



BARISAL: A discussion and a prize giving ceremony was held here at the Ashwini Kumar Hall in observance of the World Health Day recently. Dr Anisur Rahman, Health Director, Barisal division, speaking at the meeting. — Star photo

Dacoity in night coaches on Dhaka-Jessore route rampant

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Apr 17: Traveling in night coaches on Jessore-Dhaka route has become unsafe following steady rise in dacoity causing losses of life and property of passengers.

According to reports, on the night following April 1, a total of 11 night coaches bound for Jessore were intercepted at Mazdia in Faridpur district, and belonging of the passengers were snatched by an organised gang. In this dacoity two supervisors — Ripon of Inter City Paribahan and Haider of Rajdhani Express — were shot by dacoits. Ripon died on way to hospital while Haider was admitted to Jessore general hospital.

Reports also say that there are various points on this route and dacoity is regular phenomena in this area.

The points of Nowapara, Bhanga gate and Picnic corner

on Jessore-Khulna route, the Jessore-Magura route, Jessore-Jhenidah route, are most unsafe. These areas are under control mainly by professional dacoits including out-lawed party activists.

Committing dacoity by stopping night coaches by barricading road is their normal practice. Sometimes they travel in the coach from starting point in the guise of passengers. But soon their motive is exposed as they take the driver and employees of the bus hostage and take away all belongings from passengers at gun-point.

According to an unofficial statistics, during the last one year, a total of 200 dacoities were committed in night coaches on this route but the law enforcing agency is yet to take any positive step to curb it.

Previously, Ansar was de-

ployed in night coaches to prevent such occurrences, and it was hailed by passengers. But subsequently, it has been dropped for reasons unknown. According to police source, drivers' seat was ordered to be gridded, so that direct attack on him and taking control of steering would not be easy for the dacoits. But on enquiry, it is learnt that this order is being defied.

Meanwhile, all drivers and paribahans workers of south-western zone, have held demonstration and rally in support of their demand for drastic action by law enforcing agency to check the dacoity in night coaches. They are reported to have given ultimatum to district administration calling for immediate end to this situation otherwise they will have to stop the movement of bus.

Loadshedding in B'baria affects mills production

BRAHMANBARIA, Apr 17: Power failure has become a regular phenomenon now-a-days in the district causing untold suffering to the people, reports UNB.

Frequent power disruption and loadshedding have been affecting production in mills and factories and also irrigation facilities for IRRI-Boro crops at the season's peak hour.

According to local people, the loadshedding starts from morning and continues till night causing huge loss to mills and factories. Consequently, prices of essential commodities have shot up affecting the low income group of people adversely.

SSC candidates are facing serious problems in preparing for the exams due to frequent power failure and loadshedding.

Local leaders have urged the authorities to ensure smooth power supply to restore normal business activities in the district.

Drought, hot spell make life miserable in Pabna

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Apr 17: Continuous drought along with unbearably hot spell has made the life of the people both in the urban and in the rural areas throughout the district extremely miserable.

Agriculture all over the district has been affected a lot, problem of drinking water has become acute and thousands of agricultural labourers have again turned jobless.

People's miseries know no bounds. Scorching weather became so unbearable that just after nine in the morning, the streets of Pabna town wear a deserted look. Scarcity of drinking water has become acute as water supply system of Pabna Paurashaba is facing a complete breakdown and tubewells became in-operative as under ground water level has gone unprecedentedly down. The rivers, beels and

canals have mostly dried up. The sufferings of the people became further acute due to extremely erratic supply of electricity. A real suffocating situation has been prevailing in the urban areas. Demand for green coconut and cold drinks have increased enormously.

The SSC examinees are the worst sufferers as they neither find their examination halls congenial for writing nor their residences and hostels congenial for studies due to this hot spell and irregular power-supply.

Due to scorching weather the agricultural land has turned as hard like rocks and cracks have appeared in the fields.

