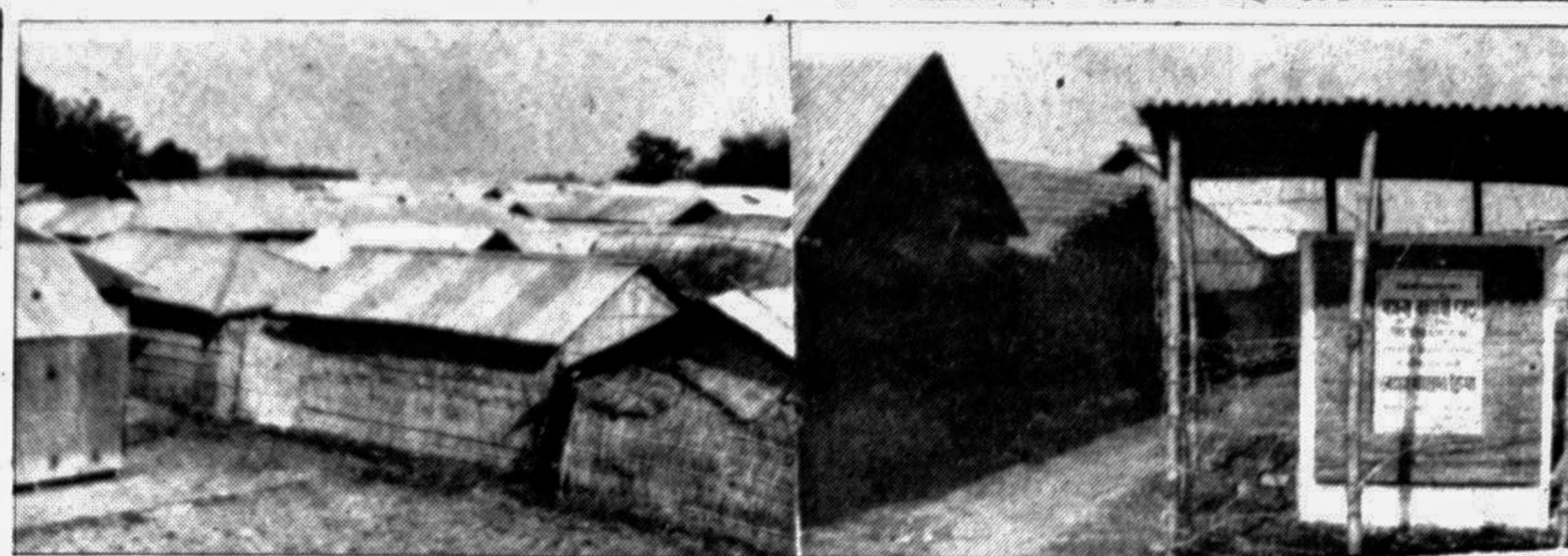


Reaping paddy Two farmers killed, 200 injured

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Jan 7: Two farmers were killed on the spot and more than 200 were injured...



SIRAJGANJ The newly constructed houses in Mulbari in sadar thana. The adjacent areas (R) of foundation stone of Jamuna Bridge at Saidabad in sadar thana.

Land acquisition for JMB

Illegal construction of houses to claim compensation money

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Jan 7: Rampant construction of houses in Mulbari, Baolara, Saidabad and Sadanandapur in sadar thana have caused problems in rehabilitating the affected people of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge (JMB) Project.

and even from Dhaka and Tangail started construction work either by purchasing land or on rent basis. Within a short period the empty land were full of new houses.

are gradually being constructed with new houses. The government will have to incur heavy loss if rehabilitation programme is implemented in the proposed land of Sadanandapur and Mulbari mouzas.

Even 150 feet long house is constructed using new CI sheet tin and bamboo poles only to realise a handsome amount of money as compensation.

The concerned authority is now in confusion to implement the rehabilitation programme as more money about Taka 25 crore will be needed if compensation is paid for the new houses.

When the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the JMBP at Saidabad in Sirajganj part there was no house near the area. However, at present, the rehabilitation project is threatened by mushroom growth of newly constructed houses and so-called 'cottage industries'.

But after constructing new houses, those people are now interested to encourage the authority so that the lands are acquired. If proper survey is made, it will reveal that when proposal of acquiring land at Mulbari and Sadanandapur was sent, the total area was farm land and the land owners can get compensation at the rate of acquiring crop land.

As an alternative proposal, the knowledgeable sources have suggested that fallow land of Railway in Raipur, Kaliaharipur and Jhaol will be acquired for rehabilitating the affected people which will cost less than the present area.

One held from Patuakhali on various charges

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Jan 7: Galachipa thana police of Patuakhali district on receiving a tip off arrested one Abdul Jabbar Mollah, 45, a Sarbahara Party member recently from Galachipa thana area.

