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Shantibahini men abduct 4 in Rangamati

From CHT Correspondent
BAGHAICHHARI (Rangamati): July 2: The tribal insurgents abducted four people on Wednesday from Gobachhara in Sazek, a bordering Union of Baghaichhara thana some 300-kilometer from the district headquarters, officials said.

Mohammad Haroon, 35, Abdul Aziz, 32, and Abu Hashem Salimuddin, 29, were abducted. Name of another person was not available.

Salimuddin, who hails from Noakhali, was a managerial staff of a contractor, while the others are from Baghaichhara thana.

Sources said when a group of six people were coming from Hajipara of Sazek UP, the tribal insurgents blocked them on the road at about 8:00 am and took them away. Out of the six, Fazal Ali and Ali Ahmed were freed at about 11:30 am.

After the abduction, a tense situation was mounting in the locality. Thana Nirbahi Officer of Baghaichhara thana, Hasan Zahangir Alam, convened an emergency meeting of the 'Protection of communal Amity Committee' attended by the local leaders. TNO south Co-operation from all concerned.

Shishu Ananda Mela concludes in Bhola

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, July 2: The three-day long 'Shishu Ananda Mela '95' concluded recently at Bhola amid much fanfare.

It is the first time in Bhola that such a huge and colorful gathering of children took place. The programme was organised by the Bangladesh Shishu Academy of Bhola.

The 'Ananda Mela' was inaugurated by M A Rashid, Divisional Commissioner, Barisal Division at the Mozaammel Haq Town Hall premises of Bhola. Thousands of children attended the Ananda Mela. Mohammad Sikandar Ali Mandal, Deputy Commissioner, Bhola and the chairman, Ananda Mela Organising Committee, Md Jamshed Uddin Bhuyan, Police Super, Bhola, Md Atiar Hossein ADM, Akhtar Hossein, ADC (General), Bhola and, others attended the inaugural session.

The entire area wore a festive look following the colourful decorations and for hanging of banners, hoardings all around the Ananda Mela area.

LGED schemes in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, July 2: Local Government Engineering Department has taken up schemes to construct Khasherhat toll shade, Bangia bazar toll shade and to repair the old office building of Daulatkhan thana parishad in Bhola district during the current year, reports UNB.



SYLHET: The newly elected office-bearers of Sylhet Govt Mohila College students union met Awami League president Sheikh Hasina in the Sylhet Circuit House on Wednesday.

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Handloom industry faces closure in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, July 2: Due to high prices of yarn, colour, chemicals and other inputs, handloom industry, country's century old traditional cottage industry is facing closure in Jhenidah district, it is learnt.

According to reports, the number of handloom industries in six thanas is not less than nine thousand and number of weavers in the district is about 12 thousand, a source said.

For want of capital almost all the weaving industries went out of order in village Helai, Nagar-Chaprail, Anupampur, Bhalidapura, Barobazar and some other villages in Kaliganj thana, Hetampur, Pathanpara, Naupara, Alphapur, Bogura, Ratnat, Shitali, Bhatbaria, Salkupur, Doharo, Hakimpur and some other villages in Salkupur thana and Korchandpur, Mohespur and Harinakundu thanas of the district facing extinction, sources said.

He alleged with agitation

that once their products, like, sarees, lungis, towels, mosquito nets etc were a very popular and they lead happy lives with their limited, but solid income.

Due to price-hike of raw materials and flooding of Indian clothes specially saree they have been losing their good will. They can hardly afford meals even twice a day, Hamid added.

Hamid also informed that long white sheets of cloths smuggled out to India are printed as sarees. The same printed sarees are smuggled back to Bangladesh.

About government loans among the weavers, Abdul Hamid said, almost all the defaulters were not dishonest. There are genuine weavers who repay the loans in time. To patronise the weavers, interest free and long term bank loan is badly required for the weavers and to protect the traditional weaving industry, he said.



