link Ashuganj-Bhairab

BRAHMANBARIA, Mar 12: In the absence of Ashuganj-Bhairab connecting bridge over the river Meghna hundreds of passengers and vehicles remain stranded every day for hours together to avail the in sufficient and faulty ferry services, reports UNB.

According to official sources, hundreds of passen ger buses, trucks, government and private cars and jeeps to and from Brahmanbaria, Hobigani, Moulvibazar, Sunamgani and Sylhet districts ply over the Dhaka-Brahmanbaria-Sylhet highways round the clock for their destinations.

But due to want of the bridge, the road communication is being hampered sustaining loss to the business community and much time to the hundreds of passengers as they are to wait for hours together for ferry services.

The bridge connecting the two river ports--Ashugani and Bhairab Bazar — will remove the hazards of the ferry boats which take over an hour to move from one side to another.

Moreover, the situation aggravates during the foggy weather. local people said.

On the other hand, business community have been facing problems for the shipment of foodgrains and other goods for the faulty ferry ser-

The easy transportation of merchandise from Ashugani to Bhairab Bazar and vice versa is also hindered greatly due to want direct road link between the two river ports. Besides, heavy commercial dealings like shipment of foodgrains and fertilisers between the two ports are being done by cargo vessels with high carrying cost.

With the construction of the bridge, connecting the two river ports, will expedite the commercial activities greatly and minimise the cost for the benefit of the people, local businessmen said.

Local leaders have urged the government to take immediate steps for the construction of much needed

Dropout in pry schools rise

'Parents choose their kids as helping hands"

NATORE Mar 12: The number of dropout children in primary schools is increasing day by day in the district as they are compelled to engage in different odd jobs for their livelihood, reports UNB.

According to sources, a large number of children aged between 8 and 12 years are being engaged in income generating works like day labourers. cow boys or rickshaw-pullers.

Most of the parents who think their children as helping hands to earn money, cannot afford the educational expenses for their children and due to lack of consciousness, do not encourage education for their children, it is learnt.

Consequently such children who turn into labourers and

earn bread for their poverty stricken families, get poor wages in exchange of hard

Moreover, a large number of farm labourers with their children go distance places in search of work to get more wages during the harvesting

Meanwhile, primary schools of the remote areas have been facing shortage of students hampering the programme of Education For All by the year 2000.

Local elite have urged the authorities concerned to take proper steps for arousing conclousness among the poor guardians to educate their children for the success of the programme.

in the 16-town electrification

project. *Though the project

works have been completed in

most of the districts under the

scheme there is no possibility

of completing the works in

Shariatpur even within two

atpur have expressed help-

lessness and blamed the

higher authority for not re-

sponding their requisitions

and thereby creating this situa-

tion. Nobody was available for

any comment in the PDB

The PDB officials in Shari-

atpur also said that they have

been running office with one-

third of the required man-

The PDB officials in Shari-

Frequent loadshedding in Shariatpur district

By Staff Correspondent

months.

Dhaka office.

SHARIATPUR, Mar 12: The trict town had been included people of Shariatpur district have been passing miserable life as loadshedding continues since February 25 last.

Sources said, two transformers at the district town went out of order on February 25 last and the Power Development Board is now supplying electricity to only three, out of six thanas of the district at a time.

Local mills, factories, industries and around 300 IRRI blocks are being affected due to this loadshedding. People who went to village home during Eid had to pass suffocating life. The defective transformers are not repairable and no step has yet been taken to replace them. sources said.

Meanwhile. Shariatpur dis-

From 2 thanas of Narsingdi

850 bags of fertilizer seized in one week

নং-এলজিইডি/নিপ্রমা/এসডিসি/ডি-০৬/১৩-১৪/৪২৭

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NARSINGDI, Mar 12: Police and district administration seized 850 bags of fertiliser from Palash and Shibpur thanas of the district last week, reports UNB.

Thana Nirbahi Officer of Palash Abdul Moyeen seized two trucks carrying 20 metric tons of fertiliser in 400 bags from Ghorasal area on March

The dealer of the seized fertiliser could not be identified till filing this report.

ASP (Circle) and OC of Shibpur police station, acting on secret information, raided a godown at Shibpur Bazar and recovered 250 bags of fertiliser on March 1

They also seized another 200 bags of fertilizers while being taken from Shibpur to Kishoreganj area on March 2 for seiling in the black-market.

