

## National

## News snaps

## Workshop on women, children issues

CHITTAGONG, Aug 25: A day-long workshop on women and children issues was held at the district council hall on Saturday, reports UNB.

Chittagong City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury inaugurated the workshop, organised by News Network, a national feature service. Editor of New Network M Shahiduzzaman presided over the workshop which was also attended by Editor of Daily Azadi Prof Mohammad Khaled as special guest. The working session of the workshop was attended by OCAB General Secretary Farid Hossain as moderator.

## Health Deptt's revenue income up

NATORE, Aug 25: Health Department of the district earned about Tk three lakh as revenue during seven months of the current year providing medicare services, reports UNB.

According to the district Civil Surgeon Office, over three lakh patients received treatment from Sadar Hospital, six thana health complexes, one TB clinic and 15 union health sub-centres. When contacted Civil Surgeon Dr M Jahangir Hossain said the revenue income could be increased by extending modern medicare facilities.

## Steps to develop Madrasa edn

JAMALPUR Aug 25: State Minister for Religious Affairs Maulana Nurul Islam has said the government undertook some pragmatic steps for development of the country's Madrasa education, reports UNB.

The function was organised on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a new building at Belta Aleya Madrasa. It was followed by a *doa mafil*. Citing various development programmes of the AL government, the state minister said setting up of the Islamic Foundation, establishment of Madrasa Education Board, allocation of the plot for construction of Kakrail Mosque for *Tabling Jamaat* and choosing the place of *Bishwa Itteba* at Tongi are the contributions of the government led by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

## 17 more arrested in Satkhira

SATKHIRA, Aug 25: In a pre-dawn drive police arrested 17 persons along with firearms and ammunition from a fishery camp at Chakla in Assauna thana recently, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the Chakla fishery camp at about 3 am and nabbed Shaheen, Razzak, Tekka, Akhtar, Shabeen, Quamrul, Eltas, Alam, Sayeed, Enayet, Sajjad, Hanif, Razzak, Zakaria, Quamrul, Zaman and Anwar. They were sent to jail. One revolver, two guns and 10 bullets were recovered from their possessions, police said.

## 30 lawyers certificates cancelled

HABIGANJ, Aug 25: Bangladesh Bar Council has cancelled the certificates of 30 lawyers of the district Bar Association for non-payment of yearly renewal fees, reports UNB.

The district Bar Association, recently served notices to the lawyers. Four of the defaulting lawyers already died.

## Discussion on environment pollution

FENI, Aug 25: A discussion on pollution of environment in the BSCC Industrial Estate near Feni town was held at the premises of Jam-e-Mosque of BSCC estate recently, reports BSS.

Presided over by industrialist Mainuddin Chowdhury Kamran, the meeting was addressed, among others, by advocate Meer Hossain, Headmaster of a local school Noor Hossain, Hafez Ali Akbar, Abdul Malek and transport workers leader Katu Miah. The speakers urged upon the authorities concerned to take necessary measures to control pollution of environment by some industries of the area.

## Galachipa transit point of smugglers

PATUAKHALI, Aug 25: Child and women traffickers and smugglers have been using the coastal Galachipa and Khepupara thanas as the transit points since long, reports UNB.

Investigations revealed that the smugglers use fishing trawlers to smuggle goods and for trafficking children and women through the sea channel. Police can not check these incidents as they do not have any river vessel to patrol the vast sea channel. Local people urged the government to intensify police patrol in the routes to check such illegal activities.

## Another ferry needed at Chandpur ghat

SYLHET, Aug 25: The passengers at Chandpur Ferryghat in Fenchuganj thana have been suffering a lot due to operation of only one dilapidated ferry since long, reports UNB.

At present the ghat has turned into a busy one as the route is less time consuming to go to Dhaka, Moulvibazar, Srimongal and Kulaura. The 20 years old lone ferry in the ghat of the river Kushiyara can not cope with the present rush of passengers following the Magurjhara gas fire accident. Local leaders demanded immediate introduction of another ferry at the ghat to ease the sufferings of the passengers.

## Free country from curse of illiteracy'

MYMENSINGH, Aug 25: State Minister for Youth, Sports and cultural affairs Obaidul Kader on Saturday called upon all concerned to come forward with a missionary zeal to make the country free from the curse of illiteracy and poverty, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the prize giving ceremony of literary, cultural and indoor game competitions of Muminunnessa Government Mahila College here. Presided over by the principal of the college, Prof Abdul Matin, the function was addressed, among others, by advocate Moslemuddin MP, Jahana Khan MP, Principal Matur Rahman, Nazimuddin Ahmed and Manira Sultana Mani vice-president of student's union.

## PHED sinks 5,542 tubewells

KHULNA, Aug 25: Public Health Engineering Directorate (PHED) sank and re-sank the tubewells in cooperation with UNICEF in order to ensure pure drinking water for the people in the rural areas of the country. Besides, NGO Caritus sank four deep tubewells in Dapoe and Batiaghata thanas of Khulna district during the fiscal.

