

Jamuna erosion renders 350 families homeless

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 21: At least 350 families were rendered homeless due to unabated erosion by the river Jamuna during the last three months in the sadar and Shahjapur thanas of the district, reports UNB.

Official sources said, though water level is receding fast, the erosion is going on unabated.

The homeless people have taken shelter in the embankment areas and passing their days in great hardships as no relief materials reached them.

According to local leaders, about 150 families have been rendered homeless due to erosion by the river Jamuna this year.

They urged the authorities to supply relief materials to the affected people and take steps for their early rehabilitation.

First yr classes of Agri Varsity from Jan 1

MYMENSINGH, Dec 21: Classes of first year students of different faculties of Bangladesh Agricultural University for the 1993-94 session will commence from 1st January, reports UNB.

According to press release issued by the Registrar, the students have been asked to attend the classes in time.

3 die in separate incidents in Feni

FENI, Dec 21: Three people died in separate incidents in the district, police said on Monday, reports UNB.

According to police, a day labourer was run over by a speeding truck killing him on the spot. The victim Shah Alam (40) of Shonagazi thana while crossing the Islampur road at the town with a sack on his head met the tragic end on December 13.

On the same day, another labourer of the town was hit on his head while quarrelling with a neighbour. He died on way to hospital.

In another incident, police recovered a dead body of a new born baby from a village pond in sadar thana on the same day.

Rampant use of firewood in Dinajpur brickfields

DINAJPUR, Dec 21: Rampant use of firewood in the brickfields of the district has been going on unabated despite govt ban, hastening the process of deforestation.

Brickfield owners are allegedly using trees as fuel although coal is available in the local depots. There are about 75 brickfields in the district.

Bamboo roots are also being used as fuel for burning bricks. Besides, age-old shal, shegun, mehogni, arjun, bable and other fruit-bearing trees on both sides of Dinajpur-Parbatipur, Dinajpur-Setabganj, Dinajpur-Phulbari, Parbatipur-Saidpur, Dinajpur-Thakurgaon and Parbatipur-Barapukuria Highways are being felled. Date trees are also being chopped down indiscriminately to use in brickfields affecting production of molasses here.

According to Forest Department, arjun trees grown abundantly and widely used as herbal medicine for heart ailment, showed a marked decline in the district because of indiscriminate cutting of trees.

According to another report, poverty has forced many a villager to sell his fruit-bearing trees to the brickfield owners. Meanwhile, environmentalists have expressed concern at the felling of the trees which affecting the ecological balance in the district.

The Government in July 1989 imposed a ban on using firewood in brickfields to curb desertification all over the country.

RAJSHAHI, Dec 21: BDR personnel of 20 Rifle Battalion posted at Kashinathpur outpost seized Indian contraband worth Taka 22 lakh by conducting separate anti-smuggling drive in the battalion area from December 1 to 19, reports BSS.

Nine persons were also arrested. The seized goods included Indian saree, phensidyl syrup, silver chain of wrist watch, cashutka, imitator jewellery pearls stone and others.

Later, the arrested persons were handed over to the police.



SYLHET: Different socio-cultural and political organisations placing wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in Sylhet town on the Victory Day. Clockwise from top left: District BNP, District Awami League, Sylhet press club and Muktiyoddha Sangsad.



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REB provides 600 electricity lines at Homna

HOMNA, Comilla, Dec 21: Rural Electrification Board (REB) has provided electricity connection to six hundred households at village Shrimaddi under Homna thana of Comilla district, reports BSS.

Shipping Minister M K Anwar formally inaugurated the supply connection.

The REB has extended five kilometres of transmission line at a cost of Tk 20 (twenty) lakh to provide electricity to these households. Three hundred more households of the village will be provided with electricity soon.

Comilla Pally Biduyat Samity-1 of the REB has so far provided electricity to about one lakh 25 thousand households, mills and tubewells.

M K Anwar called upon the people to extend their full cooperation to the government to carry forward its programmes.

Three new power plants go into operation by '97

NAOAGON, Dec 21: Three new power plants with a capacity of 210 megawatt, now under construction, will go into operation by 1997, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, two more power plants having capacity of 210 megawatt each have already inserted to the national grid this year augmenting country's installed capacity from 2398 megawatt to 2818 megawatt.

This was disclosed by Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khankader Mosharraf Hossain while inaugurating the 132/33 newly built grid sub-station here on Saturday.

