

Abscinding murderer arrested

From Our Correspondent
GAIBANDHA, July 6: Long abscinding accused, elder brother Awrangzeb Shah was arrested by police from his house at village Kishmat Dasha under Sadullapur Thana at deep night on July 1.

The accused was awarded life term imprisonment on charge of murdering his younger brother Raihan Ali Shah in 1995 in the court of district and session judge court.

Story was that on January 23, 1994 a quarrel developed between two brothers over the issue of plucking banana from tree. Soon the situation turned serious after exchanging hot words. Immediately after the incident the victim went to toilet. The elder brother Raihan attacked him and stabbed on the back with a sharp weapon who succumbed to his injuries on the spot. After committing the incident the accused fled and went at large. A case was filed with Sadullapur Thana.

The trial of prosecution case concluded in the court of District and Session Judge A T M Fazal Kabir. After examining the witnesses the accused found guilty of murder and awarded life term in absentia.

One allegedly murdered

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, July 6: One Mojibar Rahman 45 of village Jheniya under Sunderganj Thana was killed by strangulation on June 22. On getting information police recovered the body from a bamboo grove.

According to police, the victim was cutting a bamboo branch from a grove that was strongly protested by the rival group and there ensued a quarrel between them. At one stage rival supporters allegedly caught hold of the throat of the victim that caused death of poor Mojibar in suffocation. A case was filed with Sunderganj Thana. The corpse was sent to morgue.

Flood in Jamalpur unchanged: Embankment threatened by erosion

From Meherullah
JAMALPUR, July 6: The flood situation in Jamalpur district remained unchanged till Thursday night. A total of 18 unions were inundated due to flooding.

Several thousand people were marooned. One child drowned at Bulcher while trying to cross the Jamuna river Wednesday Morning. Some 1,500 families were affected in Dewanganj, Bakshigonj, Islampur, Madarganj thanas.

Newly constructed flood action plan embankment at Bahadurabad ghat at cost Tk 53 crore was threatened by Jamuna erosion. The water level of Jamuna rose to 31 centimeter in last 24 hrs till Thursday, officials said. 5000 acres of aman seed beds and other crops have gone under water. Local people demanded immediate supply of relief.

Apprehend fresh campus violence: 100 BSMC students apply for transfer

BARISAL, July 6: About 100 newly admitted students of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College here recently applied for their transfer to other medical colleges apprehending the renewed campus violence, reports UNB.

Campus sources said outbreak of hostility is expected at any time among rival student activists in the campus. Meanwhile, college authorities deployed a contingent of police to keep the situation under control.

Some 98 first year students of 1995-96 session out of the total 150 had formally applied for the transfer certificates due to feeling of insecurity and disruption of education atmosphere.

The college was closed for two months in July, 1995, following bloody clashes between the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

Kidnapping: 2 get 10-yr RI each in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, July 6: Md Ali Haider, judge, special tribunal, Barisal awarded 10 years RI to each of two accused Dillip Kumar and Altaf Hossain under section 4(B) of the Women Repression Act of 1983 and fined Tk 5000 each, in default to suffer one year RI more. The other 3 accused were acquitted.

According to proceedings, the accused persons kidnapped and tried to marry Rina Begum at Babuganj on April 24 last year. But on next day, local people caught them and rescued Rina Begum. Later, Rokea Begum mother of Rina lodged a case against five with Babuganj Thana of the district.



TANGAIL (Bhuyapur): Jamuna river erosion partially engulfed (L) the road-cum-flood control embankment in Gobindadashi village. Breach may occur at anytime that may result in inundation of 20 villages of Bhuyapur Thana. Erosion of the same river at Khandakarpara and Fakirpara point (R) already washed away 40 houses and threaten more areas of the villages. Hundreds of families have already left the adjoining areas fearing fresh attack by the surging river water.

Flood situation in Gaibandha continue to deteriorate

From KM Rezaul Hoque

GAIBANDHA, July 6: Flood situation in the district continued to deteriorate following onrush of water from upper catchment through main rivers Teesta and Brahmaputra within the course of last three days.

Total 18 unions of the district are now under the grip of flood water. Most affected thana are Fulchari, Shaghata, Gaibandha sadar and Sunderganj where over 30,000 people are said to be marooned in different charlands along Teesta and Brahmaputra basin.

The river Teesta and Brahmaputra and other tributaries like Karotoa, Ghagot, Manash, Alai, Bangali, Akhira and Naleya in the district are in spate and the water level continued to rise at all points. Vast tract of cultivable land and dwelling houses went under water.

