

SATKHIRA: A century old banyan tree lay by the side of Ghola pond of Kora village under Debkata thana cut off by a group of influential persons recently. — Star photo

Seven fire arms surrendered

NARSINGDI, Aug 11: Seven firearms were surrendered in Sadar and Shibpur thanas of the district on Friday night raising the total number of surrendered arms to 34 during the period, reports UNB.

Police sources said seven professional criminals of the two thanas laid down one country-made gun, one country-made revolver, one foreign revolver, three pipe-guns and one Burmese gun.

The government, however, extended the amnesty for the illegal arms holders up to August 13.

3 alleged criminals held in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, Aug 11: Police arrested three people accused of gouging out both the eyes of a young man of Kalaya Bandar of Bauphal thana on August 3, reports UNB.

Police said some miscreants picked up Kalam, 25, from a tea shop at about 9 pm and gouged his eyes out after stabbing him mercilessly near Janata Bank.

A case was filed with the police. Kalam is now under treatment at Barisal Medical College.

Proposed Rupsha bridge still remains a dream

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 11: Nothing but a project office at Labonchora constructed at a cost of ten lakh taka bears an example of how the former government of Begum Khaleda Zia has deceived the people of Khulna in the name of 'Rupsha bridge'. Because, there has so far been no progress at all even in doing the most ordinary works of the bridge during last five years.

According to a reliable source, one crore ninety lakh taka out of two crore taka was sanctioned during 1995-96 fiscal which has been refunded to the concerned ministry for failing to utilise it.

All previous governments made political commitments about the construction of Rupsha bridge — a long-felt desire of the people of Khulna. But no practical step was taken for this purpose. As a result, the plan is yet to be implemented and dream materialised into reality.

In the parliamentary elections of 1991 and 1996, all po-

litical parties included construction of Rupsha bridge as their main issue in their manifestos. But they have so far failed to show any example of sincerity in honouring their commitments.

Begum Zia as Prime Minister laid foundation stone of the bridge. At first, twenty crore taka was sanctioned to start the primary works of the construction. But later it was reduced to two crore taka only for constructing approach road and for miscellaneous works.

But construction of approach road was also shelved. Because, land required for construction of approach road could not be acquired due to reasons yet to be known. So, plan for 29 kilometre long approach road at Labonchora was, however, dropped.

The crux of the problem is acquiring of the land needed for approach road construction. The Ministry of Land Reforms is yet to okay the proposal acquiring the land, the source added.

Discussion at RU seminar on proposed 1996-97 budget

New budget lacks political commitment

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Aug 11: Speakers at a seminar on proposed national budget of 96-97 fiscal year held at Rajshahi University Wednesday expressed their mixed reactions terming it a traditional one and lack of political commitment.

The Institute of Bangladesh Studies Alumni Association (IBSAA) organised the seminar, at the IBS conference room. Dr M Jainul Abedeen, Secretary of IBSAA presenting the keynote paper welcome the budget and said 5.5 per cent growth of GDP is a realistic decision of government. He said, this rate could be achieved easily if political situation favour the country. He

felicitated the decision of emphasizing the agricultural sector and for reduction of income tax from 50 per cent to 45 per cent.

Dr Abedeen also praised the decision of good allocation for poverty alleviation.

Dr Abedeen was critical for less emphasizing on industrial sector and said there was no indication in Finance Minister's speech on how to overcome the industrial statement of the country. He also expressed his doubt over the government action against loan defaulters.

Dr Abedeen termed the budget a customary one which had no new idea and had no new commitment and programme. He regretted that fi-

nance minister himself contradicted his decision as at the same time he (FM) emphasised the free market economy and privatisation and on the other hand, the decision of strengthening the state own sector. Abedeen suggested the government should be determined about the state role on how economic development would be achieved.

Prof M Eusuff Ali, Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University taking part in the discussion felicitated the government for good allocation for the development of human resources and womanfolk. But he was critical over combined allocation of higher education and below secondary educa-

tion.