The dealer of the seized fertilizers was identified as Chairman of Masimpur UP Farhad Hossain. A case has been filed against him with Shibpur PS. However, nobody was arrested yet by the police.

Meanwhile, farmers, students and people from all walks of life brought out a procession on March 8-at Raipura-

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, মানিকগঞ্জ

মেরামতকারী ওয়ার্কশপ/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ২৯০৮ সীলমোহরকত থামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ২০-০৩-৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত তন্তারধায়ক প্রকৌশলী (রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ), এলজ্ঞিইডি, লালমাটিয়া,

ব্রক-বি, ঢাকা-১২০৭, প্রকল্প পরিচালক, পল্লী উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প-৬ঃ বাড়ী নং-১৪, রোড নং-৮, ধানমন্তি, ঢাকা এবং নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাক্সে দরপত্রসমূহ গৃহীত হইবে এবং একই দিলে বেলা ১২-৩০ ঘটিকার দরপত্রসমূহ

সদর দফতর, ঢাকা, প্রকল্প পরিচালক, আর্ডিপি-৬ ও নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস থেকে নির্ধারিত মূল্যে (অফেরতযোগ্য) সংগ্রহ করা

কাজের বিবরণ

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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এতদারা স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদন্তর, মানিকগঞ্জ-এর কার্যালয়ে নিম্নবর্ণিত ভাইব্রেটরী রোলার মেরামতকল্পে প্রকৃত

দরপত্রে বর্ণিত সিডিউল তফসিল আগামী ১৯-০৩-৯৫ইং পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, এলঞ্জিইডি,

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Bridge badly needed to Considerable fall in bamboo output from 6 southern districts

BARGUNA, Mar 12: Bamboo production in six southern districts of Barisal Division has been decreasing considerably hampering the bamboo-based cottage industries and making and repairing of thatched

dwelling houses, reports UNB. The bamboo clusters in this region are decaying due to lack of proper maintenance and systematic plantation. Bamboo yield is almost negligible in the existing bamboo clusters.

The owners of bamboo clusters are ignorant of proper methodological process of bamboo plantation. They do not make any attempt to save the bamboo clusters from decaying.

Agricultural experts said proper care and rearing would enable a bamboo plant to yield at least 14 to 20 new sprouts a year. But under the natural process, a bamboo plant vields

only two or three new sprouts. Local people said the agricultural department should take necessary steps to save the bamboo plants from decay-

There are countless bamboo clusters in the southern region of the country including greater Barisal and Patuakhali districts. But now the existence of bamboo is at stake. Besides, due to indiscrimi-

nate uprooting of clusters existence of bamboo is threatened. After cutting the plants, the roots are lifted at random and being sold in market as fuel as the owners think the sprout

will grow automatically. Bamboo roots as being used in cooking and even in the brick fields as fuel. Consequently the tender bamboo

plants are being destroyed. Bamboo is widely used as raw materials in manufacturing paper and in making kutcha houses in rural areas of the country.

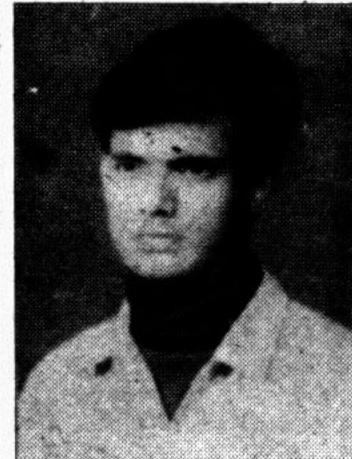
But the paper mills are now using imported pulps due to shortage of bamboo. The poor and middle class section of people are also facing problems in making their houses for the same reason.

Moreover, the bamboobased cottage industries are affected badly due to scarcity and high price of bamboo and many people have already deserted their occupation and passing their days in great hardship.

A young enthusiastic artiste

From Rezaul Hoque

GAIBANDHA. Mar 12: Md ·Al-Amin, is an energetic youngman and an actor and director in the field of stage drama. He started his career as an amateur actor in theatre from his boyhood and had keen interest to be a profes-



Md Al-Amin

sional actor-cum-director in draina and theatre world.

