

Fertilizer crisis prevails in Tangail

TANGAIL, Mar 24: An acute shortage of urea is prevailing in the district. District administration sources said that fertilizer is no longer available from Jamuna Fertilizer Industry at Tarakandi, reports BSS.

CUJ urges govt to declare dearness allowances for journalists

CHITTAGONG, Mar 24: A meeting of the executive committee of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) held here Monday expressed grave concern over price hike of essential commodities and urged the government to immediately declare dearness allowances for journalists, a CUJ press release said, reports BSS.

The meeting held at Jamal Khan office of the union with its President Mohammad Yusuf in the chair pointed out that increase in prices of essential commodities had made the life of journalists tough.

Farmers stage demonstration in front of DC office in Lalmonirhat

LALMONIRHAT, Mar 24: Farmers staged a demonstration in front of the DC office and Collectorate Bhaban here on Monday, demanding immediate supply of fertilizer at fair prices, reports UNB.

Programmes to encourage setting up of bio-gas plants, poultry farms

From Our Correspondent

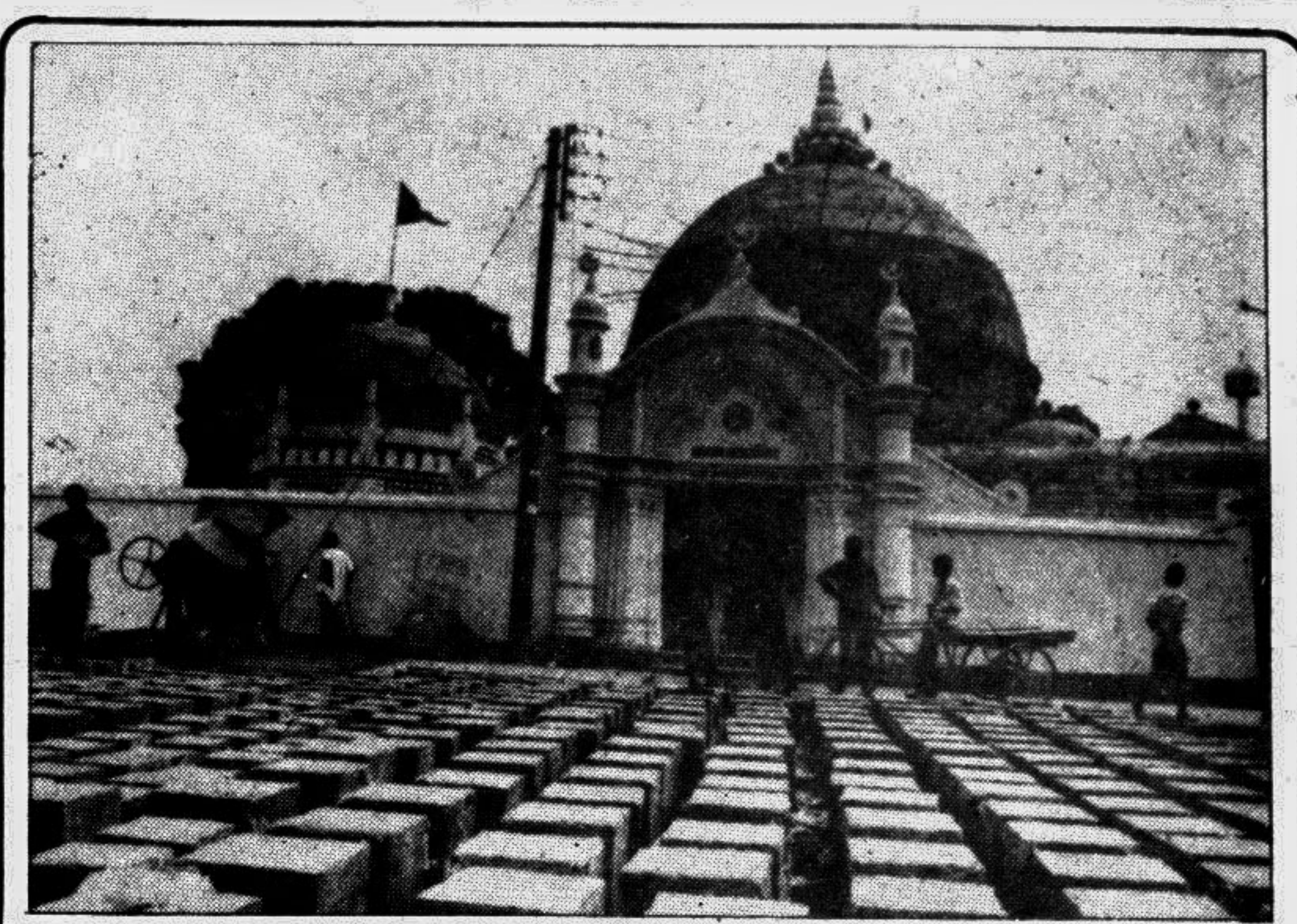
MOULVIBAZAR, Mar 24: The Live Stock Department (LSD) of Moulvibazar district has been implementing different programmes to motivate the people for self-reliance with the development of the live stock sector of the district. Under the motivation programme, the LSD has taken up different schemes to encourage the people to set up dairy and poultry farms and to install bio-gas plants. Schemes has been implemented under the assistance programme are artificial conception of cows, treatment facilities for the cattle-head and poultry birds and imparting training to unemployed youths on vaccination and primary treatment of various diseases of cattle-head and poultry birds.

