

BNP Khagrachhari unit chief resigns

From CHT Correspondent
KHAGRACHHARI, Nov 14: The president of the district unit of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has tendered his resignation recently and sent it to the secretary general of the party in Dhaka for acceptance.

Indicating the reason of resignation as illness, the expected to be relinquished local chief of the Khagrachhari district unit of BNP, Abul Kashem expressed his desire in his resignation letter to work for the party as an activist. A copy of the resignation letter is kept with the Khagrachhari district unit office of BNP, Kashem mentioned.

"I have sent my resignation letter to the secretary general in Dhaka. I don't have any desire to be an MP. I like to serve as a worker of the party," Kashem told The Daily Star when contacted over telephone.

Meanwhile, a mixed reaction has been developed among the pro and anti-BNP people on the issue of the submission of the resignation by Abul Kashem, the resigned president of BNP of Khagrachhari district unit.

180 shops gutted: Goods worth Tk 3cr destroyed

From CHT Correspondent
MATRANGA, Khagrachhari, Nov 14: At least 180 shops of different disciplines in Matrangabazar at Matrangata thana headquarters of the district were gutted and 30 persons sustained burn injuries in a devastating fire which broke out here at night following Monday last, officials said.

The cost of the properties and merchandises damaged by the fire havoc, which continued for about four hours was estimated around Taka three crore, unofficial source quoted the victims as saying.

On getting the information, the fire fighting team reached the spot from Khagrachhari district headquarters within 45 minutes and put out the fire in collaboration of the local people in about two and a half hours, the Thana Nirbahi Officer of Matrangata said.

The 180 shops gutted in the havoc included rice husking mills, rice and grocery shops, clothes shops as well as shops of other disciplines.

The fire originated from electric short circuit, when an electric iron of a tailoring shops exploded, while working at the west row of the market, victims said.

The victims lost everything in the fire havoc and are passing their days under the open sky, it was observed.

On the following day of the havoc, Tuesday last, the Chairman of the Khagrachhari Hill District Local Government Council, Samiran Dewan distributed Taka two lakh in cash from the council fund among the victims and assured them for their rehabilitation. The leaders and the activists of different political parties also visited the fire victims and consoled them.

Commercially important in the district with largest population, Matrangata thana is yet to have a fire service station.

Inmates of cluster villages in CHT face food shortage

From CHT Correspondent
MANIKCHHARI (Khagrachhari) Nov 14: The inmates of each and every cluster hamlets in the Chittagong Hill Tracts have been facing an unbearable shortage of food and clothing as well as bare absence of medicare and education facilities, the speakers observed.

A rally was held here recently, chaired by the Joint Secretary of the Khagrachhari Krishak Sramik Kalyan Parishad (KKS KP) Abdur Rashid was attended by tens of thousands of half-fed and unfed confined dwellers of the cluster villages.

The general secretary of the KKS KP Abdul Awal said the government confined these people in prison like clusters taking them up from their homes and hearths but failed to provide them with the very minimum requirements for their life living. Awal accused the government in his speech as chief guest. He urged the government to fulfill the demands of the worst suffering inmates of the cluster hamlets.

Eleven UD cases recorded last month in Moulvibazar

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Nov 14: Unnatural death claimed eleven lives in Moulvibazar district in the month of October.

According to the sources of different police stations of the district, two persons were murdered, one was electrocuted, one was run over by train, one drowned, one killed as a wall collapsed, three were killed in separate road accidents and rest two committed suicide.

During the month Kamalganj thana of the district was at the top of the list of unnatural deaths with four cases.

It was reported that a businessman was killed by some unknown miscreants at village Badar-deul of Kamalganj thana.

The victim Lukman Miah, 24, was called out by the assailants from his residence and slaughtered on October 5 last. Later, police recovered the body and sent it to Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital for autopsy. A case has been filed with Kamalganj PS in this connection.

An unidentified youth was run over by a train at Murigul area on Kulaura-Shabapur railway section on October 7 last. An unnatural death (UD) case was registered with Kulaura GRP police in this connection.

A motor-cycle rider was killed when he lost his control and his bike dashed against a bridge at Bhual area on Kulaura-Baralekha road.

The victim was identified as Abdul Motin, 40, son of Sirajuddin of Mohammedpur village under Baralekha thana. He was residing abroad and came to his home only few days before his death.

