Preparation for holding polls in Faridpur completed

FARIDPUR, June 4: Election Commissioner Abidur Rahman said all preparations have been completed for holding the ensuing election in free, fair, transparent and neutral man ner, reports UNB.

"There should be no doubt about the holding of election on schedule," he said while addressing a meeting with the candidates, political leaders, elites and local journalists at the DC's conference room on Monday afternoon.

Underscoring the need for making the election acceptable to all in home and abroad. the EC called upon the political and social leaders to extend their cooperation in maintaining congenial atmosphere on the election date so maintaining congenial atmosphere on the election date so that the common people can exercise their right to franchise freely

Earlier, he addressed a separate meeting of concerned district level officials at the same venue.

Deputy Commissioner AFM Abdul Hag and Police Super Abdus Suttar also addressed the meeting.

Old man killed in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent FARIDPUR, June 4: An old man was killed by a group of unknown assailants on May

According to the police sources. Gorjan Ali, 65, of village Nabu Mulliker Dangi under North Channel Union in Kotwali thana was sleeping in open verandah when some miscreants attacked him with lethal weapons at the dead of night. He died on the spot. The cause behind the mur

der is yet to be ascertained. High police officials visited the spot in the next morning. Local people brought out a procession in the town demanding arrest and punishment of those responsible. A case was lodged with

One beaten to death in Jhenidah

Kotwali police.

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, June 4: One Abdus Salam Fakir, 40, of village Panlapara in Mohespur thana of the district was beaten to death on the spot on May I afternoon, according to witnesses. According to reports, quarrel took place between Abdus Salam and one of his neighbour Jahurul Haq for recovery of Taka only 30 from the victim. At on stage Salam the was ticked in the head which caused his instant

A case was registered with Mohespur thana. But none was arrested so far, police said.

One hacked to death in Khulna

From Our Correspondent KHULNA, June 4: A young housewife was hacked to death allegedly by her brother-inlaw, Dev Prasad, in Chakundia village under Dumuria thana Saturday night. An affair between the two was reportedly the cause of the killing.

30. mother of two children was the wife of one Narayan Mallick.

A case has been recorded. None has so far been arrested.

The victim, Purnima Rani

3 sentenced to life for murder

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ, June 4: Md Abul Mansur, Additional District and Sessions Judge, first court while passing his judgement in a murder case on May 30 convicted three persons under Section 302 BPC and sentenced them to life term with a fine of Taka 5000 each. In default to pay the fine, the convicts will suffer RI for another one year.

The tried persons are Fazlul Haque alias Fazu. Kutub Mia and Zaman Mia. The court also found another accused Prafulla Chandra Sarkar guilty under Section 201 BPC and sentenced him to suffer RI for 5 years and to pay a fine of Taka 1000 or in default to suffer RI

for another six months. Of the convicts, Kutub Mia and Zaman Mia has been absconding and they were tried

in absentia. The prosecution case in brief is that, deceased Nani Gopal Sarkar of village Pingrail in Lohajang thana of Munshiganj district used to stay in a rented house at Austagram thana headquarters for business purposes. On the night of December 4, 1988, the accused called him out of the house on the plea of at-tending a 'oras'. When they reached in the middle of a haor, the accused stabbed Nani Gopal to death and severed his

head from the body. Police recovered the be-headed body the following day and the head two days later. A case was registered with Austagram police and charge-sheet against four persons was submitted after investigation.

Election scene in Bhola, Barguna

Frem Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, June 4: Like elsewhere across the country. electioneering in Bhola and Barguna district is going on in full swing.

Candidates of different political parties and their work ers are regularly going on with election campaign throughout the day up to midnight. In some places candidates have engaged female workers to persuade female voters in their favour

Workers and supporters of different candidates are bringing out processions chanting slogans in tayour of their party candidates.

Bhola

Seven candidates from different political parties are contesting for Bhola-1 (Sadar) seat. Here, according to local people and observers, main fight may take place between AL Candidate Tofael Ahmed, a veteran Awami League leader and a presidium member and BNP nominee Mossaraf Hossain Sahjahan, a former state minister. JP candidate Magsudur Rahman, former upazila chairman, is also a strong candidate.