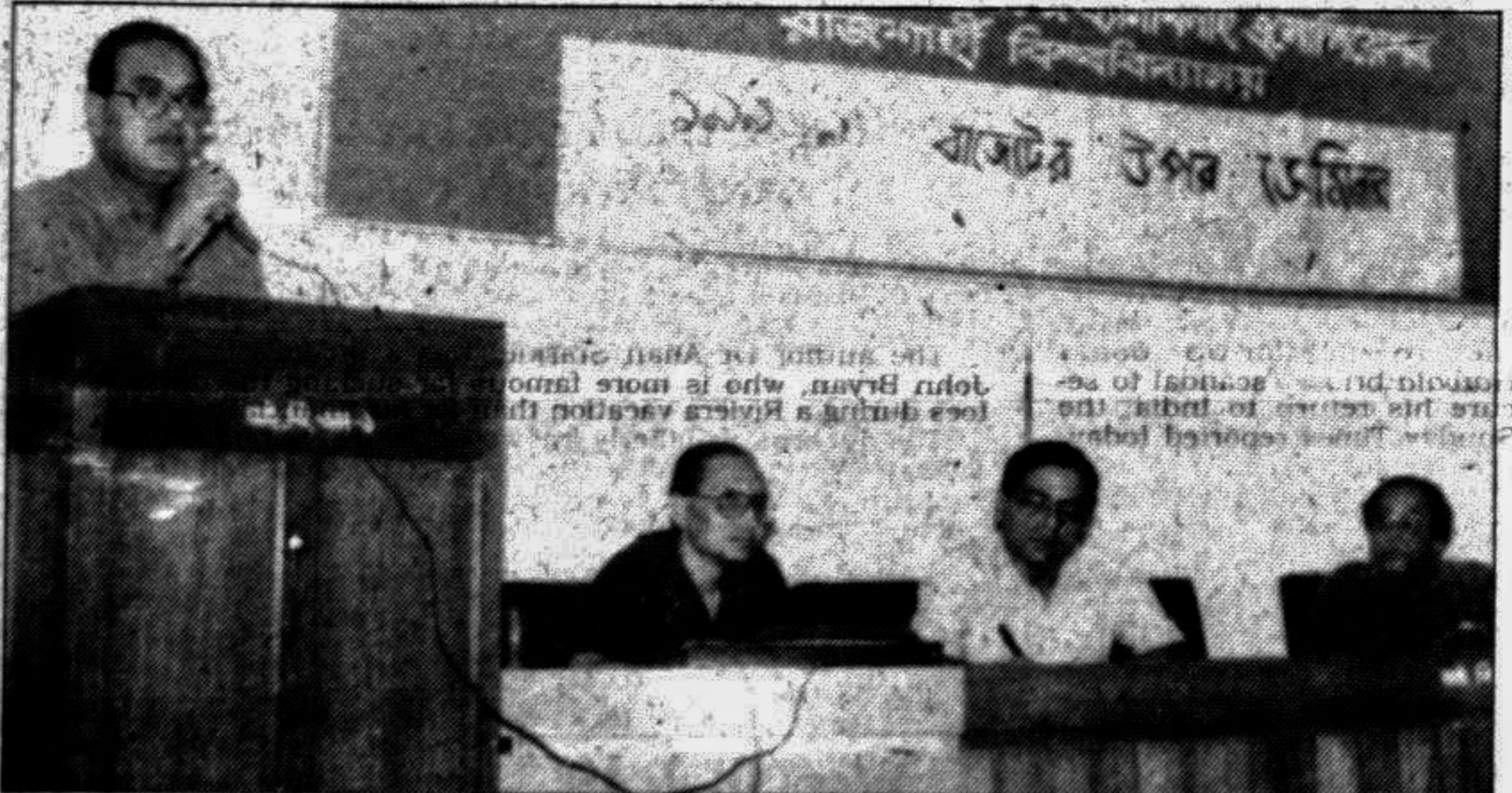
Dr Afrauzzaman Khan, Chairman of Finance and Banking Department said that there was no place of subsidy in open market economy. It should be removed gradually. He was critical on income tax saying, there is no accountability in income offices of the country. Office management should be suited to achieve the goal, he suggested. He suggested to install proportion tax system in place of progressive tax system. He also criticised the government for taking the loan defaulter under sick industries.

Dr Mahbubur Rahman taking part in discussion said education and religious sector should be separated. A N M Abdur Rahman, a fellow of IBS was very much critical over the allocation of Tk 100 crore in agriculture sector. He said it was the other name of misuse of money. He said, with that amount only the political tout could be established. He also criticised for indifferent attitude of government over collecting natural resources.