The three new power plants include 90 megawatt Fenchuganj power station which is expected to be

commissioned by January next, 210 megawatt Ghorashal 6th unit and 210 megawatt Raosan 2nd unit both of which to be completed by the year 1997.

The two commissioned power plants are: 210 megawatt Raosan 1st unit and 210 megawatt Ghorashal 5th unit power plant.

The inaugural function was also addressed by State Minister for Establishment Barrister Aminul Haque, local MP Alhaj Shamsuddin Ahmed and Alamgir Kabir, Chairman of the Power Development Board (PDB) Kazi Golam Rahman and CBA President Kazi Habibur Rahman.

Dr Mosharraf Hossain said, demand of electricity has been increasing day by day in the country. Over 2300 megawatt

of electricity will be needed to cater the over increasing demand of electricity.

The government is planning to add four more new plants at Barapukuria, Meghnaghat, Haripur and Khulna by the fiscal 1998-99 having total capacity of 910 megawatt, he said.

The Naogaon 132/33 KV grid power sub-station built at a cost of taka about 15.66 crore enables to bring reliability and stability in the power system in the areas and facilitate to provide additional new 33,000 consumers including 3000 irrigation consumers with electricity.

The grid power sub-station is a part of seven power development line project which is being financed by the Asian Development Bank.



JHENIDAH: Sheikh Noor Mohammed, who stood first in combined merit list of Humanities group in the HSC examination under Jessore Board, is seen with his parents. —Star photo

169 edn projects being implemented in southern dists

BARISAL, Dec 21: The Ministry of Education has been implementing 169 education projects in Barisal, Jhalakati, Bhola and Projpur districts at a cost of about Taka 13.20 crore during the current fiscal, reports BSS.

According to an official source, 15 of these projects will be implemented under the financial assistances of Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The projects include the development and rehabilitation of secondary schools and madrasahs in the districts.

Tahmina stands 2nd in CB

CHITTAGONG, Dec 21: Tabassum Tahmina Shagufa Hossain stood 2nd in combined merit list under Humanities group of HSC examinations, Comilla Board.

A student of the Chittagong Government College, she secured the first place among girl students.

Tahmina obtained 827 marks with distinction in statistics and psychology.

She is the daughter of Mohiuddin Hossain, a businessman. Tahmina wants to take higher education in English literature.

Noor Mohammad stands 1st in JB

JHENIDAH, Dec 21: Selkh Noor Mohammed of Jhenidah College secured first place in combined merit list of Humanities group in the HSC examinations under Jessore Board this year.

He got letters in social science, logic, Islamic studies and Agriculture Science.

Seikh Noor Mohammed is the second son of Selkh Mohammad Ali, Assistant Professor of Bengali Department of Government Keshab Chandra College, Jhenidah.

Noor Mohammed wants, to become a lawyer in future.

Suprio stands 3rd in CB

CHITTAGONG, Dec 21: Suprio Roy who stood third in science group (combined merit list) in this year's HSC examination under Comilla Board from the Chittagong Government College desires to be a computer engineer.

Suprio's father Sattya Ranjan Roy is a teacher of the Physics Department at the same college.

Suprio obtained 921 marks, with distinction in mathematics, physics, chemistry and statistics. He told the news-men that he used to study for five to six hours a day.

