

Fresh move to reopen IU

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, Feb 23: The understanding committee of Islamic University (IU) has further started their reconciliation move for reopening of the varsity, according to IU sources.

Undertrial dies in Faridpur hospital

From Our Correspondent
FARIDPUR, Feb 23: One undertrial prisoner of a murder case, Bual Malo, 38, died in Faridpur General Hospital recently.

OC of Betagi thana suspended

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Feb 23: Abdul Kuddus Farazi, Officer-in-Charge (OC), Betagi thana of Barguna district was suspended following the directive of Deputy-Inspector General of Police (DIG) of Barisal range recently.

Call to refix fertilizer price

From Our Correspondent
GAIBANDHA, Feb 23: Gaibandha Nagorik Committee protested the fixation of fertilizer retail price as decided by District Fertilizer Monitoring Committee in a press conference held at the local dramatic hall recently.

46 lakh road dev scheme in Faridpur

DPUR, Feb 23: Faridpur Irrishad will implement projects in the communication sector at an estimated Taka 46.26 lakh in the fiscal year, reports BSS.

Two held for possessing phensidyl

Our Correspondent
DPUR, Feb 23: Receipt information police two persons and recovered bottles of phensidyl from their possession at village under Rajoir Madaripur district, according to police.

Paddy procurement drive in progress

A large number of farmers fail to meet strict govt criteria

From M A Ali Himu

NATORE, Feb 23: Procurement drive of aman rice and paddy for extended period is in operation but a large section of farmers could not sell their grains as they failed to meet the government criteria in the district.

The procurement target in the six thanas of the district has been set at 750 metric tons of aman paddy and another 750 metric tons of rice.

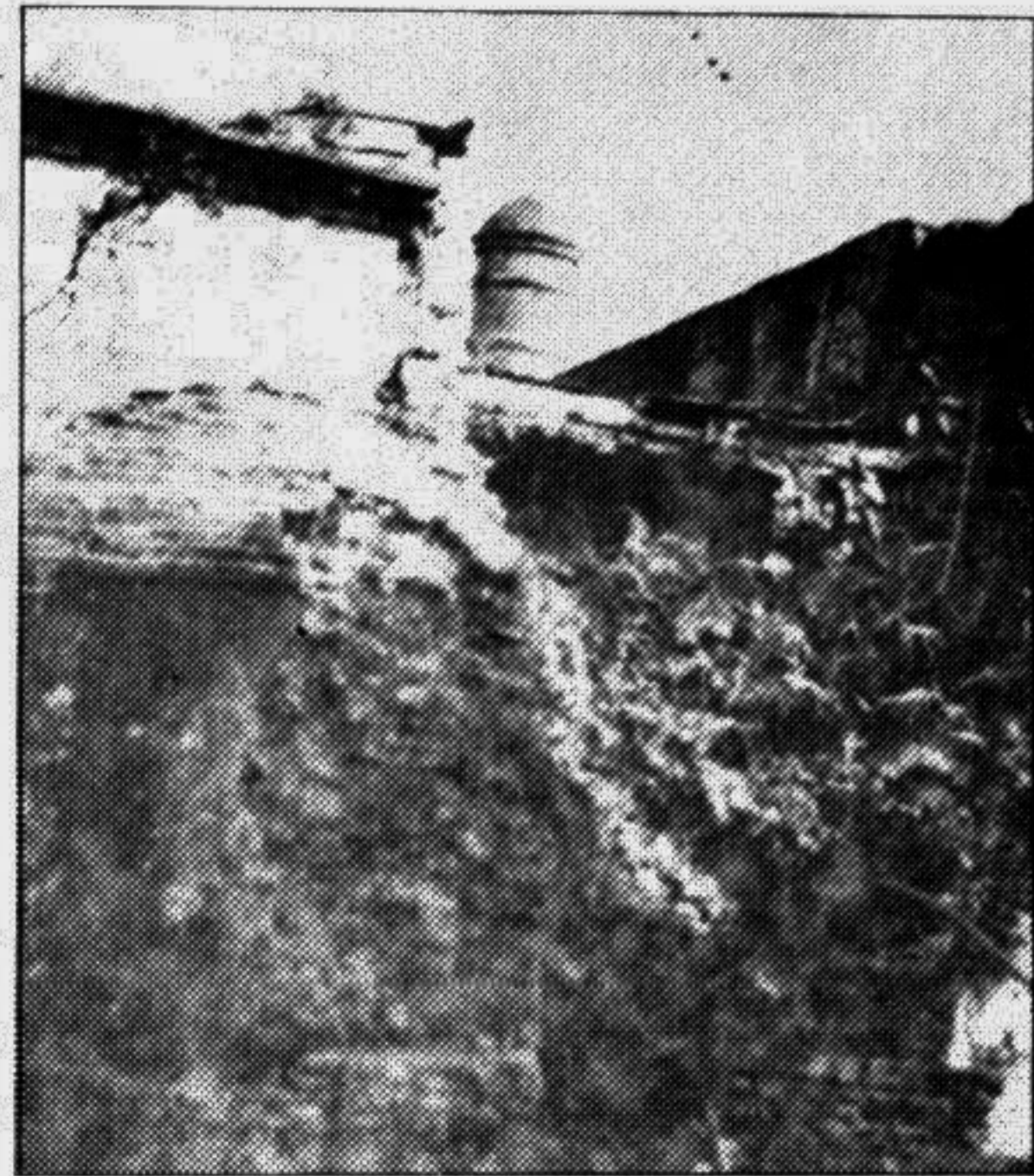
pour a fistful of paddy into a glass of water and examine how many grains float. Then, they refuse purchasing saying the paddy with the many wilted grains is unacceptable, said Sadek, another grower of Naopara village of the thana.

