Hundreds of flood victims

along western belt of river

Brahmaputra under Fulchari

thana brought out a large

protest demonstration de-

manding rehabilitation, food,

work and shelter that paraded

main streets of Gaibandha

ing large numbers of women Sunday gheraoed the office of

Deputy Commissioner where

they held a protest rally in the

collectorate premise. The rally

was addressed by Akber

Hossain Sarker, Chairman.

Kanchipara union parishad and

Fulchari thana Awami League leader. Belal Hossain Yousuf

Shah Pervez Salim, Wahed

deep concern at the continuous erosion of river

Brahmaputra which rendered

over thousand families home-

less during the last two

while, washed away three pri-

mary schools, one Tahsil office

innumerable dwelling houses

and landed properties. They

further added that the people

of eastern zone of Gaibandha

Timber worth

Tk 3 lakh seized

in Khagrachhari

From CHT Correspondent

July 30: The forest officials

have here Sunday recovered il-

licit timbers worth about Taka

three lakh and seized a truck

allegedly for violating the

Forest Transit Rules and carry-

ing timbers beyond the transit

cials of Jaliapara Forest Tolls

and Check Station in

Khagrachhari Forest Division

recovered 460 cubic feet (cft)

of valuable timbers which were

being transited in a fransit

pass cover of 230 cft. sources

Housewife

drowns

From Our Correspondent

housewife drowned in a pond

at village Bhuyapara in Nandail

thana on July 21. Azufa Begum

25, wife of Abdul Hamid went

One sentenced

to 10 yrs RI

for attempt

to rape

From Our Correspondent

member of the security force

serving in the army was found

guilty and sentenced him to

suffer RI for 10 years with a

fine of Taka 5000 or in default

to suffer RI for another one

year, on charge of attempt of

alias Kajal Mia, posted at

Himchhari army camp in Cox's

Bazar district has been ab-

sconding and was tried in ab-

The convict, Abdul Mannan

rape on a minor girl.

KISOREGANJ, July 30 : A

Later her body was recov-

to the pond for having a bath.

ered from the pond.

KISHOREGANJ, July 30 : A

In a routine check, the offi-

pass cover, officials said.

JALIAPARA (Khagrachhari)