The brave sons recall the days of Liberation War

From Our Correspondent

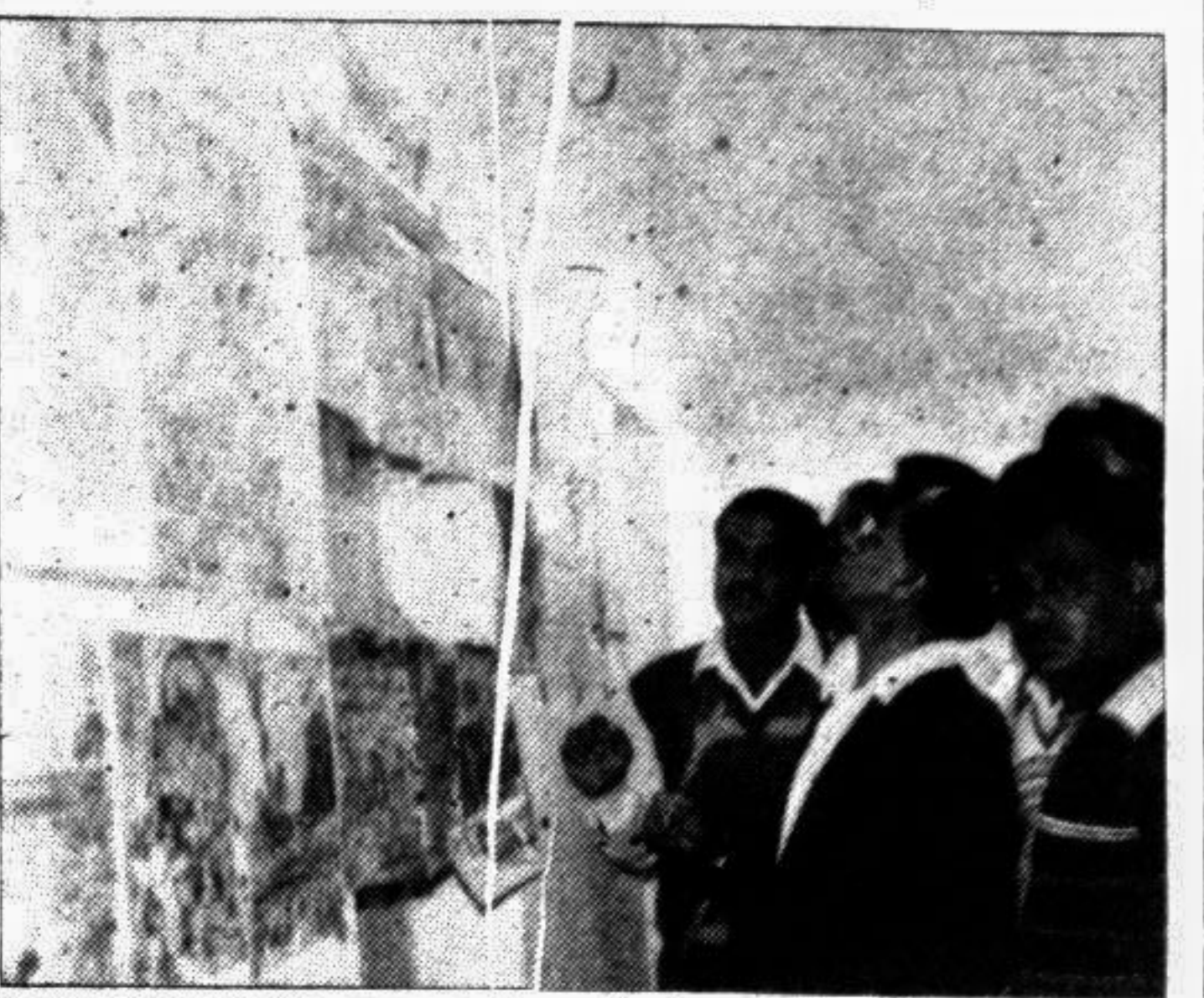
JESSORE, Dec 21 A grand rally was organised by FFs (Freedom Fighters) of sector No 8 held at Muktinagore battlefield of Chowgacha thana in the district on Dec 6, to celebrate 'Liberation Day' of Jessore western front.

Organised by Chowgacha thana unit command of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, founder sector commander of No 8, Lt Col (ret'd) Abu Osman Chowdhury attended it as chief guest.

Presided over by Maj (ret'd) Asaduzzaman, rally was attended among others by valiant FFs, Khan Tipu Sultan, MP, Professor Rofikul Islam, MP, General Manager, Palli Bidyut Samity (PBS) Jessore-1, Nazim Uddin Sirkar, Jessore District Unit Commander, Kazi Kamrul Islam Liton, disabled FF Modasser Hossain, Sarsha thana unit commander, Mozaffer Hossain, assistant commander of Jessore district unit, Khoirat Hussain, ex-Shinghajhully union chairman, Ali Kader M Shamsuzzaman, local thana unit commander, Abu Zafor, Jessore district NAP (Mozaffar) chief, Advocate Enamul Haq.

The Jessore Correspondent, The Daily Star, Chairman, Managing Committee, Muktinagore Saheed Sarani Sikka Niketan and former Chowgacha upazila chairman, Atiur Rahmah also spoke on the occasion.

