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Fire victims to be rehabilitated

From CHT Correspondent
RANGAMATI, Aug 18: In collaboration with the Deputy Commissioner and chairman of Rangamati municipality, the Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council (RHLGC) has started rehabilitating the fire victims of Islampur, an outskirt habitation in the municipality area affected on August 13 last. Parizat Kushum Chakma, Chairman of RHLGC said.

Pry edn sector gets least attention

From CHT Correspondent
RANGAMATI, Aug 18: The discriminatory step taken by Ministry of Education in allocating funds for education sector of Chittagong Hill Tracts has created a discontent among the people of this hilly region.

The Ministry of Education allocated Taka 1.60 lakh against the non-government educational institutions in 11 thanas of the three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban out of 25 thanas, in the last fiscal year. No fund was allocated for the non-government educational institutions in 460 thanas of 64 districts in the country for 1994-95, official sources said.

Rangamati sadar, Kaptai and Baghaichhari thana of Rangamati hill district were each allocated Tk 40,000. No fund was allocated for any non-government institutions in Kaulhali, Langadu, Borkal, Rajasthati, Zurachhari, Nantachor and Belaichhari thanas of the district.

Out of the eight thanas in Khagrachhari Hill District, Khagrachhari sadar, Mohalchhari and Luxmichhari thanas were excluded from any allocation. Taka 20 thousand was allocated for Matiranga thana and at the rate of Taka 10 thousand was allocated to Manikchhari, Dighinala, Panchhari and Ramgarh thana of Khagrachhari Hill District.

Similarly, out of seven thanas of Bandarban hill district, five thanas — Ruma, Thanchi, Roaingchhari, Naingkhiongchhari and Alikadam — were allocated with no fund whereas Taka 15 thousand and 45 thousand were allocated to Bandarban sadar and Lama thana respectively.

Shantibahini activist killed

From CHT Correspondent
RUMA, Bandarban, Aug 18: A tribal insurgent was killed on the night of August 2 at Muniyampara area in Ruma thana of the district in an exchange of fire between a gang of tribal insurgents and the security forces who were on routine patrol, according to a delayed official report.

The identity of the dead insurgent could not be revealed. An automatic fire arm was recovered. The co-lighters of the dead managed to flee to their jungle hideouts after the exchange of fire, sources said.

The exchange of fire continued for half an hour which was opened by the insurgents on a patrol party of the security forces, the sources added.

Minor girl violated, hospitalised

From CHT Correspondent
LAMA (Bandarban), Aug 18: A nine-year-old minor girl has been fighting for life in the local health complex being violated by a 35 years old Agro-Services employee, father of four children on August 10 at Lama, police and hospital sources said.

Immediately on lodging of case by the father of the victim, Payez Ahmed, a day labourer of Madhujhiri village is the thana, the alleged rapist, Karimullah, an employee of Agro-Services, an NGO working there, was arrested on August 11 and sent to jail custody, police said.

In course of pleasant discussion, Karimullah took Hosne-Ara to the rear side of Agro-Services quarter no 4 from the place she was grazing their cattle like all other previous days, where he molested the minor girl and carried out sexual torture till she went to coma, police said quoted the victim as saying.

The unattended cattle those were grazing there entered inside the garden of Agro-Services compound and caught by employees on-duty. They asked the father of Hosne-Ara there who found her daughter absent from rearing the cattle. At one stage of searching for the missing daughter, Faiz Ahmed found Hosne-Ara laid in a pool of blood unconscious and senseless.

Admitting in the local health complex, after ceaseless care rendered by the on-duty doctors misfortunate Hosne-Ara returned to her sense and narrated the sexual atrocities carried out on her by Keramatullah, police said.

Two given life term for killing minor girl

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, Aug 18: A father and his neighbour were awarded life term for killing a minor girl. Rampant poaching and unabated deforestation, is threatening the existence of wild animals in Cox's Bazar and also causing imbalance in ecosystem in Chittagong hill districts.

The case in brief, Saleha Khatun of village Parla in Magura thana informed police that her daughter Rozina, 8, was slaughtered in a nearby jungle on 27.5.95. Investigating police arrested Jahur Biswas. Police further arrested a young man from Kamalapur in Dhaka, Rabiul Islam. In his statement Rabiul confessed that he had killed the innocent girl. Rozina according to the advice of Jahur Biswas. Then Police submitted charsheet. After thorough hearing the Session Judge awarded lifetime to accused Jahur Biswas.

