

Sylhet flood situation improves

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, June 27: With further recession of waters from more areas and fall in the flow of the rivers, the overall flood situation has marked a steady improvement in Sylhet region.

However, the low-lying areas in Sylhet and Sunamganj districts were still submerged by flood waters. At least ten villages had been inundated in Jagannathpur thana of Sunamganj following a breach developed in the Water Development Board Embankment at Inathganj Friday.

Two more deaths have also been reported. Abdul Khalique, 45 of village Kazirgan under Biswanath thana, was drifted away by the gushing waters while fishing. Hajera, 35, of village Shahpur died of snake-bite Thursday night in her village.

The outbreak of Diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases has been reported from the different areas. About six persons were attacked with Diarrhoea in Gowainghat, Jaintapur, and Companiganj thanas. The preventive measures taken up by the health officials are too meagre to face the situation.

More than 4 thousand tubewells had become inoperative in the three districts by the floods. It has caused much for the people especially in the remote villages. Official sources said 1211 tubewells had become inoperative in Sylhet while the number would be over 1000 in Sunamganj and Moulvibazar districts. Special measure has been taken up to install 375 new tubewells in Sylhet, the source added.

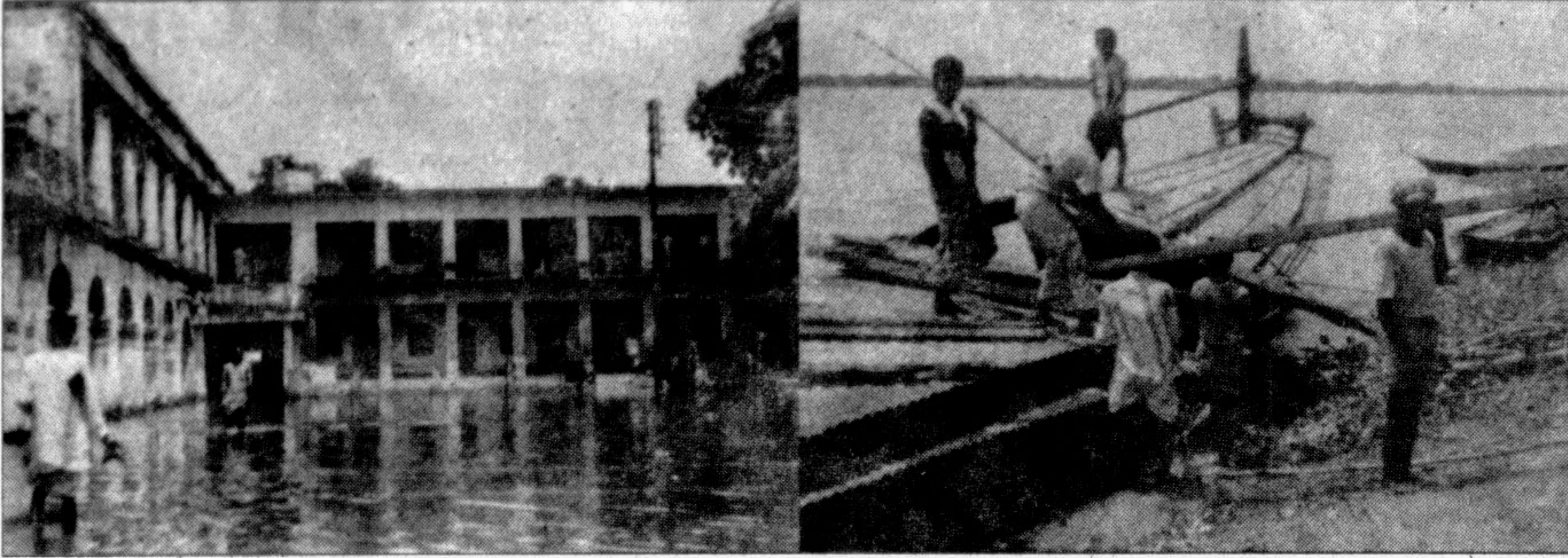
2 killed in Natore clash

From Our Correspondent NATORE, June 27: Two persons were killed in an armed clash at Sobgram village under Lalpur thana here Saturday noon.

The victims are Elahi Boksh, 40, and Nazrul Islam, 35. Another three people who received bullet wounds were admitted to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

The clash occurred between the two groups of the same village over stealing jackfruits from a tree.

