Steps inadequate*

to combat

diarrhoea in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

. CHITTAGONG. May 22: Ad

equate measures are yet to be

taken by the administration,

here to combat the outbreak of

coastal areas of Chittagong af-

fected by recent tidal surge

Acute crisis of drinking

water particularly at Sandwip,

About 20 diarrhoeal pa-

Civil surgeon control room

here said nearly 100 people

were attacked by diarrhoeaf

disease in Sandwip. Anwara.

and Banskhali. No death case

was reported to the control

According to unofficial

However, the officials said

medical teams were sent to

the effected areas to tackle the

12 Jamaat-Shibir

activists held

in Jhenidah,

30 cocktails

recovered

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, May 22: Twelve

activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and

Its student front Shibir were

arrested last night and 30

cocktails were recovered from

tion, police raided the house of

one Habibur Rahman at village

Anandanagar under Shoilakupa

thana at 2 am and picked up

Abdul Majid, a local Jamaa

worker. Police then arrested

11 Shibir activists - all stu-

dents of the Islami University.

ers are: Idris Ali, Mahbubul

Alam Mukul, Mostafa Kamal,

Jasimuddin alias Delwar, Ra-

biul Bashar, Aminur Rahman,

Mizanur Rahman, Abdul Karim,

Fakhrúl Islam, Abdus Shukur

-A case has been-filed with

Police suspected that they

might be involved in the

killing of a guardian on the is-

April 28, the university was

closed sine die following the

4 injured in

Ctg gunfight

least four people received bul-

let injuries in armed clashes

between two rival groups in

Momin road and Rahmatgani

to the Chittagong medical Col-

The injured were admitted

area of the port city.

CHITTAGONG, May 22: At

The arrested Shibir work?

Acting on a secret milorma-

their possession.

from the village.

and Sanaullah.

Shoilakupa police.

source, the number of the af-

fected people will be higher.

tients have been admitted to !!

the Chittagong Medical College

Anwara, Banskhali and Si-

takundu has caused the out-

and storm, sources said.

break of diarrhoea.

Hospital today.

room

situation.

diarrhoeal diseases in the

Tk 5 cr smuggled goods seized in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

Taka 5 crore 31 lakh were re-

covered while being smuggled

from India into Bangladesh and

smuggled goods amounting to

Take 8 lakh 28 thousand were

recovered while being smug-

gled out of Bangladesh. A total

of 55 alleged smugglers were

also arrested in this period

and 56 cases were registered

closed that smuggled goods

worth Taka one crore 22 lakh

were recovered in January,

Taka one crore 24 lakh in

February. Taka one crore 42

I kh in March and Taka one

The source further dis-

in different police stations.

SATKHIRA, May 22: Antismuggling drive has been geared up through out the border regions of Satkhira district recently. As a result huge amount of smuggled goods worth more than Taka five crore were recovered by the BDR jawans of 21 Rifles Battalion during the last four months.

According to a local BDR

Boat capsize: Body recovered

CHITTAGONG, May 22 Bandar thana police on Saturday recovered the body of a missing passenger of a mechanised boat which capsized in the river Karnaphuli on Friday, reports UNB.

erore 50 lakh in April during source, during the period between January '95 and April the period. The smuggled goods include, Indian cycles, '95, the BDR jawans of different border out posts seized evele parts, jute seed, sarees, smuggled goods worth more lungis, medicines, phensydil syrup, and cosmetics. than Tk 5 crore 39 lakh. Smuggled goods amounting to

Tidal surge affects 3.5 lakh people in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, May 22: About 3,50,000 people were directly affected in eight thanas of the district, hit by the recent storm and tidal surge, reports UNB.