SYLHET: Four hundred dwellings in village Assampara and Chhoylakhal in Gowainghat thana have been engulfed by the river recently.

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Smuggled goods worth Tk 50 lakh recovered

KHULNA, July 2: Bangladesh Rifles in a raid today recovered smuggled Indian goods worth Tk 50 lakh from a minibus on Jessore-Satkhira highway, reports UNB.

According to official sources, acting on a tip-off, the jawans led by Capt Mokhsurul raided the Jessore bound minibus near Monirampur, about five miles from border areas at 1 am.

The bus was coming from Satkhira loaded with smuggled goods including sarees, three pieces, medicines, screws, bed sheets, drugs and T-shirts.

Later, they seized the bus, the driver managed to escape. The goods were deposited with the Khulna Customs godown.

Forest guard shot dead in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, July 2: An on-duty forest guard was shot dead by illegal tree fellers at reserve forest of Kalirchhara at Meherghona range of Ramu thana in the district, officials said today, reports UNB.

The guard, Sudhir Dutta died on the spot on June 24 when one of the miscreants opened fire after being chased by forest personnel.

Sudhir, hailed from village Narischa of Rangunia thana in Chittagong district, was appointed in Forest Department recently.

A case has been filed with Ramu Police Station.

Meanwhile, Chittagong Forest Court Magistrate on June 28 sentenced a man to suffer six months simple imprisonment with a fine of Tk 5000, in default, to suffer further two months, on charge of illegal felling of teak timber in reserve forest.

The accused Mustafa Ali of village Napora of Banskhali thana in Chittagong district was arrested on December 22, 1993 while he was felling teak timber at Chunati forest.

Five ambulances for health centres in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, July 2: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed Saturday handed over five ambulances for Fatiakhari, Rangunia, Boalkhali, Anwara and Banskhali thana health complexes, reports UNB.

Speaking at a function organised on the occasion the minister said the government is determined to raise the standard of health services for rural masses of the country.

Oli Ahmed said medical treatment is one of the fundamental rights of people. So the government has taken up programme to ensure health for all by the year 2000.

Held at the General Hospital premises, the function was also addressed by local MP Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Syed Mahidul Alam, Director of Health of Chittagong region Osman Ghani Chowdhury and Civil Surgeon A S M Humayun Farooq.

Old man crushed under wheels

PATUAKHALI, July 2: An old man was crushed under the wheels of a bus bound for Khulna on Labukhali-Patuakhali road on June 25, reports UNB.

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About 10,000 cultivators in Tala, Assassumi, Kalaroa, Kaliganj, Debhatta, Sadar, and Shymnagar thana of the district grow betel leaves on commercial basis.

An unofficial survey revealed that during the last few years, a considerable number of betel leaf garden were not used in seven thanas of the district following the price hike of raw materials and labour charges.