Headmaster, Muktinagore Saheed Sarani Sikka Niketan, son of Saheed Shujauddowla Hasinur Rahman-Oltu and veteran FF, Abul Hossain Mollik, jointly conducted the rally. It was formally declared open by of Saheed Suljaudowla, Halima Khatun. A large number of rare photos were put on show specially on the enemy



Some rare photos were put on display on the Liberation War in Chowgacha thana of Jessore district recently. Thousands of visitors are coming to witness the rare scenes. — Star photo

troops killing Bengalees and burning their homes indiscriminately, taken by S M Shaif in worst period of Liberation War, from different battlefields risking his own life. Indeed, this was main point of attraction in the rally. Large number of visitors from all walks of life crowded the gallery particularly young children to have a glimpse. Relatives of war martyrs were seen shedding tears creating heart-breaking scenes there. Looking back in retrospect all speakers narrated the history of Liberation War and at one stage they asked the audience to know what we have today and for what we fought for Liberation War.

Liberation in Jessore was miraculous. It was peaceful and silent, without any blood shed and confrontation. The rally by

the FFs of sector No 8 was first of its kind in last 23 years after Liberation War.

But absence of ex-deputy commissioner Jessore, Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir at the rally surprised all. He discovered this place in 1988 during his administration 8 years after the Liberation War.

In an effort to turn the place into an historic place, he had taken a programme for uniform development of the battlefield. But he was transferred shortly after he started construction of the academic institution. It may be mentioned here that original name of the place was Jagonathpur. It was Dr M K Alamgir who changed the nomenclature by the name of the village and renamed it as, Muktinagore.

Mango cultivation badly affected in N dists

NATORE, Dec 21: Cultivation of mango and other fruits are being badly affected in the northern districts of Natore, Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj due to adverse effect of Fafakka barrage, reports UNB.

The Ganges and its tributaries become dry in lean period each year affecting natural fertility of the soil, mango producers here said.

According to Natore Horticulture board, for cultivation of such fruits, land requires fertility and natural moisture to help bloom fruits and crops.

As a result, fruit bearing trees — mango, lemons, jack-fruit, blackberry — are not getting enough fertility for its cultivation. Production of peanut along the river-belt is also being affected.

Fruit production on the banks of tributaries of the Padma has also been badly affected due to drying up of the river, affecting the entire agriculture of Natore, Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj, Pabna, and Kushtia districts.

Farming in the region largely depends on irrigation but lifting of underground water has become difficult in the dry season resulting gradual desertification in the area.

People of the region have been experiencing ecological imbalance accompanied by

drought in the summer and shivering cold in the winter. The flora and fauna have also been affected.

It reveals that over 45 million trees had been destroyed due to adverse effect of Farakka in the region. Trees of other parts of the country are likely to be affected if proper steps are not taken, local scientists said.

Navy recovers smuggled goods in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Dec 21: Bangladesh navy ships recovered smuggled goods worth about Taka 26 lakh from two mechanised boats and arrested seven crew members from near the Patenga sea beach and St Martins island, report BSS.

BNS Ali Haider impounded an UN named mechanised foreign fishing boat from near the Patenga sea beach on Tuesday last and recovered contraband including foreign padlock, medicine and fishing net worth about Taka 25 lakh, an ISPR press release said here on Saturday.

Meanwhile, BNS Tanveer apprehended a foreign mechanised boat



Mahmud stands 2nd in JB

JHENIDAH, Dec 21: Md. Mahmudur Rahman of Jhenidah Cadet College, Roll No 019065 from science group, secured second place in the combined merit list in the HSC examinations of Jessore Board.

He obtained 931 marks with letters in mathematics, statistics, chemistry and physics.

Son of Md Abdur Rahman, an officer in the Khulna Newsprint Mills, Mahmud desires to be an army officer to serve the nation.



Showkat stands 10th in JB

JHENIDAH, Dec 21: Showkat Ali Mia, a science group student, roll Jhenidah Cadet College No 019051, stood 10th in the HSC examinations from Jessore Board.

He secured 909 marks with letters in mathematics, statistics, chemistry and physics.