230, which was Taka 200 a couple of weeks back. Still then, it will be more beneficial if the procurement centres buy our produces as they offer Taka 270 for every maund of paddy, Karim added.

Hatempur Mosque: A silent spectator of sheer neglect

From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, Feb 23: The 450-year-old Hatempur Shahi Mosque may collapse and many lives might be lost at any time as the western side of the mosque has already collapsed partially, according to local people.



JHENIDAH: Dilapidated condition of the western side of Hatempur Shahi Mosque situated at Saikupa thana in the district. - Star photo

Chakmaghat Irrigation Project a bane of Habiganj people

SYLHET, Feb 23: With commissioning of the Chakmaghat Irrigation Project in the upper stream of the river Khowai in the bordering Indian state of Tripura in the next dry season, vast areas of Habiganj district would be affected badly, it is apprehended widely.

From Iqbal Siddiquee
pected to be commissioned by the end of 1997 or by the start of 1998, the source added.

Two Sarbahara Partymen arrested
From Our Correspondent
FARIDPUR, Feb 23: Two members of the Sarbahara Party were arrested from Boalmari bazar recently.

March 1995. Of this, 13.43 crore rupees was spent for the barrage portion only. Construction of the canal would cost 5 crore rupees more the source said, thus totalling whole project cost at 41 crore rupee.



SYLHET: Alhaj Mubashwir Ali, president, Greater Sylhet Ganodabi Parishad speaking at a discussion meeting here on the occasion of the 13th death anniversary of late General MAg Osmany on Sunday. - Star photo

Work order without tender: Rly CE, DC Gaibandha sued

From K M Rezaul Hoque

GAIBANDHA, Feb 23: Two enlisted contractors of Western Railway filed a case with Senior Sub-Judge Court, Gaibandha against Chief Engineer, Western Railway, Rajshahi, Deputy Commissioner, Gaibandha and six others for opening earth work of 10 kilometres Trimohoni-Balashi low level railway track without any tender notice.

Balashi. According to earlier decision of authority, a 16-kilometre low level track was to be constructed from Baharalkhalhi to connect Balashi. Accordingly authority called for a tender for the work.

Road mishaps claim 3 including minor girl

From CHT Correspondent
RAMGARH (Khagachhari), Feb 23: Three persons, including a minor girl, were officially listed as killed and 29 others injured Sunday in three separate road mishaps at different places in Ramgarh thana of the district.

Hunters preying on guest birds in garo hills

NETRAKONA, Feb 23: Migratory birds, our flying guests in winter, have been flocking at the northern parts of Netrakona district.