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PABNA: Incessant rain followed by flood in river Jamuna has caused the inundation of this educational institute (left) in village Kalipur of Shahzadpur thana. Helpless flood victims (right) moving to safer places with their belongings in Santhia thana of Pabna district. — Star photo

Shortage of bullocks in Madaripur

MADARIPUR, June 27: Cultivation is being hampered in the district due to acute shortage of bullocks, reports UNB.

According to farmers, a vast area of land remain uncultivated every year as 50 per cent of them have no bullocks. They cannot afford to purchase bullocks due to their abject poverty and high prices in the market.

According to local livestock department, large scale deaths of cattlehead due to malnutrition and natural calamities are the main causes of bullock shortage.

Many farmers till their land on share-basis which is very costly and some are tilling their land with milch cows causing reduction to milk production.

Besides, cattle lifters are reportedly active in remote areas and almost every night cattle are being lifted from the cow-sheds. The farmers are to pass their nights at cow-sheds to protect their bullocks. Local people urged the authorities to take necessary measure to provide soft-term loan for buying bullocks.

Tree plantation programme in Barisal

BARISAL, June 27: Tree plantation campaign programme has already been started in Barisal division as elsewhere in the country, reports UNB.

According to official sources, about Tk 50 lakh has been allocated for planting at least 25 lakh saplings in Barisal district.

According to Barisal divisional forest office sources, during this year 75,06,110 saplings of various species including Mehagani, Shishu and Jarul will be distributed and sold mainly under the two separate programme.

These two programme included the Barisal town area and 28 thana areas of five districts of Bhola, Patuakhali, Barguna, Pirojpur and Jhalakati of Barisal division.

Under the Barisal town area programme, 16,000 saplings will be planted along the roadsides and 11,110 saplings in different institutions covering 10 hectares of land.

More 40,000 saplings of different varieties will be sold to the people under this programme. To implement this programme Tk 5.66 lakh has been allocated, a departmental sources said.

Besides, under the thana afforestation and nursery development programme, 24.89 lakh saplings of at least 12 varieties of fruit-bearing trees have been earmarked for 38 thana areas of Barisal, Jhalakati, Pirojpur, Bagerhat and Khulna districts at a cost of Tk 40 lakh.

Schools beset with various problems in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, June 27: The standard of secondary education in Cox's Bazar district has deteriorated.

There are about 100 government and non-government high schools in all the seven thanas of the districts, but these schools are beset with innumerable problems hampering the education of about 32 thousand students.

According to a survey, qualified persons do not take up teaching in the non-government secondary schools as the salary of teachers in these schools is very low. Besides, a good number of schools of the district are unable to pay the 30 per cent of the salaries of the teachers due to fund constraint.

Meanwhile, private coaching has become rampant throughout the district. The teachers are so engrossed with their private coaching, that they can hardly give attention to their students in the classes.

The schools do not have their own syllabus. Although question papers are not prepared by the institutions, and erroneous question papers are

brought from various commercial question sellers at cheap rate, the examination fees is collected from the students at a very high rate, guardians alleged.

Classes are not held during the first three or four months of the academic year on the plea of non-availability of the government approved book list. Most of the time books are not available in the markets even after receiving the book list.

It is observed that only 15 to 20 per cent of the students pass in all subjects but the rest are also promoted to the next classes.

The authorities of most of the schools fail to ensure regular attendance of the students. They are found completely reluctant regarding this important matter.

A few schools have library but these are not functioning well. Although library fees are collected regularly but books are not given among the students regularly.

Guardians fear that if the concerned authorities does not take any necessary action

to solve these problems, the standard of secondary education will deteriorate further.

On the other hand, most of the government and non-government primary schools in seven thanas of Cox's Bazar district have been facing manifold problems hampering the implementation of the Universal Primary Education Programme.

Moreover, many schools damaged by cyclones, floods and other natural calamities are yet to be repaired. In some schools children are attending their classes under open sky. It is also found that teachers in many schools do not attend their classroom duties regularly.

It is also alleged that in some government primary schools there are more teachers than the requirement while there are less than the required number in some other schools.

Local leaders have urged the authorities to look into the matter and take immediate steps to remove the problems to ensure better education of the children of the district.

Brighter side of the flood

SYLHET, June 27: The sorrows of lakhs of people found solace in a treasure that rolled in with the deluge of flood waters in the country's north-eastern districts.