A police contingent of Galachipa thana following a secret information raided a house of Chikankandi village under Galachipa thana around 11 am and arrested Abdul Jabbar Mollah. Several cases were lodged against him earlier on various charges in different thanas of Patuakhali district.

Just for being careless

NATORE, Jan 7: Due to carelessness of Police Sergeant Nazrul Islam a police havildar, Shahabuddin, of Natore Police Line, received bullet injury in his left leg Thursday morning.

Shahabuddin was injured when he was cleaning the revolver of Sergeant Nazrul who gave his loaded revolver to him.

Police sources said the injured havildar was admitted to Natore sadar hospital in critical condition.

'Artificial' crisis of fertilizer Production target of IRRI-boro paddy may not be achieved

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Jan 7: The production target of IRRI boro paddy and other rabi crops may not be achieved in Natore district this year following 'artificial' crisis of fertilizer and insecticides here in the district.

The prices of fertilizers and insecticides and other agricultural inputs have gone up due to non-availability of these agri-items.

According to fertilizer dealers urea from Ghorashal Factory is being sold between Taka 320 and 350 per bag in the markets of six thanas of the district while urea produced in Jamuna Fertilizer Factory is being sold between Taka 270 and 300.

It is learnt that Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) has fixed its rate of Ghorashal Factory produced urea, TSP and potash at Taka 232, Taka 240 and Taka 190 per bag respectively during the 1990-91 and at Taka 275, Taka 400 and Taka 360 per bag respectively during 1991-92 and at Taka 285, Taka 400 and Taka 340 per bag respectively during 1992-93 and at Taka 295, Taka 400 and Taka 340 per bag respectively during the 1993-94 financial year.

However, Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) authorities are now supply urea at Taka 186 per bag to the fertilizer dealers of northern region, a reliable source said.

The price of urea which is most extensively used by farmers have been increased by Taka 100 to Taka 120 per bag this rabi season. Urea is not available in most of the markets in the district, said a farmer of Nishchintopur village of Baraigram thana under Natore district.

A local farmer pointed out

that the artificial crisis is the main cause of this price hike. The agents of northern region are responsible for this crisis, he added. The leader said, there are three agents in this region operating from Nagrabari, Baghabari and Shirajganj.

He also said that appointment of more agents in this region can solve this problem. However, a local dealer told this correspondent that they have not made this crisis. He added, 'We generally sell fertilizers depending upon the supply from our agents'.

Another source informed that the fertilizer supply from BCIC is also inadequate compared to the need of this

region. Some farmers of Baraigram and Gurudaspur thanas of the district complained that they sometimes buy fertilizer bags which weigh less than the given quantity written on the bags.

Local traders said that they had nothing to do with the weight of the bags. They claimed that they sell exactly what they get from their agents.

A reliable source informed that there is adequate stock of fertilizers in the godowns of the agents and dealers of this region.

Young lady killed, son injured

BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 7: A young lady was killed and her son was wounded by her adopted brother at village Malai Banga in Nabinagar thana at the end of last week ending Thursday, police and hospital sources said, reports UNB.

Shahina Chowdhury 35, resident of Chittagong district, died instantly and her son Masum 22 were admitted to Comilla sadar hospital with critical injury. However, accused Mujibar Rahman, managed to escape.

Shahina with her son, came from Chittagong to pay a visit to Mujibar who killed her and hurt Masum with weapons and grabbed Tk 30,000 from their possession.

A case was filed with Nabinagar police station.

20 lakh fish fry released in Muhuri Irrigation Project

FENI, Jan 7: Some 20 lakh fish fry were released at the open water reservoir of the Muhuri Irrigation Project from December 10-20, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the pisciculture project of the area is the second largest in the country where 11 lakh fry were released by the fisheries department last year.

It is expected that 80 lakh kgs of fish worth Tk 6 crore will be produced annually at the project and at least 5,000 fishermen of the area will be benefited.

Established in 1985, the Irrigation Project located at Sonagazi, at present has open water reservoir of about 4,000 hectares of land. Waters from Muhuri, Kaldas and Feni rivers are being collected at the reservoir.

Massive plan to cultivate cotton seeds

JHENIDAH, Jan 7: Cotton Development Board (CDB) of Jhenidah, Jessore, Kushtia and Chuadanga zone has taken up a massive programme to cultivate cotton seeds on 30,000 hectares of land, reports UNB.

According to the official sources, of the total land, 6,900 hectares have been brought under cultivation in Jhenidah, 8,000 hectares in Kushtia, 7,100 hectares in Chuadanga and 8,200 hectares in Jessore.

All necessary measures have been taken to supply high yielding variety seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, loans and others inputs to the growers to make the programme a success.

Old woman roasted alive

CHITTAGONG, Jan 7: More than a hundred-year-old woman was roasted alive in a devastating fire at Ghoshaldanga in Port thana early Thursday, reports UNB.

Police said, Ambia Khatun, 110, was burnt to death as her house went up in flames near Kashem Shah Mazar at about 5 am. Four dwelling houses and huge valuables were gutted in the fire.

