

### Fish worth Tk 50 lakh wasted for want of ice in S-dists

**From Staff Correspondent**  
**BARISAL, Sept 5:** Fish of various kind of about fifty lakh taka has been destroyed due to non-availability of necessary ice for proper preservation for about ten days in different places of Patuakhali and Borguna districts.  
 Fishermen said, they were forced to throw rotten fish in the sea or rivers as they could not procure necessary ice for preservation of fish in different places in the coastal areas.  
 More than one hundred ice mills could not produce ice as electricity supply was suspended for last ten days in Kalapara, Aipur and Mahishpur of Patuakhali district and most of the time in Patharghata of Borguna district.

### Six get life term in Pirojpur

**PIROJPUR, Sept 5:** A wife, who killed her husband for his alleged extra-marital affair with maid servant, was sentenced for life term along with five other on Thursday, reports UNB.  
 According to the prosecution, Monwara Begum of village Jagannathkathi in Nesarabad thana when failed to stop the illicit affair killed her husband, Abdul Halim, in October 1993 with the help of other accused.  
 A case was filed and police after investigation submitted charge-sheet against the accused.  
 The District and Sessions Judge Abdur Razzak after examining the witnesses and record awarded punishment to Monwara Begum, her sister Anjuman Ara Begum, Mojibur Rahman, Amir Hossain, Zakir Hossain and Kibria.  
 The court also in another count sentenced them to suffer another two years rigorous imprisonment.

### Seven dacoits arrested in Savar

**SAVAR, Sept 5:** Police arrested seven dacoits and recovered a rifle and several sharp weapons from Gash Mohal area of the Savar pourasava on Saturday, reports UNB.  
 The arrested were identified as Zahidul Islam, Kamrul Hassan, Monir Hossain, Shamsul Haq, Yusuf Molla, Abul Kalam and Syed Mia.  
 Police said they arrested the notorious dacoits while preparing to commit a dacoity in the area. A case was filed with Savar thana in this connection.  
 Police said they also nabbed Yunus Mollah, one of the accused, who attempted to kill Father Abraham Grome of Rajashan Church a few days back.

### One arrested with pipe gun

**MANIKGANJ, Sept 5:** Police arrested an alleged dacoit and recovered a pipe gun from his possession at Shivalaya thana of the district on Sunday, reports UNB.  
 Acting on a tip off, a police squad raided the house of Fazlul Karim at Alokdiar Char and nabbed him along with the pipe gun and two other sharp weapons.  
 However, sensing the police presence, other accomplices of Fazlul Karim managed to flee the scene.  
 Police said they were preparing to commit a piracy in the river Jamuna.  
 A case was filed with Shivalaya thana.

### 20 injured in clash in Sirajganj

**SIRAJGANJ, Sept 5:** At least 20 people, including six policemen, were injured in a series of clashes between two rival groups here on Monday, reports UNB.  
 Police said, the clash erupted between the two groups of BNP at Sirajganj ghat and EB road areas in the town.  
 Three rounds of gunshots were fired and about a dozen of hand-made bombs were exploded during the clashes, creating panic in the area.  
 Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.  
 All of the injured were admitted to General Hospital.  
 Condition of four policemen — sub-inspectors Mahabubur Rahman and Sattaya Ranjan Bhadra, and constables Taimur Ahmed and Moni — were said to be critical.

