

## Training course on adult education concludes

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Aug 6: A five day long training course on adult education concluded here recently.

In this connection a certificate awarding function was held at the local Primary Training Institute (PTI) with Ali Akbar Chowdhury, ADC General in the chair. K M Nurul Huda Deputy Commissioner distributed the certificates among the trainees.

Twenty six teachers from eight thanas of the district received training imparted by George William Munshi and Henry Pane of Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB).

It may be mentioned here that fifteen adult education centres, ten for male and five for female have been opened within the municipal area. In each of the centres there is thirty students and one teacher.

Sponsored by the district administration, the entire project is being financed by zila parishad and CCDB jointly.



SYLHET: Renowned Literati Professor Asadur Ali speaking at a function arranged by the Sylhet Lekhok Club in observance of the death anniversary of Poet Rakib Shah, a mystic poet and singer held recently. — Star photo

## Damurhuda Thana Health Complex in Chuadanga beset with problems

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CHUADANGA, Aug 6: The Thana Health Complex at Chitla under Damurhuda Thana of Chuadanga district is beset with a host of problems. As a result the people of the area do not have better amenities of medical treatment in it.

The health complex is situated over one mile away from Damurhuda thana headquarters where there is no proper arrangement for the security of the patients as well as the staff including doctors, compounders.

At present only 10 sick beds are available to the patients for use in health complex. The dearth of mattresses, pillows and bed covers is acute. Consequently it poses a problem to the authority to provide accommodation when there is rush of patients in the health complex.

Besides, the health complex faces shortage of surgical appliances.

The absence of ambulance is another problem is the movement of serious patients

to district hospital for providing better treatment.

The health complex also runs short of the requisite number of doctors. Besides the posts of lady doctors have been lying vacant for a pretty long time causing much inconvenience to the female patients.

The absence of proper water supply system also poses a problem to the patients and working staff. The X-ray plant which was introduced to a long time ago in the health complex goes out of order frequently causing untold miseries to the common patients. The scarcity of drugs in the hospital is also acute. Apart from a few tablets no other drugs are available in the health complex. The patients are to buy their drugs from outside.

In view of the above, the people of Damurhuda thana expect the authorities concerned to ensure appropriate steps to improve the condition of the health complex with all amenities for the better medical facilities of people.

## Low quality of work Temporary suspension of engineers ordered

BAGERHAT, Aug 6: Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ul-Haq directed the authorities concerned for temporary suspension of the engineers involved in the projects to protect the Moreganj Thana Health Centre and A C Pilot High School from erosion of the River Panghuchi in Bagerhat for substandard design and low quality work, reports BSS.

The Agriculture Minister accompanied by Foreign Minister, ASM Mostafizur Rahman visited the sites of river erosion and protection work, at different places of Bagerhat district. Parliament members Mufti Moulana Abdus Sattar and Syeda Nargis Ali also accompanied them during the visit.

Majid-ul-Haq had directed to prepare a project and implement on an emergency basis to save the centre and the school from the erosion of the river during his visit of the area last year. He expressed his dissatisfaction at the standard of the design and works during his visit.

The Irrigation Minister ordered a high-level enquiry into the matter and submit a report within ten days.

The minister also directed the engineers of Water Development Board to take steps for excavation of the 28-km Bhola river dried up five years back or excavate river or to take other technical steps to save the people from the attack of tigers of neighbouring Sundarbans man grove forest.