Prof Abdul Jabbar Khan criticised the government for large allocation for defence sector. He said it was done only to please the army as all the past governments did. He congratulated the proposed budget terming it as a people oriented one.

He hoped this budget will play important role to build a strong economic infrastructure of the country.

Prof Mahmud Shah Qureshi, Prof Anwar Hussain, Dr Pritee Kumar Mitra were among others who took part in the discussion with Prof M Amiruzzaman Khan, President of IBSAA in the chair.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Prof M Eusuff Ali, VC of RU addressing a seminar on national budget organised by Institute of Bangladesh Studies Alumni Association recently. — Star photo

Publication of faulty results of RU

Tug of war between ECO and DL

From Tareq Chowdhury

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Aug 11: A tug of war has been prevailing between Examination Controller Office (ECO) and Department of Law (DL) of Rajshahi University over the fault that was detected after the publication of LLMA (law masters) final year (Session 92-93) results recently.

Earlier the ECO prepared and published the aforementioned result violating the academic council and syndicate decision by following the previous class grading system instead of newly introduced class grading system.

The 284th academic council meeting took a resolution stopping the upper second class and changed the previous 4 (four) separate class gradings into three class grades in regard of awarding honours degree.

However, the ECO did not follow the academic council decision which was later approved by university syndicate. A news item has been published in The Daily Star in this regard on July 24 last.

A K Monsoor Ahmed, Controller of Examination (COE) of

the University accused the department of law for all wrongdoings saying, "It is the concerned department who is responsible for scheduling timetable, setting question paper, taking examination, examination answers scripts, aggregate the marks and finally prepare the results." He then asked, how he was responsible for the fault as he just signed the sheet after the approval of vice-chancellor?

On the other hand, Prof A B Siddique, chairman of the department of law accused the ECO for the fault of publishing the result following the former class grading system. Prof Siddique acknowledged that all of examination related works are normally done by teachers but ECO supplies all sorts of papers and gives logistic support.

He said that ECO had given them the old form of tabulation sheet marking the former class grade and the tabulator only filled up the blanks (with the marks) according to instruction printed on the tabulation sheet.

Both ECO and DL accused

each other for the mistake. But in this regard, unfortunately, both ECO and DL failed to trace that the newly introduced system of class grading was supposed to be followed from law masters session 1992-93.

Controller of Examination, A K Monsoor Ahmed said a letter containing the advise of result correction had been despatched to the Law Department and Chairman of DL has already received it. But measures of correcting the faulty result-sheet is now in progress. Prof Siddique confirmed it while talking to The Daily Star over telephone.

On returning the certificate which were received by the successful examinees, the Chairman of Law Department said that it was the ECO who would take steps to bring back the certificate from the concerned successful students. However, the controller of examination while talking to The Daily Star over telephone said, that it was the responsibility of Department of Law to return the faulty certificates.

Minor girl burnt to death in fire incident

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Aug 11: A minor girl Thuhura Khanom, 5, was burnt to death and valuable goods worth about Taka nine lakh belonging to eight families were gutted in a devastating fire at Chitna village of Guniaok union under Nasirpur thana of the district in the evening on July 9.

According to eyewitnesses, the fire originated from a kitchen room of Dud Mia which engulfed the entire house of eight families of Chitna village of the district resulting in destruction of valuable goods were burnt to ashes and a minor girl Thuhura Khanom, 5, daughter of Abdul Awal was burnt to death on the spot.

Six alleged decoits arrested, valuables recovered in B'baria

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Aug 11: Brahmanbaria Sadar thana police recently arrested six alleged decoits and recovered gold ornaments and cash worth about Taka 85 thousand recently.

According to sources, a gang of six decoits allegedly entered the house of Nurul Karim Mazumdar at Fulbaha mohalla of the district town, by cutting the grills of a window, and looted valuables, gold ornaments and cash of Tk 75 thousand.

Meanwhile, acting on a secret information police rushed to the spot but the decoits managed to flee.

After about two hours, Brahmanbaria police headed by OC Ruhul Amin managed to arrest them from Bhadugar bus terminal.

A case has been filed and the alleged decoits Arif Mia, Humayun Ahmed, Alam Mia, Bashir Uddin, Nazir Ahmed and Abdul Motin were sent to police remand for interrogation.

Young housewife gang-raped, seeks justice in Khagrachhari

From CHT Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, Aug 11: A young housewife lodged a case with the local cognizancy magistrate court on Tuesday after being allegedly gang-raped on last Monday night, it was learnt.