Candidates of Jamaat-e-Islami, Gono Forum, Islami Oikva Jote and others are also

in the race. in Bhola-2 constituency (Borhanuddin-Daulatkhan), the number of contestants is nominated by different political parties. But neck and neck contest is expected between the AL and BNP candidates vetern parliamentarian Tofael Ahmed and Hafez Ibrahim. The candidates from Jamaat-e-Islami, Islamic Sashantantra Andolan and Jatiya Party are also in the electoral fray. Among them, position of Md. Fazlul Karim of

Jamaat is better. In Bhola-3 (Lalmohan-Tajumuddin) constituency former BNP MP major (Rtd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, B B, is to face a tough contest with AL candidate principal AKM Nazrul Islam. Maulana Shihabuddin, a Jamaat candi date there also a popular candidate. The other 3 candidates are Abdus Sattar Alamgir of Jatiya Party. Firoj Kibria of Gono Forum and Maulana Nurul Islam of Islami Oikya Jote. The number of candidates here is six.

In Bhola-4 (Charfasion Monpura) constituency, six candidates from different parties are contesting. But in this

very sensitive seat like Bholatough contest is likely among the AL Candidate former MF Md. Jafarulla Chowdhury, BNP nominated candidate student leader Md. Nazimuddin Alam and Jatiya Party candidate

Motahar Hossain (Alamgir). Local people said, nothing can be predicted earlier as these three candidates are neck to neck competition in their campaign.

Barguna

In the three constituencies of Barguna district. 25 contestants are contesting for the June 12 election.

Meantime, many small and big processions were brought out by different parties in favour of their candidates here.

In Barguna-1 (sadar) seat former AL MP Dhirendra Debnath Sambhu is to face contest with M Abdur Rahman (Khokan) of BNP and Md Jairul Hasan Farhad of Jativa Party. But the prospect of AL candidate is brighter than the other candidates here, local people viewed.

He defeated Alhaj Maulana Abdur Rashid of Islami Oikya Jote by 15,215 votes in 1991

election. This time also Abdur Rashid Pir Saheb may be a balancing factor among the voters. Here, 10 candidates in total from different parties in

the fray In Barguna-2 (Bamna-Patharghata) seat, BNP candidate Nurul Islam Moni will face the AL candidate Golam Kabir this time. In 1991, Moni defeated Golam Kabir (AL) by 5.852 votes. But this time, according to local sources, position of Golam Kabir is much better. Eight contestants in total from different parties are contesting here.

In Barguna-3 (Amtali thana). seven candidates are in the run. Mohammad Mojibur Rahman Talukder of AL defeated the JP nominated candidate Mohammad Motiar Rahman Talukder by 18,032 votes in 1991 election. It was a landslide victory for AL candidate here by that time. But this time he may face tough contest with Md Motiar Rahman Talukdar of JP and Md. Ansarul Alam of BNP.

The other candidates are Abdur Rab Biswas of Jamaat. Mashiur Rahman * (Independent), Md. Obaidul Kader of Jaker Party and Salahuddin Ahmed of Islami Oikya Jote.

Polls: Triangular fight in B'baria

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, June 4 With only 8 days left for the seventh Jatiya Sangsad (JS) poil on June 12, candidates of different political parties and independent have geared up their election campaign visiting the voters door to door in all six constituencies of the district.

The candidates along with their supporters have started to convince the voters in their favour besides holding meeiings and rallies.

The common voters have began speculating about the election. The seventh parliamentary election has become the main topic of the discussion of most of the meetings and sittings in the restaurants, offices, clubs and other places.

Meanwhile, some workers of the candidates to draw the attention of the voters have put up colourful lights at camps, multicolour wall writings with election symbols ignoring Election Commission ban were also noticed in some places.