Hence, the cultivation of aus paddy, teel, jute and summer vegetables were being seriously hampered. Irrigation of IRRI-Boro paddy grown lately

due to recurring floods and heavy and continuous rainfalls till late 1995 is also being severely hampered. Many low lift pumps, shallow tube wells, deep tube-wells have already been rendered quite unserviceable as underground water-level has gone abnormally down throughout the district.

Fodder for cattle are very scarce. Prices of grass, and straw have also gone up and consequently, the helpless cattle have already been faced with decaying health condition.

Crisis of drinking water became more acute in the rural areas. Tubewells have choked up and to make them serviceable, people have been digging earth and sinking or re-sinking tubewells much below. The traditional ring wells have also mostly gone dry in the villages rendering tremendous problems for the villagers.

3 UP offices to be built in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, Apr 17: Zila Parishad has undertaken a programme to construct three union parishad offices in the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, Tk 43 lakh will be spent for the implementation of the programme. The UP offices will be built at Dulswar in Kalapara thana, at Kamalpur in Sadar thana and at Kakrabunia in Mirzaganj thana.

Another message adds: Local Public Health Engineering Department has taken up a scheme to install 20 deep tubewells in the municipal area in the current fiscal year.

According to official sources, the installation work is progressing fast and is expected completed soon.

With the implementation of the scheme scarcity of drinking water supply will be solved to a great extent.

Short supply of textbooks in Bhola

BHOLA, Apr 17: The Department of district Primary Education distributed about 1,76,300 sets of new textbooks among the students of class one to class five, reports UNB.

The distribution could only fulfil the demand of about 65 per cent of the demand in the current academic session, official sources said.

According to local elite, this short supply of textbooks would seriously hamper the government's compulsory primary education programme in different areas of the district.

Official sources said the district Primary Education office sent a message to the higher authorities for at least 2,69,529 sets of books to meet the requirement in seven thanas of the district.

Later, the authorities concerned issued an order to recollect the books distributed in the previous year from the students and disburse the same among the new comers and promoted students.

"But to recollect the books is impossible in our system and even if possible, partially, 90 per cent of those books found totally unfit for use," a local official told UNB.

One killed in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Apr 17: One person was killed by his opponent group at village Ashatuk in Karimganj thana on Sunday.

The victim, Nurul Islam, 40, was hit with a spear that pierced into his chest, killing him on the spot.

The incident was a sequel to the previous enmity, police said. A case has been filed.

Property worth Tk 5 lakh gutted in Akhaura

BRAHMANBARIA, Apr 17: Property and goods worth Tk 5 lakh was gutted in a devastating fire at Sarak Bazar in Akhaura on April 7, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the fire originating from a mosquito coil in a shop soon engulfed the nine shops of the bazar.

Local people rushed the spot and brought the fire under control after frantic efforts.

Statue worth Tk one lakh recovered

BRAHMANBARIA, Apr 17: Police recovered a statue made of touch-stone worth about Taka one lakh from Suhilpur village in Sadar thana on Friday, reports UNB.

According to local people, the statue weighing 20 kg was recovered from a pond of the village.

Another report says: Detective police last week recovered a pipe gun and nabbed a man in this connection.

Acting on secret information, police raided Kautali area in the town and arrested A R Khan of Fardauk village in Nasiragar thana.

Following his confessional statement, police recovered the country made pipe gun. A case was filed with the police.

Digital telephone exchange in Barisal soon

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Apr 17: A new digital telephone exchange of 5000 lines is being set up at Barisal soon.

Though, so far it is learnt, the work for setting up the new exchange is now suspended due to different reasons, it will be started within a very short time, a T&T source said.

There are two tele-exchanges at Barisal divisional headquarter — one is of analog system another is container exchange system. Old Analog system is running with a capacity of 2200 lines while the container exchange has capacity of 600 lines. For a divisional headquarter, 2800 telephone connections are very negligible. It is expected that the new

digital exchange of 5000 lines will meet the demand of telephone lines for next some years in comparison to growing population rate.

According to the Barisal T&T source, nearly two thousand applications for new telephone lines are pending. In that case, only nearly three thousand lines will be remained open for the consumers as at least ten per cent will be kept reserved as her rule of T&T.