Wildlife in Cox's Bazar gradually decreasing

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 18: Wildlife, particularly mammals are gradually disappearing from Cox's Bazar forest region. Rampant poaching and unabated deforestation, is threatening the existence of wild animals in Cox's Bazar and also causing imbalance in ecosystem in Chittagong hill districts.

It is learnt that 20 species of wild-life have already disappeared and 45 other species are on the verge of extinction. Experts said, poaching, expansion of human settlements, industrialisation and extension of arable lands are the reasons behind the natural degradation.

According to forest officials, the 20 extinct species of animals include, nil gat, wild buffalo, wild cow, big horned deer, wolf and three types of rhinoceros. The species gradually disappeared mainly after the liberation of the country and were totally

wiped out in the last ten years. Besides, the number of tigers, elephants, deers, monkeys, gharial and dolphin are also decreasing, they added.

The number of wild animals is decreasing every day in five of the seven thanas of Cox's Bazar due to various reasons for quite a long time. Teknaf, Ukhia, Ramu, Chakoria and Cox's Bazar sadar thanas of the district were once teeming with different types of wild animals, such as fox, jackal, wild cat and wolf. But these are now rarely found. These animals mainly live on rats and harmful insects and thus saved the crops.

But during the last three decades the number of wild animals have decreased in an alarming proportion.

The population of the district has been increasing at an alarming rate. Every year new human settlements are

established by clearing the jungles. Felling of trees for fire-wood have badly affected the habitat of wild animals.

According to experts, in Bangladesh there are 105 species of mammals, 567 species of birds, 129 species of reptiles and 14 types of amphibians which constitute a rich wild-life resource.

Local people urged the concerned authorities to take proper steps to save the wild animals from further extinction to maintain a healthy environment.

At the same time, indiscriminate felling of fruit-bearing trees caused a serious threat to the ecology and fruit production of the Cox's Bazar district. Fruit-bearing trees in all the seven thanas of the district are on the verge of extinction, due to large-scale felling.

According to a source, Cox's Bazar sadar, Ramu, Ukhia, Kutubdia, Moheshkhali,

Chakoria and Teknaf thanas of the district were once famous for abundant production of jackfruit, lichi, mango, palm, guava and pineapple. But now these trees are very few in number due to indiscriminate felling.

As the economic condition of the rural people in the district is rapidly deteriorating they are compelled to sell their fruit bearing trees to a section of traders.

Agricultural experts said, the district situated in a region where fruit bearing trees grow with minimum care and cost. A huge quantity of surplus fruits were marketed by the growers.

Some farmers said, they look loans from the money lenders by mortgaging their trees to meet their daily expenses. They failed to refund the loans and ultimately they lost their trees after a few years.

It may be mentioned that

there are 40 brickfields and 50 saw-mills in the district.

