarked for the project. The project includes, extension and replacement of distribution lines, installation of more transformers and generating units, replacement of old transformers and outdated electric pole, replacement of wooden polls with steel ones. According to a PDB source, the five-year project, started in 1992, is expected to be completed by 1997. On completion of the project, power supply in greater Chittagong including Cox's Bazar, Chittagong, Bandarban, Khagrachhari and Rangamati districts as well as the eight offshore islands would improve to a great extent. The eight offshore islands include Saint Martin, Maheshkhali, Kutubdia, Mehendigonj, Manpara, Charfession, Sand-

Advertisement for Philips World Cup USA94 Quiz Competition. It features the Philips logo, the text 'The Daily Star WIN a trip to the World Cup Final at Los Angeles', and 'World Cup USA94 Quiz Competition'. Below this, there are images of prizes: a Philips Powervision CTV 21" (1st Prize, Tk. 26,950), a Philips B/W TV 17" (2nd Prize, Tk. 7,200), a Turbo Stereo Recorder (3rd Prize, Tk. 5,500), and 4 Dozens of Philips Bulbs (4th Prize, Tk. 1,200 X 5 Prizes). The advertisement also mentions 'All prizes courtesy: Transcom Electronics Ltd.' and 'Licensed manufacturer of PHILIPS Lighting products, Radio and TV Sets.' It includes a section for 'COMPETITION RULES' with 9 numbered rules.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

A crossword puzzle grid with clues. The clues are listed in two columns: ACROSS and DOWN. The clues include: 1 Vegas opener, 4 U.N. bigwig, 7 Philosopher, 8 Immanuel, 10 1944 beach-head site, 11 "Flash-dance" song, 13 Fragile confection, 16 Always, 17 Abounds, 18 Unrefined, 19 Bartlett's is familiar, 20 Ready for action, 21 Bad news for sailors, 23 Checkers maneuvers, 25 Move in for a closeup, 26 Endure, 27 H.S. math course, 28 Pale blue-purple, 30 Shilling, 33 Cheap seats, 36 Sweet-heart, 37 Hole-in-one, on a par 3, 38 Quick drinks, 39 Dispatch a dragon, 40 Heady brew, 41 Bart, to Homer, 1 Literary, Solution time: 22 mins., 10 Mimic, 12 Simoleons, 2 Have — with (be influential), 3 More portly, 4 Burglary deterrent, 5 '60s essentials, 6 Worms, often, 7 Locale for dandling, 8 Cautionary color, 9 Despotic subordinate, 26 Winter Olympics vessels, 28 Wall art, 29 "Once upon —...", 30 Opened, 31 Paris airport, 32 "See ya", 34 Japan's first capital, 35 Film composer, 12 Simoleons, 14 Squad, 15 Ram's ma'am, 19 Lapdog, for short, 20 Abbr. at 0 degrees longitude, 21 Did a cobbler's job, 22 In frat-party attire, 23 Ai Hirt hit, 24 Impractical, 25 Use the microwave, 26 Winter Olympics vessels, 28 Wall art, 29 "Once upon —...", 30 Opened, 31 Paris airport, 32 "See ya", 34 Japan's first capital, 35 Film composer, Schifrin.

CRYPTOQUIP

A Cryptoquip puzzle consisting of a grid of letters. The letters are: E G I V H Y Q P M V I P X E V H Q O P W V V S X G B M S H U P L T X V U P P Y A W H Y L P G M S T B M Y A O L P M Q. Below the grid, it says 'Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IMPATIENT BIG-LEAGUE HITTER COULD BE CHAMPING AT THE BAT RIGHT NOW.' and 'Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals V'. A note at the bottom says 'The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.'

Quiz 6. Entries close on 24-06-94. Read the instructions carefully. Then tick (X) the answer which you think is correct. 1. Who is the oldest player to have scored in the WC finals? Pele, Vava, R. Milla, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia. 2. Which African team first won a game in the WC finals? Meazza, Moore, Passarella. 3. Who was the last winning captain to lift the World Cup in his own club stadium? 12, 14, 16. 4. How many players did Brazil use to win the 1962 World Cup? Eusebio, Charlton, Hurst. 5. Who was the top scorer in the 1966 World Cup? Bilek, Skuhravy, Luhovy. 6. In 1990 which Czech player scored one penalty and missed another in his team game against the USA? Mauro, Didi, Zozimo. 7. Which ex-Brazilian star managed Peru in 1970? Argentina, Ireland, Yugoslavia. 8. In the 1990 World Cup, which of these teams reached the quarter-final stage without winning a match? G. Muller, Pele, Cubillas. 9. Which one of these players has scored in 4 successive W Cups? 3, 5, 7. 10. How many goals did Polish striker Lato score in the 1974 WC? NAME: AGE: ADDRESS: FATHER'S NAME: TELEPHONE: OCCUPATION: SIGNATURE. Write with a ball-point pen in clear, CAPITAL LETTERS. Cut along the dotted lines and mail it to us FAST!