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Sirajganj BSCIC project in limbo for 7 years

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 5: Works on the proposed industrial site of the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) at Sirajganj is well behind schedule — supposed to be completed in 1987.

The BSCIC undertook a scheme to set up an industrial site at Sirajganj and acquired 10.14 acre of land for the purpose at Sialkole, about two kilometers west of the Sirajganj town. The scheme included allotment of 67 industrial plots at the rate of Tk. 7,32,000 per acre.

During past years, only 20 per cent earth work has been completed and seven plots have so far been allotted to the interested entrepreneurs.

Meanwhile, construction

works of the office buildings are completed but the BSCIC office at Sirajganj is working in a rented house in absence of water supply and partial work of electrification. The allottees also have not started any works in the plots.

The industrial areas of BSCIC at Natore was completed in due time.

But works on Sirajganj BSCIC area are delayed.

When contacted, some allottees of the plots told The Daily Star that they are not starting work in the plots in absence of facilities.

The Assistant General Manager of Sirajganj BSCIC told this correspondent that necessary steps are underway to complete the project soon.



The proposed industrial site of BSCIC at Sirajganj.

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'Govt staging silent revolution of infrastructural dev'

BHOLA, Sept 5: The Fakirhat bridge over Bhetua canal on Shashiganj Kunjerhat Road under Tajumuddin thana of Bhola district was opened to traffic Saturday, reports BSS.

The 100-feet long and 12-feet wide portable steel bridge on permanent structure, built at a cost of Taka fifty lakh is a fulfillment of a long awaited demand of about four lakh people of Tajumuddin thana, the Communications Minister Oli Ahmed said while inaugurating the bridge.

Oli Ahmed said, the government is staging a silent revolution of infra-structural development in the country judiciously utilising its own resources together with financial assistance from the development partners.

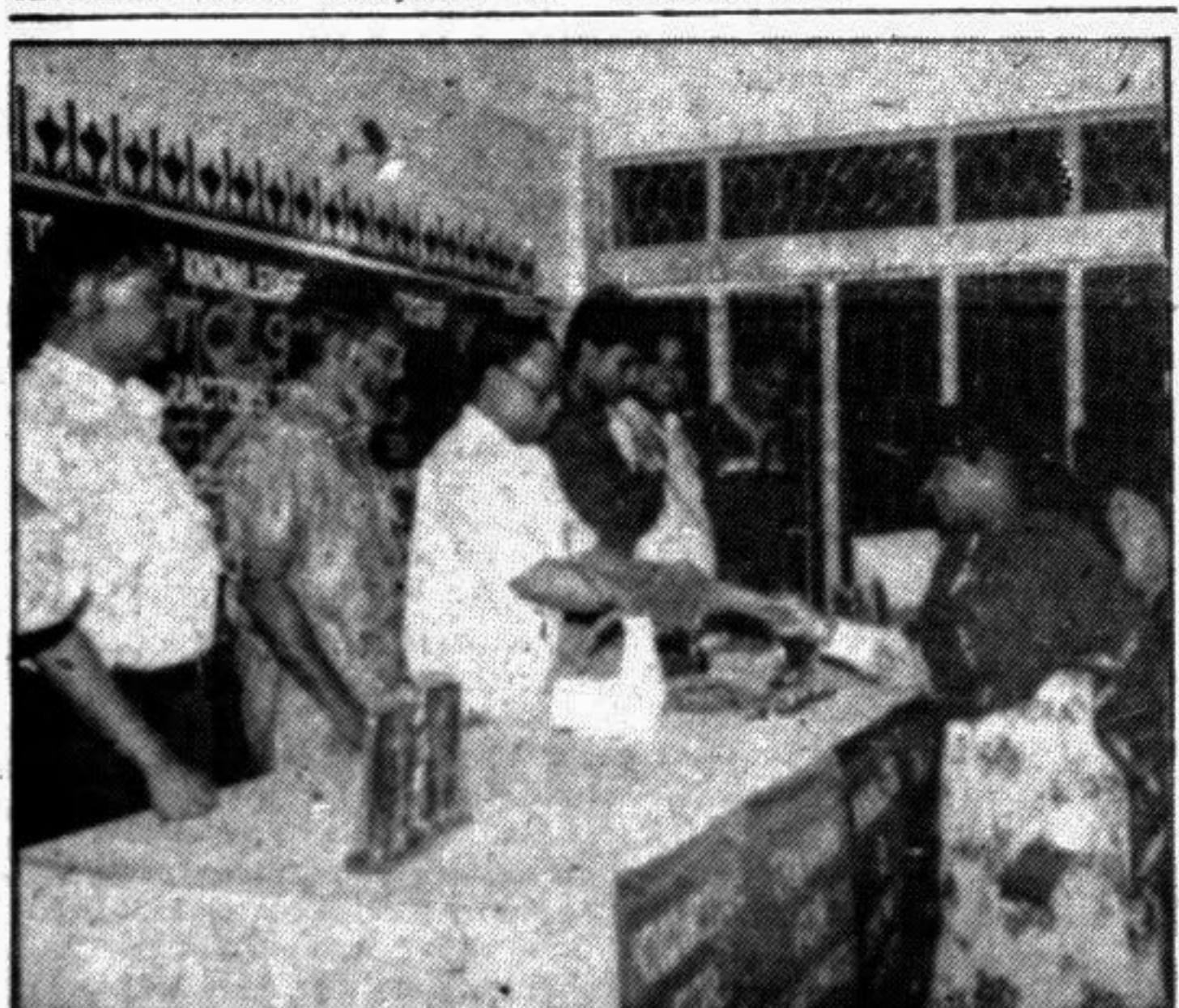
He said, within the span of last three and a half years the