Agri loan worth Tk 5.41 cr yet to be realised

MADARIPUR, Feb 23: Over 1000 certificate cases, filed by the Kishi Bank against the defaulter farmers for realisation of Tk 5.41 crore, are yet to be settled, official sources here said, reports UNB.

One gets life term for violating a teen

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From The Court Room

One convicted for taking dowry

From Our Correspondent
NATORE, Feb 23: One person was convicted for taking dowry and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment (RI) for five years and to pay a fine of Taka 2,000 in default to suffer another two months of RI.

Md. Mozammel Haq, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Natore, delivering his judgment on February 12, awarded the above verdict against Md. Raish Uddin Raju, son of Surat Ali of Chandanpur village of sadar thana of the district after convicting him under sections 11 and 14 of Repression on Women and Children Act (Special).

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Metropolitan

Britain to provide aid for city corporations

Britain will provide sustainable technical and project assistance for improving the management skill of the city corporations and municipalities of the country, reports UNB.

ROK envoy makes farewell call on Samad Azad

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea (ROK) Jong Kyoo Byun made a farewell call on the Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at the foreign ministry yesterday, reports BSS.

Seminar on agri research

A two-day seminar on 'Agricultural Research and Development in Bangladesh' begins at the International Conference Centre in the city today, reports UNB.

Project-launching workshop

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), in cooperation with the World Bank and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), will hold a project-launching workshop of 'Second Rural Roads and Markets Improvement and Maintenance Project' on February 24, 25 and 27.

What's on today . . .

- BEA lecture: Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) has organised a lecture on 'Exchange Rate Management: Cross Country Experience.' Speaker: Prof John Williamson, Chief Economist for South Asia, World Bank. Venue: Academy for Planning and Development, Nilkhet. Time: 3:30 pm.
Worldnet dialogue: A Worldnet dialogue on 'Women's Rights' will be held. Venue: USIS auditorium, Jiban Bima Bhaban, 10 Dilkusha C/A. Time: 7:30-8:30 pm.
Reception: Akkharbrito will accord a reception to Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury, lyricist of 'Amar Bahaiyer Roktey Rangano Ekushay February....' Chief guest: Obaidul Qader, State Minister for Cultural Affairs. Venue: Muktiyuddha Jadugar, Segun Bagicha. Time: 3:30 pm.
Liberation War Museum: Anil Bhattacharya, a renowned journalist of Tripura, will give a talk on 'Liberation War: Tripura Context', while Shubashish Talapatra, a lawyer of Agartala, will speak on 'Tripura-Bangladesh Relationship'. Venue: Museum premises, 5, Segun Bagicha. Time: 5:30 pm. The talk will be followed by presentation of Tagore songs by Tithi Deb Burman.
Nat'l consultation session: A day long national consultation session on 'Rio plus 5' will be held. Chief guest: State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10 am.
Discussion meet: UBINIG has arranged a discussion meeting on 'Bio-diversity, nutrition and environment.' Keynote speaker: Steve Minkin, Centre of Natural Resource Studies. Venue: WVA auditorium, Rd No. 27, Dhanmondi. Time: 3 pm-6pm.
Lecture: Nazrul Institute has arranged a lecture on 'Problems in research and practice of Nazrul works.' Speaker: Dr Badhan Sengupta, a renowned Nazrul researcher of West Bengal. Venue: Seminar room of the Institute, House: 330B, Rd: 28 (old), Dhanmondi. Time: 3:30 pm.
Rotary Club of Gulshan: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sajna Restaurant, Gulshan. Time: 5:30 pm.
Bangabandhu Parishad: An emergency meeting of the Bangabandhu Parishad Supreme Court Lawyers' Unit will be held. Venue: Supreme Court Ainjibi Samity Bhaban. Time: 4 pm.

One awarded 3-yr RI for cheating

NATORE, Feb 23: One person was convicted for denying to marry a girl when she gave birth to his baby son and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment (RI) for three years.

Additional District Magistrate Sheikh Toyibur Rahman, after examining witnesses and evidences, convicted the accused under the section 493 and delivered the verdict.