Officials and locals said the torrents from the upper reaches of rivers and streams not only brought woes but also carried in lots of stones, fish and trees.

They said the gains from the calamitous flash flood could be much higher than the losses it entailed.

They told UNB that normally flash floods last two to three days, but the latest spell lingered over 12 days, and the current of water was very strong.

"The current was so strong as has never been in last 30 years," said a senior official of Sylhet. "We need not buy stones at least for three years as an unprecedented haul of stones has been carried in by the flash flood."

"We'll be able to recoup the losses inflicted by the flood by selling crores of taka worth of stones," said a Deputy Commissioner while briefing Prime Minister Sunday. "We would also be able to supply boulders for the Jamuna bridge."

21000 handlooms lying idle in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, June 27: Weavers have been passing hard days due to higher prices of yarn, dyes, chemicals and other raw materials.

A total of 21,000 handlooms have so far been lying idle in six thanas of the district. As a result, about 80 thousand people who were engaged in this profession have become jobless, it is learnt.

According to the Handloom Board, there are 38,000 handlooms in the district, out of which 28,000 are Pitlooms and 1000 Chittaranjan looms. In Kumarkhali alone, there are 14,000 handlooms where

1,14,000 people are engaged in these factories. About 76,000 people are also connected with this trade.

The weavers are without work due to the abnormal prices of raw materials, free selling of Indian sarees smuggled into the country and imported old garments.

As a result, a large number of people engaged in this profession have changed their profession and the remaining are facing economic hardship.

Local people have urged the government to take steps for the development of handloom industries and stop smuggling of Indian sarees.

500 families rendered homeless in char areas

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, June 27: About 500 families of Char Atra, Noapara, Sureshwar, Chandipur and Char Gujia under Naria thana, Kunder Char area under Jajira thana and Dular Char area under Vadarganj thana of Shariatpur district have been rendered homeless by the devastating erosion of the river Padma recently.

Standing crops on 300 acres of land have gone under water while seven villages of the three thanas have been eroded by the Padma.

Nearly 2000 people of the villages including children and women have taken shelter on high lands like the embankment, and in the houses of their relatives, according to reports received from various sources.

Sureshwar Darbar Sharif, Naria-Sureshwar Road, Sureshwar Bazar and Sureshwar police outpost have been threatened by the erosion. Most of the erosion affected people have been passing their days under open sky.

Ferry service threatened in Chandpur

CHANDPUR, June 27: The ferry service between Chandpur and Pura Bazar is seriously being hampered as the water level of the river Dakatia swelled abnormally due to heavy rain fall during the last week, reports UNB.

Officials said the river situation takes a serious turn during the tidal hours. Hundreds of vehicles with passengers and perishable commodities are kept stranded at Chandpurghat every day.

The Roads and Highways Department authorities have said to be reluctant to take an alternative measure to remove the suffering of the people.

Another report from Gaibandha adds: Some 10,000 people in 23 unions in three thanas of the district have been marooned due to flood triggered by the heavy rain fall and onrush of hilly water.

The worst affected thanas are Fulchhari, Sundarganj and sadar.

Standing crops like aman, aush, seed plants and jute one some 20,000 acres of land have been washed away by the flood water.

Meanwhile, the affected people have taken shelter on flood protection embankments.

Rajshahi Customs earn Tk 82.9cr revenue

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, June 27: Customs and Excise Department earned Tk 82.9 crore revenue during the current fiscal year in four districts of greater Rajshahi, official sources said.

The earning was Tk 47.23 crore last year in the corresponding period. The earning has increased this year by Tk 35.67 crore in comparison with that of the previous year.

Out of the revenue earned, Tk 25 crore 45 lakhs 71 thousands have been earned as Value Added Tax (VAT), Tk 29 crore 12 lakh 4 thousand as customs and excise duty and Tk 27 crore 32 lakh 91 thousand as customs duty from the custom corridors.

Official sources claimed that efficiency, sincerity and increased activities of the officials and workers of the Customs and Excise Department have made the revenue income to increase. The amount of revenue income will increase further in Rajshahi, Naogaon, Natore and Chapainawabganj — the four districts of greater Rajshahi region next fiscal year also, it is hoped.

One jailed for raping minor girl

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, June 27: Assistant Sessions Judge of Special Tribunal Shaheed Nuruddin convicted one Meser Ali of raping a minor girl, Madhu, 11, and sentenced him to one year RI and a fine of Taka two thousand, failing which he will suffer another one year RI.