The river erosion mean-

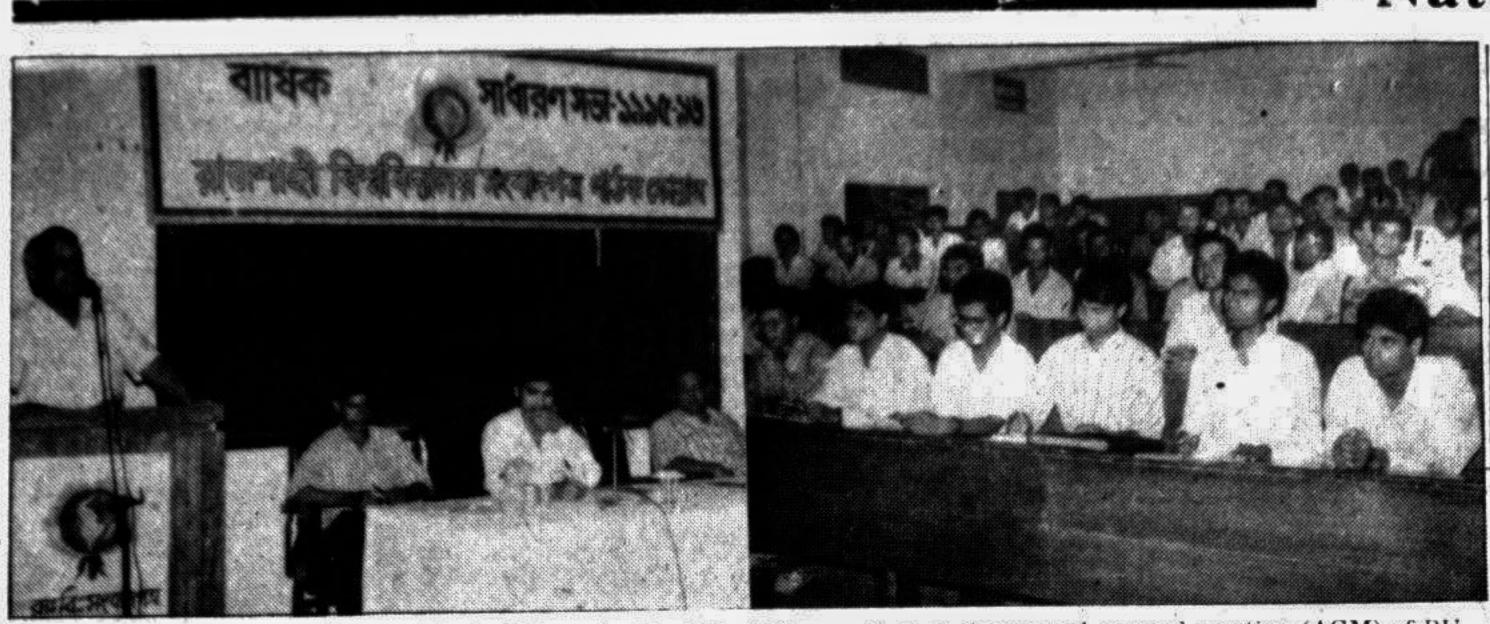
The speakers expressed

The erosion victims includ-

town on July 28.

Biswas.

months.



Gaibandha DC office gheraoed

Flood, erosion-hit victims

demand food, work

1988 rendering many home-

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Pro M Altaf Hussain, Pro-VC of RU speaking at the annual general meeting (AGM) of RU - Star photo Newspapers Readers Forum held here recently.

Stolen rail tracks worth Tk 5 lakh recovered

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, July 30 : A total of 58 pieces of steel rail tracks worth Taka five lakh were recovered in two separate raids conducted by the local people on July 15 and 17, witnesses said.

It is reported that a gang of miscreants stole away rails on different nights from the defunct rail line running from Faridpur to Pukuria and kept them concealed in a pond at Bilmaudpur near Faridpur col-

lege rail station. On July 15 while the miscreants were sending the raids by a truck bearing No-Narayanganj TA 62-0182 to elsewhere for selling, the villagers gheraoed the truck and

nabbed two miscreants named Shukur Kazi 50 and Khakon 28 and handed over them to Kotwali police.

Two days later on July 17, the villagers made vigorous search in presence of police and recovered 16 more rails from the same pond and deposited them to the Kotwali

It may be mentioned here that the railway service from Faridpur to Pukuria has been suspended since 1990 and Railway Properties worth thousands of crores of Takas have been lift since then indulging the miscreants to loot away the properties

News from Rajshahi Unv.

New executive body of Oikkyatan elected

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, July 30: A 15-member executive body of Oikkyatan, a cultural organisation of Rajshahi University, has been elected recently for next one year

tenure. Masud Chowdhury, lecturer of Finance and Banking Department has been elected president while Monjurul Islam was elected the general secretary of the Organisation.

Seminar on role of comm on historic dev of agriculture

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, July 30: A seminar titled "Role of communication on historic development of agriculture" was held at Mass Communication Department of Rajshahi

University on July 27. Anthropologist Mark Reed, Professor of Department of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences of Newcastle University placed the key note paper in the seminar while Dulal Chandra Biswas, Selim Reza Newton and Quaberee

Guayeen took part in the discussion. Students of Mass Communication Department participated in a lively questionery session.

AGM of RUNRF held

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, July 30: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Rajshahi University Newspaper Readers Forum (RUNRF) was held at Shahidullah Kolabhaban last week with its president Ali Reza Md Talha Tuheen in the chair.

Prof M Altaf Hussain Pro-VC of the university and chief adviser of RUNRF while speaking as chief guest appreciated the activities of the organisation for the development talent of the students. He stressed the need for attaching more students with this organisation.

Prof Faisul Islam Faruque, A K M Fayazul Haq also spoke in the opening session of AGM



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: RU Players Welfare Association (RUPWA) brought out a silent procession in the campus to press home their 8-point demand recently.