One Kona Miah, 45, was

killed when rival group attacked him with deadly weapons over the issue of a land at village Majampur under Kulaura thana of the district on October 16 last.

According to police, a long standing disagreement was continuing between the victim and another Abdul Basit of the same village over the possession of a land. Only three days before the incident, this disagreement was solved by a village 'shalish' where elites of Kulaura thana attended.

A murder case was filed with Kulaura PS in this connection, but none was arrested till writing of this news.

One person was killed and twelve others were injured on Moulvibazar-Kulaura road on October 26 last.

According to witnesses, when a tempo bound for Moulvibazar hit a rickshaw near Kadamtala area of Rajnagar thana, the victim Jitendra De, 35, a tempo passenger died on the spot while another passenger Rafique was brought to Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. Other injured persons were released after first aid.

A minor boy was killed when a portion of earth wall of their house collapsed on him at village Kalenga under Sadar thana on October 16 last.

The victim aged about 4 was the son of one Abul Miah. A UD case was registered with Kotwali police in this connection.

A six year old son of one Jitendra Goap of village Padunapur at sadar thana drowned on October 16 last.

Family sources said he slipped into the pond while

playing on its bank. The body was later found in the pond.

An youngman was electrocuted at the Laskarpur village under Kulaura thana.

According to report, the ill-fated persons named Subhan Miah, 25, son of Monnaf Ullah of the village Mustafapur under Sadar thana was electrocuted and injured seriously while he was engaged to fitting a pipe in the residence of Mrs Farida Begum, lecturer of Kulaura Degree College. He was immediately taken to Kulaura Thana Health Complex where the Physician on duty declared him dead. A UD case has also been registered with Kulaura Police Station in this connection.

Besides this an young woman of Fulbari Tea Garden under Kamalganj thana committed suicide. Another young woman committed suicide at the residential quarter of Bangladesh Biman Bahini-Shamshernagar unit under Kamalganj thana. A minor of Kurma Tea Garden under the same thana was crushed under the wheels of a running car. Three UD cases were filed in these connections.

It was gathered that, unnatural Death (UD) cases have been filed following the incidents like suicide, road accidents, secret murder or other incidents. But for want of proper investigations, mysterious behind these cases remain unearthed. Fate of UD cases was always appeared with uncertainty. According to some allegations made by the family members of victims. These cases after recording as UD case with police stations, are not properly investigated into.

Power bill worth Tk 26cr lying unrealised in Sylhet Division

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 14: An amount of Taka 26 crore 43 lakh 75 thousand has been lying unrealised in the four districts of Sylhet Division as electricity bills. The Sylhet circle of Power Development Board is comprised of five divisions.

According to the reports, 10 crore 31 lakh 13 thousand units of electricity was brought to the region from the National Grid during the first three months of fiscal year 1995-96, that is from the month of July till September last. Of the total, 8 crore 23 lakh 32 thousand units were sold to the consumers. The system loss during the period stood at 23.49 per cent the source added. A total of 14 crore 46 lakh 27 thousand was realised as electricity bill during the period. The total number of consumers in the circle now stands at more than 99 thousand throughout the circle.

The five divisions of PDB are Sylhet Division comprising the eight Electric supply areas of different thanas of Sylhet district and five electric supply areas of Sunamganj district, Moulvibazar division comprising four electric supply areas of Moulvibazar district and three electric supply areas of Habiganj district. Sales and Distribution Division-I Sylhet, Sales and Distribution Division-II, Sylhet and Sales and Distribution Division-III Sylhet. The three Sylhet divisions are covering the Sylhet town and its adjoining areas.

Of the total amount of outstanding, Taka 6 crore 66 lakh 90,000 has been lying unrealised in the four electric supply areas of Moulvibazar district and three electric supply areas in the district of Habiganj. These are, Kulaura, Shamshernagar, Barlekha and Moulvibazar in Moulvibazar district and Ajmiriganj, Baniachang and Habiganj Electric Supply in the district of Habiganj. During the said period, 4 crore 10 lakh 28 thousand units of electricity were brought to the division from the National Grid. Of this, 3 crore 60 lakh 80 thousand units were sold to the consumers during the period from July to September last. The system loss was estimated here at 1157 per cent. During the period, an amount of Taka 5 crore 44 lakh 13,000 was realised in the division.