Thin-bodied Al-Amin entered first in the drama world when he was a student of class VII. Almost surprisingly he got an opportunity for appearing in the stage with a role of jobless youngboy in Baper Beya a comedian drama. This was his first pérformance in drama and stepped in the drama world which later brought wide appreciation from some experience circles.

Born in 1969, Al-Amin studied at Gaibandha Govt. High School and graduated from Gaibandha College. He joined Padakkhep, a local dramatic club in 1986 as a founder member and consequently became the leader of the organisation. Al-Amin is an inhabitant of Gaibandha Pourashava. Still he is actively involved with Padakkhep. During the tenure of a decade he gained enough reputation and recognition as a successful stage actor, playwriter and director.

In 1986 he played a role in drama. Patale Haspataley writ ten by Hasan Azizur Hug that was produced by Padakkhep. in 1987 he played another role

in Aboruddha Shaheed Minar, written by Mollah Azizur Rahman. In the same year he played an important role in the Charidekay Kaker Daak and in Choweza Chouza Binishchoy of Prof. Momtazuddin Ahmed. During this period he directed a political melo-drama, Kaklash, written by Monsur Reza. In 1988 he played a role in a political historic drama; Kaler Shakhmi by Shah Alam. In the same year he directed a com-

In 1989 he played an important role in the drama Machine, adopted from 'The good and faithful servant of 'Joe Orton' as an mine labour. He directed a social drama, Sangbad Cartoon by Salim Aldin in the same year.

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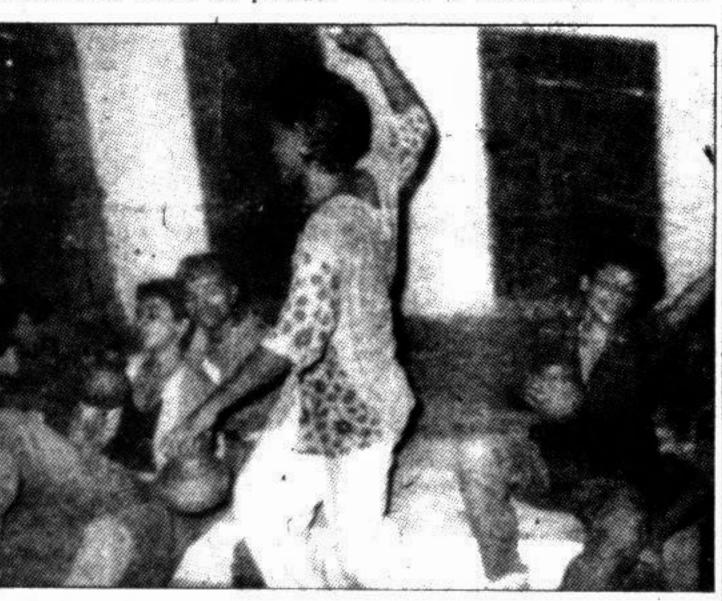
Shah Alam.

In 1991 street drama became popular in the district. During which Al-Amin directed a political melo-drama, Prekkhapot Ganotantro. During the same time he acted in Drama Adaab produced by Padakkhep.

In 1992 Al-Amin directed two dramas under the producon Freedom fighting.

Taking the drama as his only profession Al-Amin joined the Environmental Theatre of Space and Acting Research centre of Ashish Khandker incorporated with Graduate National School of Drama in New Delhi. He worked as an actor and researcher in two plays namely, Mohammed Amin staged on the pond of Dhaka University Art Institute in 1992 and second was Mritikker Compass staged in Modhu's Canteen of Dhaka University in 1994. He joined Dhaka Theatre as a freelance actor and workshop instructor where he acted in drama, Ghar

During the tenure of his career so for he received a number of awards. In 1989 he received award as best actor in Interdistrict Drama Competition arranged by Nahabat Naitay Sangstha, Baderganj for his outstanding performance in, Patale Haspataley. Again In 1994 he was given award as best actor in the role of Peter Rozario, a labour leader of coal mine in the drama, 'Machine'



Al-Amin playing a role in the drama titled Batashe Lasher Gandha. - Star photo

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Al-Amin playing a role in the drama titled Patale Hashpatale. - Star photo

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নিৰ্বাহী প্ৰকৌশলী

মানিকণঞ্জ

স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর

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arranged by Gaibandha Drama Club in 1994 during the inter district drama competition. In the same year Rangpur Naitay Chakra awarded him as best

In an interview with The Daily Star, young Al-Amin expressed his desire to build his career as a drama artiste and wishes to continue with his performances in the field of stage drama through which societymen may get some food for thought toward the rationalisation of the society. According to the opinion of Al-Amin, society which already lost moral values he believes. could be renovated through dramas, a live focus of social

Amin further said that other entertainment medias like movies, video and TV programme turned to an artificial nature and polluted by obscene films which simply contributed to society toward erosion.