Victim Ambia Khatun, 24, while narrating the incident of outrage to the pressmen at a local press club, how she had fell prey to the sexual lust of union parishad chairman alleged she was gang-raped last Monday at her dwelling house in Kobakhali village in Dighinala thana of the district.

According to the victim, Mohammad Younus Miah, the chairman of Kobakhali union parishad along with seven others entered into her house at about 12 in the night by breaking the door and violated her one after another fastening her mouth with a piece of cloth.

Those who allegedly molested Ambia were: Mohammad Younus Miah, chairman of Kobakhali union parishad in Dighinala thana of the district, Mohammad Roushan Ali member, Chand Miah member, butcher Babul, Asgar Ali, Zahed Ali, Chand Miah and Anar Ali.

Victim Ambia, wife of a day labourer Laquat Ali lodged a case in the Khagrachhari court in connection with her homestead with a neighbour. Prior to filing of the case with Khagrachhari court, Ambia was denied any justice by the accused chairman in his union parishad arbitration court. Ambia said adding that her opponent was related with the chairman.

Khagrachhari cognizancy court forwarded the case to Dighinala police for further necessary action the following day, court sources said.



TANGAIL: Anwara, wife of a day labourer of Gomjan village is passing a miserable life. To barely survive she has to work hard from dawn to dusk everyday for her family. — Star photo

PROCUREMENT OF COMPUTER SYSTEM

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh received a loan (963-BAN(SF): Eighth Power Project) from the Asian Development Bank (hereinafter referred to as ADB) in various currencies towards the cost of the BPDB Accounting and Financial Management System (AFMS) which is part of the Second Phase of the BDPD Financial Management Upgrade (FMU) Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the supply, delivery, installation, commissioning and implementation of computers, equipment and software (the Goods) and the required assistance, training and maintenance (the Services).

2. The Executing Agency of the Project, Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders from member countries of ADB for the supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of the goods and provision of the services for the purposes of the FMU Project.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents at the office of:

Director
Directorate of Purchase
Bangladesh Power Development Board
WAPDA Building (9th floor)
Motijheel C/A, Dhaka
Bangladesh
Phone: 880-2-9550259, 880-2-9550532, TLX: DAC 675617-BPB-BJ, FAX: 880-2-866956, from August 15, 1996.

4. A complete set of bidding document may be purchased by an interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application with their mailing address and contact telex or cable numbers and those of the local agent (if any) to the Directorate of Purchase, at the above address on production Tk 6000 (Taka six thousand) in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka. Additional sets may be purchased on payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 3000/- for each set. Bidding documents will be issued from Directorate of Purchase from 9.00 hours to 14.00 hours on all the working days with effect from August 15, 1996 up to the day before the closing day. No documents will be sold on the closing date of the bid.

5. Two-stage bidding procedure:

5.1. A two-stage bidding procedure will be followed in accordance with the instruction to bidders. The First Stage Bid will start with the submission of Technical Offer accompanied by a bid security, in the amount of US\$ 7,000 in the currency of the bid or in equivalent convertible currency, in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order Bank Guarantee issued by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh or issued by a foreign bank duly authenticated/endorsed by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh, in favour of Bangladesh Power Development Board, in accordance with the instructions to bidders, without any reference to the prices, which will be needed to establish an acceptable technical standard for all bids and to select those bidders who will be invited to take part in the Second Stage. The Second Stage Bid referred to the Financial Bid will consist of:

- a revised technical offer incorporating all changes required by the purchaser to bring the technical offer to an acceptable level;
- the Financial Offer.

5.2. All First Stage Technical Offers must be delivered to

The Secretary
Bangladesh Power Development Board
WAPDA Building (1st Floor)
Motijheel Commercial Area
Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

not later than 11.00 AM local time of the day of October 15, 1996 and will be opened at 11.30 AM local time on the same day in public in presence of the bidders/representatives who chose to attend.

5.3. Second Stage Bids must be delivered to the above office at the date and time to be announced when a Revised Technical and Financial Offers are invited and will be opened immediately thereafter in public in presence of the bidders/representatives who chose to attend.

5.4. Bid documents will neither be sold on the date of opening nor it will be received through telex/fax or mail.

5.5. Bids presented beyond scheduled time will neither be received nor it will be accepted.

6. The opening date, time and place of the Second Stage Bid will be announced only to the technically responsive bidders in writing by registered letter or by fax or by telex.