## Hasina legalised Jamaat, Ershad by joining '86 polls, says Tariq

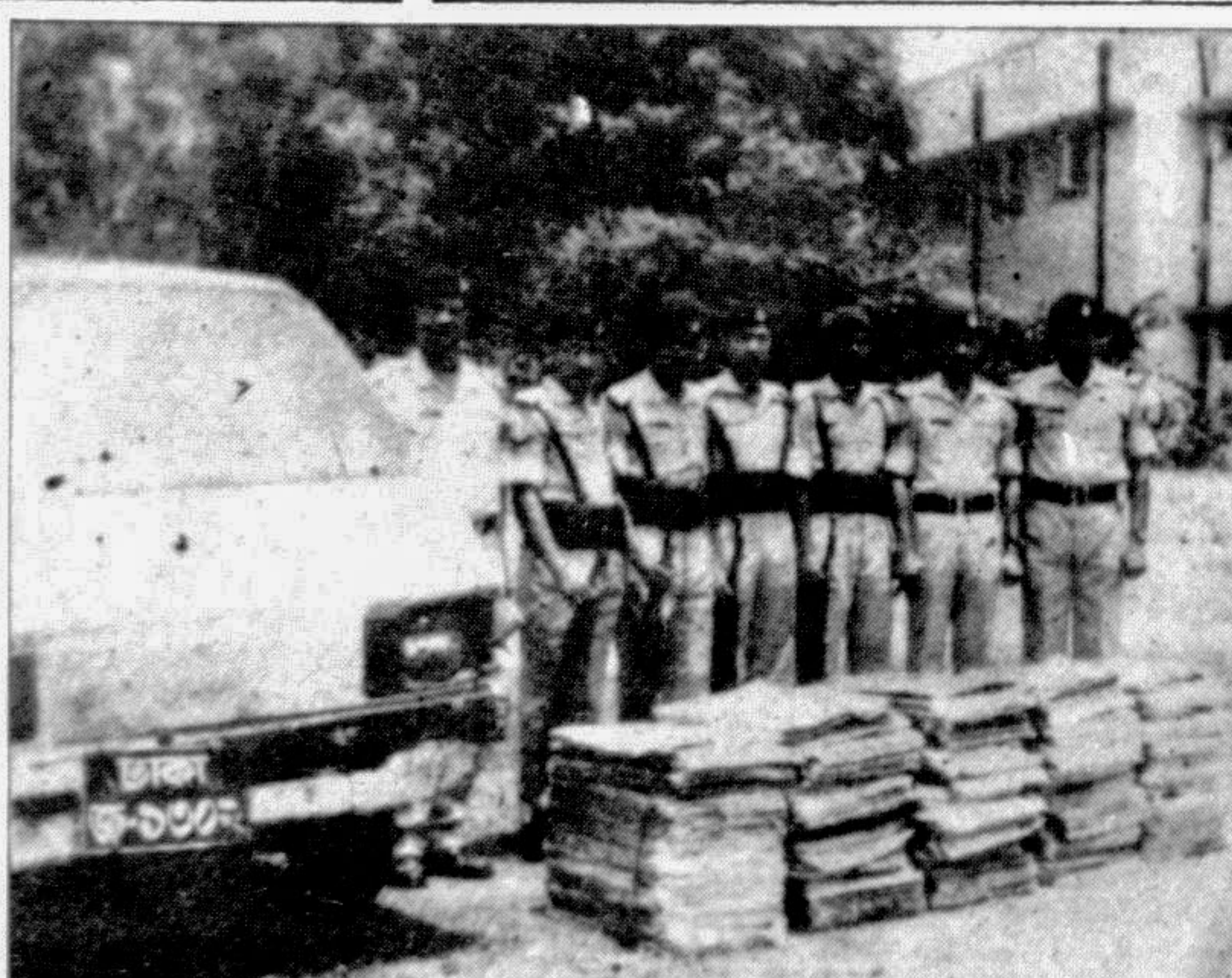
JESSORE, Aug 6: Post and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam said Sheikh Hasina had legalised Jamaat and Ershad joining 1986 general election held under General Ershad who came to power through illegal means, reports BSS.

Addressing a gathering at Talbaria High School the minister said she was hatching conspiracy against democracy today with her old friends.

Referring to the previous elections performance of Awami League Tariqul Islam said people would reject them again in the future.

The minister said BNP was not bonded to any foreign powers. He said BNP considers that party is above than a person and the country is more important than the party. "We are not pro-Indian, not pro-Pakistani, not pro-Chinese, we are only Bangladeshi," he asserted.

Later, the minister also addressed another gathering at Enayetpur Primary School ground.



COMILLA: The BDR personnel seized 622 pieces of Indian saris from a microbus recently from Chandpur area of Comilla. Photo shows the seized saris and the microbus. — Star photo

## Lack of civic amenities in Chandpur Frequent load shedding paralyses public life

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Aug 6: Frequent load shedding by power development board has virtually paralysed the public life in Chandpur district.

The economic activities of the district have been seriously affected due to power failure in the district. Production in all the mills and factories have remained stopped while sales in the shops and markets have been hampered.

Services in commercial organisations including bank and insurance companies have also been affected. The cultivation of IRRI, boro and other crops have also been affected due to frequent power supply by Palli Biddu Samity.

According to power development office sources shortage of power supply from national grid is responsible for the situation.

Lack of civic amenities in Chandpur Municipality caused immense sufferings to more than one lakh inhabitants. The town has very narrow roads with innumerable potholes,

drains, littered garbage, many mosquito breeding centres, inadequate street lights, frequent load shedding, insufficient water supply, lack of sanitation and absence of recreational facilities.