However, local people observed that with the new digital telephone exchange, both the old analog and the container exchanges should continue accordingly as before so that consumers can get better service from T&T.

Loadshedding disrupts normal life in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Apr 17: Supply of electricity in Kishoreganj town and thanas of the district has become irregular and the situation is worsening day by day. This is causing great inconveniences both to the domestic and commercial consumers.

It is learnt that hardly a day or night passes without disruption of power supply. In the evening the whole district areas except Kishoreganj town plunge into darkness and it continues for hours together. Frequent power failure has almost paralysed the normal life.

Due to irregular supply of power, businessmen land owners of factories and mills are incurring huge losses. All husking mills are affected by

frequent power disruption and crushing of paddy and wheat is being hampered. Meanwhile, price of rice and atta has also gone up.

It is gathered that the electric lines and transformers are now in a deplorable condition due to lack of proper maintenance. Moreover, the transformers in the town and its suburbs are reportedly inadequate compared to the requirement of voltage.

Meanwhile, taking advantage of the darkness, the anti-social elements have become active after the sunset.

Many complaints have been lodged with local authority every day. But no effective measures have yet been taken in this regard.

One killed in Kushtia road accident

KUSHTIA, Apr 17: Father of noted folk singer Farida Parveen was killed in a road accident on Kushtia-Jhenidah road on Saturday, reports UNB.

Police said the accident occurred when a speedy bus hit a motor bike carrying Parveen's father Delwar Hossain, 70, and another person near Customs House on the road.

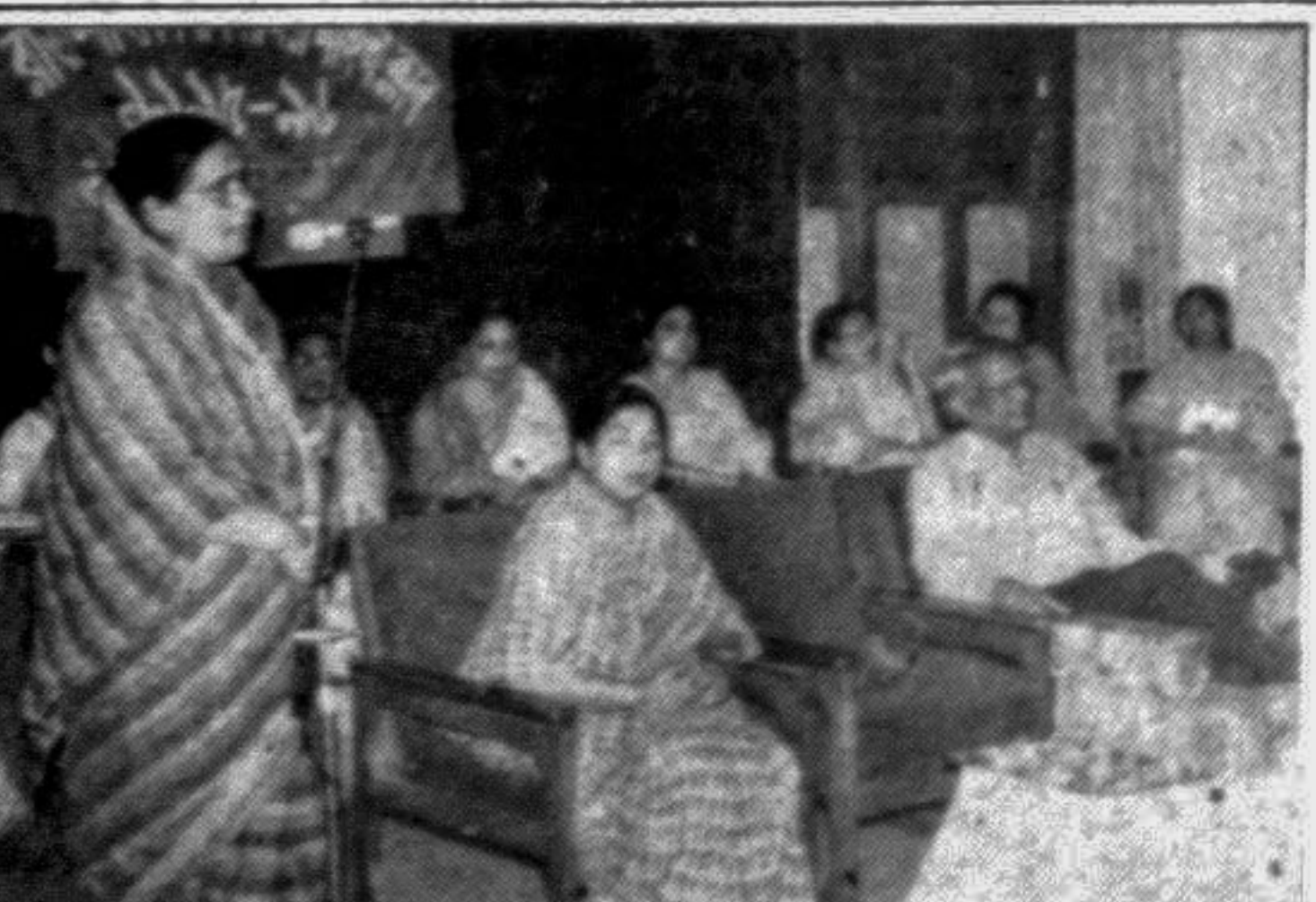
Delwar and the other person who was driving the bike were rushed to Kushtia General Hospital. Later Delwar succumbed to his injuries.