## Agriculture experts suggest Chemical fertilisers should only be used after proper soil testing

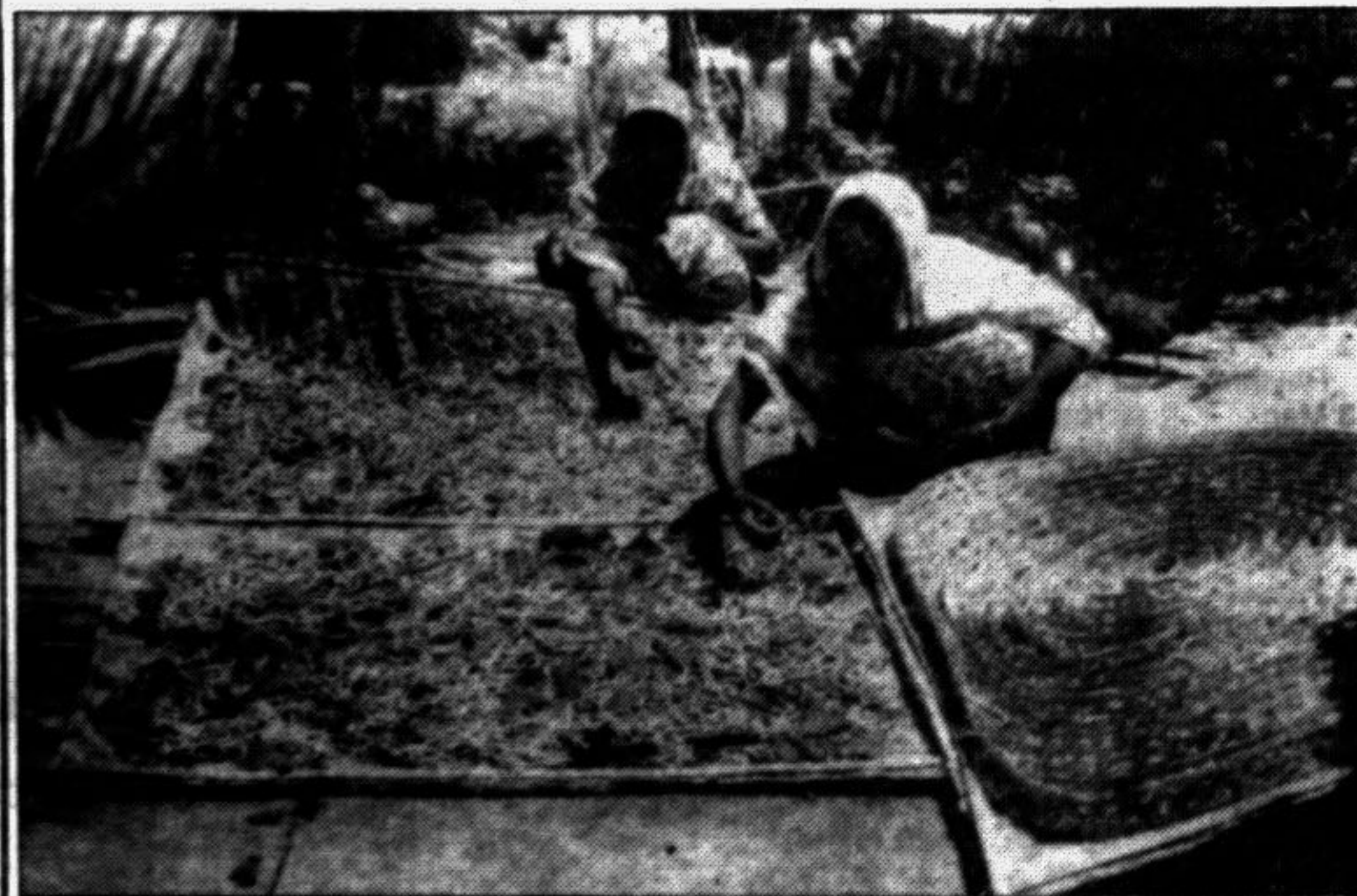
**From Our Correspondent**  
**KUSHTIA, Sept 5:** Farmers in 10 southern districts are incurring loss due to low production of crop after indiscriminate use of fertiliser which have become so costly now-a-days.  
 The indiscriminate use of chemical fertilisers and continued cultivation of same crops on the same plot of land without interval are steadily destroying the production capacity of soil in 10 south-western districts including Kushtia.  
 Cultivators having little knowledge about soil component use fertilisers indiscriminately to get optimum production from the land and thus destroy the fertility of soil.  
 It may be mentioned that in the neighbouring countries mobile soil testing laboratories are working to impart knowledge about the particular ingredients needed in their soil and accordingly the farmers are benefitted with the prescription which tells the particular fertiliser needed and the quantity are to be applied. But there are no such facility offered in our country and as a result, farmers use fertiliser indiscriminately causing more harm than good.  
 The farmers almost ignore the use of organic fertilisers which poses some ingredients to retain the production capability and protect the decay of the same.  
 Most of the cultivable lands of these 10 districts are producing same crops every year with heavy application of chemical fertilisers. A total of 60 to 80 sheers of chemical fertilisers including urea and TSP is used per bigha of land.  
 The farmers rarely use organic fertilisers including cow-dung. The production capacity of land is rapidly decreasing. The production capacity of soil is also being destroyed with the heavy iron content of underground water extracted by shallow and deep tubewells used for irrigation and siltation of sand on soil due to flood of the river.  
 It is suggested that chemical fertilisers should be used after proper testing of soil in consultation with the agriculture experts and application of organic fertiliser to retain the production capacity.  
 Otherwise the rate of yield will further come down.  
 From 1971 the yield of paddy per bigha was 28 to 30 maunds in these area while in 1991 the yield was only 12 to 15 maunds per bigha with the application of the same quantity of chemical fertiliser.  
 The decrease in production was due to decay of particular components of soil owing to indiscriminate and unnecessary use of chemical fertilisers.