- Star photo RUPWA brings out rally to realise its 8-point demand

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY. July 30 : The Rajshahi University Players Welfare Association (RUPWA) brought out a silent procession on the campus on July 27 to realize its 8

The RUPWA's 8 point demand are, removal of police from the central gymnasium and to open it for players immediately, reconsider the punishment of three handball players, renovation of university swimming pool and naming of swimming pool after late swimmer Saiful Islam Nannu, relaxation of players admission rules increasement of one time scholarship, supply of modern equipment of sports to the players and to introduce of BP Ed course under Rajshahi

About one hundred players took part in the procession with banners and festoons depicting their demand and paraded the campus.

Abdur Raquib Monto urged the authority to fulfil their demand shortly otherwise they would go to action programme. The RUPWA has already submitted a memorandum to the VC containing its demand.

PCP, RU unit demands arrest of kidnapper of Kalpana

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, July 30: The Pahari Chattra Parishad (Greater Chittagong Hill Tracts Hill Students Council). Rajshahi University unit demanded immediate arrest of the kidnappers of Kalpana Chakma, organising secretary of Hill Students Women Federation and punishment to the killers of Rupam Chakma.

Addressing at a press conference held at Rajshahi Press Club on Monday evening, the leaders of the Pahari Chattra Parishad demanded immediate rescue to Kalpana Chakma and compensation to the family of Rupam Chakma who was killed

recently while he was protesting Kalpanas abduction. The parishad's leaders also demanded proper security for

the family of Kalpana Chakma and formation of a high powered probe body to investigate into the killing and kidnapping

The press conference were attended by Santosh Bikash Chakma, President, Pahari Chattra Parishad, RU unit and leaders of RU unit Animesh Chakma. Ripon Chakma, Mutiban Chakma, Ushamoy Tisha and others,

Loadshedding in campus, female students suffer

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY. July 30: Frequent power failure at Rajshahi University have been causing immense suffering to the students for a long time. Almost everyday just after dark electricity in the campus go out and it continued for one to two hours at a stretch. Examinees and the students who cookmeal in their respective rooms are the worst sufferer of

such unscheduled load shedding. The female student who live in dormitories suffer most as they cook their meals in the room. Sometime, the students

have to go outside the campus to have their meal. The students demanded immediate solution to this prob-

One caught red-handed while stealing lab apparatus From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, July 30: One Nazrul Islam was caught red-handed here early this week while trying to steal scientific equipment from physics department laboratory. Later on the accused was handed over to the police the proctor of the university Prof M Nazrul Islam informed.

Numerous border points in CHT 'open' for smugglers

From CHT Correspondent

From Our Correspondent GAIBANDHA. July 30: are the sufferers of river eroshelters, food and works. sion for a pretty long time They handed over a memo to Deputy Commissioner which turned serious since Gaibandha. The processionists put barricade on Gaibandha

less. The speakers demanded arrest of wide spread erosion. Palashbari highway for sometimes disrupting road commurehabilitation of erosion vicnications. tims and arrange for their

GAIBANDHA: About one hundred families have taken

shelter on Kalapani embankment at Rasoolpur being

of Meghna erosion

From Our Correspondent

Three held with huge stolen

railway property

From Our Correspondent

driven out by erosion of river Brahmaputra.

CHANDPUR, July 30:

Chandpur Irrigation Project

one of the biggest in the coun-

try is threatened by erosion of

river Meghna and on rush of

flood water from northern

districts. Chandpur Irrigation

Project is a project of Bang-

ladesh Water Development

Board. The project was started

in 1978 at a cost of Taka 54

crore 30 lakh covering an area

of 220 square miles of

Chandpur and Laxmipur

embankment suffered erosion

three times. So three alterna

tive embankments were con

structed at a cost of several

crores. Meghna now stands

only within 130 metre from

Four miles area on bank

GAIBANDHA, July 30: Three

persons were arrested by

Bonarpara Govt. Railway Police

(GRP) and recovered huge ma-

terials belonging to Railway

an organised gang lifted two

pieces of 36 feet long rail

track each, two steel sleepers

and one point rod from the

northern side tracks of

Mohimagani Railway station at

4 am on July 25. The miscre-

ants loaded the stolen railway

properties on board of a coun-

try boat. While they were flee-

ing the boat was challenged by

three persons red handed. The

the local people and caught

At least ten miscreants of

department from their pos-

session on July 26.