LSL has been motivating for installation of bio-gas plant to those, who are owner of dairy farms, as cow-dung is the only raw-materials used in bio-gas plants. Total cost for construction of a bio-gas plant is roughly between Taka 10,000 and 15,000. It is not very difficult for a dairy farm owner to set up a bio-gas plant. The LSD inoculated or vaccinated 1,53,136 cattlehead and 19,39,411 poultry birds during the period from July 94 to February 95. They also treated some 16364 cattle-head, 40,836 poultry birds and 4736 cows brought under artificial conception.

Besides this, dairy farming has been encouraged among the people of the district. According to the source, there are more than 200 dairy farms

of them only 35 are registered through-out the district. During the last financial year only three dairy farms have received Taka 31,250 each as incentive bonus from the government. Proposal of incentive bonus for six others farms are under consideration of the authority concerned. The dairy farm owners have alleged that, fodder scarcity has been prevailing in the local market with the increasing of the prices of rice and wheat. They demanded to impart the fodder from India through the local border belts. Moulvibazar, as a rich district, most of the dairy farmers are fashionable. They know nothing about the market mechanism of dairy products. So farm owners, especially at Srimongal area of the district says, a huge quantities of milk remain unsold every day for want of proper market facilities. Milk supply in the market are surplus. But it is alleged that milk scarcity has been prevailing in the market as rate of milk much higher, which is unbearable to the middle income group of people. Farms are

selling milk per litre at Taka 25. As most of the farm owners are solvent and they have a strong association, so they have refused the idea of price reduction for market development. The consumers alleged, owing to this surplus milk supplied by the farms remain unsold in the market. On the other hand farm milk failed to cover the entire town. It is learnt from a reliable source that for the strong associational activities of the farm owners, surplus milk from other places never come to the district headquarter though most of the town dwellers are depending on powder milk. It is mentionable here that packed powder milk being sold in the market are not quality goods and suspected to be contaminated. Proper measures should be taken by the authorities concerned with consultation of farm owners association to fix the milk price within reach of the common people and to ensure market facilities to sell the farm milk which will encourage the farm owners as well as consumers.



SIRAJGANJ: The historic Mazar and Mosque of Hazrat Makhdoom Shah Doula Shaheed (R) at Shahzadpur. — Star photo

The Mazar of Hazrat Makhdoom Shah Doula Shaheed

From Ashit Chowdhury

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 24: The historic Mazar and Mosque of Hazrat Makhdoom Shah Doula Shaheed (R) stands by the side of river Karotoa in Shahzadpur (Thana). Every day, a large number of people, irrespective of caste and religion come to the place to offer prayers and respect. The Mazar and Mosque are now under the supervision of the Archaeological Department of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. According to the records of 'The Journal of Asiatic Society, Volume 73 (1904)' written by Moulavi Abdul Wali, it is gathered that Shah Makhdoom was the son of Muaz-bin-Jabal, the king of Yemen. He left his motherland and came to Shahzadpur to preach Islam.

Makhdoom Shah (R) came to Potazia of Shahzadpur by boat and anchored at Shahzadpur after selecting the site with the help of a pigeon. He reached here in 600 Hizri and embraced Shahadat in a fierce battle with the Hindus. Other than the Mazar of Hazrat Makhdoom (R), there are graves of 12 Darvishes and six Aulias. The Mazar of Shah Makhdoom (R) was set up on 28 pillars with 15 Gambuzes (domes) made of small bricks. The building is 82'-9" long, 41'-4" wide and 39'-10" high. 30' long symbol on the wall is treated as the print of hand of Shah Makhdoom (R). Long ago fairs were held on every eighth moon day of

spring. Now, the day is observed as Urs Mubarak. Thousands of people irrespective of caste and religion come to the Mazar to offer prayers and seek blessings on the day of Urs. The Mazar and Mosque is built in Arabian architecture. Situated by the side of river Karotoa, the place faced erosion. The Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Division of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) took up schemes to save the place of historic importance from erosion. Dumping of cement concrete boulders were done and the side of the river is matted by concrete blocks and were net.

Property worth Tk 2.5cr gutted in devastating fire incident

MEHERPUR, Mar 24: A devastating fire that broke out at poura market in the town gutted property worth about Tk 2.50 crore early Wednesday morning, reports UNB. Witnesses said, the fire originating from electric short circuit about 5 am engulfed the entire market and gutted about 112 shops. According to a preliminary estimate by the affected shop-owners, valuables worth about Tk 2.50 crore were charred. Fire fighters from Meherpur, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Jessore rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control after 7 hours of frantic efforts. About 30 people, including fire servicemen, were injured in the incident.