BARISAL. The almost abandoned pontoon and the gradually eroding side of the Barisal fish landing, processing and preservation centre. — Star photo

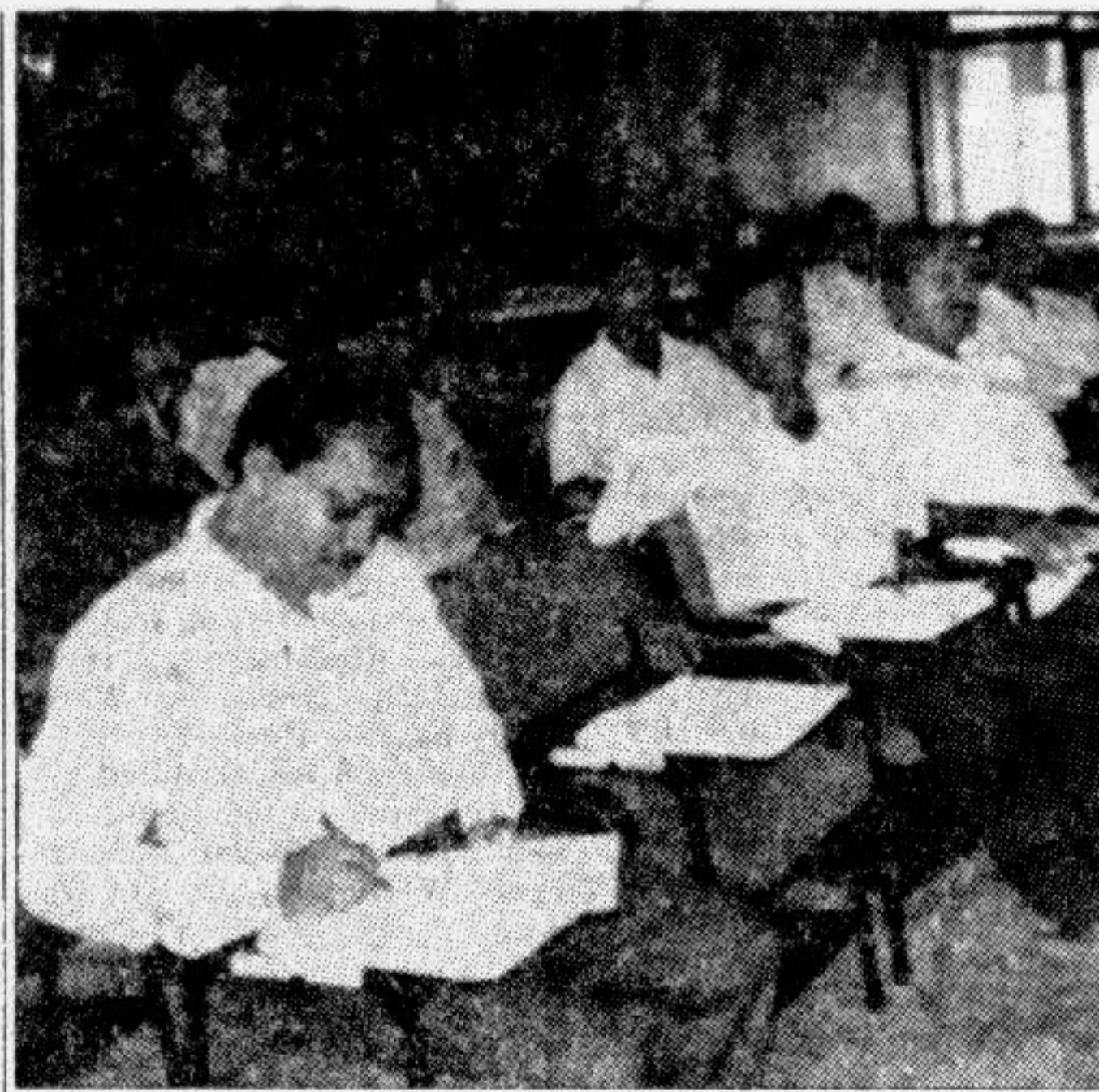
## Silk worm farming helped change their fates

