Some 1,36,000 leprosy cases in Bangladesh

From Staff Correspondent

Project to construct

dams in Jamuna

still hangs in balance

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL. Feb 19: The World Leprosy Day 1995 was observed here recently in a view to eradicate leprosy from Bangladesh within the year

To mark the day, a seminar, organised by the Barisal Civil Surgeon office was held at the local Aswini Kumar Hall in the morning.

The seminar was presided over by Dr AFM Samad Ul Haq while the chief guest and special guests were Dr S M Anisur Rahman, Divisional Director (Health) Barisal and Sheikh Abul Kalam, ADM, Bakerganj respectively.

The seminar was addressed by Dr Md Yunus Ali, District Medical Officer (leprosy), Dr Siddigur Rahman, Dr Mokh-

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 19: The

erosion affected people in

Kazipur thana have expressed

their helplessness as con-

struction of two grovens be-

Development Board in 1991,

has taken projects for con-

structing of two groyens, each

1600 meter long, at Kazipur

Trunk call lines

in Jamalpur

remain out of

order for 6

months

call line of the district with na-

tional and international trunk

telephone exchange remained out of order for the last six

and T, the numbers 151 and

152 of the line have gone out

of order since last September

for minor problem in local

not fix the line inspite of re-

peated appeals. As a result.

government is deprived of rev-

enue worth Tk three crore

during the period, the sources

sources said, about 500 clients

rush to PCO offices every day and fail to talk with their rela-

tives or business officials in Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet.

Rajshahi. Khulna and other

important district towns and abroad from Jamalpur district.

NWD Exchange call booking

erator of VHF told UNB that

the line could not be fixed for

the problems in Dhaka

Three fishermen

missing

near Pakkhidia midnight last

Friday night falling amid a

strong current and whirlwind.

sank with fish, fishing nets and

some other articles worth

about Tk 4 lakh, the owner of

Untraced fishermen are

Hashem, 33, Kalam, 38 and

Smuggled goods

worth Tk 23 lakh

seized from

Brahmanbaria

Bangladesh Rifles seized smu-

ggled goods worth Tk 23.66

lakh from different border

belts in the last month, says

jawans of 23 battalion seized

the goods including 1,370

bottles of phensidyl syrup.

5,680 kg salt. 2.840 kg sugar. 537 pieces of sarees. 4.547

pieces of spare parts, 214 me-

posited with the Akhaura cus-

toms godown and local liquor

police constable was killed in .

road mishap near Dharkhar vil

lage in Akhaura thana on

Brahmanbaria Comilla highway

met the accident when a

speedy Sylhet bound bus run

Another report says: One

Police said. Amir Ali (45)

All the goods were de

tre carpet and 47 kg ganja.

custom office.

on February 6.

over him.

According to officials, BDR

BRAHMANBARIA, Feb 19.

the trawler informed.

Brindaban, 41

The ill-fated fishing trawler

Exchange.

and 152 for ITX call booking.

The number 151 is used for

On the other hand, an op-

Public Call Office (PCO)

. The VHF authority could

months, reports UNB.

centre of VHF.

JAMALPUR, Feb 19: Trunk-

According to an official of T

It is learnt that the Water

comes uncertain.

and Simla.

lesur Rahman and others. Speakers in the seminar urged to the people to become aware of the disease for eradicating it from Bangladesh.

They said, there are

1.36,000 leprosy patients in Bangladesh while about one hundred leprosy patients are in treatment in Barisal district. Leprosy patients are now being treated in each thana health complexes in the dis-

trict free of cost, they in-

Government has already decided to bring all thana health complexes of the country under the Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) programme for leprosy treatment within this year.

After the seminar a rally also paraded the main streets

The estimated cost of the

groven at Simla was Tk 53

crore and at Kazipur Tk 46

crore. Three years have gone

but no fund has yet been allo-

cated for feasibility study or

Khaleda Zia in separate public

meetings expressed her will-

ingness to complete the pro-

jects and assured the people of

arresting erosion by the river

lages in Kazipur thana.

before the rainy season.

Prime Minister Begum

other work on the projects.



BARISAL. World Leprosy Day '95 was observed here recently. To mark the day, a tally paraded through the main streets of the town to create awareness among the people.

Poor condition of railway stations in western zone

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 19: Dilapidated conditions of different railway stations of Bangladesh Railway in the Western Zone have been causing much sufferings to the passengers.