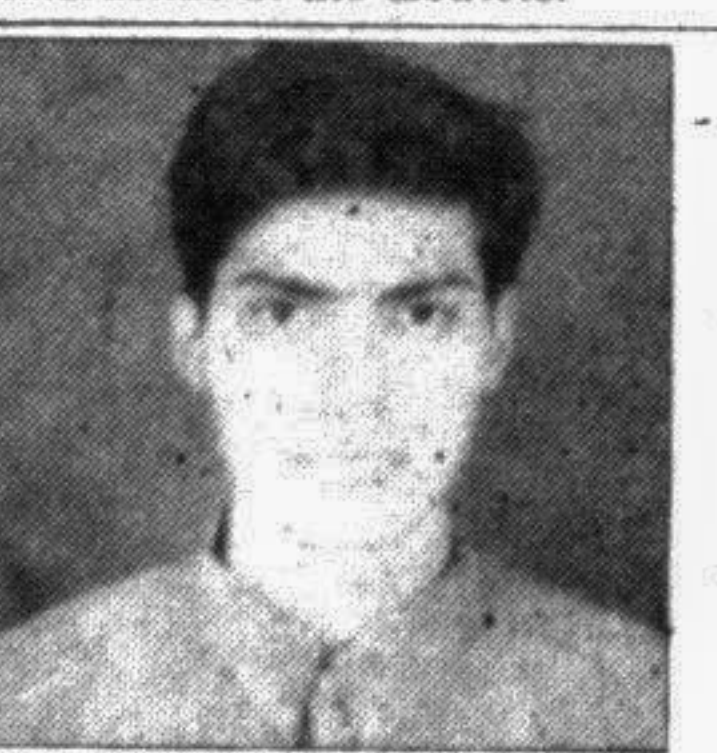
Son of Md Sekander Ali, an engineer, Showkat wants to be an army officer in future.

Abul Hossain College bags 7 places in HSC exams

Seven students from the Syed Abul Hossain College Khwajpur, Tekerhat, secured positions among first 20 places in the combined merit lists of commerce and humanities groups in this year's HSC examinations under Dhaka Board.

Masudul Hoque Sarder and Taher Md Moniruzzaman stood 3rd and 12th respectively from commerce group.

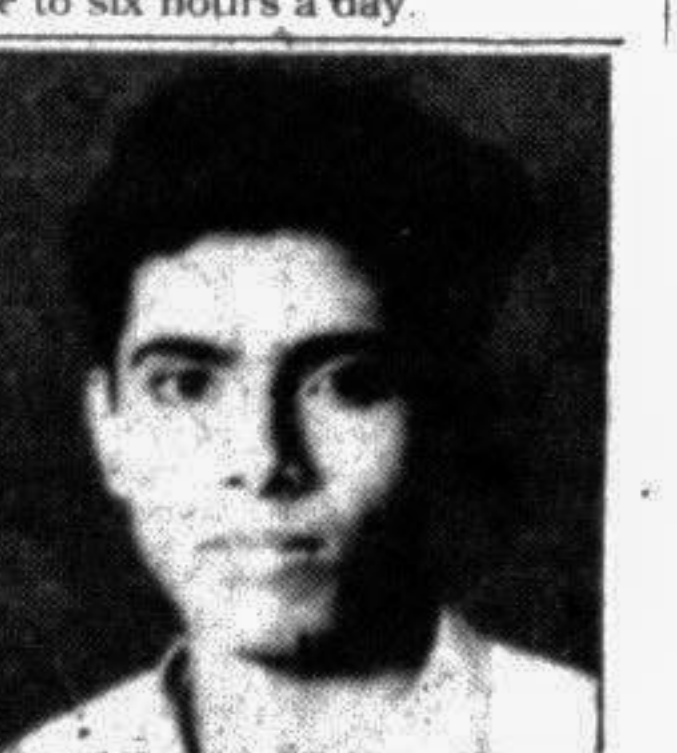
From humanities group, Md Bazlur Rahman, Soma Dey, Abdul Awal, and Md Shahdat Hossain stood 6th, 11th, 12th and 20 respectively while Konica Biswas stood 10th among female candidates.