**From Delwar Kabir**  
**JHENIDAH, Sept 5:** Silk worm cultivation is gaining popularity in Jhenidah district day by day and number of people engaged in this profession is increasing in the district, it was learnt.  
 According to reports, Saptagram Nari Swarnirvar Parishad, a non-government organisation has organised a number of families to cultivate silk worms so that they can earn money to change their fate.  
 Rafiquzzaman Layek Sericulture Extension Officer (SEO) of Saptagram Nari Swarnirvar Parishad (SNSP) informed that silk thread, country's most costly yarn is produced from the silk worms. It is cultivated four times a year in Bengali months 'Chaitra', 'Jaistha', 'Bhadra' and 'Agrahayan' in our country.  
 Regarding farming of silk worms, SEO informed that they supply the eggs of silk worms among the farmers. Silk worms are born within eight days of supplying eggs. Then the farmers nurse the worms for 20 to 24 days and feed them leaves of mulbrae trees which is supplied to them free of cost.  
 Sharmin Nahar Shefali, who appeared in HSC examination recently informed that Saptagram authorities had trained her how to nurse the silk worms and supplied mulbrae plants and other equipment free of cost to her. Shefali also informed that many families of village Bhagabannagar in Saikupa thana of the district is formed that mulbrae plants were supplied by Saptagram authorities free of cost. But she was not in a position to extend the programme as there is no sufficient lands in front of her house for planting mulbrae trees. As a result she was compelled to continue silk worm farming in a limited space.  
 Sabera Begum Jharna, Centre in-Charge, Saptagram informed that women of 13 families in her area are involved with silk worm farming and they are expecting to increase the number of families to get more production of silk worms from them.  
 Jharna said, almost all the women were not engaged with any productive activities. To provide them with minimum productive sector, the Saptagram authorities had taken initiatives. Jharna informed.  
 N N Nasreen, Administrative Officer (AO) Saptagram informed that 85 villages have been brought under silk worm production programme in six centres and three sub-centres of Jhenidah region of Saptagram. 25 villages in Jhenidah sadar and Mohespur centre, 15 villages under Jhikargachha centre, 17 villages under Kamarkhali centre, 18 villages under Sastipur centre, two villages under Kumarkhali centre and seven villages under Sarsha centre of the region were included with the programme.  
 About 600 families have been benefitted with the programme directly and another 300 families are benefitted indirectly. Nasreen further informed. The AO also said that the farmers here are called *Bosni* who are provided with credit facilities which is realised from them at a convenient instalments so that they do not lose their faith on Saptagram.  
 Nasreen further informed that silk balls are supplied to their Rajbari production centre where the soft and puffy silk clothings are produced.



JHENIDAH: Two members of Reshma Mahila Samity of the Saptagram Nari Swarnirvar Parishad are nursing silk worms at village Bhagabannagar in Saikupa thana of the district. — Star photo

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BARISAL: President ADAB, Barisal speaking at the 5-day workshop (right) on Chapter Level PSP Exercise, held at BDS, Barisal recently.