It is known that there are 153 railway stations in Paksey division and 78 stations in Lamonirhat division under the Western Zone of Bangladesh Railway, including 16 junctions. A total of 124 trains, including 24 inter-city. 24 mails and 76 local trains are plying through these railway stations. The railway earns about Tk. 70 crore, every year from this

The railway stations con-Meanwhile, even in the dry structed during British and season, erosion by Jamuna has been devouring vast croplands Pakistani era, are not repaired and homesteads of Simla, for long time. Most of the Panchatakuri and Bhatpiare vilsmall stations have no arrangement of drinking water. sanitation, electricity and The erosion affected people of the district have urged the waiting rooms.

The waiting rooms of many authority to take immediate steps to construct the grovens stations are kept under lock and key and are allegedly used

by the stall. The station yards have turned into the dens of garbage.

Many of the trains in Western Zone have turned into the safe transit of smugglers. The inter-city trains also fail to extend facilities for the passengers. The inter city Padma Express can hardly maintain the time schedule as huge smuggled goods are carried by this train, passengers alleged.

Every year more than two crore passengers travel by train in the Western Zone of Bangladesh Railway. The price of tickets have been enhanced time to time but face lifts for the passengers were not improved. Most of the local trains run untimely without light and water causing troubles to the passengers, it was also alleged.

Knowledgeable sources said better service and repairing of the railway stations are required to earn more revenue from this sector of transport.

continues From Staff Correspondent

Piracy in Bay

BARISAL, Feb 19: Armed pirates numbering 10 to 15 committed dacoity on three fishing trawlers FB Patharghata-5, FB Khokan and FB

Azimunnessa on Monday dead

of night in the deep sea of the

Bay some 70 kilometres away from Patharghata thana of Borguna district. Pirates swooped on the trawlers one by one and looted away fish, fishing nets, spare

parts including cash money of about ten lakh taka. Engine of the FB Azimunnessa was taken away by the pirates. Later two other

fishing trawlers dragged the trawler to Patharghata. Pirates also injured six fishermen on board.

15 including three held on various charges in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Feb 19: Barisal district police in a special drive arrested 15 persons including three Sarbahara Party members from Agailjhara thana area of the district on Monday

Three Sarbahara men are Kashinath, 32, Kartik, 30 and Nirmal, 35. They were arrested from Ratnapur and the others from Sheral and other areas of the thana, police sources said.

57 persons were arrested by district police on various charges during last three days from different places of the district.

Long queue to mail DV-96 forms in Barisal everyday

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Feb 19: About 12.000 applications forms for DV-96 lottery have been despatched from Barisal head post office till February 14 last, a post office source said.

In a long queue hundreds of people in front of a single counter with a franking machine at the head post office are mailing their application forms to USA everyday.

Due to over crowding sometimes normal works in the post office is being hampered, post office sources said.

After long 18 years

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Feb 19: One Alet Quarri, 55, was arrested by Patuakhali police after long 18 years from Suhari village under Baufal thana of Patuakhali district Monday last.

According to police, Alef Quarri was absconded following a case of money defalcation lodged against him at the Barisal Kotwali thana in 1977.

He remained untraced for that long time. On that day police acting on a secret information arrested Alef from his village house. He came to his house receiving the death news of his elder brother.

DPHE to instal 2071 tubewells in Cgt, CHT

KHAGRACHHRI, Feb 19: Department of Public Health and Engineering (DPHE) has taken up a scheme to sink 2071 tubewells in Chittagong and Chittagong Hill Tracts to supply water to the rural people at a cost of Tk 4.25 crore in the current fiscal year, reports

According to the officials, of he total, 1280 tubewells including deep, tara, shalow and ring well will be sunk and constructed with the help of UNICEF.

Irregularities

Punitive measures taken against PDB employees

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Feb 19: Punitive measures have been taken against nine employees including two engineers of Power Development Board (PDB) in greater Sylhet region on charge of large-scale irregularity, failure in reducing system loss, in revenue collection and

Of them, Suit Kumar Das, Resident Engineer, Jamalgani District, Sunamganj (previously at Balagani Electric Supply of Sylhet) and Md Jitu Miah, Lineman, Sales and Distribution Division-3. Sylhet (previously at Balagong Electric Supply, Sylhet) have been given forced retirement. Seven others were put under suspension. They are, Md

Khairuzzaman, sub-assistant Engineer Distribution Division. Moulvibazar Mominul Haque Bhuiyan, Metre Reader Derai Electric Supply, Sunamganj (previously, Bhairab Bazar Electric Supply), Md Abdul Malek, Lineman Baniachang Electric Supply. Moulvibazar (previously Ajmiriganj Electric Supply, Habiganj), Md Abdul Aziz, Lineman, Ajmirigani Electric Supply, Habigani). Bidyuth Baran Das, Electrician Ajmiriganj Electric Supply, Md Saidur Rahman Khan, Meter Reader, Sunamgani Electric Supply (préviously Balagoni Electric Supply Sylhet) and Gobardhan Das, Meter Reader, Haligani Electric Supply (previously Ajmiriganj Electric Supply Habigani).