Road communication of the affected villages were snapped

as the portion of katcha roads at different locations were washed away by the whirling water.

The marooned people of charlands have been shifting their valuables to safe places on abandoned embankments or nearby high lands.

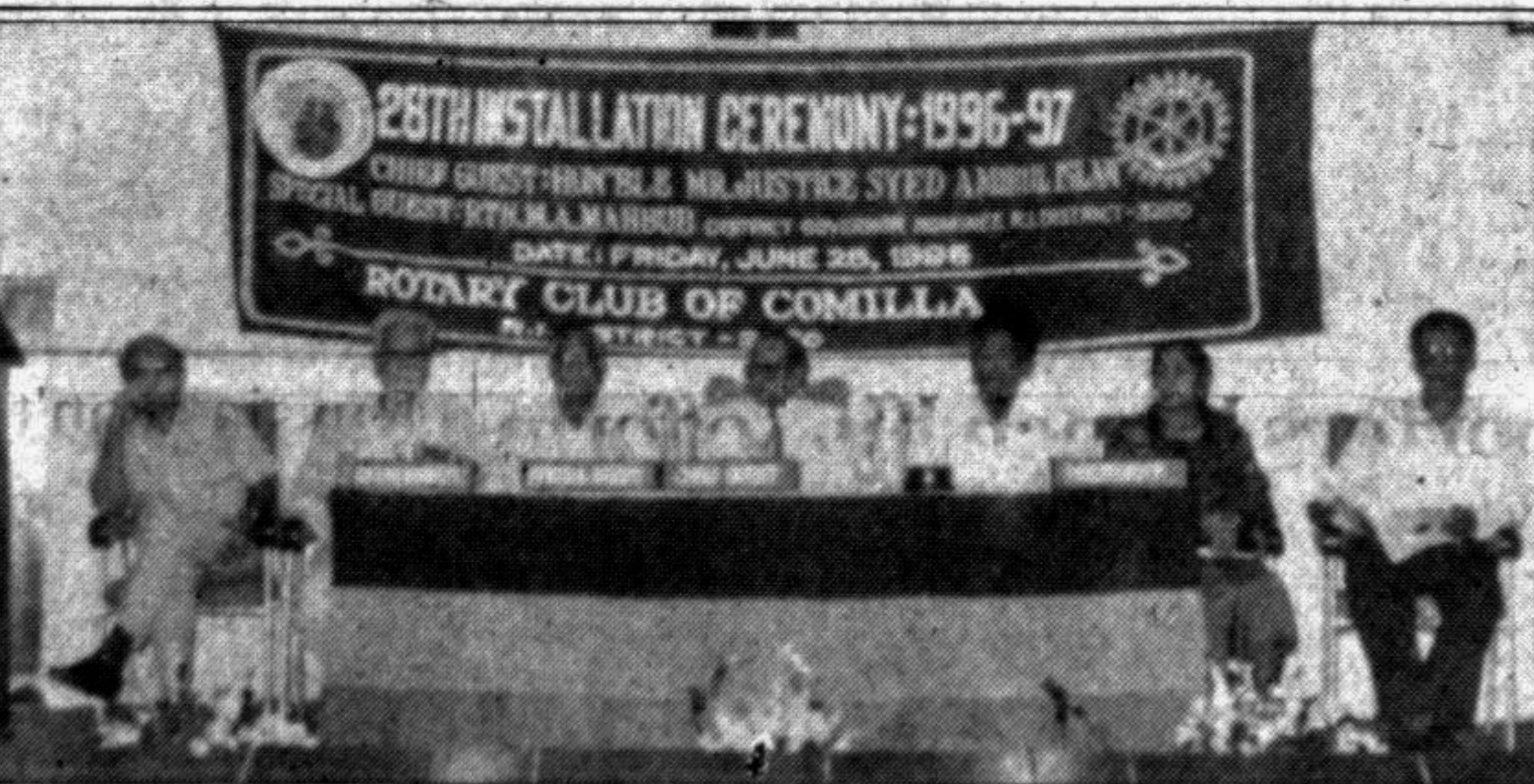
In the meantime, with the rapid rise in water level erosion of river Teesta and Brahmaputra intensified along the western bank. Meanwhile, nearly 450 families lost their shelters within the course of last five days as everyday large chunk of crop lands, trees, bamboo grove, structure of dwelling houses are being devoured by the erosion of river.