Due to narrow roads and lanes of the town traffic jam is frequently created.

Most part of the roads with numerous potholes become flooded and filled up after a slight rainfall. Moreover drains and insufficient street lights multiply sufferings of the people. There are about four hundred light posts in the municipal area but fifty per cent of these have no bulbs.

Owners of the mills and factories reported that their production have decreased by fifty per cent due to load shedding.

Many residents complained that their electric appliances become inoperative because of power disruption. The residents further complained that their areas plunged into darkness almost everyday after sun-

set. On the other hand unauthorised electricity consumption by a section of people has become a regular affair. Dustbins can hardly be noticed in the municipality. The people are to dump their waste materials here and there which pollutes the environment.

Roads, drains and lanes remained uncleaned. Water supply is also insufficient. Most of the tube wells in the town are out of order. The daily markets are in a deplorable condition. Many shops have been built haphazardly congesting the roads. There is no recreational facilities in the town. There is no public auditorium and children park.

Election of the municipal committee could not be held for a long time. The municipality area is extended up to Bishnudi, but it could not be implemented for some problems. Due to absence of elected body the development work of the town is hampered.

## Woes of electricity consumers in Kishoreganj town

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 6: Sufferings of the electricity consumers of Kishoreganj town and other areas of the district have been increased due to frequent load shedding and inflated bills.

It is also alleged that many areas of the district remain in darkness for hours together after sunset due to frequent loadshedding causing inconvenience to the people particularly the HSC examinees.

The household work remains suspended. The suffering of the patients in the hospital knows no bound.

According to local people power goes off almost everyday from sunrise to sunset affecting business centre clinics, hospitals, rice and flour mills, factories and teleprinter services.

The owners of the mills,

factories and shops have been incurring heavy loss due to frequent power failure.

People of the locality also alleged that the metre readers without visiting the customers prepare inflated bills most of the time for reasons best known to them causing unnecessary harassment to the customers.

Customers alleged that if they can reach an underhand agreement with the metre readers they face no problems or they are to face overbilling including other harassment.

When contacted the Executive Engineer of PDB, Kishoreganj told Daily Star that no overbilling has been made except in the cases where metres are found tampered or having no seal.

Many power consumers use heaters for cooking food.

Besides, theft, burglary, dacoity, and other anti-social activities increased during power failure.

Local elite and leaders have urged the authorities to look into the matter and take necessary steps to ensure smooth supply of electricity.

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## Automatic traffic signal lights planned in Barisal

BARISAL, Aug 6: Barisal Pourashabha has undertaken a programme to set up automatic traffic signal lights at six main road-crossings in the town, reports UNB.

Pourashabha sources said Tk 21 lakh has been earmarked for the implementation of the programme.

The crossings are Natun Bazar, Chowmatha, Bot Tala, Pourashabha crossing, Sagardi, Nathulabad Central Bus Stand.

It is also learnt that 19 automatic traffic signal lights will be set up in the Pourashabha area during the current financial year with an estimated cost of Tk 66.65 lakh.

With the implementation of the programmes traffic system in the poura area will be improved to a great extent.

Another message adds: Three more card phone booths have been installed at three different points of Barisal town in the last week.

These booths were set up at Chowmatha, Steamer Ghat and Barisal Government B M University-College campus.

With these three, the total number of card phone booths now stood at seven in the town. Telephone and Telegraph Department sources here said.

## 'Discharge duties with sense of service to people'

MYMENSINGH, Aug 6: The Inspector General of Police (IGP), ASM Shahjahan has called upon the members of police to discharge their duties with a sense of service to the people, reports BSS.

The Inspector General was speaking as chief guest at a 'police-mass communication' rally at Bhaluka Thana headquarters under Mymensingh district recently.

Presided over by the DIG, Dhaka Range, B I Siddiqui, the rally was addressed by Amanullah, MP, Deputy Commissioner, AFM Matiar Rahman, SP, Mymensingh, Mohammad Shahidur Rahman Bhuiyan, union parishad chairmen and elite of the thana.

The IGP said people of the country would always come forward to help the members of police provided they (police) try to perform their duties with honesty and devotion.

Shahjahan urged the police personnel to change their outlook and mentality for removing the existing gap between themselves and members of the public.

He said that thana was the focal point of activities of the police. In this connection he suggested that police officials and constables posted at thana headquarters could play a great role in improving the people-police relationship in order to curb criminal activities in the society.

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