In Brahmanbaria district there are six parliamentary seats being contested by the different political parties and

SYLHET, June 4: With only 8

days left for the 7th parliamen-

tary elections, the district of

Habigani is humming with

heavy electioneering. The con-

testing candidates and their

supporters and workers have

vigorously started door to door

campaign in all the town and

rural areas for the last few

days. The candidates and

workers are holding rallies.

gatherings, meetings, mikings

and processions to draw the

attention of the common vot-

The electioneering has also

gripped the rural hats and

bazars. Poster and leaflets of

candidates alongwith their

party leaders have been pasted

on walls both in the rural and

town areas in the district.

Election offices of candidates

have also been opened in dif-

ferent areas to launch the elec-

tion campaign. Most of the

people are now seen busy

As many as 34 candidates

are in the election race for 4

constituencies comprised of 8

thanas in the district of

The total number of voters

in Habiganj-1 Constituency

(Nabiganj- Bahubal thanas)

stands at two lakh 2 thousand

886. Neck and neck fight in

this seat between the JP's

Khalilur Rahman Chowdhury

(elected in 1991) and AL's

nominee Ex-State Minister

Dewan Farid Gazi is likely.

While the BNP nominee

Sheikh Sujat Miah who was

elected on February 15 elec-

tion may be in the third posi-

tion, a number of political

In most of the rural areas in

this constituency, there is a

say that, if elected, the JP will

leaders viewed.

speculating the fate of candi-

independents Brahmanbaria Nasirnagor) constituency Seven candidates are contest ing here. Md Sayedul Haq

(Awame League). Md Younus Buyian [Independent] Mawlana Ali Azam (Jamaat) Md. Ahsanul Haq (Jatiya Party). S M Safi Mamud (BNP), Hafiz Jubayer Ahmed Ansary (IOJ), Md Israeel Buiyan (Independent). A triangular fight among AL candidate Sayedul Haq, BNP-SM Safi Mahmud and JP Md Ahsanul Haq is most likely, voters speculate. In Brahmanbaria-2 (Sarail

B'baria) Sk Md Shahidul Islam (Jamaat), Dewan Omor Faruk (JP) Ad. Abdus Sattar Buiyan (BNP), Al Haz Md Jahangir (Independent), Shahria Firuz (BGF), Abdul Halim (AL), Dr Faridul Huda (Independent). Mubarak Hussain (JP), Mufti Fazlul Haq Amini (SSP) are contesting in this seat.

Brahmanbaria-3 (sadar thana) : Rustom Ali Sarker (Jamaat), MA Malek (Jaker Partyl. Ad. Lutfol Hi Satchu

momentum in Habiganj

From Staff Correspondent

get their leader Ershad freed.

The AL leaders and workers

are also very much active to

capture the seat. The total

number of voters in the con-

stituency Habiganj-2

(Baniachang and Ajmiriganj

Awami League has nomi-

nated Advocate Sharifuddin

Ahmed who was elected in the

1991 elections, Sarif and

having good personal image

has a well organised group of

workers in two thanas. BNP

has nominated Jakaria Khan

Chowdhury, an Advisor of the

Ziaur Rahman's first cabinet

the people of his constituency

for long. He played an impor-

tant role in developing the

less developed areas through

construction of roads, bridges,

culverts etc. There will be a

neck and neck light in this

constituency, it is largely

speculated. The JP here

placed once leftist leader and

veteran journalist and ex-min-

ister Sirajul Hossain Khan. But,

he may face serious trouble

due to the intra party conflict.

though he was a powerful min-

ister in the Ershad cabinet

several times, no major devel-

opment of the area was done at

his initiatives. So, he may be in

the third position, many

The Habiganj-3 constituency

is comprised of Habigani and

Lakhai thanas where the total

number of voters is 179,809.

Abu Lais Muhammad Mubin

Chowdhury, elected in 1991

elections as a JP nominee has

got a good political image in

his locality. Shahid Chowdhury,

chairman, Habigani Porashava

joined the AL last year. These

two are likely to fight a strong

battle many voters speculated

There are allegations that,

Jakaria has a good contact with

thanas) is 1,76,233.