So far this irrigation project

districts.

embankment.

smuggling different kinds of Indian products including the daily necessities everyday through the different frontier points of Raingarh, Panchhari, Dighinala and Matiranga thanas of the district for marketing in the local bazars, sources observed. The smuggling contrabands included timber

KHAGRACHHARI, July 30: Acting on a tip.

the Panchhari thana police has here Sunday

recovered eight bags of Indian sugar allegedly

smuggled and abandoned by the smugglers at

Panchhari bazar in Panchhari thana of the dis-

Meanwhile, despite official bondage; differ-

ent types of Indian products are being smug-

gled in daily through the numerous frontier

points of four bordering thanas of the district

almost unabatedly, local leaders and observers

A section of smugglers has allegedly been

trict, police sources said.

and fish of various species, sugar, bi-cycles. paper, erockeries and cutleries, clothes, machineries-parts, drugs etc.

All the bazars at the thanas even in the district headquarters have been ile 'ed with about one hundred kinds of Indian goods which are being sold openly without any hindrance, sources alleged, adding that the smugglers and the traders have been trading with the contrabands maintaining a dependable back-door liaison with the law enforcers and the agencies entrusted to look after it. The frontier-points in Ramgarh and

sidered as the safe routes for timber, sugar and other Indian commodities smuggling. Whereas the routes in Panchhari thana are being conirnated by the smugglers for fish as well as drugs smuggling, eye-witness social workers alleged.

Indian timber, sugar and fish of different species, especially, ruhi and katla are being sniuggled in at random now-a-days, the Executive Editor of The Aranya Barta, a Khagrachhari based daily, Tarun Kumar Bhattachariya said.

Extracted from Dumru Goda in Tripura state of India, the Indian smugglers reached these fish at Logang in Panchhari thana of the district, where from their Bangladeshi counter-parts carry those to different markets in the district by improvised jeep, locally known as 'Chander-garhee'. They also dispose of those even to Chittagong for more profit, Tarun observed.

A few unscrupulous identified traders of Khagrachhari district town has been running smuggling business through their employed agents on advance payment, Tarun added.

The Bangladesh Rifles deployed in the border-belt though has seized a few hundreds cubic feet of timber smuggled from India during the last three months, but could not be able to round up any smugglers, sources alleged.

To contain the continued smuggling, local leaders suggested to strengthen the border vigilance and step up surprise faid in the bazars and shops dealing the contrabands in the district.

Kulaura thana. 3 in Baralekha

thana, 2 in Kamalgonj thana,

and 4 in Srimongal thana. Of

these colleges, there are two

government colleges, one each

at Moulvibazar and Srimongal

colleges, one each at Rajnagar.

Kulaura, Baralekha, Kamalgonj

and Moulvibazar of which all

are under Non-government

the 19 colleges of the district

are accommodating five thou-

sand students at class eleven

every year. Of this, 1300 stu-

dents have been absorbed ev-

ery year by two government

colleges. Capacity of accom-

modation at class eleven of

other five degree colleges are

about 1500 students. Newly

established 12 HSC level col

leges also have a capacity of ab-

serption of students at about

the district is very poor. Only

750 students passed the SSC

told this correspondent that,

though the absorption capacity

of the 19 colleges of the dis-

trict is five thousand, but this

year there will be vacancy of

seats in many colleges. The

lecturer also said that, all the

SSC pass students are prefer-

ring to get admission at gov-

the district have the capacity

of accommodation of all the

750 students this year. If the

government colleges do this.

other 17 colleges may fail to

admit students at class eleven

this year. As a result, many

newly established colleges may

close down for want of requi

site number of students. Not

only this, other well estab-

olished non-government degree

colleges will also suffer from

Two government colleges of

examination.

ernment colleges

But this year. SSC result in

A lecturer of a local college

According to the source, all

Management. Other 12 col-

leges are at HSC level.