The location where erosion affected seriously are Gobindapur, Haldia, under Shaghata Thana, Uria, Fulchari sadar, Fazlupur, Arendabari, Kanchibari under Fulchari Thana, Dhutichora, Rasoolpur

under sadar Thana and Kapsasia, Chandipur, Belka under Sunderganj Thana.

One primary school at Chowmohoni under Fulchari Thana went into the river Brahmaputra after the erosion hit the area. A carpenter, Saiful Islam received serious chest injuries after one heavy wooden beam fell upon him at Chowmohoni primary school when he was removing structure from erosion point.

Last year, Flood Action Plan (FAP) authorities constructed six groynes along the western bank of river Brahmaputra at Rasoolpur under Gaibandha sadar Thana with a view to divert main force of water toward eastern tributary. During the last flood main embankment of the FAP project was washed away by the surging water and one of the groynes was also badly damaged. This year the erosion engulfed more areas of the project area.



COMILLA: The 28th installation ceremony of the office bearers of Rotary Club of Comilla for the year 1996-97 was held here on June 28. Justice Syed Amirul Islam (centre) was present as chief guest while District Governor M Ali Mahub and Rtn PDG Aziz-ul Haq were present as special guests.

BDR's special raid in last 6 months Contrabands worth Tk11.5cr seized from Jessore border

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, July 6: During the last six months from January to June '96 BDR personnel of Jessore seized contrabands worth Taka 11,52,59,256 from different border areas in the district by launching special anti-smuggling drives, officials sources said.

A total of 88 alleged smugglers have been arrested and 1,490 cases were recorded with local thanas during the period, the BDR sources added.

According to commanding officer (CO) BDR, Jessore Lt Col SM Manzur Kabir, contrabands seized, included Indian saree, shallow machine parts, Radio and Radio parts, motor parts, airgun, machinery parts, cycle and cycle parts, salt, sugar, fruits, phensidyl, syrup, bottles, imitation, cosmetics, tortoise, hip, bone, nut and crockeries.

All these have been deposited with customs godown at Jessore and Benapole and the arrested persons were handed over to local thana police, he informed.

In reply to a question whether smuggling could be

checked permanently along the border, CO BDR, Jessore, told this correspondent that it was indeed a very big task for BDR alone to do. He stressed

Nine people face corruption charges From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, July 6: The district Anti-corruption Bureau, Khulna has filed a case with Kotwali Thana against nine persons including Sheikh Feroz-ur-Rahman, Manager of the Agrani Bank of Rupsha stand road, for embezzling a total of five crore by forged means.