(AL). Ad. Harun-Al-Rashid (BNP), Shakawat Motin Buiyan (NAP) Ad. Humayun Kabir (JP), Abdul Rohim Hazari (IOF), Dr Taridul Huda (Independent), Mufti Faziul Haq Amini (SSP). Azizur Rahman (Independent), Mrs Sawkat Ara (Gono Forum) Mawlana Mozibur Rahman

Hamidi (KA) are contesting in

A triangular fight among Ad Lutfol Hay Sacricha (AL). Ad Harun-al-Rahsed (BNP) and Ad. Humayun Kabir (JP) is ex pected Brahmanbaria-4 (Akhawra

this constituency

and Kasba) : Babu Dilip Badra (GF), Pasha Ali (Independent), Humayon Kabir (KM). Md Shah Alam (AL). Mia Abdullah Wazed (BNP). Kazi Nazrul Islam Khadem (Jamaat), Fardos Akond (Independent), Nurul Haq Sarker (Independent). Md Shahidul Hussan (Independent). Rezaul Rahman (Independent). Hussain Ahmed Buyian (JP). Md Jahangir Osman (JP) are contesting in this constituency

In 1991, BNP-candidate Mia Abdullah won the parliamentary election and all other Polls campaign gaining

widely. The two other impor-

tant contestants in the seat

are, Advocate Atiqullah of BNP

election) and Sved Mohammad

Kaiser, industrialist turned

politician and ex-state minis-

ter of JP this time contesting

as an independent candidate.

BNP would be far from the

contest due to intra-party rift,

said a senior BNP leader. Faisal

may also have the same fate.

the Habiganj-4 constituency

which is comprised of

Chunarughat and Madhabpur

thanas. Enamul Haque Mostafa

Shahid was elected in the

1991 elections with AL ticket,

here. The party has got good

organisational structure in this

area. There is a number of Tea

Gardens in this area. Tea gar-

den labourers are considered

to be the reserve voters for AL.

It is widely believed as be-

cause, the then Prime Minister

Shekh Mujibur Rahman gave

the voting rights to the garden

labourers. BNP here placed

Syed Mohammad Faisal an in-

dustrialist turned politician to

face Mostafa Shahid. Faisal got

his own image in this region.

The constituency is awaiting a

hard contest between these

two, say many people. JP nom-

inated Mesbaul Rab

Chowdhury, a retired govern-

Jamaat-E-Islami, Gano For-

um. Islami Oikya Jote, Left

Front, JSD also BSD also

placed their candidates while

some independent candidates

are also in the race in the four

constituencies. But, they are

almost out of any speculation, a

number of political activists

and elderly people viewed.

while talking to this corre-

ment official

spondent.

There are 2,50909 voters in

said many.

lelected in the February

candidates have lost their security money in the race. But this year, there may be a triangular fight among the candidates of BNP, JP and Jamaat, political observers said.

Brahmanbaria-5 (Nabinagor Md Mahbubur Rahman (IOJ). Saheb Ali (Jaker Party). Md Idris Mia (Jamaat). Takdir Hussain Jasim (BNP), Jakirul Haq Bahar (JSD). Ad. A Latif (AL). Md Jiaul Haq Sarker (Independent), Nurul Amin (Freedom Party), Mawlana Fazulul Haq (SSP), are contesting for the seat

Of them A Latif (AL) has a good chance of winning the seat, voters say.

Brahmanbaria-6 (Bancharampur): Dr Rowsan Alam (BNP). Nur Muhamad Adil (JP), Dewan Muhammad Nokibul Huda (Jamaat), AKM Jakir (Independent). Md Al Amin (Jaker Party). Monirul Hauge (IOJ), are contesting for this seat. In 1991 election AL did not

win any seat out of six constituencies in Brahmanbaria while BNP secured 4 seats and JP secured two seats here.

for 7 seats in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, June 4: The electioneering has been gainother political parties are en-

A total of 48 candidates are now contesting in the ensuing

AL Organising Secretary and former Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim is contesting from Sirajganj-1 (Kazipur) and Sirajganj-2 (Sadar) seats and former VC of Rajshahi University Dr Mazharul Islam is contesting from Serajganj-7 as AL candidate while former Deputy Prime Minister Prof M A Matin is contesting from Sirajganj-2, as a JP candidate.