An official report estimated that Tk 10 lakh would be needed for immediate assistance to the affected families -Tk five lakh for housing and another Tk five lakh as gratuitous relief.

tion of court order. According to the official sources, 371 cases were filed for realizing Tk 2.88 crore in Sadar thana, 105 cases for Tk 42.27 lakh in Borhanuddin thana, 29 cases for Tk 4.48 lakh in Daulatkhan thana. 72 cases in Lalmohon thana for Tk 31.7 lakh, 77 cases in Charfashion for Tk 13:95 lakh, 55 cases in Tajumuddin thana for Tk 20.90 lakh and 3 cases were filed for realizing Tk 49,000 in Monpura thana.

BKB files cases

to realise Tk 4 cr

BHOLA, May 22: Bhola re-

loan money

gional branch of Bangladesh

Krishi Bank filed 721 certifi-

cate cases for the realisation of

about Tk four croré outstand-

ing agriculture loan in seven

thanas of the district, say UNB.

branch manager of the bank,

they were compelled to file

cases as the loanees failed to

respond to the notices the

bank served towards them on

The sources also alleged

there are also some loanees

who died in the meantime

took loans through fake docu-

ments. Not only that some of

them drew loan against several

fictitious names which they

misappropriated meticulously.

UNB, as those defaulter loa-

nees did not honour the cour

notices, the court has issued

warrant against them for viola

The Certificate Courts told

several occasions.

According to the regional

Huge quantity of smuggled goods seized

RAJSHAHI, May 22: BDR personnel of 20 rifle battalion seized Indian gammexene powder. radio parts, surma. drag-net, salt and saree wroth Taka over three lakh in a antismuggling drive at Premtali Baro Mile and Kanapara under the battalion Friday, reports

Later the seized goods were deposited with Rajshahi customs office. BDR sources said.

Meanwhile. BDR personnel of 20 rifle battalion seized Indian saree, blouse piece, radio. sugar, radio parts worth over Taka four lakh by conducting anti-smuggling drive at Harirumpur char, Hat para, Baro Mile under the battalion area recently.

culvert collapses after 30 days of its construction

BHOLA: May 22: A culvert constructed at a cost of Tk 5 lakh has collapsed within a month of its construction at Algi Union of sadar thana, reports UNB.

The culvert was constructed in last March by the Zila parishad and was formally inaugurated by the State Minister for Water Resources.

Local people have been fac ing serious problems due to the collapse of the culvert They said inspite of repeated appeal to the concerned authorities no step has yet been taken to reconstruct the cul-

Cattle trader killed in road mishap

RAJSHAHI, May 22: One cattle trader was killed and another was wounded in a road-mishap in Kutthia thana of the district late night Friday, police said, reports UNB. Nurul Islam, 38, died on

the spot and Deen Muhammad. 26, was admitted to Kutthia Thana Health Complex with serious injuries. They hailed from Nanguria village under Delduar thana of Tangail. The traders were on board

a Dhaka-bound truck loaded with cattles and fell down after a Natore-bound truck hit their vehicle from behind near Jholmolia bridge in Kutthia on Friday. The Dhaka-bound truck was parked at a place near the

A case was field and drivers of the trucks managed to flee from the scene.

30 injured in road mishap in Khagrachhari

KHAGRACHARI, May 22 Thirty passengers were in jured, six seriously, in a road mishap at Jaliapara under Guirmara thana of the district on. Saturday, hospital and police sources here said, reports

A Tabalchhari-bound passenger coach from Feni, hit a bridge and fell into a wayside

ditch as the driver lost control Seriously wounded six passengers were admitted to Khagrachhari Sadar Hospital and the rest were given first-aid at Jaliapara Military Hospital.

The driver and helper of the coach managed to flee from the scene and a case was filed with the Guimara Police Station in this connection.