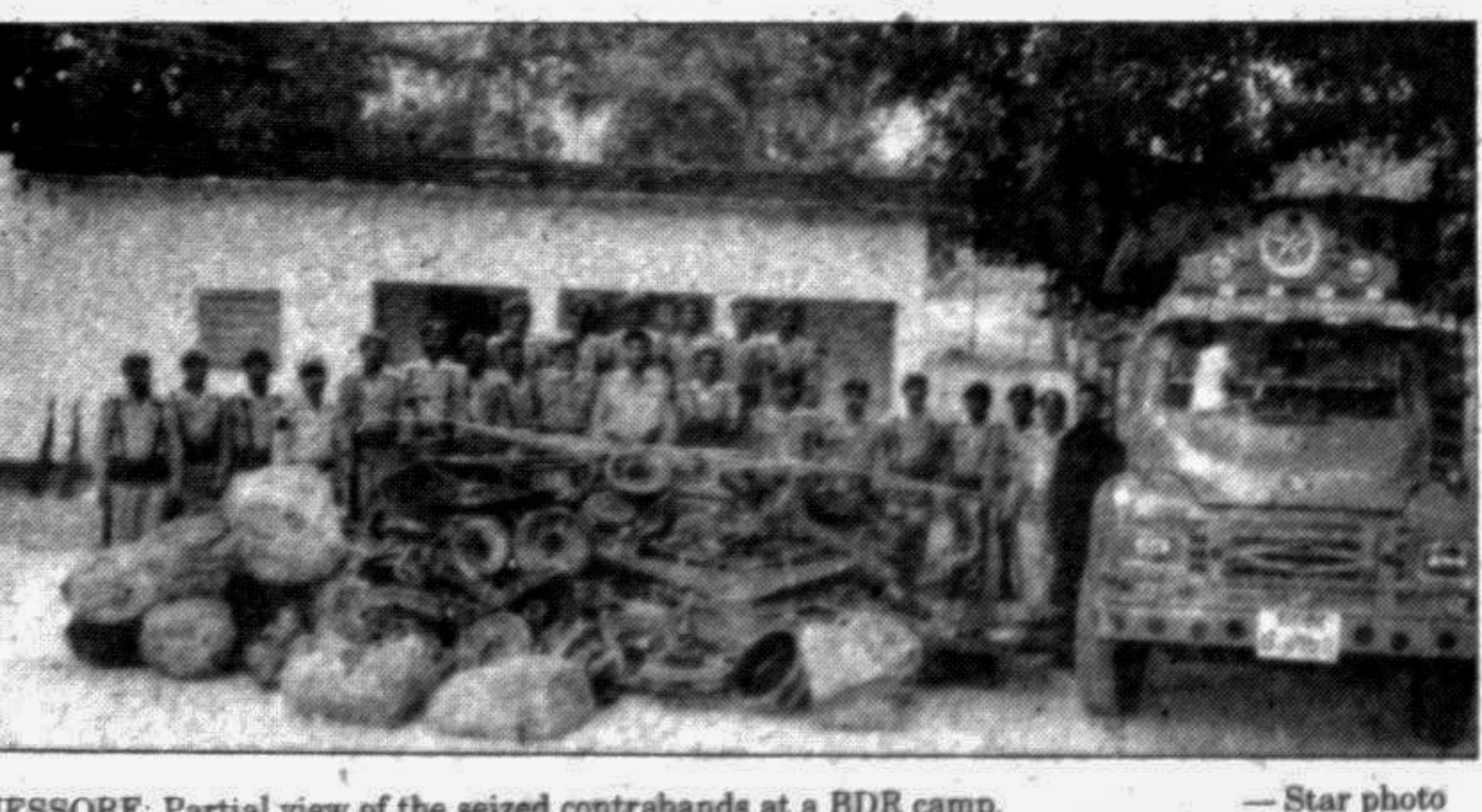
Meanwhile, the branch manager Feroz-ur-Rahman, second officer Zahidul Islam and advance officer Molina Das have been placed under suspension.

According to DAB the accused embezzled five crore taka at different times by forged means and without any lawful authority from the branch in connivance with the bank officials.

upon public support and cooperation to effectively deal with smuggling. He urged upon them to build up social resistance against it and extend their all-out help and cooperation to government agency enabling to stop smuggling.

He, however, said, meanwhile, security measures have been stepped up along the border to check smuggling and to achieve the end big shots engaged in this profession by strengthen syndicate have been taken, into custody and law-enforcing agencies have gone on hunting the gang members to track them down. This process undertaken by them is expected to yield good result.

It may be mentioned here that on receipt of secret information the CO BDR, Jessore led an anti-smuggling drive and recovered contrabands including Indian saree and motor parts worth Taka 76,45,900 from Suzobpur under Kotwali Thana recently. According to office source this is the biggest haul achieved after his joining here.



JESSORE: Partial view of the seized contrabands at a BDR camp. — Star photo

35 examinees expelled in Dinajpur

DINAJPUR, July 6: Thirty-five examinees were expelled from Parabatipur Degree College centre for adopting unfair means on Thursday, the 3rd day of the HSC examinations, reports UNB.

College sources said, 40 students were expelled from the centre on the English 2nd paper examination.

Six examinees out of 1,759 in different centres of Parabatipur Thana were absent on the third day of the examinations.

Alleged smuggler held in Jhalakathi

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, July 6: Three persons, including an alleged smuggler and a drug trader were arrested from Rajapur village under sadar Thana of Jhalakathi last night.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of one Bachchu and arrested him. Following has confession police recovered and seized 58 bottles of phensidyl syrup from two places.

Police in this connection arrested two other persons Yunus and Baharul.

BNP leaders blast ruling party for creating reign of terror

JHENIDAH, July 6: Local BNP leaders on Wednesday blasted the ruling party Awami League for creating a reign of terror at Shalakupura Thana after June 12 national elections, reports UNB.

BNP leader M A Wahab, MP at a press conference at local press club said at least 50 people including BNP leaders and workers were injured and 40 houses were damaged at Bishudia, Dhaura and Bondekhali villages in the Thana by the ruling party activists.

He also blamed the police for their partisan role in these incidents, Wahab said police did not arrest the accused due to mysterious reasons. He demanded immediate arrest of the culprits ignoring party colour.

Shalakupura Pourashaba Chairman Khalilur Rahman and Thana unit BNP president Abul Hossain were also present at the press conference.

