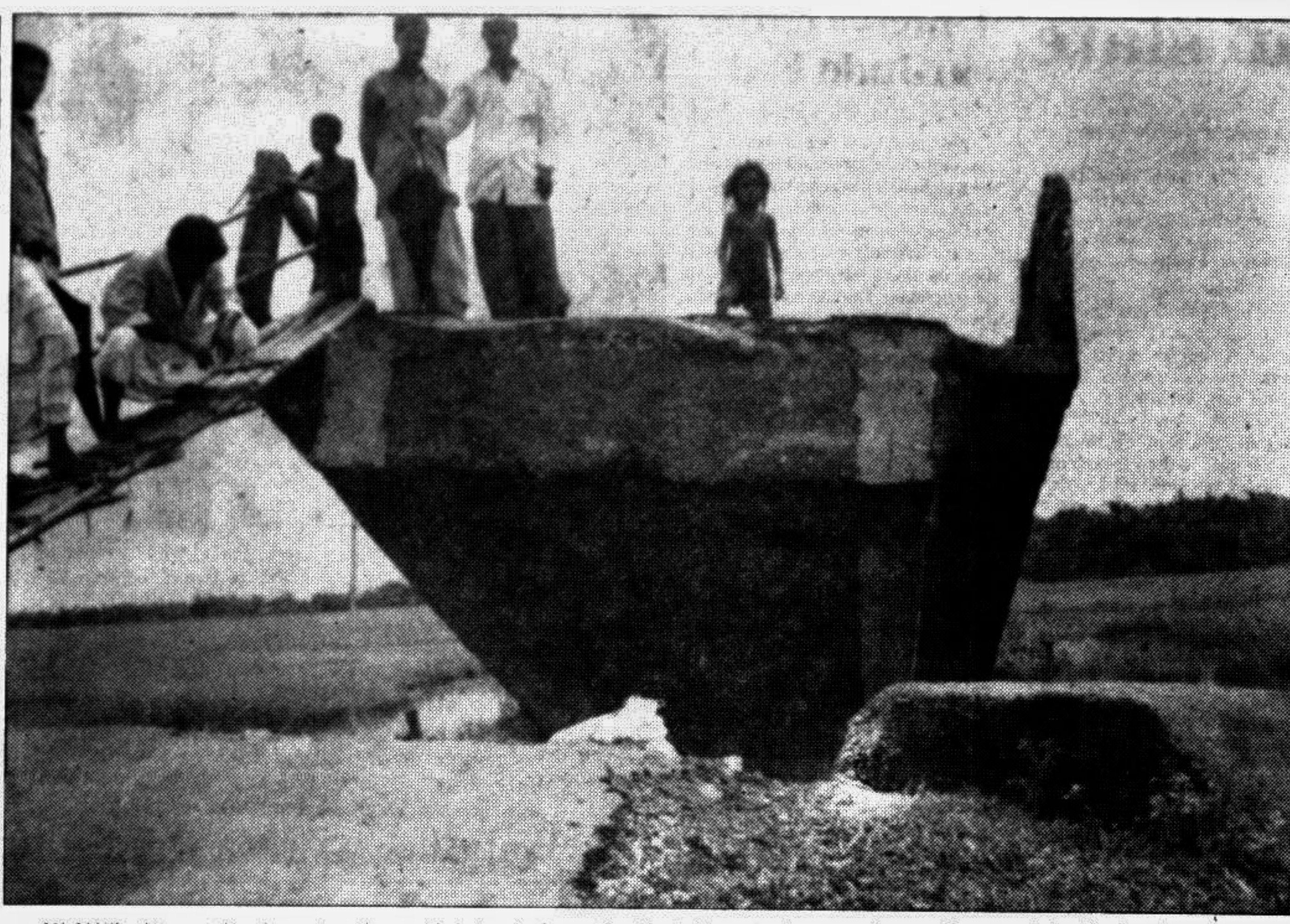


Construction work awarded without floating tender

From CHT Correspondent
KHAGRACHHARI, July 8: With a view to derive illegal benefit Khagrachhari Roads and Highways Divisions in entente with the contractors distributed road construction works of Tk 42 lakh without floating any formal tender, a section of aggrieved contractor alleged.
 According to concerned sources, Messrs Jamal & Sons and Kohinoor Enterprises were given two road construction works separately of Tk 28 lakh on Talifang-Tannakypara road in Matiranga thana of the district by Khagrachhari Roads & Highways Division-I incoherently and without maintaining any formalities for entrusting any contractor to carry out work.
 Similarly, the Khagrachhari Roads & Highways Division-II allotted another work of Tk 14 lakh to Messrs Rocky Enterprises the same way, the sources further alleged.
 A source closed to Roads & Highways said, the works so allotted on the plea that the allocation would not be refunded if not utilised by the fiscal 1994-95.
 No authoritative sources were available either in Khagrachhari Roads & Highways Division-I or II for any comment when contacted over telephone.



SYLHET. Dumri Bridge at village Abdulmohal on the Sari-Gowainghat road was damaged badly by the recent floods. It has been causing disruption in the direct road communication between Sylhet and Gowainghat thana headquarters for more than two weeks. — Star photo

Fire guts shops in Bhola

BHOLA, July 8: At least five shops were gutted and property worth about Tk two lakh were damaged in a devastating fire at Chowkighat area in Daulatkhan thana last week, reports UNB.
 Witnesses said the fire originated from a mosquito coil and soon engulfed the area.
 Local people extinguished the fire as there is no fire service in the thana.

Cinema hall screening movies without renewing licence

From Our Correspondent
GAIBANDHA, July 8: Sathi cinema hall at Palashbari Thana has been screening pictures without renewal of its licence since 1993, it is alleged.
 The hall started screening movies in 1990 but the owner of hall continued business after 1993 without renewal of licence. On getting information Deputy Commissioner, Gaibandha sealed the hall in March 1993. The hall owners however renewed the licence and freshly started screening movies. But they did not renew the licence further and went on with their business till to date illegally.