It is expected that AL candidate Mohammad Hasim and BNP candidate Abdul Mazid Minu will face tough competition in Serajganj-1 constituency while in Sirajganj-2, Nasim faces JP candidate prof Abdul Matin, BNP AKM Shamsul Alamin and Jamaat leader Adv Abdul Latif.

In Sirajganj-4, main contest is expected among the BNP and AL candidates and in Sirajganj-5, direct contest is expected between Jamaat and BNP candidates

48 contesting

ing momentum in all seven constituencies of the district as BNP, Awami League and gaged in door to door hectic campaign, reports UNB.

parliamentary election where Awami League, BNP, Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami and Jaker Party nominated their candidates in all the seven

In Sirajganj-3, a triangular fight is expected among M Abdul Mannan Talukder of BNP. M Ishak Hossain Talukder of Awami League and ABM Abdus Sattar of Jamaat.

UNB. Official sources said 3,450

In Sirajganj-6, a triangular fight is expected among the BNP. Awami League and Left Front candidates. In Sirajganj-7, direct contest is expected between BNP and AL candi-

Massive afforestation programme has been taken up by the authority of Barind Multipurpose Development Project. The shows trees planted on Parsombari Dam in Badalgachi thana of Naogaon district. - Star photo

Appeal by Gen Nasim's mother forces and formation of the

Following is the rest of the news item published on our front page on Tuesday under the headline "Appeal by Gen Nasim's mother

Gen Nasim's mother said her son was noted for his honesty, piety and firmness of character in all-circles.

She said taking a solemn pledge with Quran in hand he started his career and vowed to work for establishing democracy in remain respectful to constitution and law. She said Gen Nasim's ob-

jective was to keep the army free from political influences and transform it into an international peace keeping force. He also wanted to make sure the army would not be used as a weapon of political aggrandizement by any party.

He had no lust for power She noted with deep regret that he was being identified as power hungry-person. "During the early phase of the current year when the country was afflicted by political unrest, many quarters at home and abroad apprehended intervention of armed forces in the politics of the country. He however, managed to keep the patriotic armed forces away from those developments," she

General Nasim's mother said President gave forced retirement to two senior army officers without the knowledge of Nasim on May 18. On the same date Nasim wanted to discuss the matter with the President, but the President gave him no time. Next day in the morning, he discussed the matter with the President. The development that followed were too well known to require recapitulation,

Nothing could be more disgraceful than the fact that her patriotie son was being presented as a traitor, she said.

She said in his address to the nation President made no mention of Nasim's clandestine connection with those; punished officers nor did he refer to any cassette. Subsequently, he brought the charge of high treason against Nasim by referring to his secret contacts with those officers and cassettes.

In view of these developments, situation in the armed

army inquiry commission. certain questions have creeped into my mind and I would like to place them before my coun-

trymen, she said.

(A) The President has stated the report on the actions taken against the army officers as per army rule will be sent to him by the army enquiry commission through the Chief of Staff. If it is correct, what crime did Nasim commit by requesting the President to review the decision taken against the army officers without inquiry and without his

knowledge? (B) The President himself will take decision on the basis of inquiry commission, but he took position against Nasim through his address to the nation on May 20. The inquiry commission formed under the leadership of a person who was promoted to Major General from Brigadier on May 20. Therefore can the decisions of the commission and the President be impartial?

