3 people, including UP member arrested

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Mar 28; Police have arrested three persons including one member of Fulshara union of Chowgacha thana in the district allegedly for their involvement in a recent incident of fertilizer-looting from a truck at Salna Bazar under same union. The contingent of the supply was looted by local angry farmers when the truck carrying bags of fertilizer was coming to TNO Thana Nirbahi Office. Chowgacha from Noapara in Jessore.

According to a source. Din Mohammad, a member of Union Porishad and a teacher of Salna High School, was arrested from his house at dead of night along with two other. Osman and Mofa from Salna Bazar. All the three have been sent to jail, the source said. Ismail Hossain informed when farmers went to the TNO office for fertilizer for consecutive three days and were refused, they came back and gave up hope of IRRI crop cultivation in current season. Meanwhile a rumour spread that the chairman of Patibila union under same thana was empowered to issue fertilizer slip to farmers

COMILLA, Mar 28: The 'Old

Victorians' an organisation of

former students of Comilla

of this union on political consideration. This prompted the local public to loot away the fertilizer from the truck.

When contacted, the TNO, Chewgacha Hairat Ali told The Daily Stay that he did not know anything about arrest of Din Mohammad. He, however, admitted that he filed a case with local thana against fertilizer looting at Salna, but no name of any person was mentioned in First Informations Report (FIR). When asked why then police went on hunting to track down looters and arresting innocent people, he did not make any comment on the

In reply to the question why a chairman, Pativila union, was authorized to issue slip for farmers of Fulsharn union, where there is an elected chairman, the TNO said that he was empowered to issue slip for reserve quota in the thana as per decision of the higher authority.

It was learnt from him that so far 58 bags of fertilizer were recovered from local public and rigorous search was going on to unearth the rest.

Allegation of discharging waste

Sugar mills, distillery polluting environment

NATORE, Mar 28: The poisonous industrial wastes of over 900 different industrial units in the country are causing serious environmental pollution in the adjoining areas, according to a UNB report.

According to a statistical report of the environment department, there are 22 large industries in Rajshahi Division including three in Natore district the poisonous wastes of which are polluting the envi-

ronment in this region. Among those, nine are government-controlled sugar mills, four distilleries, two jute mills, two tanneries, one textile mill, one biscuit factory. one paper mill, one pharmaceutical industry and one ceramic industry.

The district wise break-up of these industries are as follows: two sugar mills and one distillery in Natore, two jute mills and one sugar mill in Rajshahi, two tanneries and one ceramic industry in Bogra, one textile and one biscuit factory in Sirajganj, one paper

Couple commits

suicide

From Staff Correspondent

man and his fiancee commit-

ted suicide by taking poison

23, owner of a vide shop in

Satrapur, Dhaka came to Syl-

het with his beloved Shilpi,

17, sister of his friend Ganesh

Sylhet Monday in search of his

son, found his son and Shilpi

foaming from their mouths at

the Sylhet Railway station at

Babu's father who came to

here Monday.

on Sunday.

SYLHET, Mar 28: A young-

Shamim Ali Mallik Babu.

mill and one pharmaceutical industry in Pabna, one sugar mill and one distillery in Joypurhat, one sugar mill in Gaibandha, two sugar mills and one distillery in Dinajpur, one sugar mill and one distillery in Panchagarh and one sugar mill

in Thakurgaon. In Natore district, 13 lakh inhabitants are suffering from environmental hazards due to poisonous elements from two sugar mills and one distillery.

The water of the river Narad, which flows through the heart of the district town has become contaminated due to discharge of industrial wastes. The colour of the water has already been changed and there is hardly any fish available in the river.

Besides the sugar mills, a local distillery is allegedly discharging the poisonous elements regularly in the river through a canal causing problems to the town-dwellers.

But when contacted, an official of the distillery told UNB that no waste is being dis-

charged into the river from their industry adding that the wastes are discharged into the five ponds located behind their industry.