 According to the existing law, on renewal of valid licence subjected to the clearance of local Customs Excise and VAT circle, a cinema hall may be allowed for public screening of movies. But Sathi Cinema has an outstanding revenue Tk 3,35,500 with excise and VAT circle. So, renewal of licence of said cinema hall could not be possible.
 Meanwhile, the owners of the hall applied for a duplicate licence on the plea that the original licence was lost. On this ground the hall is functioning under special permission.
 On contact with the management of the cinema hall it was learnt that a disagreement was developed among the four partners over the issue of sharing profit and ownership. A section of partners wanted to stop the projection movies under district administration and other group tried to make a fresh licence depriving others.

UP chairman indicted for misappropriating allotted rice

From CHT Correspondent
MATRANGA (Khagrachhari), July 8: The Khagrachhari district unit of the Bureau of Anti-Corruption has, for the second time, indicted as Union Parishad Chairman for allegedly misappropriating rice allotted for distribution among the dwellers of cluster village.
 Abul Kashim, Chairman of Tabalchhari Union Parishad is Matiranga thana of the district, who was also the chairman of a project for distribution ration among the inmates of Muslimpara cluster village misappropriated rice amounting to 24,920 metric tons worth Taka 2,72,555, the case records says.
 The case lodged with the Matiranga thana by the Assistant Inspector of Anti-Corruption Shafiqur Rahman stated that the ration was misappropriated through forged and fabricated master-rolls allotted in May, 1993.
 Earlier, Abul Kashim with his UP member Ali Newaz was indicted in another case for defalcating rice worth over Taka 2.25 lakh. He is also allegedly involved in Matiranga College fund misappropriation case.
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SIRAJGANJ, July 8: Smuggled Indian goods have flooded the village markets of Sirajganj district.
 It is learnt that easy access of smuggled Indian goods to village markets have been causing harm to the local products. Smuggled goods available in Sirajganj district include saree, cotton yarn, dyes and chemicals used for handloom industries and many other items.
 Printed saree, cotton yarn, sugar and spices are mainly carried by trains. The Dhaka Mail from Chapainawabganj, inter-city Padma Express from Rajshahi and the train from Ishurdi have turned to safe transport for smuggled goods. A large number of women are engaged in this profession as carriers.
 The toilets and overhead water