Statue worth Tk one crore recovered from pond

BRAHMANBARIA, Feb 19: Bangladesh Rifles seized touchstone statue worth Taka one crore from a pond at Kalikatcha in Sarail thana on Tuesday, reports UNB.

According to official sources, following a tip-off, BDR jawans of 23 battalion searched the pond and recovered the 35 kg statue which is two feet in height and seven inches in width.

Another report says: Anti-Smuggling Task Force of the district seized smuggled goods worth Tk 2.46 lakh from two inter city trains on February

The sources said, the goods included 194 pieces of Indian sarees, 94 blouse pieces, 36 pieces of cream pot, five pieces of tyre tubes, and 13 kg zira and ganja.

They no longer fear cyclone, tidal waves

by Masud Arif

BHOLA, Feb 19: The people of Monpura island seem not to worry about cyclone and tidal waves these days. They have cyclone shelters. They know that when next time cyclone hits the island they somehow will be able save themselves because they are sure of the protection - cyclone shelters. ing place, clinics, social func-

Monpura island, a thana of Bhola district, in the mouth of the north-eastern part of the Bay of Bengal is often attacked by the tidal waves.

The cyclone in 1970 snatched lives of several thousands of people of the island. There are families which lost and the second s

kilometre from the coastal

The shelters will be used for only socio-economic, cultural and educational activities. In normal time these shelter buildings are used as regular schools for the children and adults, community, meet-

The arrowhead shaped shelters cover a space of 1665 square feet and the terrace is 2'-6" high parapet wall and galvanised iron pipe is used as railing.

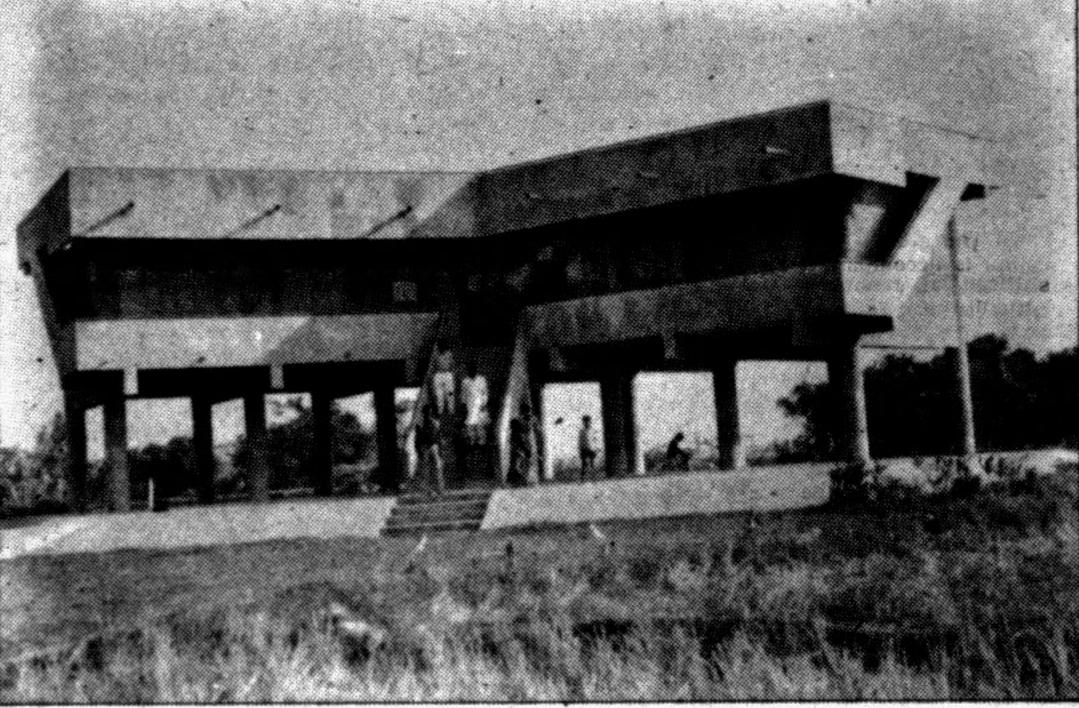
tion spot, discussion forum

It has been estimated that bott 2500 cyclomi slichers

and high tidal waves attacked the entire coastal area from Satkhira to Teknaf. More than 138000 lives perished within seconds. About 1.7 million were rendered homeless, over a million heads of livestock were lost and crop damage losses were estimated crores of taka. The CARITAS, has a cell