## Efforts on to maintain law, order

KHULNA, Aug 25: State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukdar Abdul Khaleq said the present government is pledged-bound to maintain law and order in all spheres of life, reports UNB.

The state minister was addressing a meeting of district and metropolitan city law and order committee at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner recently. He called upon all to set up terrorism-free society to uphold the tradition of Khulna. Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Whip S M Mostafa Rasheed, Sujan and Monuzan Sufian, MP, as special guests. Metropolitan Police Commissioner, SP, TNO and other members of the committee were also present.

## Notorious dacoit arrested

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 25: Police arrested a notorious dacoit and outlawed Sarbari Party activist from a house at Budergati village in Raiganj thana early Saturday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house and arrested Mokbul Hossain. He was wanted in connection with several dacoity cases.

## VGDP wheat distributed

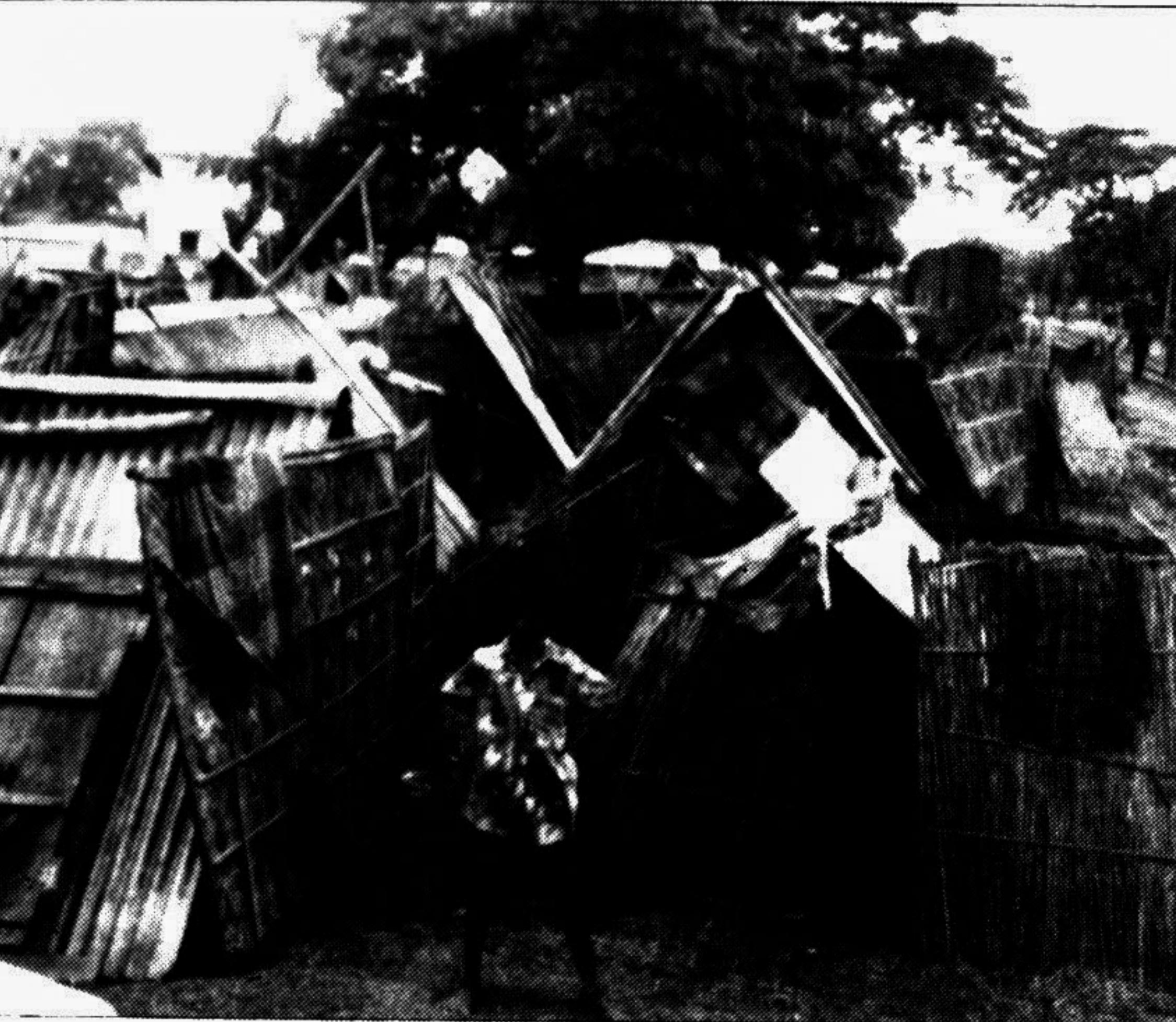
MEHERPUR, Aug 25: A total of 35,400 kilogrammes of wheat has been distributed among the members of 550 destitute families in Gangni and Meherpur sadar thanas of the district free of cost under Vulnerable Group Development Programme (VGDP) in the month of July, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the government has sanctioned over 388 metric tons of wheat for these destitute families under this programme.

