

Dacoits create panic, loot valuables

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 6: A mass dacoity was committed in broad daylight on Tuesday in a village of Tanore thana of the district. The dacoits looted valuables worth about Taka 3 lakh. Police, however, arrested eight dacoits while they were on run.

Meghna erosion

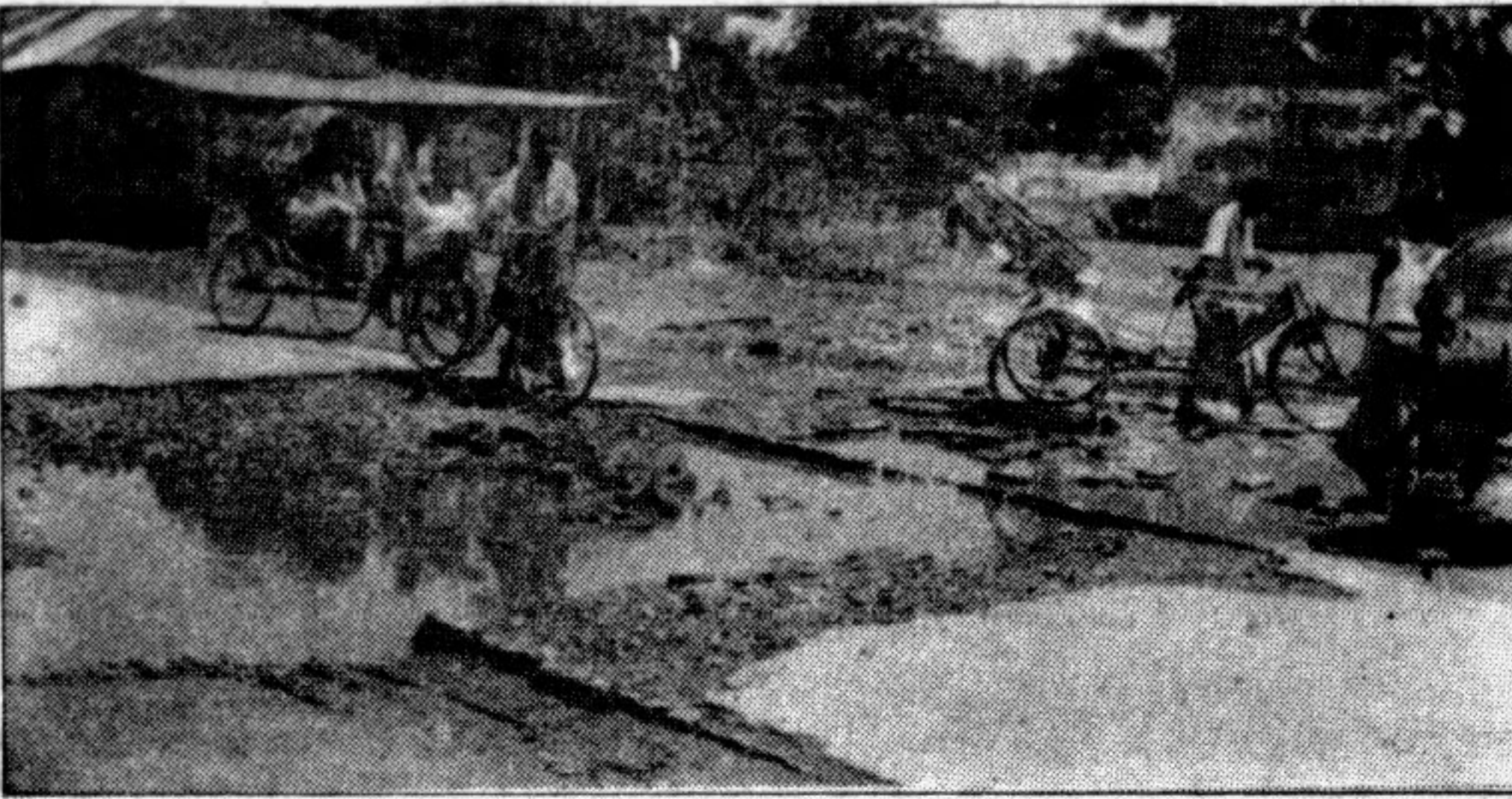
More shops, godowns devoured

CHANDPUR, Aug 6: More shops along with their godowns at Puranbazar area of the district town were eroded on Saturday, according to some businessmen and officials, reports UNB.