The case in brief is that the accused Meser Ali abducted Madhu, daughter of Lalmia of Nandalalpur village under Kumarkhali thana on January 4 and raped her. Kumarkhali police submitted chargesheet and the judge found him guilty and convicted him.

Advocate Moklesur Rahman APP conducted the case on behalf of the government while Advocate Mia Rezaul Haq appeared for the defence.

Body recovered

From Our Correspondent

RAMGARH (Khagrachhari), June 27: Police recovered a decomposed body from the forest at Himchharipara adjacent to Ramgarh town Sunday.

The victim was identified as Nitai Sarkar, 35, of Jagannathpara of the town.

Drought hits cultivation in Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, June 27: The cultivation target of aus, aman paddy and jute has not been achieved in Chuadanga district during the current season due to severe drought.

The cultivation target of aus paddy in the district during this season was fixed at 28,000 hectares while 19,000 hectares of land has been brought under cultivation. The achievement of aus paddy in the district has been 68 per cent.

The cultivation target of broadcasting aman paddy was fixed in 4,800 hectares in the district but only 2,600 hectares have been brought under cultivation in the district during this season.

The cultivation target of jute in the district was fixed at 11,000 hectares but only 7000 hectares of land have been brought under cultivation.

According to the official sources at the time of sowing seeds of aus-aman and jute there had been no rainfall in the district. As a result, the cultivation of paddy and jute could not be done timely.

In the previous years, aus were cultivated over 40 thousand hectares of land and broadcasting aman on about 10 thousand hectares of land. On the otherhand, every year over 15 thousand hectares of land were brought under jute cultivation.

Before the introduction of IRRI-boro paddy aus and broadcasting aman paddy were the main foodgrain in the district.

Another report says: The people of rural areas of Chuadanga district including the people of three pourashavas of Chuadanga district have been suffering for want of pure drinking water, due to the lack of adequate number of tubewells.

The tubewells that are now in operation are quite inadequate to meet the demand. Besides, a good number of tubewells have gone out of order for a long time causing severe hardship to the people in procuring drinking water.

Often the people collect water from the river, beels and wells in different areas to meet the requirement of drinking water because of shortage of tubewells. The water of the most tubewells of this district contains iron causing rapid change in colour and taste.

Furthermore, most of the people of this district suffer from dysentery round the year. On the other hand, there is no water supply scheme in Alamdanga and Darsana pourashavas of the district. The people of these two pourashavas have been suffering much for want of water.

Smuggled goods seized

BRAHMANBARIA, June 27: Bangladesh Rifles of 23 Battalion seized Indian smuggled goods worth Tk 44,000 conducting different raids at Akhaura and Harinkhola during the second week of June, reports UNB.

BDR sources said the smuggled goods included Indian phenisidil, wine, sugar, sarees, spices, motor parts and match boxes.