At least eight thousand

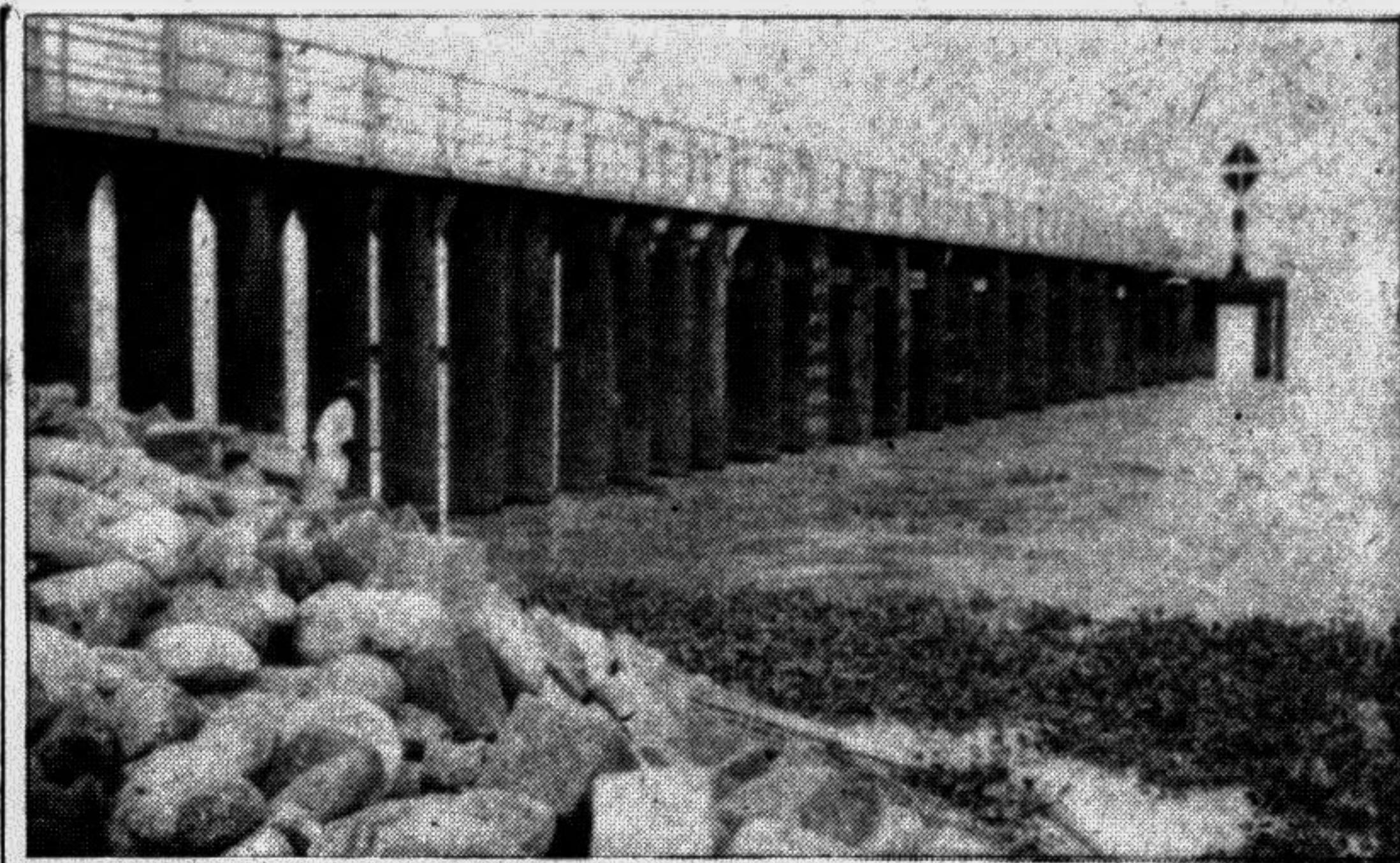
taka are required to cultivate betel leaf in one bigha of land.

Besides, additional cost is required to protect the betel leaf from diseases and pest attack.

It is apprehended that if the problems in betel leaf cultivation are not removed and necessary assistance are not extended to the growers, the betel leaf cultivation in the district will fall considerably.

At present, prices of bamboo jute sticks, oil cakes, rope and other necessary inputs for betel leaf production have gone up beyond the reach of the poor growers.

Betel leaf cultivators need bank loan for the cultivation. But they are not getting enough help in this regard.



GAIBANDHA: One of the six groynes constructed as a part of FAP project is in operation.

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First phase of FAP project in Gaibandha completed

From Our Correspondent

the river Brahmaputra could not hold rushing water which ultimately enters the localities overflowing the banks and creates flood.

With a view to check consecutive floods, a master plan was implemented during the Pakistan regime by constructing the Brahmaputra Flood Control Embankment along the western bank of river Brahmaputra from Kawnia Sadar thana on an experimental basis at a cost of Taka about 200 crore.