5 dacoits arrested

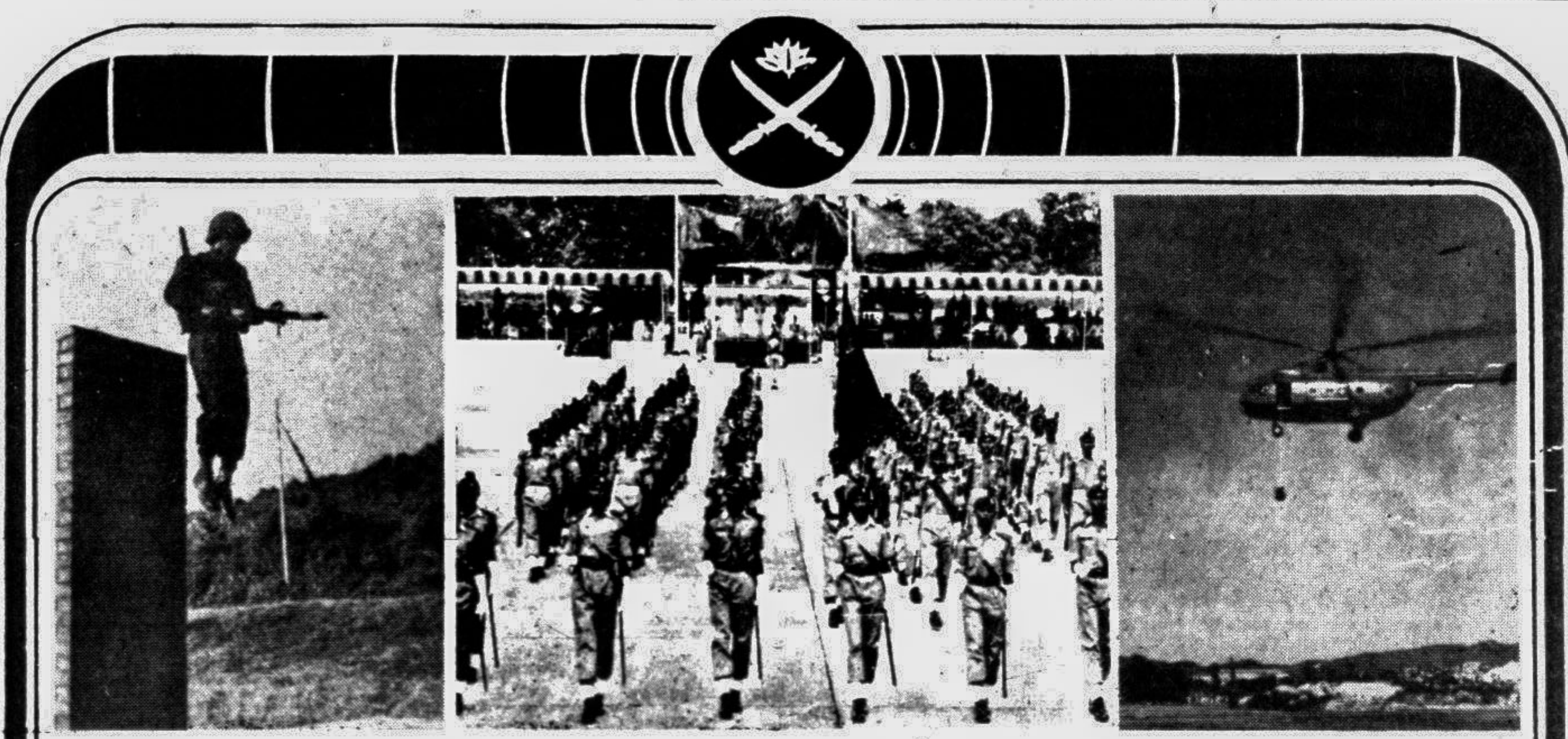
KISHOREGANJ, Apr 17: Five dacoits were arrested along with firearms and looted goods from Haliura village in Nandail thana early Tuesday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip off police challenged the dacoits at the village at about 7 am and arrested them with two pipe-guns, three cartridges, one round of LMG bullet, one knife and a huge quantity of looted goods.