Journalists in Barisal protest terrorist act

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Mar 12: The journalists here have decided not to cover the news of the district and the police administrations until the persons who had hurled crackers at their function on Friday were punished.

Some unidentified miscreants exploded crackers at a function at the Aswini Kumar Hall where the local journalists accorded a reception to two senior journalists, S Ali Mahmud and Shadhin Sen.

Two youngmen found dead

PABNA, Mar 12: Two youngmen were found dead in a field at Char Dada village in Ishurdi thana of the district Saturday, reports UNB.

They were chopped to death and their faces burnt with acid. Identities of the dereased could not be known:

On information from the villagers, police went to the scene and found the dead men, aged between 25 and 30. A case has been registered at Ishurdi police station.

Shajadpur to . have fire station soon

PABNA, Mar 12: A fire station will be built at Shajadpur in the district at a cost of Tk two crore, reports UNB.

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury laid the foundation of the fire station on Friday.

The minister later addressing a public meeting said the politics of BNP government is the politics of development "So all efforts of the present government are directed towards socio-economic uplift of the country."

Matin Chowdhury said a new trend of development had been created in all sectors of the country. "Unforeseen steps had been taken in education. communication and other sectors," he added. The Home Minister said if

this trend continues, socioeconomic condition of the country would change positively in a short period of time.

One killed in road mishap

MANIKGANJ. Mar 12: A young motor-cycle rider was killed and a co-passenger was seriously injured when a speeding truck hit their motor-cycle on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway Saturday, police and hospital sources here said, reports UNB.

Motor cyclist, Gobindo Bosak, 25, a businessman of Daulatpur thana, died on the spot. While, the fellow traveller Abdul Karim, 28, a police officer of the same thana, was admitted to Utholi Thana Health Complex with serious injury. The motor cyclists were

victimised when a truck hit their two-wheeler from behind at Pachuria under Ghior thana that evening. They were going to Daulatpur from Manikganj. Police seized the truck, but

the driver of the truck managed to flee from the scene. A case was filed with the Ghior Police Station in this connec-

Smuggled goods recovered in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent SATKHIRA, Mar 2 A BDR team of 21 Rifles Battalion Satkhira recovered smuggled goods worth Taka 14 lakh 71 thousands from boat in the river Koira recently.

Acting on secret information, the BDR team raided the boat and recovered the smuggled goods which included bronze and brass bearings.

Poor bawalis, victims of man-eater tigers

From Abu Ahmed



SATKHIRA: Majida Khatun, wife of Mozahar Gazi of Baramoukatla under Shyamnagar thana is leading a - Star photo miserable life with her children.

SATKHIRA, Mar 11: Jebunnesa Bewa, 27, has no bound of sorrows as she is passing her days in extreme hardship following her husband's, a wood cutter, death who was killed by a tiger in the Sundarbans. Her husband, Mohor Ali Gazi, 32 was a traditional wood cutter or bawali in the Sandarban. Four years back he along with his companions went to cut wood in the deep jungle. A man-eater tiger swooped on them and snatched Mohor Gazi in the jungle and killed him. His companions could not help him in anyway.

Jebunnessa with her three children is now working as a maid servant in neighbour's house to feed her children. She sold her two bighas of land at throwaway prices. Her poor father could not help in maintaining her family. Several hundred women

with their children like Jebunnessa all of whose husbands have been victims of man-eating tigers have been passing days in hardship. Their husbands had become prey of the man-eater tigers. Many such families having similar stories to tell can be located in Munshigani, Banshepur, Harinagar, Bhetkhali, Pratapnagar, Kaikhali, Baniakhali, Burigoalini, Datikhali, Biralakshmi, Gabura, Iswaripur, Noabiki, Khajra and Bagheli in the Sundarban areas.