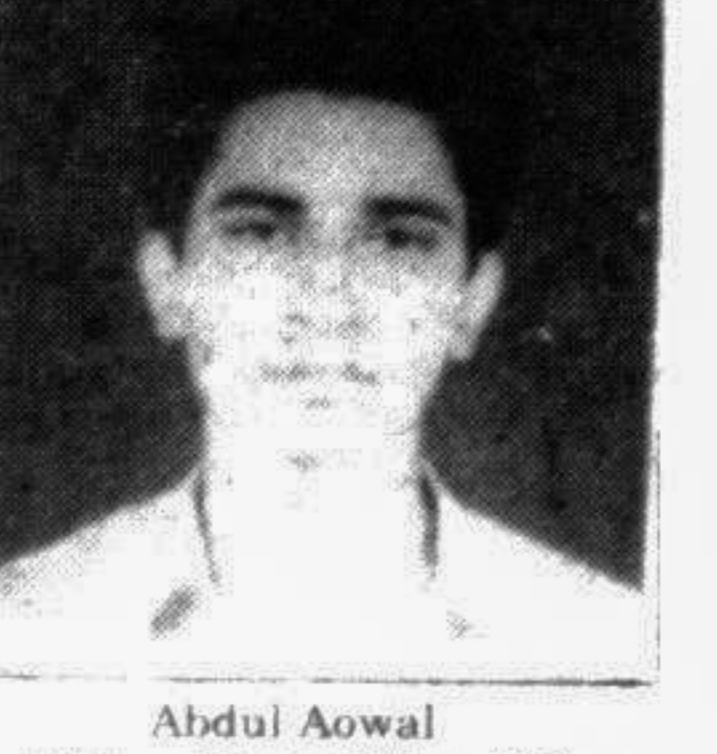
Md Bazlur Rahman 6th in Humanities, DB



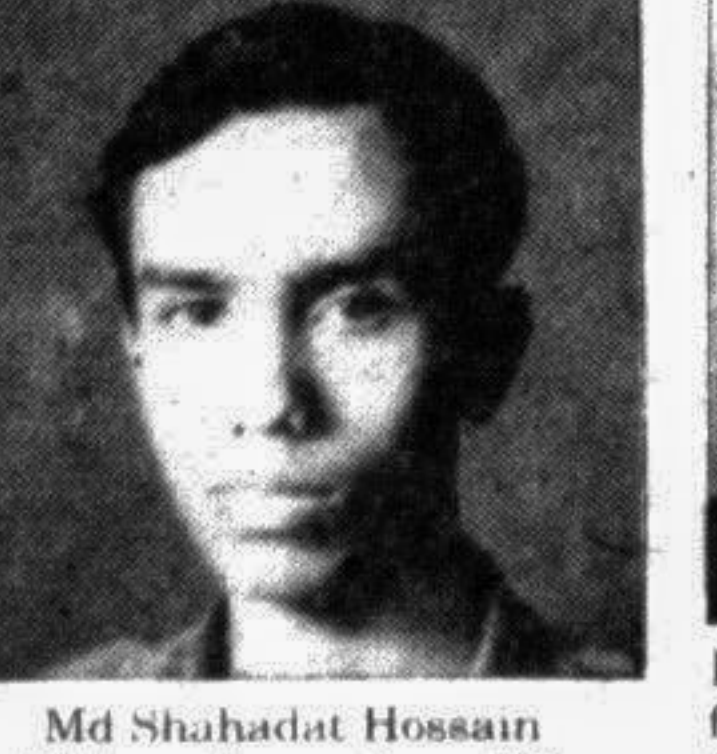
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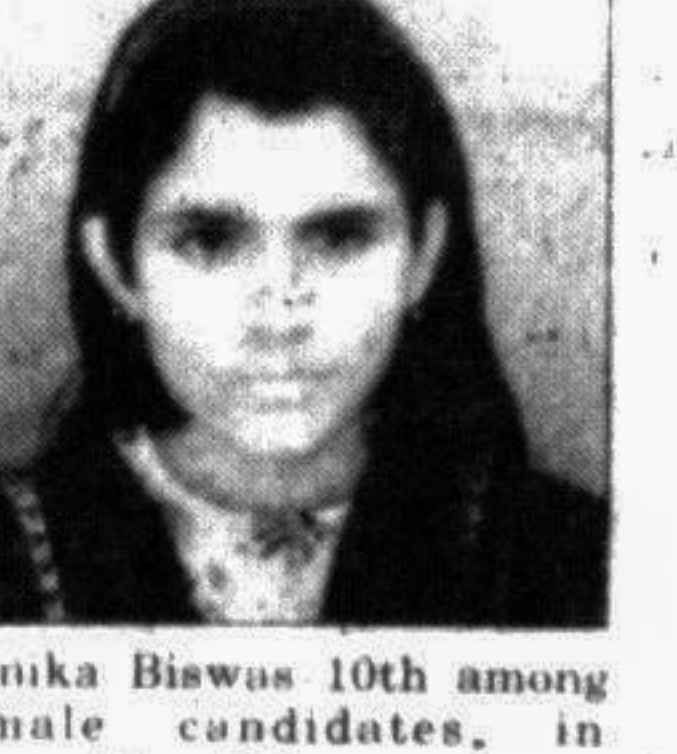
Taher Md Moniruzzaman 12th in Commerce, DB



Abdul Aowal 12th in Humanities, DB



Md Shahadat Hossain 20th in Humanities, DB



Konica Biswas 10th among female candidates, in Humanities, DB

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