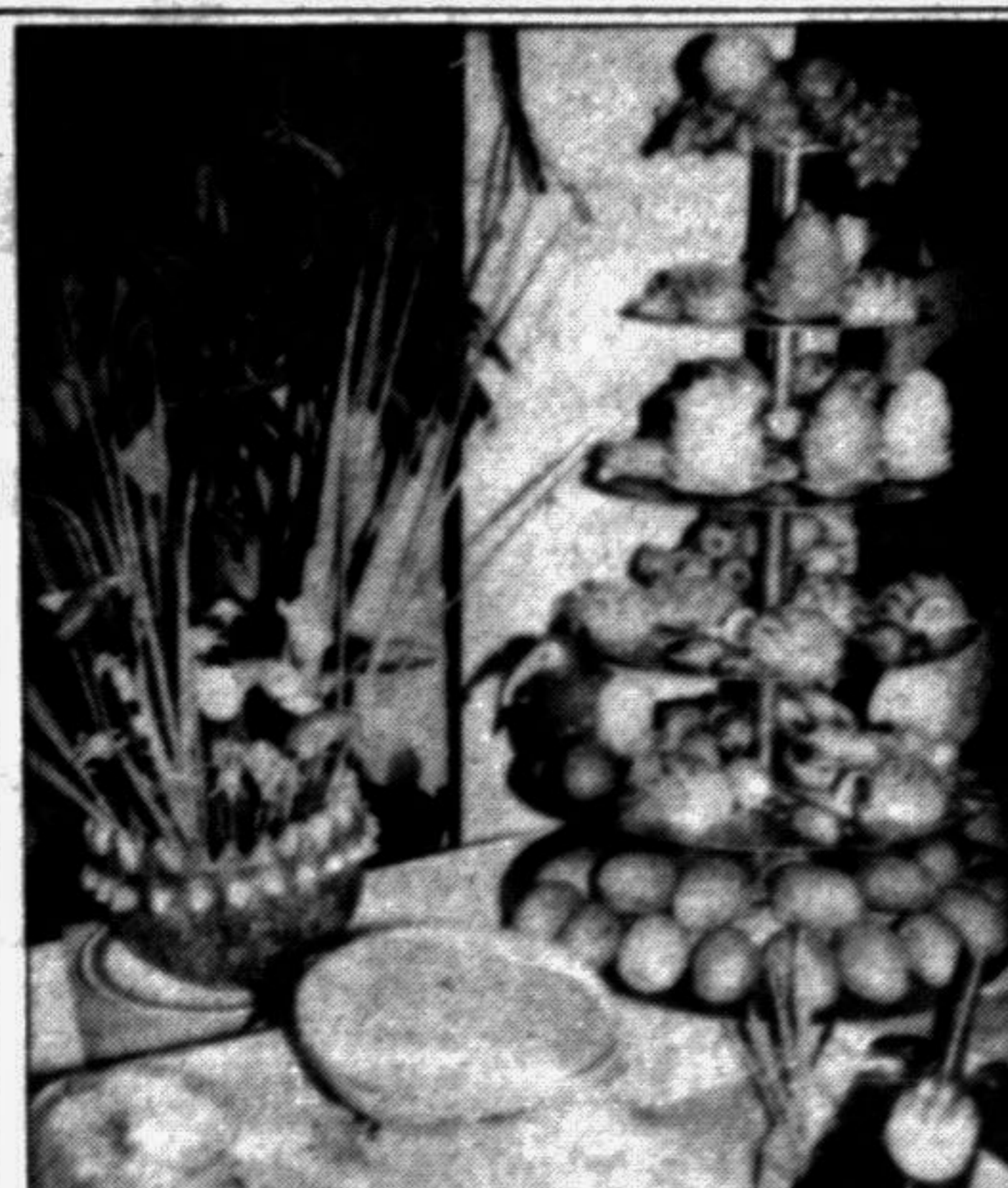
All the goods were deposited with the Akhaura, Sadar and Shaishataganj customs offices.

Another report adds: A seminar on sanitation was held at Majlisshur union in sadar thana of the district on Monday.

Presided over by chairman of Majlisshur union parishad Shahriar Mohammed Peraz, it was also addressed by Advocate Gholam Sarwar Khan and Md Liakat Ali.

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১. এতদ্বারা নিম্নলিখিত কাজের জন্য গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের তালিকাভুক্ত বিশেষ প্রথম শ্রেণী ও প্রথম শ্রেণীর ইমারত ত্রিকাদার এবং চট্টগ্রাম গণপূর্ত জেলা, চট্টগ্রামের তালিকাভুক্ত দ্বিতীয় শ্রেণীর ইমারত ত্রিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে ২৯১১ নং বি.ডি ফরম নং সীলমোহরকৃত নামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইবে। উক্ত দরপত্র নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার এবং নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত বিভাগ নং ৩/৪ আরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম এবং নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী গণপূর্ত বিভাগ বাসাবন্দন কর্তৃক আশ্রমী ১০/৭/৯৫ ইং পুস্তক ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত প্রাপ্ত করা হইবে এবং এদিনই ১২-০৫ ঘটিকায় আশ্রমী দরপত্রাদানের উপস্থিতিতে যাহারা উপস্থিত থাকিতে ইচ্ছুক) খোলা হইবে। বাসের উপর কাজের নাম উল্লেখপূর্বক দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে। মূল্য সংযোজন কর বিভাগের মূল্য সংযোজন নিবন্ধন সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপি দরপত্রের সহিত সংযোজন করিতে হইবে।
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RAJSHAHI. Visitors at an exhibition of mango foods held at the Rajshahi Parjatan Motel Friday organised by the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation. It presented 25 types of mango foods (left) — Star photo