(C) The President in his statement has said that the responsibility of the commission is to enquire into the charges against the accused. He stated in his interview with the BBC. which was published in the Daily Ingilab that actions have been taken against the accused army officers on the basis of evidences and documents. If the President had evidences. then why did he form the mock inquiry commission to collect evidences and docu-

(D) There is a provision for attachment for all accused army officers under army rule so that they are not able to influence the inquiry. Nasim issued orders against four army officers on May 19. Although there is a reference to this measures taken by Nasim in the Pres Note issued by Defence Ministry, the charges against the accused officers have been blacked out. Nonetheless, the trend of events show that the action has been taken against Nasim on the basis of accusation made by one of the four offi-

(E) In his interview with BBC, the President said he was informed of the conspiracy to

oust the government a month ago. Why did the President wait for one month and took

step prior to poll? (F) The President referred to a few cassettes as only evidence against the accused officers. But as per modern technology, it is not impossible to produce a cassette by imitating the voice of a person. If the President is in possession of the so-called casette, then why the nation was not officially informed of it? Why there is no mention of it in the Presidential address of May 20 and the Press Note of May 24?

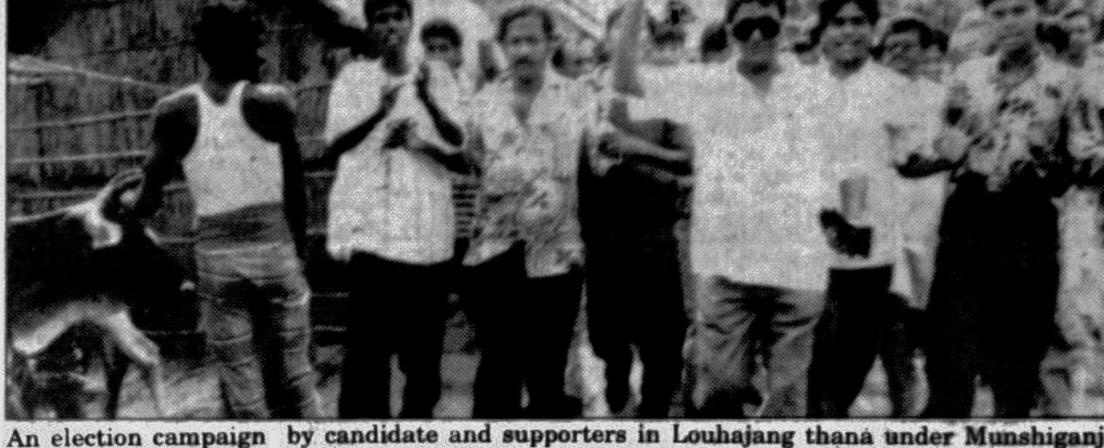
(G) Since it is possible to produce cassettes by imitating voices, nowhere in the world legal actions are taken on the strength of audio cassettes.

H) It has been widely circulated in the national dailies that the copies of those socalled cassettes are being dis tributed in everywhere including army camps. What is the objective behind the distribution of these cassettes deposited with the President in violation of the state security and without officially making them public. It only betrays the fact that effort is being made to create public opinion in favour of the accusations against the army officers concerned

(I) Is it not a fact that the tank and army deployment in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country as per President's directive on May 20 was a part of the pre-planned conspiracy to implicate Nasim?

(J) The President and the Chief Adviser have different versions on the incidents of May 20. The Chief Adviser was the Chief Justice of the country. The Chief adviser went on air over radio and television within a few hours of the Presidential address to explain his own as well his caretaker government's position to the nation. Does at not proved that the step taken by the President was not just?

(K) In the interest of sound and fair election, changes were made on the postings of civil officers following demands of political parties. But for the same reason why the President ignored the file containing Nasim's recommendations on changes in the army?



district recently.

Dacoity in Comilla

COMILLA, June 4: A daring dacoity was committed at Shibrampur village in Burichange thana of the district on May reports UNB.

According to witnesses, a gang of dacoits entered the house of Khawaja Ahmed and started playing the cassette player of the house owner, They forced the inmates to serve them tea at gunpoint and started gossip with them like relatives.

They stayed the house for an hour and snatched gold ornaments, clothes and other valuables in course of gossips and at one stage left the house like guests.

The presence of the people at the house was noticed by the neighbours, but they thought them as guest and hence the dacoits escaped unchallenged, it is learnt.