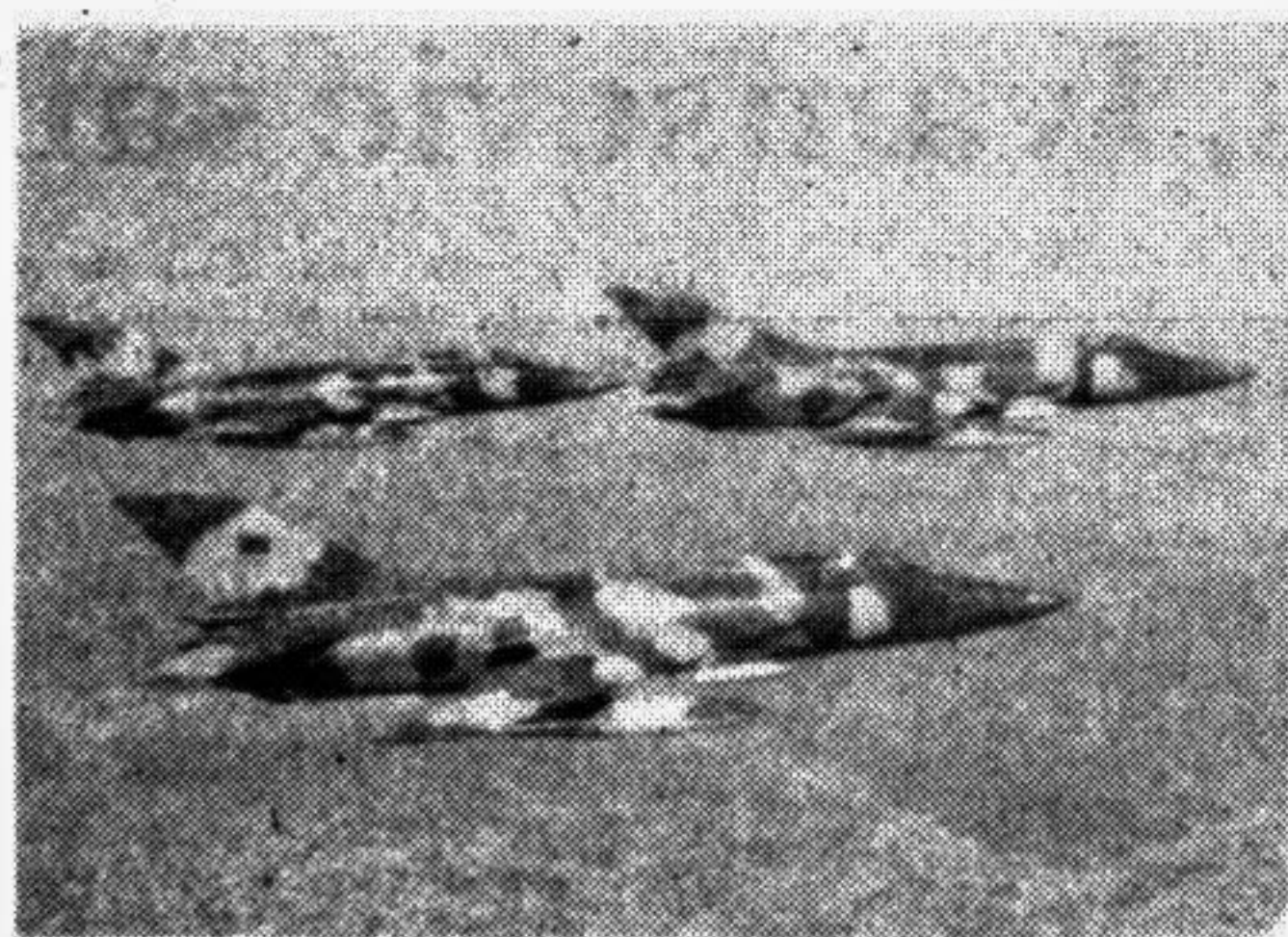
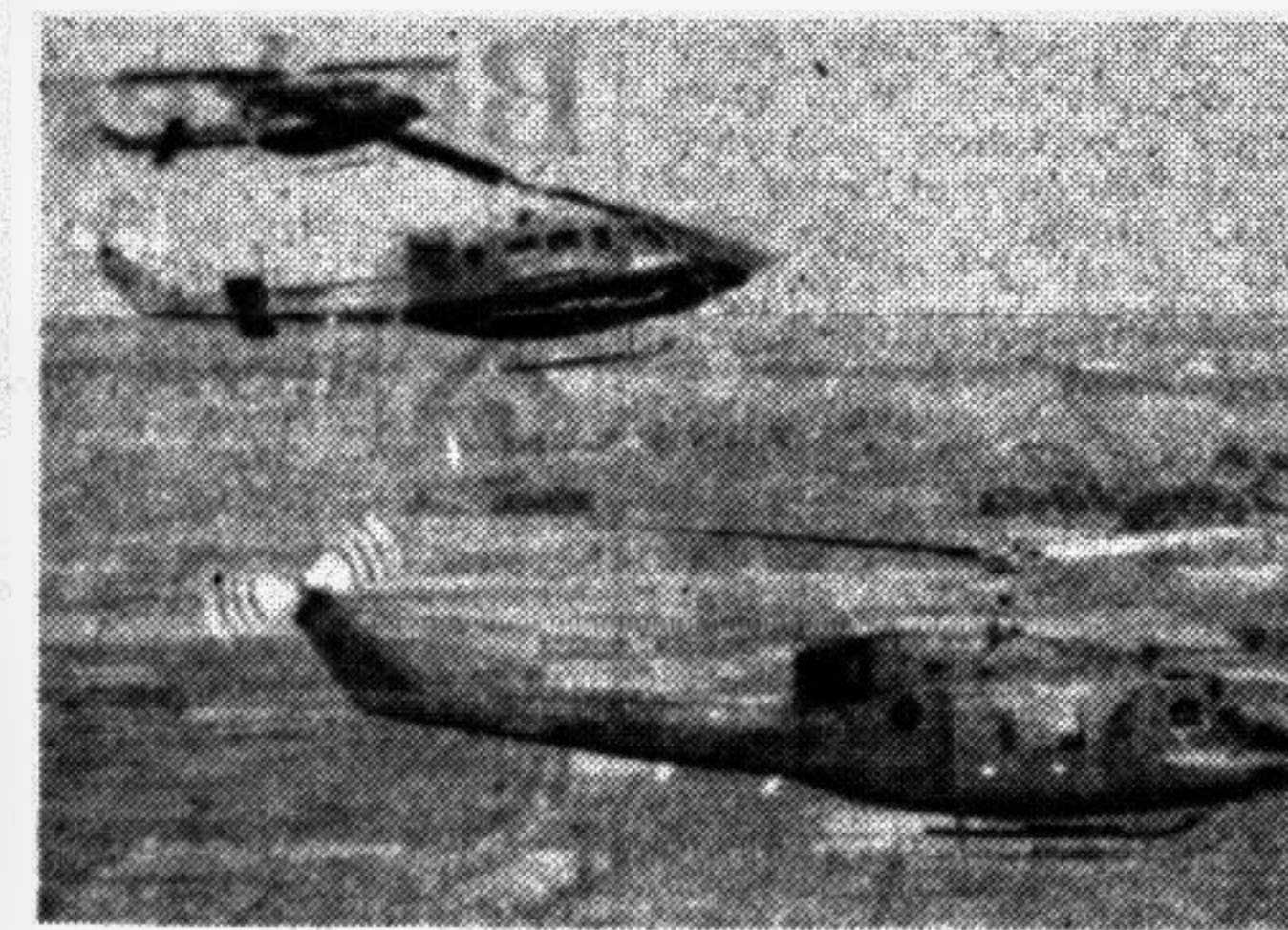
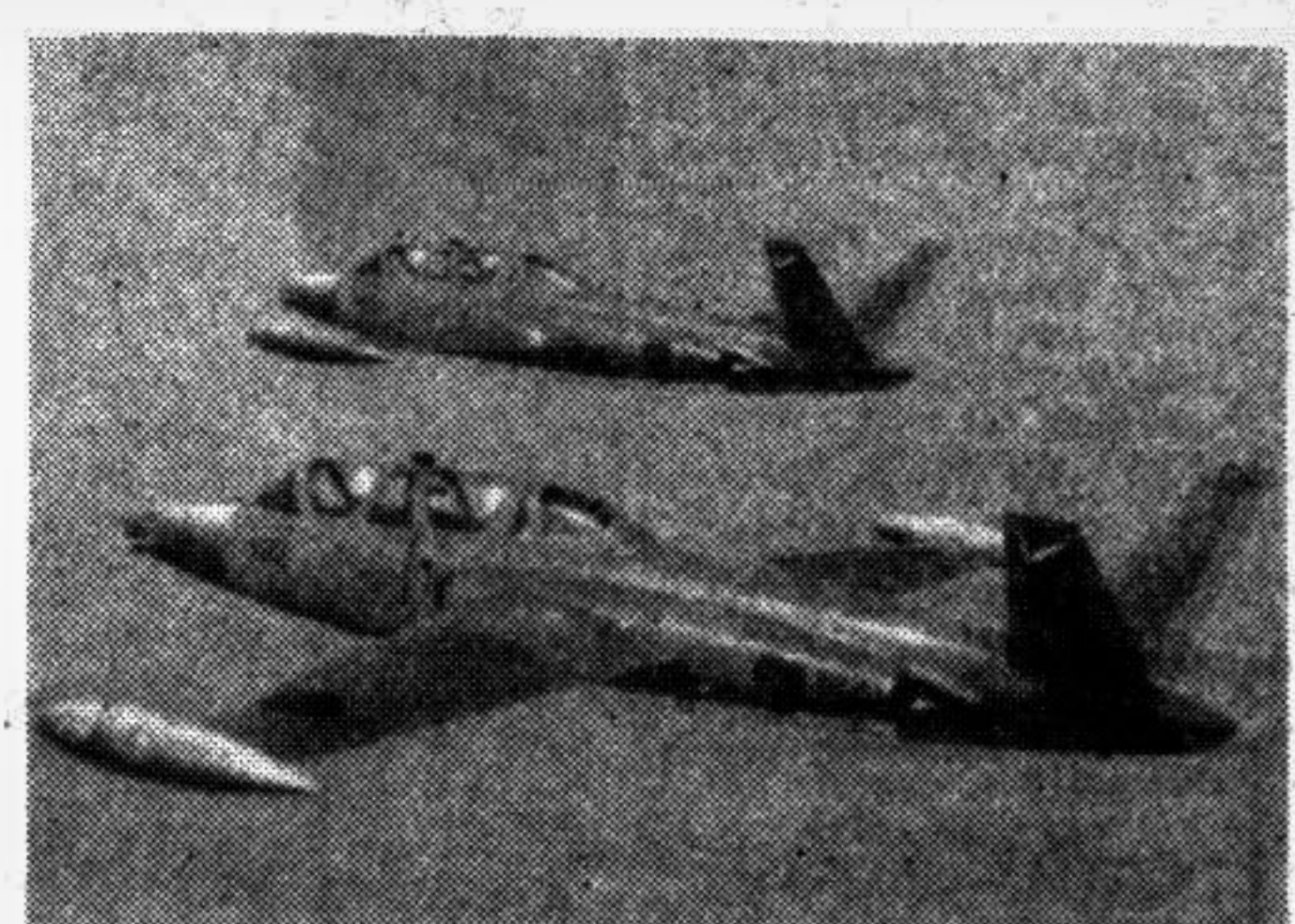