tanks of Dhaka Mail and Padma Express remain loaded with smuggled goods. A section of corrupted employees of Bangladesh Railway and law enforcing agency are allegedly cooperating with the smugglers to ship smuggled goods by trains.
 In Sirajganj district, smuggled goods are unloaded in different points mainly at Jamtoil station under Kamarkhanda thana. Even the inter-city Padma Express is slowed at some unscheduled places to unload smuggled goods. Everyday, when the train arrive at Jamtoil station, the platform is flooded by the receivers of smuggled goods and toll collectors. A section of youths are seen to safeguard the smuggled goods and the smugglers. Several godown have also been set up at Jamtoil east station bazar to store the goods. Then the smuggled goods are supplied to the village markets by rickshaw vans and horseback in broad daylight.
 Following open marketing of smuggled goods, the handloom oriented cottage industries of Belkuchi, Chowhali and Shahzadpur thanas are on verge of extinction. Most of the handloom factories have stopped production of saree and are producing *hongi* to survive. Due to higher cost of production, cotton saree made by handlooms can not compete with smuggled printed saree. Besides, smuggled Indian sugar is sold at a lower rate than the home product. Consequently, huge quantity of sugar have been remaining unused in the sugar mills.

Sufferings of telephone subscribers

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, July 8: Tele-communication service all over greater Kushtia is in shamble. Absence of officials in their designated area and shortage of capacity have caused severe inconvenience — to the subscribers.
 According to official sources, capacity of Kushtia sadar exchange is 1300 lines and the capacity cannot be increased. Important institutions like Kushtia district press club is deprived of Tele-communication although it has applied for connection in 1990. Nine other exchanges of Kushtia district have a combined capacity of 895 lines. In Chuadanga there are 1210 telephone connections. The subscribers of this region have to travel to Kushtia to inform the authority of their troubles as the subdivisional officer designated for Chuadanga lives in Kushtia and is unaware of the situation in Chuadanga.

KPM-workers agree to end conflict

From AKM Zahoonul Haq
CHANDRAGHONA (Rangamati), July 8: The KPM and the leaders of the workers organizations here Tuesday initiated a Memo of Understanding (MOU) to bring an end to the two decades long continuous rowdism and mutual fighting which left at least five workers dead, 500 assaulted, a large number of women outraged as well as over 500 houses ransacked including a few million working hours wasted causing as adverse effect on production.
 The MOU provides the joint determination of elimination of rowdism, restoration of peace and discipline atmosphere as well as favourable atmosphere in the industrial belt ensuring smooth production in the mills.
 Engineer AKM Ishaque, Bir Pratik, the Managing Director of the Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd (KPM) initiated the long-felt MOU on behalf of the management where the presidents of the three rival trade unions viz, KPM workers union, KPM employees union and KPM Sramik Karmachari Union signed the MOU representing their respective organizations.
 As the law and order situation in the KPM and Karnaphuli Rayon Chemical Complex (KRC) had deteriorated to the last extent causing a grave concern among the workers, staff and officers of KPM and KRC following ceaseless chase, counter-chase, explosions of cocktails,

bombs, including use of fire arms in the form of riot among the militant supporters of the rival groups of trade unions on June 13 and 14 last to win over the coming collective bargaining agent election. The riot left at least 12 workers seriously wounded with stab and bullet injuries and damaged properties belonging to management and individuals, officials said.
 To bring out a solution to the dreadful situation gripping the KPM and KRC campuses, five rounds of discussion meetings were held with participation of the administration, management and the leaders of the workers organizations. The Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati hill district, Mohammad Hassan mediated the two rounds of meetings towards a lasting solution held on June 28 and 29 in KPM rest house, Chandraghona.
 After a stretch two days arbitration meeting to bring an end to the continuous terrorist activities in presence of the local administration, management and workers organizations leader, mediated by the Deputy Commissioner, an understanding was achieved on June 29 unanimously.
 The continuous rowdism so far claimed five workers including Mudd Mahjeed, Siddique driver, Nazir Ahmed, Seraz and Abul Hussain and injured more than 500 workers with Jhal Haque and Sobhan driver crippled for the life.
 The Managing Director of KPM urged all concerned to restore peace and order in the industrial belt even in the price of life to ensure building the next generation as worthy citizens of the country providing them with favourable and congenial atmosphere and enable the management to run the KPM rowdism free in the greater interest of the nation.