606 schemes nearing completion in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, June 4: The execution of 606 schemes under Food for Works programme in the district is nearing completion, reports

metric tons of wheat have been allocated for implementation of the schemes in six thanas. Of them, 159 schemes are being implemented in Sadar, 137 in Bauphal, 58 in Dasmina, 123 in Galachipa, 57 in Kalapara and 63 in Mirzaganj

thanas. The schemes includes construction of roads, embankments, bridges, culverts, educational institutions, excavation of canals and earthfilling works.

Acute traffic jam in Narail

NARAIL, June 4: Traffic jam has become a regular phenomenon in the town hampering the movement of vehicles and pedestrians, reports UNB. Local people said traffic jam

has turned acute due to indiscriminate parking of vehicles in the small town. Besides, increasing number of rickshaws and its haphazard parking made the situation worse. About 200 rickshaws are

being plied in the town from

dawn to midnight and most of

the rickshawpullers park their Tk 24.83 lakh. vehicles on the road or road-About Tk 68.43 lakh is besides causing traffic jam. Being spent for development of sides, the number of illegal road by flexible pavement and rickshaws is increasing day by Tk 91.91 for construction of road by HBB.

Paddy output target may not be achieved

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, June 4: The target for paddy production in greater Faridpur district may not be achieved this year due to non-availability of good quality seeds, drought, scarcity of agricultural inputs and insol-

vency of the farmers. According to agriculture extension department source, the target of paddy cultivation in five districts under greater Faridpur district was fixed at 3,61,000 hectares of land. Out of this, 1.56,700 hectares was earmarked for aus cultivation and the rest for aman cultivation.

The source further dis-

44,400 hectares in Rajbari district were brought under HYV aus paddy and 1,55,000 hectares under local varieties. Only 16,000 hectares of land was brought under broadcasting aman. The helpless farmers are to borrow money from the local

closed that 94,150 hectares of

land in Gopalgani, 81,400

hectares in Faridpur, 69,050

hectares in Madaripur, 65,000

hectares in Shariatpur and

Star photo

money lenders at a very high rate of interest are they are not easily accessible to bank

1392 arrested in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent FARIDPUR, June 4: Some 1392 persons wanted against various charges have been arrested in the district since April 1, according to police sources.

Of these, 421 have been ar-

rested under GR: 200 under CR: 5 under Arms Act and 766 under different charges. Besides, two pistols, four pipe guns, two shutter guns, one beyonet, 17 rifle-cartridges, nine gun-eartridges, and three bombs were recovered during the period from

different parts of the district. Six more cases have been instituted against the miscreants arrested under Arms Act. However, people believe that there are still a lot of illegal fire arms in the possession

Tk 1.9 cr projects in Bhola

of miscreants.

BHOLA, June 4: Work on construction and repair of various development projects in the current fiscal year in the district is nearing completion. reports UNB.

Local Government and Engineering Department has been implementing the projects at a cost of Tk 1.91 crore. Under the programme a bridge and a box culvert are being constructed at a cost of

BARD founding anniversary

COMILLA, June 4: The three-day 37th founding anniversary of Bangladesh Academy For Rural Development (BARD) was observed here on May 27, reports UNB.

On the occasion, a seminar on future activities of BARD. sport competition among the children of officials, exhibition of experimental projects, rally, milad mahfil, special prayer, re-union and a cultural function were held.

Presided over by BARD Chairman M Abdul Quddus, the function was addressed, among others, by BARD Director (Admn) SM Elah, Project Director Saleha Bagum and Director (Training) M Khairul

Kabir. Former Chief Executive of BARD and CIRDAF Azizul Haque was present as chief guest

One killed in Comilla

COMILLA, June 4: A man was killed by his nephew at village Basuara in Chouddagram thana following a dispute over a plot of land, police said, reports UNB.

According to police, Ayub

Ali was claiming the ownership

of the land to his uncle

Moulana Abul Kashem since long which was refuted by him. But on May 22, Ayub renewed his demand and after an altercation, he hit Abul Kashem with a dao injuring

him seriously. Later Kashem was rushed to Comilla Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead. A case has been filed with the police.