BNP government spent about Taka 3000 crore for road and bridge construction and completed construction of about 200 bridges of which 48 are big including Meghna-Gumti bridge, Mohananda bridge, Shambhuganj bridge, Manda bridge, Monu bridge, Shabuj bridge and Shikalbaha bridge.

Besides, Daudkandi bridge is going to be opened to traffic almost one and a half year ahead of the schedule, he said.

The minister said the Daudkandi bridge will enable travellers to drive no stop between Dhaka and Chittagong without the ferry interruption at Daudkandi.

Oli Ahmed said people-oriented politics is a must to keep up this pace of development.



AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr Shah Muhammad Farouk, giving away certificates and prizes among the participants of the seventh Rotaractors Training Camp jointly organised by the Rotaract Club of Agri-Varsity and the Graduate Training Institute held at BAU campus recently. — BAU photo

Saifur tells a rally

Caretaker govt will create bad precedence in history

RAJNAGAR (Moulvibazar), Sept 5: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman has said, any provision for a caretaker government in the constitution would change the very nature of the parliamentary system and create a bad precedence in the history of parliamentary system, reports BSS.

The finance minister was addressing as the chief guest at a public rally here on Friday.

Organised by the local unit of BNP, the meeting was addressed, among others, by central BNP leader Ilyas Ali.

The finance minister said, by raising much hue and cry over the caretaker government issue the opposition parties, particularly Awami League, only showing their disregard and disrespect to the parliamentary system of government.

Saifur Rahman regretted that it was the same opposition party which whole heartedly backed the present government's move to switch over to a parliamentary form of government through the 12th amendment of the constitution.

Referring to the ill motive of the opposition behind their demand for a caretaker government, the finance minister said, the opposition are demanding for such a government to adopt widespread rigging in the election process.

He asked, how can a caretaker government which is weak and unstable in nature ensure a fair poll by checking rigging in the election process.

Rahman reminded the opposition that Justice Sahabuddin Ahmed's government

Rise in outlawed party activities**Law, order situation deteriorates in rural areas of Kushtia**

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KUSHTIA, Sept 5: Law and order situation in different thanas of the district deteriorated as the criminal activities of the outlawed party members intensified during the last few months.

A few days back one Abdul Latif, a young electrician was severely beaten by a group of hired miscreants near Kushtia Government Girls College and later handed him over to thana police along with three arms. The victim, Abdul Latif has been sent to Dhaka Pangu Hospital with serious injuries.

A few days later a contractor of R&H Department was victim of an assault by a group of armed miscreants in broad day light. On August 31 this year three outlawed party activists were killed by their own partymen at village Kursha under Mirpur thana. On July 31 one Zaher Ali Molla, 70, and his son Alauddin, 35, were injured by a group of terrorists in Kushtia thana.

On August 7 a daring high way dacoity was committed near village Gobindapur of Mirpur thana by placing barricade on the road. The passengers of the night coach were robbed of their belongings. Kushtia Motor Sramik Union protested against the dacoity incident.

On August 19 Sarbahara partymen shot dead one UP member of Khoksa thana Moazzamul Haq, 36 near Ferry ghat of Khoksa. Few days later, one Taizal Ali, son of late M Ali of village Alampur of sadar thana was shot dead by armed miscreants when the victim, a betel leaf trader, was returning home from Poradah thana.

Local people of these areas have urged to the district administration to ensure security for the inhabitants.

The peace loving people of the district have been passing their days as they fear they can be victim of terrorism act at any time.

On August 26, armed terrorists attacked one business man, Nazimuddin, 45 and snatched away Taka one lakh 50 thousand from his possession in Daulatpur thana. Nobody has yet been arrested.

On August 3 a daring dacoity was committed in the house of Kader Ali of village Thotarpura under Daulatpur thana. Dacoits looted Taka 50 thousand in cash and gold ornaments worth over one lakh taka. House owner, Kader was injured by a sharp weapon.

On August 2 Mirpur police recovered a body of one Billal, 30 from a field of village Jhutiadanga under Mirpur thana. On July 31 one Zaher Ali Molla, 70, and his son Alauddin, 35, were injured by a

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