He said, only the water used for cooling the heated container is discharged into the Narad river, which is not poisonous at all. He claimed that the wastes which pollute the river water are of Natore sugar mills.

But informed sources said the poisonous elements flow in the river even during the closure of the sugar mill.

Local people alleged that the wastes of the distillery are being discharged into the river by a canal through an underground secret channel of the pond number three. During the night the channel is opened which carry the wastes into the river.

Local people urged the concerned authority to probe into the matter and take immediate measures to prevent

least 30 people were injured. seven seriously, when a bus the environmental degradation plunged into a roadside ditch to ensure the safety of the on Comilla-Chandpur road near people. Aliganj. 20 km from the town Coal worth Tk 1.3 cr burning

on Sunday, reports UNB. Witnesses said the Chahdpur-bound bus coming from Dhaka with at least 40 passengers on board suddenly hit the roadside tree at 10 pm and plunged into a ditch.

> The seriously injured were rushed to the Hajiganj Health Complex. some of them have been shifted to Dhaka Pangu Hospital. Rest of the injured were released after first aid.

Belkuchi College

closed sine die

From Our Correspondent

Belkuchi College was declared

closed sine die following at-

tacked on Principal and clash

among activists of two student

organisations which left five

students injured on March 26

during the functions of Inde-

pendence Day at college

Eye witnesses said follow-

ing feud over sitting arrange-

ments a group of youths at-

tacked principal and damaged

chairs. Later clash broke out

among activists of BCL (S-P)

and JCD causing injury of five

persons. Seriously injured

former VP and JCD leaders

Nurul Islam, Sajedul were

admitted to Belkuchi Hospital.

The JDC lodged a case with

Belkuchi police. A tense situa-

tion prevails. Police patrol has

been intensified at main points

Bus plunges

into roadside

ditch,30 hurt

CHANDPUR, Mar 28: At

of the college area.

premises.

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 28:

Wheat sanctioned for orphanage in Sirajganj lifted

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 28: Four metric tons of wheat sanctioned for an orphanage in Tarash thana have allegedly been misappropriated by a section of members of the manag ing committee.

It is learnt from a written complain of local people submitted to the Deputy Commission that the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation sanctioned four metric tons of wheat for developing the Baitul Hakim orphanage in Kushbari under Tarash thana. The works were inaugurated by local MP T M A Mannan. In the complain letter it was stated that, Afaz Uddin Sarker reportedly lifted the wheat worth about Tk 28,000 from the godown and sold in black market.

Local people have demanded immediate inquiry into the matter.

Γk 52 cr sanctioned for construction of two bridges

JAMALPUR, Mar 28 Government has sanctioned Tk 52 crore for construction of two bridges. Roads and Highways Department here

said, reports UNB. According to official sources, a 250-metre bridge will be constructed on the river Old Brahmanutra on Malapur-Sherpur road at a cost

of Tk 30 crore. Costing Tk 22 crore 200metre another bridge will be built on Jhenai river on Jamalpur-Islampur road. An approach road will also be constructed for the construction of the bridge.

Officials are hopeful to begin the construction work of the bridges this fiscal year.

Executive Engineer of district RHD told UNB that pre liminary survey for construction of the bridges has already been started at a cost of Tk 5

He said after construction of the bridges, road communication system will be improved to a great extent.

Tk 30 lakh given for development of nurseries in Bhola dist

BHOLA, Mar 28: The Ministry of Agriculture has sanctioned Tk 30 lakh for the development of 16 thana-based nurseries in 11 districts of Barisal region during the cur-

rent fiscal year, reports UNB. Agriculture Extension Department sources said, the fund will be spent for production of 50,000 saplings of timber and fruit-bearing trees in each nursery. These will be

sold to the farmers at fair prices. The fund will be given to the Thana Agriculture

Department in three instalments, the sources said. Another report says: The construction work of Bhola 100-bed Modern sadar hospital at a cost of Tk three crore

is going on in full swing.