### 5-day workshop on PSP ends

**From Staff Correspondent**  
**BARISAL, Sept 5:** A 5-day long workshop on Chapter Level PSP Exercise was held here at Barisal Development Society (BDS) from August 26 to August 30. The workshop was organised by ADAB, Barisal.  
 The workshop was held to chalkout next 5-year planning up to year 2000 of ADAB, Barisal.  
 Eight directors and ten regional directors of different non-government organisations (NGOs) including four civil society representatives attended the 5-day long workshop on Chapter Level Participatory Strategic Planning (PSP).  
 The workshop was conducted by GMM Kamal, Regional Field Officers (RFO), ADAB chapter, Barisal and Hamid Ali Chowdhury, Regional Field Officer (RFO), Khulna region.  
 Participating NGOs were: Community Service Centre (CSC), BUK, BDS, Pradipon, Sangram, NGO Forum, AURD, PAUK, KTM, ISD, Anneysha Foundation and some other NGOs of this region.  
 The 5-day long workshops highlighted the aims and objectives of NGOs working in this southern region. Speakers also stressed the need of participation of the civil society members in the working sectors of NGOs. ADAB should be more active to protect the interest of the NGOs in the coming days, participants said.

### PWD office to be abolished

**From Staff Correspondent**  
**BARISAL, Sept 5:** Due to negligence and undesireness to work in village area some high officials and employees of Public Works Department (PWD) of Gournadi sub-divisional office is on the verge of abolition.  
 This subdivision office of PWD at Gournadi thana headquarters was constructed with an expenditure of 14 lakh taka.  
 Gournadi, Agailjhara, Bobuganj and Uzirpur thana areas were included under this sub-division office.  
 Now this office is on way to be closed down due to reluctance of some officials, local people said.  
 It is to be mentioned here that the Baherchar health complex, Gournadi five station, other offices of Babuganj and Agailjhara thana areas will face acute maintenance problems in absence of this PWD sub-divisional office, informed sources said.

### Six injured in dacoity in Cox's Bazar

**COX'S BAZAR, Sept 5:** Six people were injured and valuables worth more than Tk one lakh were looted in two separate dacoities in the township area in the early Saturday morning, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, a gang of dacoits numbering eight to 10 stormed the house of Habibullah at Tarabania, beat the inmates indiscriminately and decamped with cash, gold ornaments and other valuables.  
 The gang also fired five rounds of gun shots and blasted several cocktails to create panic in the area. As a result, the neighbours did not dare to chase the miscreants.  
 In another daring dacoity, the miscreants looted valuables from a house owned by Master Serajul Islam Siddique at Rumlir Chhora of the town in the early morning.  
 Two separate cases were filed with the local police.  
 Local people said law and order situation in the district town has deteriorated in the recent days

### Deed writers observe indefinite strike in Satkhira

**SATKHIRA, Sept 5:** Deed writers of Kaliganj thana Sub-Registry office have been observing work stoppage since last Saturday protesting the alleged corruption and misbehaviour of the Subregistrar, reports UNB.  
 The deed writers alleged that the Subregistrar always take bribe for registration of deeds and misbehave with them while they refused to give bribe. They alleged that the deeds are not registered in the thana without any bribe.  
 According to them on Saturday when they wanted to register the deeds the Subregistrar demanded bribe from them, and on their refusal, he forced them out from the office premises.  
 Following the indefinite strike the registration of deeds in the thana remained stopped causing untold suffering to the common people.