Illegal drugs recovered from bus in Gopalganj

From Our Correspondent
GOPALGANJ, July 8: Gopalganj thana police recovered 1250 ampules of Pathedrine, worth about Tk. 1.5 lakh from a bus at Gobra village on Gopalganj-Mollahat route recently.
 It is learnt that, on a secret information inspector Azmain Hossain, OC of Gopalganj Sadar Police Station along with other police personnel recovered 1250 amples of Pathedrine, an illegal drug worth about Tk. 1.5 lakh from a bus of Parjatak Paribahan coming from Khuha.
 The police could not identify the carrier of the goods and arrested none.

Ex TNO indicted for defalcating ration

From CHT Correspondent
MANIKCHHARI (Khagrachhari), July 7: The district anti-corruption bureau of Khagrachhari has lodged a case recently with local thana indicting the former Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) of Manikchhari thana along with a businessman allegedly for defalcating ration supplied to cluster villages, police sources said.
 The record of the case lodged by the Inspector Golam Moulana of Khagrachhari district Anti-Corruption Bureau says, in spite of distribution of the additional quota of the ration among the inmates of the cluster villages, a part of the quota was misappropriated by the then TNO of Manikchhari thana, Mohammad Sayedul Huque with connivance of Abul Abbas, a businessman of Manikchhari bazar in June 1994. As the stocks of ration in Local Supply Depot (LSD) of Food Department at Manikchhari was exhausted, the delivery of the additional quota of 534.697 metric tons of rice and 240.344 metric tons of wheat was supposed to be obtained from the Central Supply Depot (CSD) in Chittagong. The cost of the ration misappropriated was estimated to cost Tk one lakh, the record states, which was sold in the open market in Chittagong illegally.
 The amount of Tk one lakh received by the then TNO, Mohammad Sayedul Haque from the businessman was deposited in his personal account.

Child labourers being exploited

From Abu Ahmed
SATKHIRA, July 7: Two square meals a day, a set of dress and a shelter are bare dreams of the child labourers of Satkhira district who have been compelled to work or even resort to begging for their survival.
 It is said that the poor children who are expected to attend schools have instead been compelled to engage themselves in earning for their livelihood.
 Due to extreme poverty of their guardians these helpless children have been working as boys in the hotels and restaurants, servants, maid servants, rickshaw, van pullers, coolies, day labourers and cowboys.
 The labour they put hardly earn any statutory honorarium which can hardly buy a proper meal. They earn too small and amount to satisfy their hunger.
 Those who drive rickshaw in towns have to deposit almost their entire day's income with their owners and some how manage to buy meals with the rest of the money. Some are compelled to go for begging around shops and bazars.
 The tender faces speak of their fate following such a desperate daily life. They cannot realise nor understand social values, good or bad, as they have never learnt to read or write.
 It is observed that the privileged people are taking advantage of the poverty stricken child labourers and are exploiting this group to make their fortunes. Compared to the children who live in rural areas, the children in urban areas are somewhat better, though having no goals and some of them are trapped into addiction and as a result the children are facing uncertainty.
 The number of female day labourers are also increasing rapidly in the district due to the growing economic crisis. They have been facing manifold problems. There are nearly 10,000 female labourers in Tala, Kalaroa, Assassuni, Debhata, Kaliganj, Shyamnagar and Sadar thanas of the district, according to a recent survey.
 It is learnt that the female day labourers once earned their livelihood by husking paddy in the house of farmers. But now a days, many rice mills have been set up in almost every villages. As a result the farmers no longer engage the women in husking paddy.