- Star photo

Allegations of improper distribution of jute seeds

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Mar 28: The target of jute cultivation in seven thanas of the district may not be achieved during the current season for want of seeds and fertilizers.

According to reliable sources, Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) preserves seeds in its godowns to supply among the farmers in seven thanas of the district.

About 50,000 acres of land have been brought under jute cultivation during the current season. The thanas are : Jamalpur, Islampur, Sarishabari, Bakshiganj, Dewanganj, Madargani and Melandah, It is learnt that seeds are being sold to approved dealers at wholesale rates by the BADC directly from the godowns.

However, it is widely alleged that the dealers are selling the seeds to the growers at much higher rates.

It is alleged that genuine growers or farmers are not getting the seeds from BADC godowns. The growers complained that the seeds supplied from the BADC godowns are available in different hats and bazars.

Farmers of the district have urged the government to ensure supply of seeds and fertilizers in the greater interest of the country.

It was further informed that one kg of jute seed is selling between Tk 40.00 and Tk 50.000 in different hats and bazars. Whereas, BADC rate of one kg bag of seeds cost Tk 27.50 only.

The cluster village in Natore now a barren land

NATORE. Mar 28: The cluster village established at Diar Bahadurpur in Lalpur thana at a cost of one crore Taka has now turned into a barren land, according to an UNB report.

cluster village was set up in the border area of the district at the sandy charland of Padma for 202 distressed families during the fiscal 1992-93 with a view to provide each family with one and a half acres of land and a two-room house. Mainly the erosion affected families were rehabilitated at the cluster village.

During the 1993-94 fiscal year, Tk 16.69 lakh was sanctioned with 212 metric tons of wheat and each family was given three bundles of CI sheet

The inhabitants complained that the low cost houses were built in such a fragile manner that many houses collapsed on their own and the rest were damaged due to strong wind. It is learnt that the earning

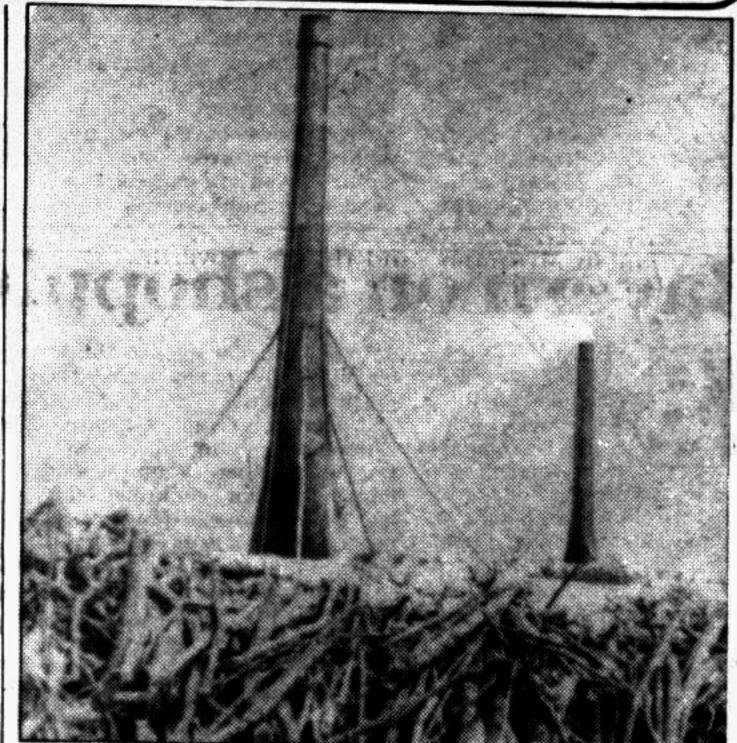
members of the village have to move a long distance in search of work in the absence of working facilities in their sandy area. In the absence of the house-owners, the miscre-Official source said, the ants creating reign of terror used to loot their belongings. As a result, the taka one

crore cluster village has gradually been abandoned by the inmates in the absence of proper maintenance and care by the concerned authorities. Of the 14 tubewells, three

were stolen and 10 went out of order, the villagers said. Finding no security of their

life and job opportunities the members of the cluster village migrated to other places to eke out their living.