In Sylhet Sales and Distribution division, the total amount of outstanding bills was at Taka 4 crore 48 lakh 22,000, till the month of September, this year. The division is comprised of 8 electric supply areas in the district of Sylhet and five electric supply areas in Sunamganj district. These are, Balaganj, Beanibazar, Biswanath, Fenchuganj, Golapganj, Jaintapur, Kanaighat, and Tajpur of Sylhet and Chhatak, Deral, Jagannathpur, Jamalganj and Sunamganj of Sunamganj district. In the division, 2 crore 39 lakh 89,000 units of electricity were brought from the National Grid. Of this, one crore 75 lakh 36,000 units were sold to the consumers, during the period, the sources said. The average system loss here stood at 22.75 per cent. The total amount realised here was Taka 3 crore 56 lakh 53 thousand during the said period.

The Sales and Distribution Division, Sylhet-I had a total outstanding amount of arrear is Taka 8 crore 18 lakh 17,000 till the end of September this year. The division is comprised of western part of Sylhet town. The total units of electricity brought to this division was at one crore 86 lakh 30,000 from the National Grid during the period from July to September this year. Of this, one crore 34 lakh 59 thousand units were sold to the consumers. The system loss was 24.42 per cent in the division during the period. The total amount of realised electricity bill stood at Taka 3 crore 26 lakh 63,000.

The Sales and Distribution Division, Sylhet-II is comprised of the Eastern area of Sylhet town. A total amount of Taka 3 crore 32 lakh 59,000 had been lying unrealised till the month of September this year. The division's realised amount of electricity bill was Taka one crore 54 lakh 20,000, the source informed. The total quantity of electricity brought to the division was at one crore 5000 units from the National Grid. Of this, 81 lakh 8000 units were sold to the consumers during the period.

The Sales and Distribution Division, Sylhet-III is with the South Surma area of Sylhet sadar where the outstanding electricity bill stood at Taka 3 crore 77 lakh 87

thousand till the end of September this year. A total of 83 lakh 58 thousand units of electricity was brought to this division from the National Grid during the period. Of this, 50 lakh 82 thousand units of electricity were sold to the consumers. The system loss here was estimated to be at 28.8 per cent, per month during the period. The division realised a total of Taka one crore 8 lakh 86 thousand as electricity bill.

Meanwhile, electricity consumers in all the four districts of Sylhet administrative division had been suffering extremely due to the large scale irregularities, corrup-

tion and malpractice on the part of the employees of PDB for long. Moreover, due to the unauthorised use of electricity, the government is being deprived of huge amount of revenue.