Communication hampered as many roads still remain damaged

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Aug 6: Road communication with three thanas of Gaibandha district is yet to be restored fully as recent devastating flood washed away portions of road at different points.



GAIBANDHA: Recent flood damaged several roads of Gaibandha town. The picture shows the damaged part of Gaibandha — Sadullahpur thana road at Khanka Sharif point (top) and the damaged part of Gaibandha — Fulchhari road (bottom). — Star photo

The worst-hit thanas are Sadullapur, Sunderganj and Fulchhari where road communication was affected severely by the surging water. Roads connected with flood-hit thanas went under three to four feet water that caused maximum damages to the upper surface of the roads.

Traffic could not ply on the roads till Saturday morning. According to district Relief and Rehabilitation Department about 760 kilometre roads, 160 number of bridges and culverts and 371 kilometre of embankments were damaged completely by the recent flood water.

On the other hand government allocated only 78 lakh Taka against the requirement of Taka eight crore for the agriculture rehabilitation in the district.

The department estimated total crop damaged by the flood was worth Taka 32 crore. But the department received only Taka 74 lakh 14 thousand under agriculture rehabilitation programme.

News from M'bazar

Meeting of MCC held

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 6: A meeting of Muktijuddha Chhatra Command (MCC), student wing of 'Nirmul Jatya Samannaya Committee' was held at Moulvibazar public library auditorium recently.

The meeting was presided over by district unit convenor of MCC Ruhul Ameen Ruhel. It was addressed among others by Aminur Rahman Chowdhury, and Shahen Ahmed.

A 21 member committee for MCC Moulvibazar Sadar thana unit was formed in the meeting with Mohiuddin Fahim Chowdhury and Afzal Hossain as convenor and joint convenor respectively.

Besides, another 15 member committee of MCC for its Kusumbag unit was also formed with Ameer Hossain as convenor, Sayek Ahmed, Motiur Rahman, Abdul Aziz and Shafiqur Rahman as joint convenors.

Four dacoits arrested

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 6: Moulvibazar police in a raid arrested four dacoits from Yogidaha area of Moulvibazar town recently.

Acting on a secret information a police team of Kotwali thana conducted a successful raid in the area and arrested the dacoits with arms.

The arrested dacoits were identified as Siddiqur Rahman of Barisal district, Abdul Ali of Gazipur district, Monir Hossain and Lokman Ali of Narayanganj district.

The police source said the arrested dacoits were the members of inter-district gang. Police also recovered huge quantities of stolen goods from them. Police registered case against them and further investigation is proceeding in this respect.

Besides this, stolen electric-wire worth Taka 30 thousand was recovered from 'Rupasi Bangla' a Dhaka bound bus (No-Ctg-Ja-2206) at Moulvibazar recently.

It is learnt that acting on a secret information, Kotwali thana police raided the Dhaka-bound bus and recovered the said goods. Two persons were also arrested from the bus in this connection. Arrested persons were identified as Masadder Ali of Ratgaon village under Moulvibazar thana and Samshu Miah of Hariharpur village under Habigonj thana.

Two separate cases has been filed with police against them.

Noted politician passes away

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 6: Nawab Ali Sarwar Khan (Chunu Nawab) a noted politician, and a former MP died of heart attack recently at a clinic of Dhaka. He was 65.

He was elected member of Parliament in 1970 from Awami League. Born in a jamminder family of Prithimpassa under Kulaura thana, late Chunu Nawab earned name and fame as a social worker of the district.

Namaz-e-Janaga of late Nawab was held at his residence at Prithimpassa. People from all walks of life including politicians, social organisers attended his janaga.

NAP's founding anniversary observed

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 6: The 38th founding anniversary of National Awami Party (NAP) was observed here. A discussion meeting was held in this connection at Moulvibazar pousavasava auditorium recently.