Success story of a school

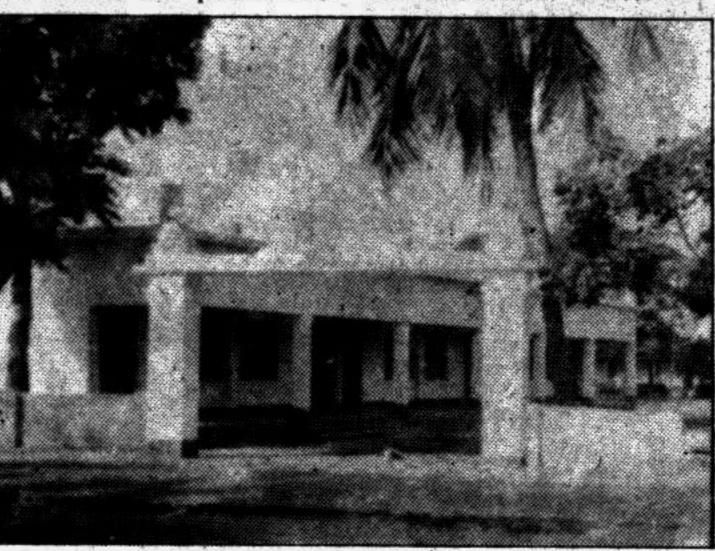
From KM Rezaul Hoque

GAIBANDHA, May 22: Lakshmipur B L High School has now become a model institute in Gaibandha. The institute - a non-government high school has been able to draw attention of not only the people of the Gaibandha but also of others from neighbouring districts as well. The institute gained reputation for providing systematic education to hundreds of students. The institute is located at Lakshmipur, 11 kilometer from Gaibandha.

The institute has been able to maintain a fair educational atmosphere. Sincere efforts of a group of devoted and experienced teachers has been the main causes behind success of the school. The person who

struggle. Every year a large number of students migrated to this school from different schools including government institutes with a view to build better career.

In an interview with The Daily Star, Jalaluddin Ahmed, told the following story: The institute was first set up as Lakshmipur Middle English School in 1917 with the contribution of some social reformers namely Mohesh Chandra Das and Monsur Hossain Khan Chowdhury who provided the land for the institute. In 1946 the institute was promoted to a high school and in 1947 the school for the first time sent seven candidates for the Matriculation examination.



The entracice of the school

has been leading this team is the Head Master of the institute, Jalaluddin Ahmed, from

As a successful Head Master Jalaluddin Ahmed spent nearly all of his professional life for the development of the school. It was his only dream to establish the school as a model. His dream, however, came true through a long and painstaking

Of them four students came out successfully. The first Head Master was Rowshan Ali who built the primary structure of the institute.

At least nine students secured positions in merit list in recent years. The Head Master named a few of his student those who are holding high position in different profession. They include Dr Amir

Hossain Khan, Dean of Physics Department of Jahangirnagar University, Captain Hossain Ali Khan, Director, General of Civil and Military Relation Depart ment, Dr Abu Taleb Khandker. Director, Environment Pollution Department, Saidul Huq



At present the number of students in the school stands at about 700.

Jalaluddin Ahmed graduvices. Meanwhile, he took retee nor the people could acinstitute.

Jalaluddin Ahmed said. 'I must remember those who extended their sincere cooperation to put the institute into a sound footage. He further added that he is very grateful to the members of managing committee and President Abu Bakker Siddique and the devoted teachers.

Khan, Pilot Officer of Mongla



Headmaster, J. Ahmed

ated in 1953 and obtained BT degree in 1955. That year he joined Kamarjani High School as assistant teacher and in 1958 he joined Lakshmipur High School as Head Master along with seven other teachers. Since then he has been rendering services as a devoted and sincere teacher. He has completed 42 years of sertirement from the institute but his life long sincerity captured the hearts of local people as well as the students and guardians in such a nature that neither the managing commitcept his departure from the

Today's clashes occurred between the residents of Bhangabari and Diardhangara, Masimpur and Dhangara, and Jagannathbari and Dhanbandi mahollas.

Most of the injured were while some others rushed to Dhaka.