While contacted the TNO of and police officials said they informed the matter to the concerned authorities. But they did not say anything about the wastage of one crore taka public money in setting up the half-hearted cluster village.



JAMALPUR: Despite ban on using fire-wood in brick fields, different type of valuable trees are being felled for this

Soil fertility around brickfields declining

From Our Correspondent

On the other hand, high

cost of firewood has been

causing immense hardship to

the common people who use it

in cooking. The price of bricks

is increasing day by day on the

plea of firewood getting

500 bags of

fertilizer

looted

500 bags of fertilizer allotted

for Naogaon district were

snatched by farmers from two

boats in Kazipur thana

larmers seized the two boats

carrying urea from Jamuna

Fertilizer Factory to Sirajganj

ghat and later distributed the

fertilizer among the residents

Tk 980 per bag in the district.

ers snatched 15 bags of urea

from a Kurigram-bound truck

Police rushed to the spot

In another incident, farm-

Fertilizer is now selling at

Police and witnesses said

Saturday, reports UNB.

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 28: Some

CHANDPUR, Mar 28; At least forty thousand acres of land is being used in brick manufacturing in Chandpur district.

It is reported that increasing number of brickfields have become a threat to the environment as thousands of immature trees are being used as firewood in these fields every day. A good number of flower and fruit bearing trees are also being burnt in these brickfields.

The productivity of land has also decreased due to the adverse effect of brickfields in this area. Every year three to four crops were grown in this region. Now it has became impossible to grow crops near the brickfields as soil fertility has been declining gradually in the surrounding area of the brickfields.

As a result farmers are having a tough time. Finding no other alternative they are compelled to mortgage their lands to the brickfield owners. On the other hand defying government ban, a huge quantity of fruit bearing trees are felled for the brickfields every day. In addition, new brickfields are sprouting in different areas of the district. A vast area of cultivable land is occupied by the brickfield owners,

turing bricks as they can not

afford to buy coal at a fair

price. They further alleged

that the price of coal imported

by government is very high. So

to keep brick prices stable

they use wood which is much

cheaper.

at Hatikumrul on the Bogra-Nagarbari highway in Ullapara and dispersed the mob. The truck was loaded with 200 Brickfield owners complained that they are compelled to use wood in manufac-

bags of fertilizer. price.

market.

of the area.

Ullapara Thana Awami League staged a sit-in demonstration this morning in front of the TNO office demanding distribution of fertilizer at fair Meanwhile, dealership of

two members of district BNP were cancelled by the district administration on charge of selling fertilizer on the black

Victoria College on the Independence Day erected a monument titled. "Swadinata Soudha" in memory of the Martyrs of the college who sacrificed their lives in the war of independence in 1971, according to BSS. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister A N M Yusuf

জাতীয় সম্প্রচার কর্তপক্ষ

রামপুরা, ঢাকা

টেভার নোটিশ নং টি – ৪৩৩

গাড়ি মেরামতের পুনঃ দরপত্র

চ-৯২৯০ (মিনিবাস। মেরামত করানোর নিমিত্তে সরকার অনুমোদিত

মোটর্যান কাবখানাসমূহের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহর্যুক্ত খামে দরপত্র

আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সেকাল ৮-০০টা থেকে

দুপুর ২-৩০ টা পর্যন্ত। গাড়িটি রামপুরাস্থ টেলিভিশন অফিসে সরেজমিনে

পরিদর্শন করা যাইবে উক্ত গাড়িটি মেরামতের তফসীল আগামী

০৮-০৪-৯৫/২৫-১২-১৪০১ বাং তারিখ পর্যন্ত ঢাকা কেন্দ্রের হিসাব

বিভাগের কামরা নং-৩১০ থেকে নগদ প্রতিটি ৪০০/০০ চারশত টাকা।

মাত্র (অফেরত্যোগ্) মূলো সকাল ৮-০০ টা থেকে কেলা ২-০০ টা পর্যন্ত

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ফেরতযোগা। ব্যাংক ভাফট/পে-অর্ডার-এর মাধ্যমে বাংলাদেশ