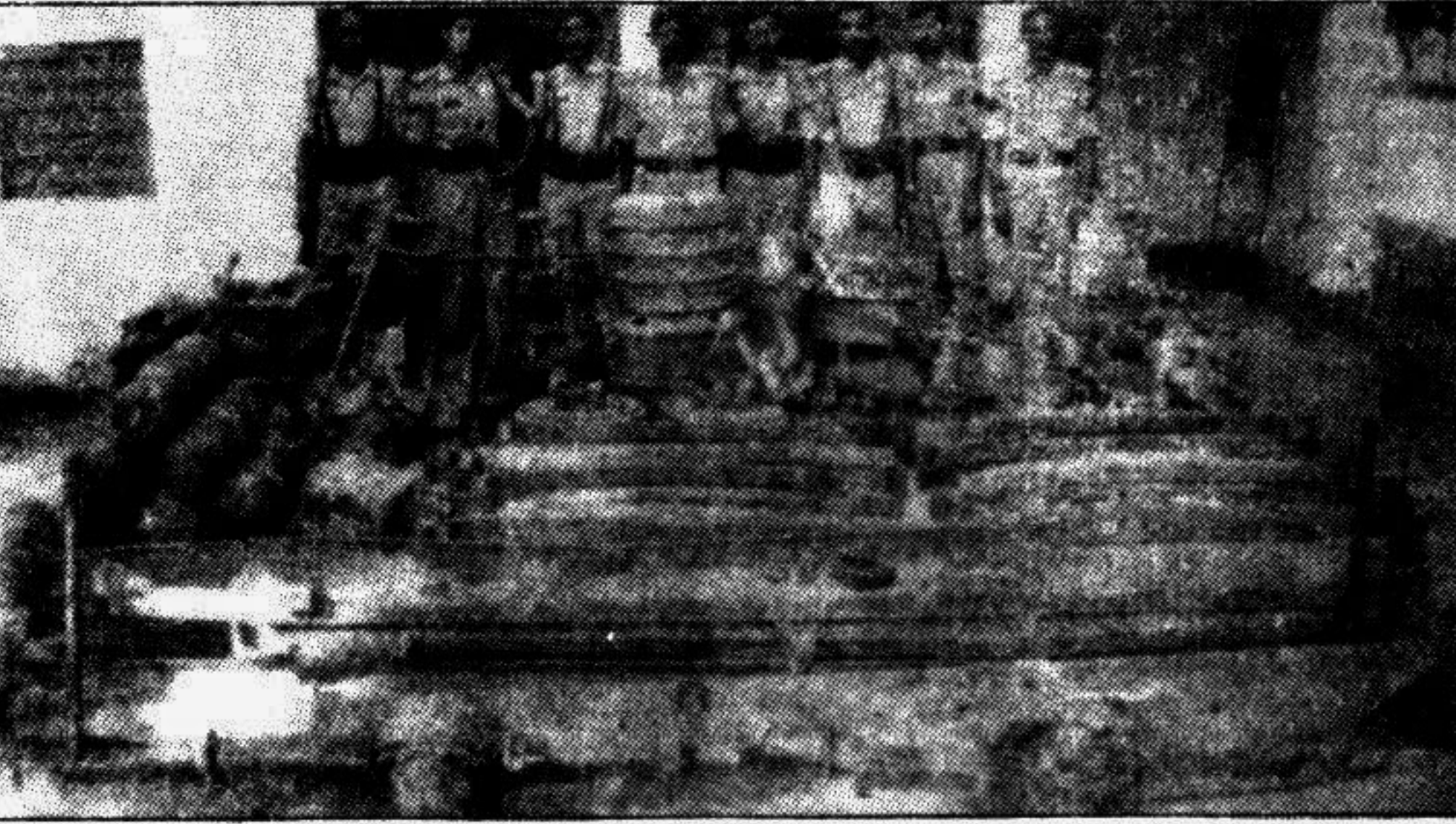
A good number of genuine consumers are being served with inflated bills almost every month. Hundreds of consumers though lodge complaints in this regard with the PDB offices, but the authorities do not even bother to give any reply to such allegations it was alleged.

Due to the largescale irregularities on the part of the employees, the system loss in all the four districts was

showing unacceptable picture. The instructions in this regard from the higher authority to bring down the system loss are not at all cared for.

Besides, stealing of different equipments like cable metre, wire and others had become a regular phenomenon. A section of PDB employees are directly involved with such corrupt practices, it was found.

A high-level enquiry into the said irregularities would reveal the grim picture of Distribution and Revenue earning in the power sector in Sylhet Administrative, division it is widely felt.



JESSORE: BDR men from 22 battalion from Jessore recovered motor parts worth Tk 50 lakh from near Jamtala early last week. The picture shows some of the seized goods at a BDR camp in Jessore. — Star photo

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Tender Notice

No. 11/PSS/Ctg-Z/FD/95-96 Date 01-11-1995

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from A-1 & A-2 class enlisted contractors of Facilities Department for construction of new buildings at selected private secondary education high schools & madrasas. Name of project, name & location of educational institutions are given below.

A) Selected Private Secondary Schools Renovation & Development Project:-
District-Chittagong