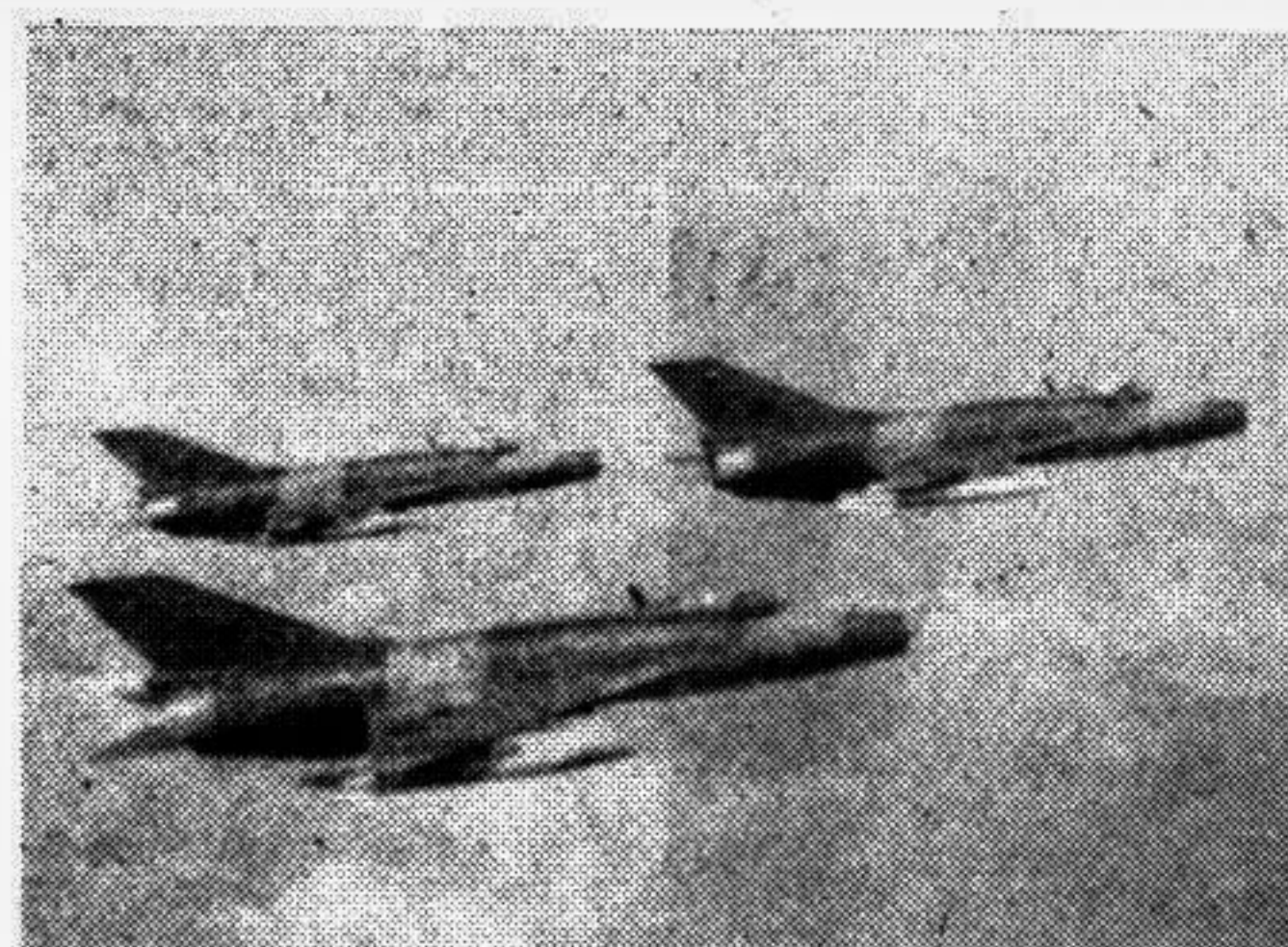
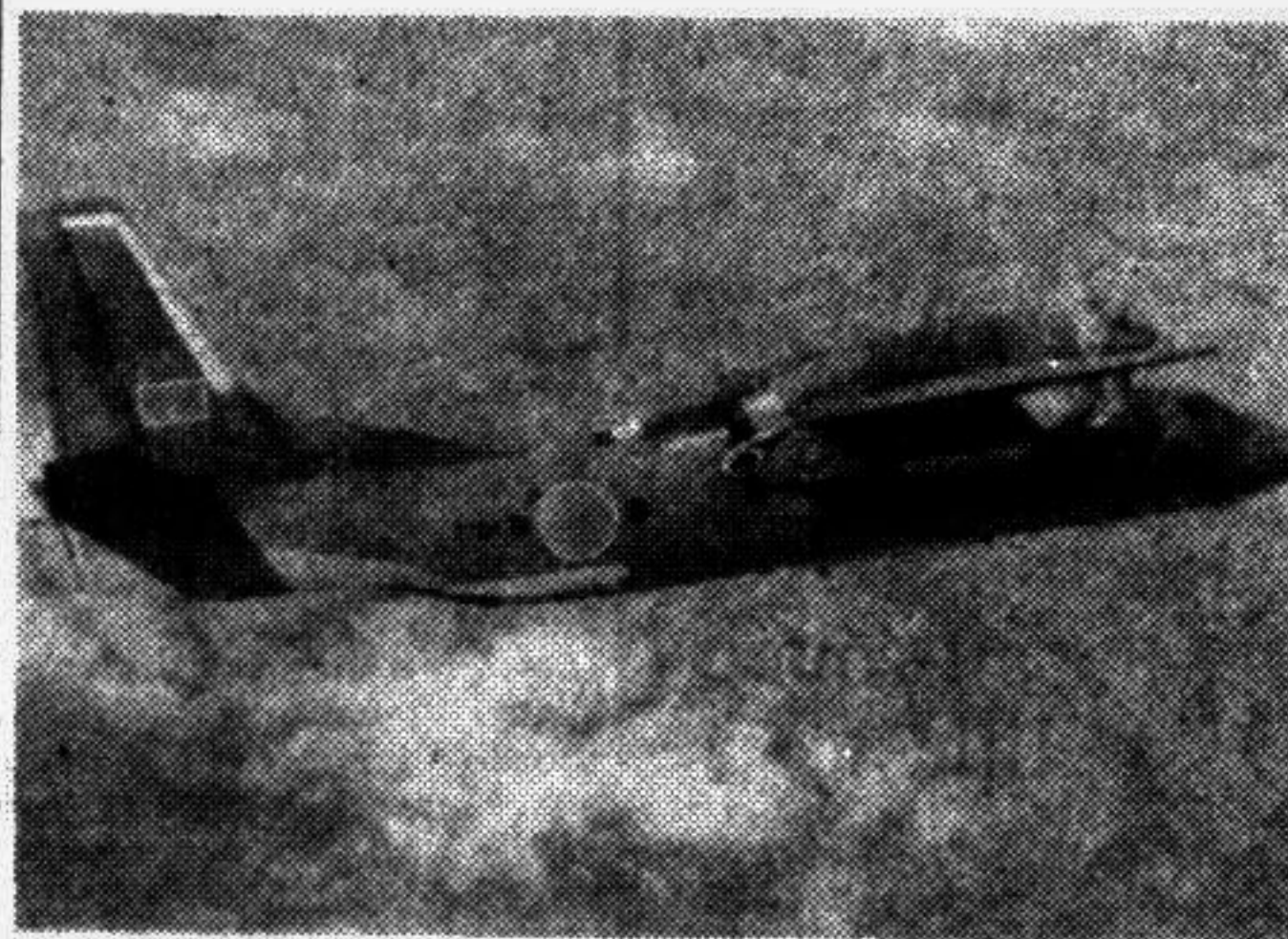
Hundreds of wood-loaded trucks are seen on their way to different areas of the country every day. On the other hand, planting of fruit-bearing trees is rare, causing ecological imbalance which is changing the rainfall and weather pattern of the district.