Barisal 653 power connections snapped

BARISAL, July 6: Some 653 power connections in the divisional headquarters have been snapped due to non-payment of arrears electricity bills, reports UNB.

According to Power Development Board's zonal office, about Tk 10 crore bills remained outstanding to different subscribers in the fiscal 1995-96.

PDB officials, however, revealed only Tk 2 crore out of its target of Tk 5 crore in that fiscal.

The defaulters included various educational and religious institutions, medium and small industrial units, government, semi-government and other autonomous organisations and pourashava authorities.

Contraband worth Tk 40000 seized in Magura

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, July 6: Task force members in a drive in Arpara bazar of Shalikh Thana in the district recently arrested one employee of a shop and recovered Indian contraband goods worth about Tk 40,000, it was learnt from police sources.

Police said, the task force led by Amiral Azim, first class Magistrate raided different shops in Arpara bazar and seized Indian pesticides and sugar from the shop of Harshit Shaha. The employee of the shop, Swapan Kumar was taken to police custody. A case was lodged with Shalikh Thana.

Breach in WDB embankment: Vast areas inundated

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, July 6: Erosion of Jamuna have further turned serious with rise in the water level of Jamuna.

About 100 feet area of Brahmaputra flood control embankment at Dhitpur in Shahzadpur Thana was washed away and the breach caused flood in at least 30 villages of five unions in Shahzadpur Thana. The worst affected unions are Porzonoa, Gala, Kaizuri and Rupbatli.

It is learnt from the flood control room of Sirajganj Water Development Board (WDB) that water level in Jamuna have been rising alarmingly at Sirajganj ghat point. Meanwhile, the launch and ferry ghats were shifted twice. The Sirajganj town protection embankment at the ferryghat point is also threatened by erosion.

Following rise in the water level of Jamuna, the tributary rivers including Gurnani, Karotoa and Bangalee have also swollen affecting vast areas of Chalanbebi oriented Tarash and Raiganj thanas. The situation may further worsen within next few days.

Husband arrested allegedly for murdering wife

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, July 6: A husband was arrested at Char Chapatala village in Muhammadpur Thana of Magura district recently allegedly for murdering his wife Khodeza, according to the police.

According to the reports, Abdur Rouf of Char Chapatala village was alleged for murdering his wife Khodeza going to her husband's house along with her husband from her father's residence at Tatpara under Magura pourashava. It was alleged that family troubles and failure to bring dowry money are the causes of murder.

One sentenced to 10 yrs for smuggling

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 6: One Faizul Islam of village Kakkanga under Kalaroa Thana was sentenced to 10 years rigorous imprisonment on June 30 on charge of smuggling, court sources said.

In his judgement special tribunal judge of Satkhira Rawnagul Islam also fined the accused Taka 4000 in default to suffer six months RI more.

According to prosecution story, the accused Faizul while smuggling out wrist watches and machines worth Taka about 75,000 to India and reached near at Dumund under Kalaroa Thana. The BDR jawans on duty caught him redhanded on August 21, 1991 last. A case was lodged with Kalaroa police station.

Head-on collision on Khulna-Mongla road: One killed

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, July 6: One person was killed and 23 others injured in a head-on collision between a minibus and a truck near Ansar camp at Elajpur on Khulna-Mongla road Thursday morning. Name of the deceased is Mostafa (40) of Koria Thana.

Of the injured sixteen were admitted to Sadar hospital in a critical condition, while others took first aid from Rupsha Health complex.

Police seized the bus, but its driver managed to escape.

One dies in snake bite

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 6: One house wife Fatema (thattu 22, wife of Abdus Sabur Gazi of village Bakchara under Assasuni, Thana reportedly died of snake bite on July 1.

It is reported that the victim while coming out of the house on way to toilet outside her house, a snake bite her. Later she died.

One commits suicide

From our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 6: One house wife allegedly committed suicide by taking liquid pesticide on June 30 last.

According to Kalaroa Thana police, house wife Shahanara Begum 20, wife of Mafizul Islam of village Keralkata under Kalaroa Thana following family trouble reportedly took pesticide and died on the spot. An UD case was lodged with Kalaroa Police Station.

Alleged terrorist held in Sherpur

From Our Correspondent

SHERPUR, July 6: A special team of Sadar police station raided Andaria Kamraerpar village under Sherpur Sadar Thana Wednesday night and arrested the alleged terrorist, Arozali 35, son of Zobedali.

Special team comprising eight constables led by Sub-inspector Abdur Rouf successfully arrested the accused.

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