Husband jailed for getting married second time

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, July 8: A person was awarded one year imprisonment for allegedly getting married for the second time without permission from his first wife.
 According to reports, Abdur Rashid of Jhenidah married Taslima Khatun on March 1993. Rashid frequently pushed his wife to bring dowry from her father. But she was not in a position to meet her husband's demand. Later Taslima was forcibly sent back to her father's house and Abdur Rashid in the meantime, married another, Anna Khatun a few months later. Anna Khatun lodged a case against her husband in the court under Muslim Family Law.
 Nalini Ranjan Basak, first class magistrate awarded accused Abdur Rashid one year's jail term.
 According to another report, Rezaul Islam alias Tikka of village Purapur in Mohespur thana allegedly beat his wife, Fatema Khatun, 22, to death recently.
 According to reports, Tikka frequently beat his wife mercilessly for bringing dowry from her father. On the day of occurrence Tikka started beating Fatema and at one stage she fainted and died. Tikka then sprayed pesticides in her mouth and announced that she had committed suicide.

No one seems to care about free pry schools

From CHT Correspondent
RANGAMATI, July 8: Imparting of primary education in a few hundreds government free primary schools in Chittagong Hill Tracts has been facing serious set-back due to acute shortage of teachers, adoption of corruption in posting the teachers by the controlling officers and lack of their supervision accompanied with misappropriation of wheat, where Food for Education Programme is introduced, local leader alleged.
 Out of 14 government free primary schools in the district seven have been running with one teacher each and the rest seven were provided with two teachers per school in Alikadam thana of Bangladesh hill district, a thana lagging behind much in education.
 The schools blessed with one teacher only depriving the children of the inaccessible areas from their social birth and legitimate right of receiving education and mocking the implementation of the government slogan 'education for all by 2000' are at Major Zamrapara, Momfa Thoai Headmanpara, Bhorimukh, Chaikhi-ong, Tripurapara, Babupara and Amtali.
 The imparting of education has been slackening with two teachers in the schools at Mongtai Headmanpara, Beparipara, Chamratpara, Roambapara, Noapara and Chandra Mohanpara. There is no thana

Two arrested: Police recovers arms, ganja

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, July 8: Police arrested two persons and recovered arms, ammunitions and ganja plants in three different raids recently.
 According to reports, acting on a secret information Jhenidah police raided village Chowgachi and recovered a pipe gun and two rounds of bullets, in sadar thana of the district recently. But police could not arrest anybody in this connected, it is learnt.
 Another report says, Saikupa thana police arrested one person, Shahidul Islam and recovered a granade from his possession.
 Police said, according to a secret information police arrested Shahidul Islam on charge of demanding tolls from a contractor. The arrested reportedly handed over the granade in face of mounting pressure of police.
 A case was filed with Saikupa thana and the arrested was sent to jail-hazat, it is learnt.
 According to another report, police arrested Chinnu Biswas of village Dogachhi in sadar thana of the district and recovered ganja plants from his possession.
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SATKHIRA. Abdul Gaffar, 12, and his brother Abdur Rahman, 14, of Kukhrali village under Satkhira paurasava have been maintaining their family consisting of eleven members by selling grass in different areas of Satkhira paurasava for the last three years. They collect grass from fields, 5 to 7 km from the town every day and sell grass door to door loaded on their Rickshaw van which they pull. — Star photo by Abu Ahmed

Huge quantity of drugs seized in Pabna

From Our Correspondent
PABNA, July 8: The Narcotics and Drug Control Department of Pabna district recovered and seized a huge quantity of various items of unauthorised drugs, liquor, ganja tree etc from different places of Pabna district during the last 17 months starting from January, 1994 till May, 1995 and registered as many as 376 cases against a total of 239 persons, official sources say.
 During the first 12 months of the above-mentioned period, the Department seized on kg and 206 grams of heroin, about 29 kilograms of ganja, 29,405 bottles of smuggled Indian Phensedyl, 81 liters of liquor (rectified spirit), five litres of Denatured spirit, about six kilograms of charosh, a large quantity of foreign liquor and about seven kilograms of opium.
 During the above period, 267 cases were filed in different courts under different thanas against a total of 180 persons.
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Price spiral of essentials in Patuakhali

From Our Correspondent
PATUAKHALI, July 8: Prices of all essential commodities, including fish, eggs and vegetables, have gone up in the local markets throughout the district, reports UNB.
 Local people attributed the price hike of fish to its inadequate supply. They said various categories of rice is being sold at Tk 13 to 18 per kg.
 Prices of baby-food also registered an upward trend. Locally packed low quality milk-powder has gone beyond the reach of the commonmen.

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