There are five degree level

Matiranga thanas of the district are being con-Corpse of an outlawed party Chandpur Irrigation Project faces threat member recovered

Star photo

from Nilkamal to Haimchar

thanas were eroded. About

hundred metre area were al-

ready eroded within last few

days. If embankment is

breached, standing aman crops

worth crores taka will be dami

aged. Crops area is 22 thou

sand acres. Twelve lakh people

Chandpur Faridgani and

Haimchar thanas of Chandpur

district and Laxmipur

Ramgani and Raipur thanas of

Laxmipur district. Bangladesh

Water Development Board

Chandpur office told this cor-

respondent, situation was very

alarming If erosion is not

checked immediately em-

bankment near Haimchar will

be eroded and entire project

aged to escape. The accused

are. Aizuddin of village

Sonaidanga and Rezaul Karim

of village Bishnapur under

Gobindagani thana and the an-

other one Fazal Hossain of vil-

lage Simultair under Shaghata

were handed over to Bonarpara

GRP. A case was filed with

corpse of an unidentified per

son was found floating on the

river Karotoa at Shahebgani

under Gobindagani thana on

the victim was killed later

According to eye witnesses

Bonarpara Railway police

Next morning the accused

Another news adds: A

area will be flooded.

Project areas include

of project will be affected.

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, July 30 : Jhenidah police recovered the corpse of an activist of an outlawed party from the water of Putiar beel in Jhenidah sadar

According to reports, Abu Kalamankhali in sadar thana was abducted by some unknown persons in the night of July 10. He was returning home from a local hat. The miscreants brutally killed him and left the body in the water. A case was lodged with

Jhenidah thana. Smuggled Indian sugar, salt seized from mail train

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA . July 30 : BDR in a raid in Jagoti Railway Station stopped a mail train bound for Daulatdia ghat on Monday and after searching recovered 15 maunds of Indian sugar and two maunds of Indian salt from several compartments.

Earlier on Sunday BDR conducted raid in Kushtia Court Railway station and stopped the same train and recovered huge quantity of Indian sugar. and other smuggled goods from different compartments of the train.

Minor boy drowns JAMALPUR. July 30: A mi-

nor boy drowned in a pond at the Gouripur Kacharipara of the town on Saturday reports The victim was identified as

of the town He met the tragic end while taking his bath at the pond The villagers informed the guardians on seeing the body of the ill-fated boy floating.

Rabi, 7, son of late Ratan Rishi

Too many seats for

From R K Goswami

MOULVIBAZAR. July 30: Many newly established colleges of Moulvibazar district may suffer from shortage of requisite number of students seeking admission as the expected successful candidates from the high-schools of the district who appeared in this year's SSC exam scored very disappointing result. It is also feared that some of the colleges may close down for this

Only 18 percent students from high schools of the district came out successful in the SSC examination this year though the percentage of pass in Comilla Education Board was 47.02. As many as four thousand students of the district appeared in the SSC examination of 1996 under Comilla Education Board, of the examinees, only 750 stu-

school of the district which shows better result with the

school appeared in the examination of them 66 students came out successful. Of them in the combined merit list of the district was very disappointing.

During last two/three years. some high schools of the district expanded their classes up to Eleven and Twelve to accommodate the increasing number of successful SSC stu-

the colleges in Moulvibazar district 4 in sadar the situation.

too little students

thana. 2 in Rajnagar thana. 4 in

dents came out successful.

thana recently, police sources

It is Moulvibazar Government High School, the only percentage of 83.50

A total of 79 students of the 57 got first Division and two of them could enlist their name Results of other high schools However, there are 19 col-

leges in Moulvibazar district Number of well established colleges are only seven, government colleges. Rest 12 colleges were set up during the time when, percentage of pass in SSC examination was much higher



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Prof M Eusuff Ali, VC of RU addressing a seminar titled. "problems of composing history of Bangla and Bangla literature of 20th century" organised by Institute of Bangladesh Studies (IBS) held at RU Senate hall recently. - Star photo



GAIBANDHA: Ten farmers piled up 500 bags of paddy in the premises of LSD godowns near collectorate office for sale since July 19 being refused by Food Department on the plan of leve e or photo quality of grains and having high content of moisture.