According to police, the

clashes. The clash between Bhangabari and Diardhangara erupted on Saturday lafter a youth, Hiru of Bhangabari, was

clashes erupted today. Police lobbed 15 tear-gas shells to disperse the mob at Bhangabari and arrested three

Three women were also beaten up during the clash at Bhangabari in the afternoon. The situation at Masimpur,

Dhangara, Jagannathbari and Dhanbandi was under control, but tension was prevailing at

Law and order situation has seriously deteriorated in the town over last two days. Some 18 cases were filed

Clash leaves 200 wounded in Sirajganj

Police said at least 30

admitted to the Sirajganj General Hospital and local clinics

trouble at Bhangabari flared up today as a sequel to Saturday's

beaten by some youths of Diardhangara. The other two

people.

Bhangabari, police said.

with Sadar thana.

BHANI) ARIA (Barisal): Acting Chairman of JP, Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury addressing a public meeting recently. -Star photo

administrator for last 7 yrs From Our Correspondent barriers. The local administration claimed that they were ready and willing to arrange the long-felt polls of the town

people soon after the higher

matter totally depended on the

political decision of the gov-

They, however, viewed the

But the local people alleged

that the lack of sincerity of the

government and a section of

the politicians here was result-

Clash between

step brothers,

one killed

From Staff Correspondent

son was killed and five others

were injured in a clash be-

tween step brothers at village

Niamatpur under Biswanath

One Daraj Ali settled the mar-

riage of his voungersister. Re-

hana Begum with a man of vil-

lage Mandaruka under Balagan

thana. But, the step-brothers of

Daraj Ali did not agree with

the decision. The brothers had

an exchange of hot words over

the matter and at one stage, it

took a serious turn. There en-

sued a clash which was also

joined by some other people.

Syed Munir, 25 was killed

while five others received in-

A case in this connection

have been registered with the

Biswanath thana.

According to the reports,

thana recently.

SYLHET, May 22: One per-

ing in the unnecessary delay.

authorities ask to do so.

lic representatives — 24 commissioners headed by a chairman — has been affecting the nearly eight lakh people of the country's oldest municipal town in getting civic amenities smoothly for the past seven

The government-nominated administrator, who is substituting the 25 elected representatives, is looking after the affairs of the town dwellers of nearly 200-year-old municipal town, once called the Dundy of the East and still

On expiry of the elected municipal body's term in 1988, the authorities announced the schedule for elections of the municipalities throughout the country early that year. However, the election of the Narayanganj municipality had to be postponed following a writ with the High Court challenging a fresh demarcation of the municipal area after the announcement of the polls date. The suspension of the elections continued due to injunction by the court until the court dismissed the writ following prayer by all the four petitioners including two commissioner candidates in

ernment.

NARAYANGANJ. May 22: The Narayangani municipality is being run without any public representatives for the last seven years following suspension of election to the local government body in 1988.

The absence of elected pub-

a commercially important one.

early 1993.

Unfortunately, the longoverdue elections of the Narayanganj municipality had been withheld for another two years since the removal of legal

Narayanganj municipality run by govt-nominated

SIRAJGANJ, May 22: At least 200 people were injured, 32 of them seriously, in a series of clashes and arson in the town, reports UNB.

houses were looted or damaged and another eight set ablaze during the widespread violence triggered by three clashes over the beating of a boy and affairs involving

lege Hospital. They are: Zahiruddin 19, Arman, 19, Morshed 25, and Rashid 31.

ports UNB.

Police said the trouble erupted when a group of youngmen riding an auto-rickshaw blasted 10-12 bombs at Momin road around 8:30 pm. Their rivals also immediately responded by firing several rounds of gunshots in the area.

Witnesses said the youngsters again locked into a fierce gunbattle at about 10:15 pm. Some 20 cocktails were also exploded and about 35 rounds of shots fired during the halfhour fight.

Traffic in the area was disrupted during the gunfight, they said.

Diarrhoea situation deteriorates in Feni: 2 killed

FENI, May 22: Diarrhoea situation further deteriorated in the district as two people died and at least 300 were attacked with the disease during last 24 hours, reports UNB.