A young man, Ali Azam Parvez, also suffered burn injuries, police said. Fire brigade personnel rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze after frantic efforts at about 5:45 am.

The cause of fire could not be ascertained immediately.

In another incident, a house and a tea stall in Kotwali thana were gutted in a fire that originated from the shop at about 3:45 am. Firefighters doused the fire at about 6:30 am.



SYLHET: Professor Habibur Rahman, Dean, Faculty of Social Science, Shahjalal University, speaking as chief guest at a discussion meeting held recently in observance of World Human Rights Day.

Moyeen inaugurates re-excavation work in Nilphamari

Canal digging yielding positive result

NILPHAMARI, Jan 7: The re-excavation work of 29 km long Singimari-Dighaldangi canal began Monday at Sadar thana of the district, reports UNB.

It is expected that after the completion of the work, 4,900 acres of land will get irrigation facilities and 3,500 metric tons of additional foodgrains will be produced annually.

Inaugurating the work State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan said the present government was working relentlessly to attain self-sufficiency in food.

He said, Shahid President Ziaur Rahman introduced National Canal Digging Programme on voluntary basis and it has already brought positive results in the national economy.

Dr Khan said, 40 per cent of the annual development budget is being collected from local resources now, which was not possible for any other governments before.

He expressed the hope that the government would be able to collect 50 per cent of the same in future with the cooperation of the people.

He called upon the people to help implement the development projects undertaken by the present government. Later, he distributed fertilizers at fair prices among the farmers. The gathering was also addressed by local MP Prof Abdul Hafiz.

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MV Dinar-2 still remain untraced

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Jan 7: MV Dinar-2, a passenger launch capsized in the confluence of the rivers Meghna and Dakatia on August 20, 1994 could not be traced even after four months. MV Dinar-2 capsized near Chandpur launch terminal with an estimated three hundred passengers on board.

About fifty bodies were recovered from the sunken launch. About two hundred passengers were feared drowned. Some fifty passengers either swam ashore or were rescued.

The double-decker passenger launch was heading for Molla Bazar under Shariatpur district via Chandpur from Dhaka.

A combined search operation to locate and salvage the launch was carried out by BIWTA, Navy, Fire Brigade, Aiswars and Chandpur district administration. But they failed to locate the sunken ill-fated launch. The search operation was carried by BIWTA-Humaza vessel and five other vessels. The search operation was suspended on September 8 after futile efforts for seven-teen days. The failure to locate the launch has caused a sharp resentment among the public and different opposition political parties.

This has proved the inability of BIWTA to salvage sunken launch. People believe that BIWTA is not well equipped

with modern instruments to locate and salvage vessels from rivers.

It is reported that BIWTA salvage vessels 'Hamza' can lift maximum load of upto sixty tons but there are many other vessels in the country which can lift over hundred tons.

An inquiry team was formed by the government soon after the launch accident at Chandpur. The members of the inquiry team visited the site of the accident many times. They interviewed passengers, public officials and recorded their statements but the findings of the inquiry team has not been yet disclosed. At present the river is calm. There is no severe current in the river. The water has also receded to a great extent. Now it is dry season. So it is proper time to start search the salvage operation of the sunken launch MV Dinar-2.

When the launch accident occurred on August 20, it was rainy season. The current of the river was very sharp. So location of the launch could not be traced.

The people are now urging the BIWTA authority to restart the salvage operation. If the sunken launch is not salvaged, it may hamper the proper navigation in the river. It may caused another accident in the river.

No convocation at Rajshahi University since independence

From Tareq Chowdhury

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Jan 7: 'Convocation', a formal certificate awarding ceremony of graduate students in presence of chancellor is not being held at Rajshahi University since the independence of the country. Only six convocations out of 38 were held during the 40 years of its establishments. The six convocations were held before the liberation of the country. Out of all the convocations held at Rajshahi University, Professor Muntaz Uddin Ahmed completed five convocations successfully during eight years of his services as vice-chancellor.

The first, second, third, fourth and fifth convocations were held in 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1965 respectively. The 6th convocation was held with some distinctions in 1970 divided into three programmes.

The first programme of the 6th convocation for the degree passed students of various degree colleges of Khulna Division was held at BL College, Khulna on Jan 25, 1970. Second programme was held at Raipur Carnicel College for the degree passed students of Rajshahi Division on January 29, 1970 and the third programme was held at Rajshahi University campus on February 7, 1970.

To confer D Lit degree to the French Philosopher Andre Malrow for his contribution who wrote to different world media in favour of our Liberation War, Rajshahi University authorities arranged a special convocation in 1973.

Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University Professor M Eusuff Ali regretted that despite his eagerness to hold convocation he is unable to hold it due to different limitations.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Former president and then chancellor Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury addressing at the special convocation ceremony arranged in honour of Andrew Malrow in 1973.

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