BNP factions clash in Magura

MAGURA, Aug 18: At least 10 people were injured in a clash between two factions of the ruling BNP at village Dariapur in sadar thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the feuding groups locked in the clash following previous rivalry and used ramdao, dhal, sarki, lathi and other lethal weapons during the clash.

Eight out of the 10 injured were admitted to Sadar Hospital.

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Two fighting for life after receiving bullet injuries

From CHT Correspondent

KAUKHALI (Rangamati), Aug 18: A man and his wife are fighting for life in Chittagong Medical College Hospital sustaining bullet injuries after coming under gunfire by the dacoits on August 8 at East Monapara village in Kaukhali thana of the district, police and hospital sources said.

A gang of about 8 to 10 bandits armed with lethal weapons and fire arms, swooped on the house of Bidhu Bushan Barua.

The bandits opened fire on Bidhu Bhushan and his wife Malati Rani Barua when the couple resisted them.

On hearing the sound of gun-shots and hue and cry of the victims, the neighbours rushed for help and chased the bandits and caught four of them with one country-made gun and two rounds of bullets while fleeing. The other dacoits of the gang managed to flee, the police said quoting the villagers as saying.

A case was lodged with Kaukhali thana police is this connection.

Removal of madrasa superintendent demanded

From CHT Correspondent

BANDARBAN, Aug 18: Demanding the removal of superintendent, the students of Bandarban Islamia Madrasa brought out a procession in the town. Declaring to boycott the classes for an indefinite period, agitating students locked the entire madrasa including the office-room of the superintendent.

The student leaders in the rally said, since 1991 they are demanding the removal of Maulana Shihabuddin, the superintendent of the madrasa, who has allegedly been misusing his official powers and involved in corruptions.

The student leaders further said that they were compelled to go for agitation as the authority failed to take their longstanding and legitimate demands.

Construction of two-km road in progress

KHAGRACHHARI, Aug 18: The work on a road between Longodu and Mohalchhari thanas is going on in full swing in the district, reports UNB.

According to the Hill Tracts Development Board, the two-km road is being constructed from town area of Mohalchhari to Singinala, the other side of Chengi river, at a cost of Taka one crore.

A 300 feet bailey bridge will also be constructed on the river to establish direct communication between the two thanas.

The board spent Tk 35 lakh from special allotment for the hill tract area in the last fiscal year and the rest Tk 65 lakh will be spent in the current fiscal year, official sources said.

After the completion of the project, about one and a half lakh people of Nantachar, Mohalchhari, Longodu and Borkol thanas of Khagrachhari and Rangamati districts will enjoy better communication facilities.