'CARITAS Cyclone Cell' for the construction of a total of 142 cyclone shelters and 49 school buildings over 4-year period beginning from July 1991. About 25 different local and

foreign donors have participated in the programme in which CARITAS Italian alone



A typical arrow shape cyclone shelter in Monpura island. About 142 such cyclone shelters will be constructed along the coastal belt area. -Star Photo

The government. Red Crescent Society and a non-government organisation, CARI-TAS. Bangladesh have built about 20 cyclone shelters in the island, the most cyclone

disaster prone area in the coastal belt of the country. People in other off-shore islands in the country had the same fear of cyclone. But the cyclone shelters constructed in these islands and coastal

belt areas have helped reduce

the fear from cyclone. The cyclone shelters are built in the land donated by private owners or government khas (Revenue) land or a valid school management committee. The site of the shelters are selected in areas which are vulnerable to cyclone and tidal

surge, within one or two

along the coastal belt, and offshore islands will be needed for the protection of the people living in cyclone disaster prone areas.

The aim of the CARITAS. Bangladesh is to cover the 700 kilometre of the coastal belt of the country directly facing the sea with more cyclone shel-

The CARITAS, Bangladesh built 12 cyclone shelters in the off-shore islands in the country following the devastating cyclone in 1985. Eight of these came into use and could protect about 2000 to 2500 persons each when the severe tidal waves struck the coastal belt in April 1991. The cyclone with a core of hurricane speed wind ranging from 120-242 km per hour in gusts and squalls with torrential rains

contributed for 66 cyclone shelters and 24 school buildings while CARITAS, Australia supported for 33 shelters and six school buildings.

This programme is limited in the regions of Barisal, Chittagong and Khulna.

in the current fiscal 1994-95 ten cyclone shelters will be constructed in Barisal region while 22 in the Chittagong and three in the Khulna regions.

During the cyclorie in May, 1994, the casualties were drastically reduced as the island inhabitants were able to take shelter in the cyclone shelters constructed since 1991. More than 89 thousand people took shelter in 67 cy-

(This reporter recently visited the Monpura island).

clone shelters at the time.

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Office of the Executive Engineer PWD E/M Division-II, Dhaka

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Spindle oil case in Sirajganj Three police officers punished for alleged irregularities

NARAYANGANA: Students of the Narayanganj Government Mohila College performing a

song with dance at a cultural programme at the college premises recently on the occasion of the

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL. Feb 19: Three SIRAJGANJ. Feb 19: Three fishermen out of nine on board police officers of Ullapara poare still untraced as a fishing

lice station were punished for trawler FB Maer Doa' suddenly alleged irregularity in conneccapsized and sank in the Bay tion with seizing poisonous some 10 kilometres away from spindle oil. Patharghata of Borguna district

The seized barrels of spindle oil were returned to the owners without lodging any case against the accused off mill owners. The Police Super of Sirajganj issued order of transfer of those officers on February'8 past.

college's freshers' reception.

It is learnt that acting on secret information the TNO of

Ullapara on December 29 seized nine barrels of poisonous spindle oil from an oil mill of Ullapara sadar and arrested one person while mixing spindle oil with edible oil.

From Our Correspondent

Sub-Inspector. Mahbubur Rahman was instructed to lodge a case in this connection. After about 32 days the concerned officer returned the harrels to the owner of oil mill without recording any case on January 30 last. The police super after investigation report

issued transfer order of three police officers as punishment. On the other hand, 15 bar-

— Star photo

reis of spindle oil were recovered from a number of oil mills of Sirajganj town. The magistrate ordered chemical test of the seized adulterated edible oil and preserved the materials at sadar thana. After about 25 days pure mustard oil was sent to the capital for chemical test, it is alleged.

When contacted, Police Super said that this matter is also under investigation



NARAYANGANJ: Al-Haz Abdul Kader, a prominent industrialist of the district, handing of Tk 2.8 lakh to the Deputy Commissioner of the district, Habibur Rahman, for developing the local diabetic hospital recently. — Star photo