Group No.	Name of thana	Name of educational institution	Description of project inclusion
1.	Mirsarai	Bariakhali Maulana Lakiat Ullah Islamia Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
2.	Mirsarai	Abu Torab Fazil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
3.	Fatikchhari	Narayanhat Islamia Alim Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
4.	Sitakunda	Banshabaria Islamia Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
5.	Sitakunda	Jubaidia Islamia Girls' Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
6.	Hathazari	Tiabia Sunnia Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
7.	Rauzan	Rauzan Darul Islam Alim Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
8.	Rauzan	Fatehnagar Wadudia Fazil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
9.	Rangunia	Uttar Padua Madinatul Ulum Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
10.	Boalkhali	Gomdandi Islamia Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
11.	Boalkhali	Kadurkhal Islamia Senior Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
12.	Panchlaish	Wazedia Kamil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
13.	Chandgaon	Mazidia Islamia Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
14.	Sandwip	Sandwip Karamatia Fazil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
15.	Anowara	Barumchara Gausia Mainul Ulum Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
16.	Patiya	Saidair Gausia Taibia Dilwara Begum Sunnia Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
17.	Patiya	Shobhadandi Imtiaz Molla Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
18.	Chandnaish	Kanamadair Islamia Kaderia Sunnia Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
19.	Satkania	Rasulabad Islamia Fazil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
20.	Satkania	Satkania Alia Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
21.	Banskhali	Kadam Rasul Hamidia Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
22.	Banskhali	Dakhin Pooichhari Madinatul Ulum Moha. Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
23.	Lohagara	Charmbajameul Ulum Islamia Senior Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
24.	Lohagara	Bara Hatiya Eshayatul Ulum Fazil Madrasa	GOB-Ma-1
25.	Mirsarai	Abul Kashem Girls' High School	GOB-11
26.	Mirsarai	Jaipur Purba Joara Ankurenessa Obaidul Haq High School	GOB-11
27.	Fatikchhari	Jahanara Mamtaz Girls' High School	GOB-11
28.	Fatikchhari	Bikchhara High School	GOB-11
29.	Hathazari	Mirzapur Girls' High School	GOB-11
30.	Rauzan	Paschim Adhar Manik Rammohan High School	GOB-11
31.	Rangunia	Rajabhuban High School	GOB-11
32.	Rangunia	Lalanagar High School	GOB-11
33.	Boalkhali	Sreepur Kharandwip Girls' High School	GOB-11
34.	Panchlaish	Panchlaish High School	GOB-11
35.	Panchlaish	Kulgaon Haji Saleh High School	GOB-11
36.	Chandgaon	Mohra SKQ Girls' High School	GOB-11
37.	Patiya	Bhatikhain NJ Memorial Institute	GOB-11
38.	Bauskhali	Hajigaon Barumchhara High School	GOB-11
39.	Lahagara	Gol-e-Jahar High School	GOB-11

A) Estimated cost of each work - Tk 8,01,589/41
 B) Time limit for completion of work - 04 (four) months.
 C) Amount of earnest money - Tk 16,100 (Sixteen thousand one hundred) only.
 D) Last date of purchasing tender document - 22-11-95
 E) Date & time of receiving tender document - 23-11-95 up to 12-00 Noon.
 F) Date & time of opening tender document - 23-11-95 at 12-30 hours.

Tender document will be available on cash payment of Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable) per set at the office of the undersigned as well as offices of Executive Engineers of all Zone Offices under Chittagong Circle on all working days during office hours and the tender document will be received at the offices concerned at the above mentioned time.

The above stated earnest money must be deposited with the tender in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Chittagong Zone, Chittagong.

Terms & Conditions:
 01. If the rate quoted by any tenderer is more than 5% (five per cent) below the schedule rate, then the tender will be rejected outright.
 02. Those who have not deposited renewal fee for 1995-96, can not purchase the tender document.
 03. Such contractors as have failed to complete work on receipt of work order, cannot purchase the tender document.
 04. Photo copy (attested) should be attached with the tender document.
 05. As per Govt rules, Income Tax & VAT will be deducted from the bill.
 06. Name of any institution may be changed. In case such name change is occurred, the contractor will be bound to do the work of the changed institution. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Fisheries Ministry has undertaken to develop and raise fish production in Jessore district. Some of the projects have already been implemented others like the ones in the picture are in progress. The photo (top) shows earthwork going on for re-excavation of a baor in the sadar thana of the district in a bid to boost fish production. The photo (middle) shows some of the fishermen of the baor area in the district participating in a training programme organised by Fisheries Department. The photo (bottom) shows Joint Secretary ERD (External Resources Department) Rezaul Rahman flanked by PD (Project Director) Beel Baur Development Project, Jessore, Tabibur Rahman and Local District Fishery Officer taking with women in development (WID), a new project introduced by Fisheries Department in the district to rehabilitate the disadvantaged women for improvement of socio-economic condition. — Star photos by Atiur Rahman