### One crushed to death

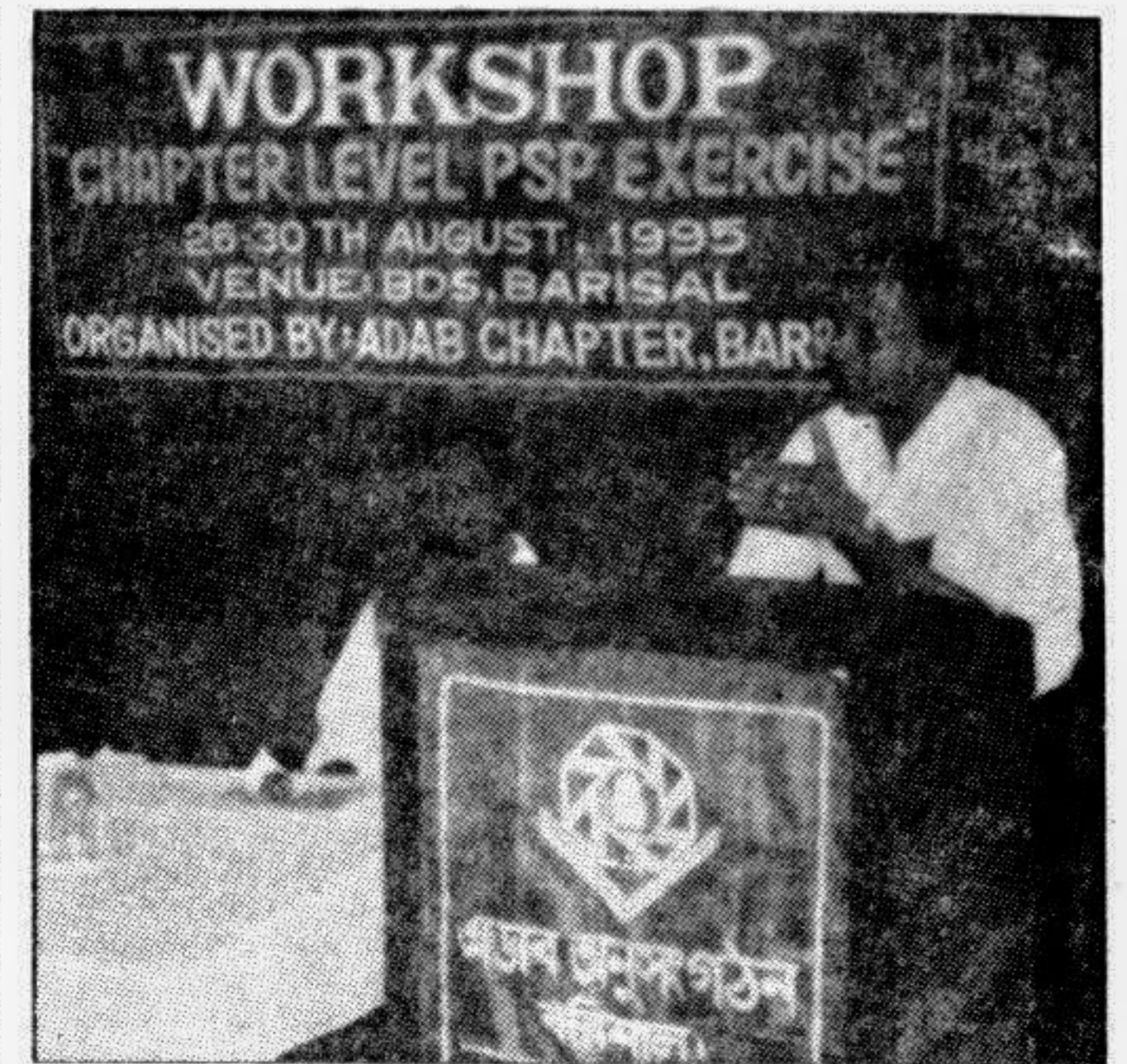
**From Staff Correspondent**  
**BARISAL, Sept 5:** One van passenger was killed on the spot being crushed under the wheels of a speeding passenger bus at Burirhat under Bakerganj thana on Barisal-Patuakhali road around 5 pm recently.  
 Witnesses and police said, Saha Alam, 25, a van passenger was killed on the spot and the van driver Khalil, 28, was seriously injured when the Barisal bound passenger bus Zakaria Parbaban (Dhaka Ja 2861) from Patuakhali hit the van from the back losing the control during crossing the place.  
 Agitating local people severely damaged the bus. The driver managed to flee. A case was filed with the local thana in this connection.  
 Seriously injured Khalil, the van driver was admitted to Barisal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

### Miscreants gouge one's eyes

**BARISAL, Sept 5:** Armed miscreants gouged out eyes of a man and cut tendons of another here on Monday, reports UNB.  
 Police sources said the miscreants halted the motor bike of Bilal Hossain, 45, and his companion Mahbulul Alam, 38, near Chandshi while they were returning from Gournadi.  
 They tied both of them and gouged out both eyes of Bilal. The miscreants also cut tendons of hands and legs of Bilal and Mahbulul Alam. They snatched away a licensed gun from them.  
 Bilal and Mahbulul were admitted to Barisal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