টেলিভিশনের অনুকলে দরপত্তের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে। দরপত্র

আপামী ১৩-০৪-৯৫ই ৩/৩০-১২-১৪০১ বাং তারিখ বেলা ১১-০০

ঘটিকার মধ্যে অত্র অফিলে যানবাহন শাখার সহকারী পরিচালক

(প্রশাসন)/যানবাহন-এর কক্ষে রক্ষিত টেভার বাক্সে ফেলিতে হইবে। ঐদিন

বেলা ১১-৩০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দ্বরপত্রদাভাগণের সন্মুখে দ্রপত্র

গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা বাংলাদেশ টেলিভিশন কর্তপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন

কোন কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র

আজিম উদ্দিন আহমেদ

অতিরিক্ত পরিচালক (প্রশাসন)

খোলা হইবে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।

তফসীল হইতে জানা যাইৰে। মোট উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ২ % জামানত

জাতীয় সম্প্রচার কর্তপক টেলিভিশন। অনুবিভাগের গাড়ি নং ঢাকা-

The Old Victorians pay

respect to Martyrs

and former president of the 'Old Victorians', inaugurated the Swadinata Soudha by un veiling the plaque at a function held at the Comilla Victoria College premises. Presided over by A H the memorial. Mofazzel Karim, Secretary

ministry of fisheries and livestock and president of 'Old Victorians', the function was also addressed, among others by "Shaheed Mata" Srimati Suniti Bhadra as special guest M Shahidulla, General Secretary of the 'Old Victorians' Prof Amin Ali Chowdhury, Principal of Comilia Victoria College. Katibur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner of Comilla Habibur Rahman Milan Assistant Editor of Daily Ittefaq. former VPS of Comilla Victoria College, MD Afzal Khan, Nazmul Hasan Pakhi and

Omar Faruque, former MP Ansar Ahmed and Architect Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed.

To pay homage to the memories of 29 old Victorians who made supreme sacrifices in the war of independence, the 'Swadinata Soudha' was erected at a cost of Taka eight lakh. Eminent Architect, Freedom Fighter Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed, a teacher of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. made the architectural design of the 'Soudha'. Two industrialists, Yousuf Abdullah Harun. and Alhaj Maksud Ali donated money for the construction of

bution made by the members of the 'Old Victorians'

Later, the president of the Old Victorians. A H Mufazzal Karim, distributed stipends among meritorious students of the college.

One hundred and twentyfive students have been awarded stipends worth Taka one lakh 25 thousand.

Both Babu and Shilpi were rushed to the hospital where

The speakers paid tributes to the memories of the members of the 'Old Victorians' who embraced martyrdom in the war of independence. They described the monument as a symbol of the immense contri-

they succumbed after few hours. Smuggled Indian goods seized

RAJSHAHI, Mar 28: Members of 20 rifle battalion seized huge quantities of Indian goods valued at Taka over 26 lakh from Chaarghat bazar, Narendrapur, Alaipur, Baduria and Shyampur under the district recently, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the contrabands included spare parts of radio, bicycle tyres and tubes, salt sugar and current nets.

The goods were deposited to customs authorities, the sources said

in Rajshahi govt depot From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI. Mar 28: A total of 4356 metric tons of coal worth about Tk one crore thirty lakh in the Rajshahi government depot have been burning inside the heap since last four years, according to official sources.

Reports say the coal could not be sold due to its low quality. They say the quality of the coal is too poor and it was very difficult for the officials to sell off the quantity. In addition to this the lot of the local has been left almost without any

However the government has recently taken a bid to sell the whole quantity through tender at a rate below the actual cost of the coal. According to official sources the coal will be sold at half of the rate.