Majeda Khatun, 26, of village Boro Monkatla in Shyamnagar thana has also lost her

husband the same way. Her husband, Mozahar Gazi, 35, had gone to catch fish in the Sundarban area three years back and never returned. A man-eater tiger took him away and killed him.

Majeda has one son and two daughters. She possesses no land and has taken shelter on others land. She gets no work or ways to feed herself and her children. Another woman, Jamila Khatun, 36, whose husband was also killed by a tiger five years back; is also passing her days in great miseries. Her husband Mohammad Ali had gone to deep forest in Sundarban to collect wood. He never came back as he was killed by a tiger in the jungle.

Jamila with her four sons and one daughter gets no means to survive. She is now begging door to door to maintain her family.

The Forest Department keeps records of these bawalis who go to the Sundarban with legal passes. However, when they die they do not get any help from the government, it is learned.

Other than the approved bawalis others who became prey to the man-eater tigers, has no record of their fate.

Local people said the Forest Department should help these families in rehabilitating them by providing placing them in small and cottage industries so that they can earn for their livelihood.

নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মোকাম নারায়ণগঞ্জ অর্থঝণ আদালত বন্ধকী ডিং নং ৫৭/৯৩

क्रिशाली त्रांश्क लिः, यादाता श्रथान कार्यालय, ७८ नर मिलकुर्गा বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা, থানা-মতিঝিল, জেলা-ঢাকা এবং অন্যান্য শাখাসহ যাহার একটি শাখা, এস কে রোড, নারায়ণগঞ্জ, থানা ও জিলা-. ডিংদার

১। মেসার্স এম রহমান জুট, ২২ নং নিউ চাষাড়া, নারায়ণগঞ্জ

২। এ কে এম মজিবর রহমান, পিতা- মৃত ফয়েজ উদ্দিন আহাম্মদ সরকার, ম্যানেজিং পার্টনার, মেসার্স এম রহমান জুট। ত। আবদ্যাহ আল আহমদ, জাহাঙ্গীর, পিতা-এ কে এম মজিবর রহমান

পার্টনার, মেসার্স এম রহমান জুট সাং-২২ নং নিউ চাষাড়া, থানা-

৪। মোঃ হারুন অর রসিদ, পিতা- মৃত চান মিয়া, সাং-হরিহরপাড়া, থানা-ফত্লা জেলা- নারায়ণগঞ্জ

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণকে জানান যাইতেছে যে, ডিক্রীদার ব্যাৎকের ডিক্রিকত মং ৭৬.৬১,০৭৫/৮৫ টাকা আদায়ের জন্য দাইকের নিম আগামী ৩০-০৩-৯৫ইং তারিখে বেলা ১০-ঘটিকায় আদালত প্রাঙ্গণে প্রকাশ্য নিলামে নিলাম বিক্রয় করা হইবে। ইচ্ছুক ক্রেতাগণকে নিলামের দিন অংশগ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

জিলা-নারায়ণগঞ্জ, থানা-ফত্রা, পৌরসভা-নারায়ণগঞ্জ সেঃ মেঃ ১৮৯ "ম" খন্ড মৌজাস্থিত হোলডিং নং ২২ নং নতুন চাষাড়া রোড খতিয়ান নং

02/02 যাহার উত্তরে পৌরসভার ২১ নং হোভিং, দক্ষিণে- পৌরসভা, ২৩ নং হোজিং, পূর্বে-আছমা থাতুন, পশ্চিমে - পৌরসভার রাস্তা যাহা নারায়ণগঞ্জ সাব রেজিস্টি অফিসের বিগত ৭-৩-৬৭ইং তারিখে ২১৭৮ নং সাফ কবলা দিলিলের ভূমি ও তদস্থিত যাবতীয় নির্মাণাদি ইত্যাদি

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৩৭ শতাংশ, যাহা নারায়ণগঞ্জ সাবরেজিস্টি ২৮-৭-৮০ইং তারিখ এবং সাফ : मिलन नर ७०७० छार २०-१-४० তদক্তিত যাবতীয় নিৰ্মাণাদি ইত্যাদি। আনুমানিক মূল্য ২৪,০০,০০০/-টাকা

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SYLHET Khondaker Abdul Malik, MP handing over a cheque for Taka 6,000 to Alhaj Badrul - Star photo Islam. Advisor. Fulkurir Asar, a children organisation recently.