### Dam under threat in Narsingdi

**NARSINGDI, Sept 5:** The Balushair cross dam is now under threat as its several parts have developed cracks and potholes hit by the strong waves of the river Meghna recently, reports UNB.  
 According to local people breaches have developed in the dam at different points including Nagriakandi, Kamagan, Shantibawia and Damerbawia areas.  
 Besides, earth was washed away from at least seven points of the dam threatening to some 5,000 dwelling houses and crops on about 6,000 acres of land of nearby villages.  
 Any major damage to the cross dam may cut off the linkage between the district town and 10 villages.  
 The five-kilometre long dam was built during post-liberation period to save the villages from the onrush of flood waters of the river Meghna.



BARISAL: President ADAB, Barisal speaking at the 5-day workshop (right) on Chapter Level PSP Exercise, held at BDS, Barisal recently. — Star photo

## CPEP faces numerous problems in Natore

**From Our Correspondent**  
**NATORE, Sept 5:** The Compulsory Primary Education Programme (CPEP) has been facing manifold problems in Rajshahi region including Natore district.  
 Shortage of teachers, absence of educational appliances, furniture and accommodation are causing serious problem to spread CPEP and government's education policy. Education for all within year 2000, would not be successful, it is reported.  
 A total of 1,565 posts of primary teachers are lying vacant for a long time in the 16 northern districts.  
 The vacant posts of teachers in Natore are 63; in Rajshahi-79; Champainabganj-50; Naogaon-127; Pabna- 87; Bogra-198; Joypurhat-44; Rangpur-214; Nilphamari-76; Gaibandha-125; Kurigram-125; Lalmonirhat-42; Dinajpur-110; Thakurgaon-43; Panchagarh-34 and Shirajganj-138.  
 It is learnt that some schools have surplus teachers while others face shortage.  
 Most of the schools in remote areas damaged by floods several years back have not yet been repaired. Even some of schools have no doors and windows or sheds.

**BCIC Tender Notice**

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Sealed tenders are invited by the Managing Director, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Ghorasal, Narsingdi for supply of Nylon Polyester & Cotton Sewing thread against tender No. UFFL/LP-19/94-95 & UFFL/LP-10/95-96 respectively. Tender will be opened on 18-9-95 & 16-9-95 at 3 PM. Tender documents will be available on all working days on cash payment of Tk. 50/- (each set non-refundable) from: (i) BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka. (ii) BCIC, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong & (iii) UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi. No tender documents will be sold on the opening date.

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**Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority**

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**Inviting letters of interests for prequalification of contractors for construction of culvert between DND canal and the Saidabad site (contract 3)**

Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority intends to employ the services of independent or foreign and local, preferably joint venture, construction firm(s) to provide services for construction of culvert between DND canal and the Saidabad site (contract 3) under the Fourth Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Project. This culvert will bring water by gravity from DND canal up to the raw water pumping station of the Saidabad treatment plant. The size of the twin culvert is 2 x 1.5 m each and the total length is 1.6 km. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is expected to receive from the International Development Association (IDA) a credit amounting to US\$ 76.2 million equivalent towards the cost of the Fourth Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Project. The proceeds of the credit are intended to be applied a portion to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation for prequalification is issued. Firm(s) having experience in works stated above may obtain copy of the prequalification documents on written request and on cash payment of Tk. 5000/- (Taka five thousand only), non-refundable.

Request for prequalification documents are to be addressed to the Chairman, Dhaka WASA "WASA Bhaban" 2nd floor, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, (Karwan Bazar), Dhaka-1215.

Eligible applicants shall meet the minimum requirement for qualification:

- average annual turnover (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last five years of US\$ 3 million equivalent; and
- successful experience as prime contractor in the execution of at least 3 projects concerning civil works for water supply and/or sanitation in developing countries of a nature and complexity comparable to the proposed contract during the last five years;

The prequalification documents will be received in the office of Chairman, Dhaka WASA "WASA Bhaban" 2nd floor, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, (Karwan Bazar), Dhaka -1215 on October 05, 1995 at 12:00 Noon.

The Authority reserves the right to make and select a short list of construction firms who would be invited to bid without assigning reason for either accepting or rejecting applicants.

Chairman  
Dhaka WASA

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