The stored coal imported from Indonesia and neighbouring country India in 1991 and was transferred to Rajshahi district administration on March 31 1994 after abolition of the coal directorate. For this reason finding no other way the district administration has already sold 1800 metric tons of coal at a rate of Taka 1005.00 for every metric ton. In this regard, the government

would lose Taka 70 lakh if all the stored coal is sold at above mentioned rate. After completion of present delivery of 1800 metric tons of coal the amount of stored coal remaining in the depot will stand at 2556 metric tones. Earlier the coal directorate

sold one thousand metric tons of coal at a rate of Taka 1,355 per metric ton which caused a loss of Taka 16 lakh 9 thousand, the government source The air of the locality sur-

rounding the coal depot is being polluted by the harmful fume of coal left in the open sky which is still burning. The fire serve extinguished the blaze of fire at the coal depot several times. Sulpher, one kind of overdosed chemical in imported coal is the main cause of burning of coal. Some brickfeld owners said that the stored coal is very low quality and this coal is not good for use in brickfields. So they have not shown any interest to buy this coal. How much coal have already been burnt to ashes and what is the amount of losses can not be ascertained until the stored is completely

Reign of terror created by frauds, snatchers in Manikganj

MANIKGANJ, Mar 28: The law and order situation in the district deteriorated in last two months with the increas ing incidence of mugging and

fraudulence, reports UNB. Police and BIWTC sources said some 85 people were either robbed of their belongings or cheated by frauds in the

town and Aricha ghat area. Local people alleged that frauds and snatchers had unleashed a reign of terror in these areas keeping the businessmen, travellers and residents of the locality as hostages in their hands.

According to a survey conducted by a local weekly "Karcha", most of the troublemakers are school boys or college students.

They carry out their heinous acts under the protective shield of some local influentials and law enforcers, it revealed. Last month a Dhaka-bound

minibus was forced to halt by

some miscreants brandishing

lethal weapons at Noyadingi, a

few kilometers off Manikgani

town, on Dhaka-Aricha high-

observance of the Independence Day.

way. They snatched cash Tk 60,000 and valuables from the passengers. It has been alleged that most of the miscreants were students.

Similar incidents have been reported from West Dasora area of Manikganj-Srinagar road where passengers were robbed of their belongings at dagger point, said municipality commissioner Paran Miah. "Even the rickshawpullers are not spared by the muggers," he

Besides, thousands of passengers travelling through Aricha launch and ferry terminals, about 25 yards from Shibalaya thana, are frequent victims of cheating and snatch ing. One ASP of Dhaka Police headquarters and wife of the owner of Shyamoli Transport. fell prey to the miscreants recently, police said.

BIWTC officials informed that transport workers have observed work-stoppage for 34 hours in the last two months protesting against these incidents and demanding improvement of the law and order situation

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SYLHET Assistant Chief of Staff of the Liberation Force Colonel A R Chowdhury (Retired)

speaking as chief guest at the discussion meeting arranged by Sylhet Press Club in

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They alleged that the muggers were protected by the law enforcing authority making it virtually impossible to arrest the situation.

A member of District Law and Order Committee. Nurtaj Alam Bahar, who is also the president of Manikganj Press Club, expressed his resentment at the deteriorating law and order situation in the dis-

A ruling party leader who is

also a member of the Law and

Order Committee said, "In

view of present law and order situation of the district, existence of such a committee is absolutely meaningless." However, a counter statement from the police administration said that strict measures could not be taken to

improve the situation due to

interference from political cir-

cles and local influential peo-

Local people have urged the government to look into the matter and take appropriate measures to mitigate the sufferings of the people.

ভিএফপি-৬৮৩৯-২২/৩ ্তকা টেলিভিশন কেন্দ্র রামপুরা, ঢাকা (3阿(本年: 80)214、80%190、800505/289、261 BCIC **Re-Tender Notice** বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রপতির প্রতীক

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