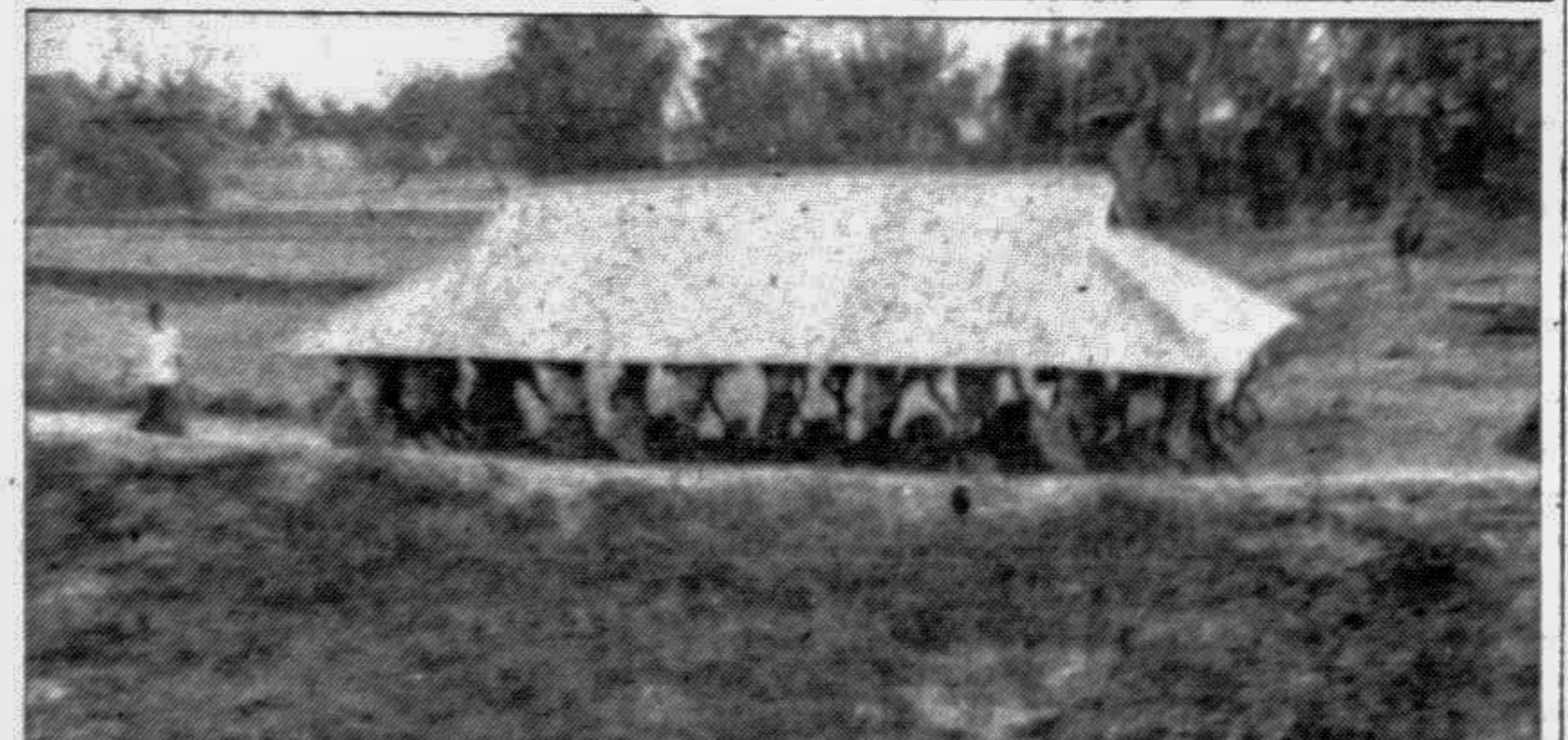
7. BPDB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids, including cost and expenses related to visits to the site of installation of the goods or related to discussions about their Technical Offers.

8. Alternative bids will not be allowed.

9. The purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid(s) without assigning any reason.

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Bangladesh Power Development Board
Dhaka



A complete roof of a school building is being shifted to a safer place in Baruha village of Tangail district. The original school building faces threat of river erosion. — Star photo by Manirul Islam Manik