The worst-affected areas are Char Darbesh and Char Chandia of Sonagazi thana where 200 were attacked. Deaths of two children were reported from village Bahirchar in Sonagazi thana.

The other affected thanas are Daganbhuiyan, Chhagalnaiya and Fent sadar.

have been working in the affected areas while two additional medical officers appointed to combat the epi-Health department so far

Twenty-two medical teams

has distributed 5,000 ORS and 15,000 water purifying tables among the affected people. District administration re-

paired 36 deep and shallow

tubewells in the affected areas urgently in the wake of acute crisis of pure drinking water. Meanwhile, the district administration sanctioned Tk

I lakh, 25 metric tons of wheat and 100 tins of biscuit for the storm victims of the district.

NARAYANGANJ, May 22 are not there, glory of which The "Shrine of Qadam Rasul" taken into oblivion. There is a situated on the eastern bank of small mosque and some ruins the river Sitalakhya some 13 of hujra (chamber) and a Lanmiles from the metropolis, apgarkhana (refectory). Some old proachable by boat or motor tombs with inscriptions are launch is surrounded by natuscattered around the place. ral splendours. A colourful three-storey building standing on the high ground called "Dumdama" adds to the won-

the border during the recent raids.

der and charms of the surroundings. Qadam Rasul is a pre-Mughal Shrine in the area called Nabigani (opposite Khizirpur in Narayanganj) in Parganah Rasulpur. Like many other similar Shrines in the sub-continent, this one too contains a footprint on a black stone which is said to be the footprint of our holy Prophet

Muhammad (SM) According to Mirza Nathan. the author of Bahristan-Ghavbi. the footpririt was brought to the Nabigani by Masum Khan Kabuli, and army general of Isa Khan. According to glimpses of Old Dhaka by S M Taifoor. this stone containing the footprint

Islam Khan, Shaha Jahan and all other princes and ameers used to visit the Shrine on their way to and from Dhaka (this was then the river rout to Dhaka city).

Internam Khan, the comman,

der of Islam Khan's armada

some of the ancient any more

buildings do no exist shrine

was installed here in 1580 A D.

who died in Sarail, was buried within the compound of this According to S M Taifoor,

Farmers demand introduction of crop insurance

KUSHTIA, May 22: The · farmers of the district demanded introduction of crop insurance for the development of agriculture, reports UNB.

Natural calamities like drought, flood, tidal surge. nor'westers are frequent in the country and the country face hardships due to massive damage of crops. According to the agricul-

ture experts, every year 30 per

cent crops worth Tk 700 crores are damaged by the natural calamities in the coun-In the backdrop of massive damage to crops, introduction of crop insurance has become

necessary for the survival of

the farmers of the country, ex-

perts felt. Crop insurance has proved fruitful in India, Japan, Malaysia and Philippines, the experts said.

Nawab Nusrat Khan, Nayeb-e Nazem of Dhaka used to sojourn in the huzra for the preservation of the shrine. From records preserved in Dhaka collectorate, it appears that in 1642-43 Shah Shuja assigned 80 bighas of land for the upkeep of the shrine. The present buildings of this

SATKHIRA: Huge quantity of smuggled Indian goods were recovered from different parts of