Presided over by NAP district unit President Golam Mohit Khan, the meeting was attended by central president member of NAP Abu Hamed Shahabuddin and central executive member Radhika Mohan Goswami as chief guest and special guest respectively. Among others, district NAP General Secretary Abdul Bari Chowdhury, district NAP leaders Thakur Chad Datta, Abdul Zabbar, Ataf Hossain, Mujibur Rahman Akhil, Golam Mostafa Chowdhury and Juba Sankar Chakraverty spoke in the meeting.

NAP leaders in the meeting stressed the utility of socialism in Bangladesh. They observed that socialism has been appearing world-wide again with new shape. NAP has always tried to uphold this ideology.

General election, only answer to political crisis, says Samad

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 6: Presidium member of Bangladesh Awami League Al-haj Abudus Samad Azad said, the only answer to the present crisis is a credible general election under a neutral caretaker government.

Azad was addressing the triennial conference of AL Sreemongal thana unit which was held recently.

The triennial conference was held at Sreemongal town hall with Saytendra Kumer Roy in the chair. It was addressed, among others, by former minister Dewan Farid Gazi, ex-MPs Suranjit Sengupta, Azizur Rahman, Prof. Abudus Shaheed, AL leader Sultan Md. Mansur Ahmed and Dr Rama Ranjan Deb.

In his speech, Abudus Samad Azad said that no more tactics in playing with politics will hold water after the SC opinion.

Suranjit Sengupta said the BNP government has snatched every rights of the people, their rights to vote and food, he said adding "we waged the movement to save the people from misrule of the government and demanding a neutral caretaker government to conduct the next election."

A new executive committee was formed in the conference for AL Sreemongal thana unit with Dr Rama Ranjan Deb and Ismail Hussain as president and general secretary respectively.

Village police committee formed

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 6: A meeting of Graam (Village) police working at different village of Kulaura thana was held at Kulaura Union Parishad (UP) office recently.

Presided over by elderly Graam police Dafader Kutindra Malaker, the meeting was attended by Graam Police Union Moulvibazar district unit President Abdul Mukit.

After discussion among Graam police members, a 21-member committee was formed for Kulaura thana unit of Graam police union with Dafader Kutindra Malaker and Dafader Md Hiron Khan as president and secretary respectively.

Trial of Col Taher's killing demanded

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 6: Colonel Taher Smriti Sangsard Moulvibazar at a discussion meeting here demanded fresh trial of the case of Col Taher who was hanged 19 years ago.

At the discussion meeting held at Moulvibazar pousavasava auditorium to mark the 19th death anniversary of Col. Taher which was organised by Col. Taher Smriti Sangsard, the speakers termed the hanging of the Freedom-Fighter a political murder.

The meeting chaired by Advocate Mahmudur Rahman, Convenor of the Sangsard was also addressed by JSD district unit Secretary Motiur Rahman Moshik, Freedom-Fighter Giasuddin Ahmed, Golam Molla, Mahfuzur Rahman and Syed Sikander Ali.

Speakers also said people have the right to know about the charges brought against Col. Taher in the so-called trial. They observed, BNP government has recognised the November-7, but Col-Taher's role was not acknowledged. Revival of the 1972 constitution that truly reflects and projects people's hopes and aspirations and upholds the spirits of the Liberation War — they demanded.

SB employees union meeting held

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 6: A meeting of Sonali Bank Employees Union, Moulvibazar regional committee was held at the regional office of the bank recently.

Bank employee Maksud Ali, presided over the meeting where among other employees Ali Newaz, Shayma Prashad Deb, Abudus Shaheed and Dipak Kumer Das addressed.

The meeting took a resolution to support the panel led by Rakib Hossain and Mohammed Ullah Chowdhury in the ensuing CBA election of Sonali Bank.

Drastic fall in fish output in Kushtia dist

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Aug 6: Acute scarcity of fish has been prevailing throughout the district for the last one month.

Informed sources said that the pisciculture in the district has been badly affected due to massive siltation in the rivers Ganges and Goral and in different beels and canals. Meanwhile, unplanned use of chemical fertilizer and insecticide in crop fields has also affected the growth of different kinds of fish creating scarcity of the same and fall in its production.