The project was implemented under the sponsorship of Germany, France and the Netherlands. Necessary financial and technical assistance were extended by the sponsors.

Under the project, six different types of groyne were constructed with a gap of 200 meters from each other. Three of the groynes erected with one inch gauge steel roll pipe and the other three were built with concrete pillars. Individual models and types of groyne have been introduced to study the longevity and effectiveness. Three main groynes will be used for the purpose of diverting water course from western bank of river Brahmaputra.

The project covered Gaibandha, Bogra and Sirajganj. But at present that gigantic embankment is engulfed by the erosion of river Brahmaputra. That embankment was subsequently replaced by subsidiary embankments. Till today replacement of embankment is still in practice. More and more embankments are being constructed at different location along the river bank with a view to check erosion and flood. But no permanent measure is taken in this respect as yet.

Last year, Flood Action Plan (FAP) introduced an experimental project on controlling erosion and flood in Gaibandha district. At the first phase under FAP-21, six groynes were constructed along the western bank of river Brahmaputra at Dhutichora and Falierghop with a view to check erosion and flood. But no permanent measure is taken in this respect as yet.

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FAP-21 Kamarzani project started in October 1994 and was completed in May 1995. Meanwhile, the main stream of river turned to the eastern bank.

Next year FAP-22 will start work of further groyne along eastern bank of river Brahmaputra at Bahadurabad.

On success of the plan FAP will build more groynes at different points to channel up the main stream of river flow up to Jamuna bridge location. The main objective of the plan is to drive the water through appropriate channel. One success of the plan vast areas will be saved from erosion and flood, sources said.

RMP enters fourth year

RAJSHAHI, July 2: The third founding anniversary of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police was observed at the Zila Parishad auditorium on Saturday with much enthusiasm, reports UNB.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী (সঙ্গ) এবং কার্যালয়
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ইজারা বিভাগের ১ম সংশোধনী

এতজারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো হচ্ছিলে যে, অতি কার্যালয়ের আবক নং ০৬৫/৩ তারিখ ২৪-০৫-১৯৯৫ মোকাবেক আহবানকৃত ইজারা বিভাগের নিম্নান্ত তাকের তারিখ ও সময় ২০-৮-১৯৯৫ বেলা ১১-৩০ যিঃ ধৰ্য করা হচ্ছিল। বর্তমানে অনিবার্য কার্যব্যবস্থাঃ উত্ত নিম্নান্ত তাকের তারিখ ও সময় পরিবর্তন করিয়া আগমণী ২০-৭-১৯৯৫ তারিখের মধ্যে কার্যব্যবস্থার অবস্থা পরিবর্তন করিবার পর্যবেক্ষণ করিবে।

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Murder, clashes rise in Natore

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, July 2: The law and order situation of the district has deteriorated sharply in the last few days.

Laipur, Singra, Bafagram and Sadar thanas of the district are the regions where law and order situation is at its lowest ebb. Murder and clashes between rival groups have been on rise since June 11.

People have been passing their days amid panic after eight persons were killed in between June 11 and June 16. It is apprehended that another bloody incident may occur at any time.

Local people and businessmen allege that although heavy contingents of police are deployed at the key points of the town, police has so far failed to ensure the safety of the general people.

149 arrested in Feni

FENI, July 2: Police detained 149 people from different parts of the district in last one month, reports UNB.

The people have been arrested on various charges, including killing, rape, hijacking, abduction and extortion.

Another report adds: Two people died in separate incidents in Sadar thana recently.

Police said one Sirajul Islam, 15, has been killed in lightning at Motobi village while an unidentified day-labourer electrocuted to death at Mizan road in the thana.

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Tender Notice
No: 128 of Sylhet Road Division, 1994-95

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2. Name of works

3. Charge to
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6. Earnest money
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8. Name of offices
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11. Last date and time of
receiving of the tender
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