Kadam Rasul Shrine — another

splendour of Islamic heritage

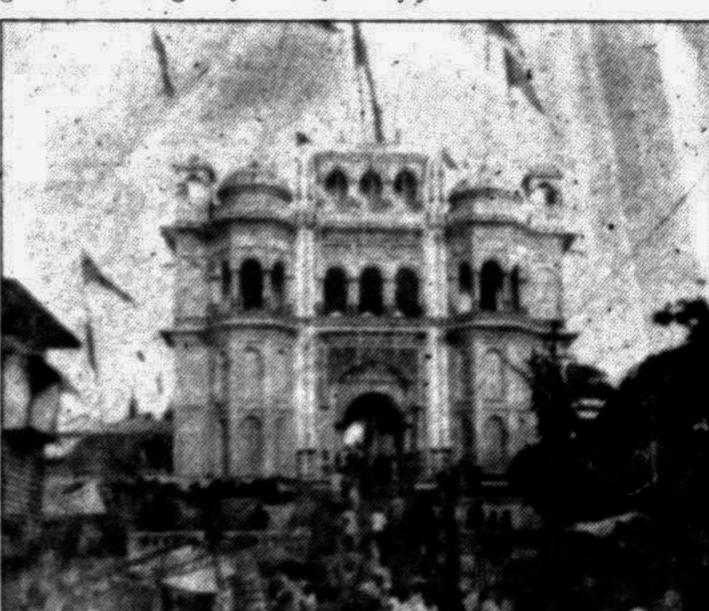
From Ehsanul Haque

Dewan Munawar Khan grandson of Isa Khan. In 1777 one Ghulam Nabi, a prominent land-lord of Dhaka rebuilt

— Star photo

these buildings. to visit the footprint of the

Thousands of devotees from far flung parts of the country attend the Urs of Qadam Rasul which is organised in observance of Eid-e-Miladunnabi ev-



NARAYANGANJ: The shrine, Kadam Rasul is said to

PCJSS — Government meet Decides to extend

cease-fire, hold dialogue From CHT Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI. May 22: Attaching the due importance, on the on-going dialogue between the Parbatya Chattagram Jono Sanghati Samity (PCJSS). the umbreila organisation of the autonomy-seeking Shantibahini in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) and the govern- . ment, a review meeting was held here recently at the residence of Hangsaw Dhaza Chakma, the Convenor of the Liaison Committee on CHT is-

The meeting after thorough

discussion and reviewing the

present situation prevailing in

CHT decided that the immedi-

ate holding of next round of

dialogue, extension of cease-

fire, implementation of the

decision taken by the sub-

committee on CHT issue ear-

The meeting, chaired by Hangsaw Dhaza Chakma, requested both the PCJSS and the government to implement its decision failing which the existence of the liaison committee may face extinction. The members of the Liaison

- Star photo

Tripura, Ananta Bihari Khisha, Mathura Lal Chakma and Mohammad Shafi. The on-going ceasefire extended by the PCJSS was extended for 15 days on the request of the Bangladesh gov-

ernment, will expire on May

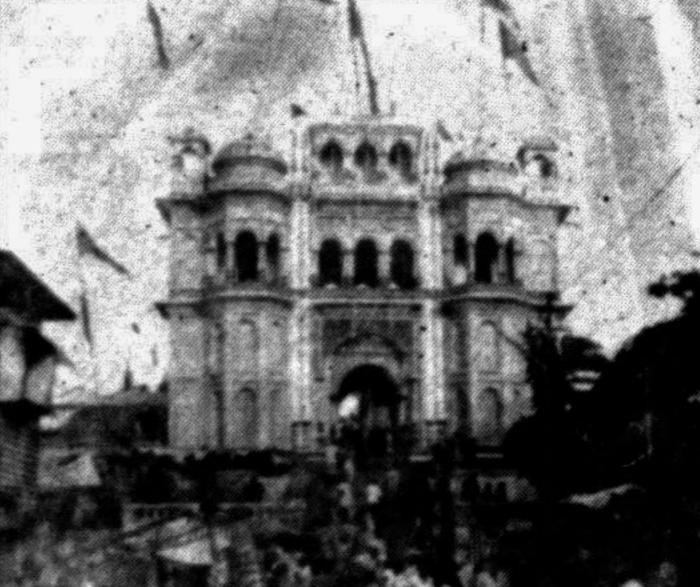
Committee Nukul Chanda

25 next. The Liaison Committee have been working as bridge between PCJSS and the government to bring out a solution to longstanding CHT problem.

The symbolic representation of the footprint of the Prophet lays a deep impact in the minds of the Muslims in Bangladesh. It has almost become a religious duty for them

Prophet.

shrine representing its high gateway was originally built by ery year.



contain a holy foot print of Prophet Muhammad (SM).