Two Shivlingas worth Tk one cr seized in Faridpur

PABNA, Mar 24: Police on Monday seized two 'Shivlingas' (phallic symbol of Hindu god Lord Shiva) worth an estimated Tk 1 crore from Faridpur thana of the district and arrested six people on charge of smuggling, reports UNB. Police said six people were nabbed with a touchstone worshipping symbol weighing about 41 kg and worth about Tk 70 lakh from near Tripti Niloy Hotel in the thana, Monday evening. The arrested are Sirajul Islam, 32, Hafez Mohammad Shahajan, 30, Abdur Razzaq, 35, Muhammad Abdul Zabbar, 25, Hasan Ali, 30, and Abdul Awal 28. According to their confession, police later recovered another 'Shivlinga' valued about Tk 30 lakh, submerged in a pond at Gobindapur.

Miscreants kill BNP leader in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 24: Armed miscreants shot dead a local BNP leader in broad daylight at Bhadragnath in Kamarkhand thana on Monday, reports UNB. Police said the assailants fired on Ishaq Ali, 35, with cut rifles while he was supervising the earth-work of a Jamuna bridge approach road at about 1:30 pm. The first bullet hit him in hand. When he ran into a nearby house, the armed hoodlums chased and dragged him out of the house and shot at his eye, leaving him dead on the spot. Scores of terrified villagers only looked on and did not dare to come to his rescue. The motive of the killing could not be ascertained immediately, police said. A case was registered with Kamarkhand police station.

BRDB official accused of illegally selling fertilizer

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 24: The Thana Nirbahi Officer of Raiganj on Monday, filed a case against a BRDB official accusing him of selling some 700 metric tons of fertilizer on the black market, report UNB. The fertilizer was sanctioned for farmers of eight unions of the thana, officials said. Charges were brought against Director of Raiganj thana BRDR Faruque Ahmad and one of his assistants under the Special Powers Act. They were reported to be absconding. Upon an allegation brought to the notice of the district administration by local MP Mainan, an investigation revealed that the said amount of fertilizer from Jamuna Fertilizer Factory but the fertilizer was sold on the black market. A protest meeting of farmers was held to on Monday, at Raiganj Thana Parishad premises with Dubai UP Chairman Nazrul Islam in the chair. UP Chairman Abdus Sobhan and Akbar Ali demanded punishment of the persons responsible for the fertilizer crisis. Meanwhile, a group of farmers clashed with fertilizer dealers at Grampanigaha Hat in Raiganj thana this afternoon when they charged Tk 700 per bag of fertilizer.

Old man killed in road mishap

From Our Correspondent SIRAJGANJ, Mar 24: An unidentified old man, 62, was crushed under the wheels of a brick loaded truck (No. Chittagong BA 6844) at Sompur Bazar in Belkuchi thana on Tuesday. The truck, on way to Belkuchi from Sirajganj, ran over the pedestrian who died on spot. The truck was seized but the driver and helper managed to escape.

LDF protests price hike of essentials

RAJBARI, Mar 24: Left Democratic Front (LDF) Tuesday brought out a militant procession in the town protesting price hike of essential commodities, including rice, paper and fertilizer, reports UNB. Witnesses said, the LDF activists laid a siege in front of DC office and submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner demanding adequate supply of fertilizer.



Patients at the Sirajganj sadar hospital accommodated on the corridor of the hospital. — Star photo

Poor condition of hospital, health complexes in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 24: A total of 35 posts of doctors out of 117 have been remaining vacant in 44 government hospitals and rural health centres of Sirajganj district. The situation has created sufferings to the people seeking medicare facilities. The government has set up 31-bed health complexes in each of nine thana headquarters and rural health centres to extend medicare facilities for the people of Sirajganj district. The Sadar hospital have been modernised recently and new building have been constructed to facilitate more patients. Shortage of medical officers hamper proper treatment in the hospitals and health centres it was learnt. Belkuchi thana health complex

One killed in firing in Natore

NATORE, Mar 24: A teenage boy was seriously injured when a bullet hit him in front of Press Club of the town on Monday, reports UNB. Police said Moklesh, 16, a peon of Natore Minibus Owners' Association while serving leaflet in favour of proposed five-hour halt from 6 am on March 22 was hit by the bullet in the evening.

Housewife commits suicide

BHOLA, Mar 24: A housewife, allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at Dhanua union in sadar thana, police and hospital sources said, reports UNB. According to police, Aktaru, 30, was rushed to the Sadar hospital by some people Friday when she fell seriously ill after taking poison. After a few minutes she breathed her last. The reason behind the suicide could not be ascertained immediately.

Govt will not allow any one to disrupt pace of development: Oli

JOYPURHAT, Mar 24: A 400-foot steel bridge will be constructed over the Chhoto Jamuna river at Atapara of Bagna union in Panchbhil (thana) of the district, reports UNB. Communications Minister Oli Ahmed laid the foundation of the bridge on Sunday. The four span bridge is expected to be completed by January 1997 at a cost of Tk 2.14 crore. Addressing a rally on this occasion, the minister said the government shall not let any quarter to disrupt the pace of development and cause miseries to the peace-loving people.

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