On the otherhand, hundreds of fisherman in the district have been facing numerous problems including shortage of funds and price hike of fishing materials.

It may be mentioned here that earlier different kinds of fish were available in abundance in ponds, beels and rivers of the district but now the situation has become quite opposite due to indiscriminate fishing by non-professionals.

According to fishermen, the existence of the professional fishermen is at stake and as a result, some of them have left their profession, others migrated to other

places for their survival.

Meanwhile, the price of meat has shot up due to scarcity of fish in the markets at the same time, prices of fish have increased causing inconveniences to the low and middle class people.

Another reason for scarcity of fish is indiscriminate catching of fish fry in different parts of the district defying the government ban. Government has banned catching of fish fry below nine inches all over the country to increase fish production.

According to witnesses, huge quantity of different types of fish fry including ruhi, catla, mrigal, magur and shing are being sold in the markets of sadar, Bheramara, Mirpur, Kumarkhal, Khoksa and Daulatpur thanas before the law enforcing agencies.

It is also informed that the matter had been brought to the notice of Fisheries Department on several occasions but no measures have yet been taken.

Fish was once available abundantly in the baor and beel areas of Bheramara, Kumarkhal, Mirpur and sadar thanas but due to lack of initiative and maintenance, fish production has decreased in

the district alarmingly.

Local elite have urged the concerned authorities to take up a massive scheme to make the district self-sufficient in fish production.

It is also informed that about 6,000 ponds in different parts of the district have been lying uncultivated due to lack of proper initiative.

Local people said that about 50 per cent of the ponds in the area have been silted and dried up due to lack of maintenance. A large number of ponds are also covered with water hyacinths hampering fish cultivation.

Experts say, 7,000 metric tons of fish can be produced annually if these ponds were cultivated in proper way.

The authorities should take schemes for re-excavation of the silted ponds and introduce scientific methods of fish production in the district, they added.

Local people have urged the concerned authorities to come forward with short term loan for the share holders of the derelict ponds for fish cultivation.

It is felt that arrangement should be made to impart training on pisciculture as well.

In Noakhali district

Road mishaps claim 47 in 17 months

From Our Correspondent

NOAKHALI, Aug 6: Road accidents claimed 47 lives from January 1994 to May 1995 in Noakhali district according to a report.

The report prepared by police authority said a total of 61 road accident cases were filed with police in between January 1994 to May 1995 in six thanas of the district.

A total of 591 buses, 202 trucks, 583 microbuses, jeeps, tempo and auto rickshaws, 14,000 rickshaws and 587 trolly ply in the roads of six thanas of the district, the report said and added that unidentified number of motor cycles, bicycles, rickshaws, cars also ply on the roads.

The report said in Shudharam thana eleven road mishaps were recorded by

the police; of them seven accidents claimed nine lives and in four accidents 19 persons were injured seriously. In Bagunjonj thana 28 road mishaps were recorded by police, of them 21 accidents claimed 21 lives and in seven accidents 19 persons were injured seriously. In Chatkhil thana four accidents were recorded by police that claimed four lives.

The report said, in Senbag thana 11 road mishaps were recorded by police in which nine persons were killed while three others were fatally injured. The report said in Companygonj thana four road mishaps were recorded by police, of them two accidents claimed two lives. But about 200 tractor-trolleys

ply on the roads without legal permission at the very presence of law enforcing authority, it is alleged.

Local elites said that the report does not show the actual figure of accidents and vehicles running on the road.

They said, on April 25, 1995 in a road accident at Annalasa on Sonapur-Char Jabbar road, two person were killed on the spot and about 50 persons were injured but the report said in Shudharam thana in four accidents case only 19 were injured.

From June 1994 to May 1995 Traffic police filed 571 cases under Vehicles Act. Of them, 441 cases were disposed and Tk 2,35,70 were realised as fines and 140 cases are on trial.

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JHENIDAH: David N Merri, US ambassador to Bangladesh, delivering his speech on inauguration of a kidney and heart camp at Jhenidah recently. Also seen in the photo are Barrister Mainul Hossain, Prof SR Khan, Prof Nurul Islam and Dr. Nasiruddin. — Star photo