Police said the dacoits were returning after committing dacoity at two villages in neighbouring Gafargaon thana.



RAJSHAHI: Chairperson of Rajshahi University Ladies' Club Feroza Eusuff addressing the annual general meeting of the organisation here recently. — Star photo



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 - a. All Station Headquarters i.e. Dhaka, Comilla, Chittagong, Bogra, Rangpur, Saidpur, Savar, Jessore, Momen Shahi (Mymensing), Jalalabad (Sylhet),

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- Headquarters Recruiting Unit (RU), 34 Palaashi Barrack, Azimpur Dhaka and Branch Recruiting Unit (BRU), Comilla, Jessore and Bogra.
- All District Armed Services Board.
- Office of the Deputy Commissioners where no Station Headquarters or District Armed Services Board is located.

12. Application forms can be obtained on submission of Bank Draft Pay Order, Worth Tk. 100.00 (Taka One hundred) Bank draft can be taken from any branch of Sonali, Rupali and Agrani Bank of the Country (Non refundable) in favour of Army Headquarters, Adjutant General Branch, Personnel Administration Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment payable to any of the following Banks located at Dhaka Cantonment:

- Sonali Bank, Dhaka Cantonment Branch
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SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

13. Application forms to reach Army Headquarters, Adjutant General Branch, Personnel Administration Directorate (PA-2), Dhaka Cantonment alongwith the following documents by 30 April 1996.

- 04 Copies of recent passport size photograph duly attested by a first class gazetted officer.
- Photostate copies of all educational certificates and marksheet duly attested by a first class gazetted officer.
- A self addressed envelope, (9"x 4") with TK.2.00 (Taka two) postage affixed.
- Nationality certificate from local Union parishad / pourashava/Ward Chairman/ commissioner as per permanent address.
- Persons employed in any organization/establishment will apply through Departmental Head.

14. **Attention:**

- No Candidate will come to Army Headquarters gate Physically. If there is any query on Selection matters, candidates will communicate through Telephone numbers mentioned in the call up letter available with the candidates.
- No application will be received by Army Headquarters directly. Candidates will send their applications through post offices.
- Candidates, who have already applied for the above mentioned course as per previous advertisement, need not apply further.

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: 30 April 1996

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