## Sangbadik Samity executives

MEHERPUR, Aug 25: Mohammad Islam Ali and Mohammad Abdul Mannan have been elected president and secretary of the Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity. Meherpur district unit for the next two years, reports BSS.

Among the other office-bearers of the 15-member executive committee are M Sadirul Anam, Vice-President, Sadirul Hug Assistant Secretary, Tozammel Hug Treasurer, Saad Ahmed, Office Secretary and Abdul Rouf, Cultural Secretary. Shafuddin Ahmed, former President of the Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity was present at the biennial conference and election of the organisation held recently as chief guest.



CHANDPUR: River erosion victims have taken shelter near Chandpur Railway Station. They are allegedly polluting the environment of the area. — Star photo

## River erosion turns 20,000 homeless in Pabna dist

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Aug 25: Erosion of the Padma and the Jamuna has been continuing unabated for the last two and a half months in the district.

Three thanas — Pabna Sadar, Sujanagar and Bera are affected where 20,000 people have been rendered homeless.

Bera thana is affected badly by Jamuna erosion.

Standing crops on 30,000 acres of land have been damaged.

Fodder scarcity has been prevailing in the areas. Medicine shortage has turned the situation serious.

Relief goods distributed by the government are quite insufficient.

Nakalia Bazar have been devoured by the river Jamuna.

"Mujib Bundh" constructed under the Pabna Irrigation and Flood Control Project was also eroded.

The shelterless people are in need of kerosene oil, matchboxes, pure drinking water besides food-stuffs. They also need house building materials.

## Sand coming from Meghalaya 80,000 acres of land affected in Sunamganj

river way during the rainy season as the forest of the hill part of the Indian state are being destroyed.

Various rivers of north-eastern region — Meghalaya, Assam, Arunachal, Nagaland, Arunachal, Chittagong, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Jaintia, Naga and Sompeta — are also silted up by the sand. As a result, the Surma is losing navigability gradually.

In such a situation, district Water Development Board had sent a proposal to the higher authorities long ago for dredging the sand from the 10 river beds which is yet to be implemented.

Sand is coming easily into river bed and land through the

### Theft of electric transformers rises in Kurigram

KURIGRAM, Aug 25: Theft of electric transformers and wires of the Pally Bidyut Samity is on rise in the district causing suffering to the consumers, reports UNB.

According to samity sources, during the last few days, three transformers and 6,744 metre wires worth over Tk 2 lakh were stolen.

The samity, meanwhile, served notices to its subscribers for realising the amount from them which has created adverse reaction among the subscribers.

The transformers were stolen from the villages of Hariram, Ataram and Muktaram of Belgachha union.

According to the local consumers, an organised gang with the help of some dishonest employees of the samity is engaged in stealing the transformers and wires.

The samity started its commercial operation from last April ensuring power to 1793 villages of 80 unions covering seven thanas of the district and two thanas of Lalmirhat district by extending 1900 km line.

Meanwhile, setting up of nine sub-stations have been completed and two more are under-way. Some 7550 poles in 447 km line have already been posted.

A total of 6264 connections in 267 villages have been given so far and more residential, commercial, industrial and irrigation connections are underway.

Local people demanded immediate measures to check the increasing theft of transformers and wires.

### BCL (S-P) bags all posts in A M College Students' Union poll

MYMENSINGH, Aug 25: Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) of Ananda Mohan University College bagged all the posts in the students union election held on Saturday, reports UNB.

Some 156 candidates of eight panels of seven student organisations including Chhatra League and Chhatra Dal contested for 19 posts.

Mostaq Ahmed Ruhu and Mahbub Jahan Shaheen were elected as vice president and general secretary respectively.

The election was held peacefully.

### Government of Bangladesh

#### Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD

Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet

Phone No. 716339

## Tender Notice No. 03 of Sylhet Road Division 1997-98

1. Tender Notice No. : 03 of Sylhet Road Division 1997-98.

2. Name of works. : Tender for construction of HBB pavement work in Beanibazar end of Sheola River approach road under Sylhet Road Division during the year 1997-98.

3. Charge to. : 266-Development.

4. Estimated cost. : Tk. 12,00,303/00

5. Earnest money. : Tk. 24,007/00

6. Whom estimate approved. : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.

7. Time allowed. : 30 (Thirty) days.

8. Name of offices where this tender will be received. : Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla/ Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Sylhet/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka and undersigned.

9. Name of offices where tender document will be sold. : Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet/ undersigned/ Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulvibazar/ Hobigonj/ Sunamganj/ Planning & Design Division, Comilla/ Planning & Programming Division, Dhaka/ Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Sylhet/ Golapgonj/ Biswanath and Mechanical Sub-Division, Sylhet.

10. Last date of selling of tender. : 9/9/1997 up to office hours.

11. Last date & time of receiving the tender. : 10/9/1997 at 12-30 PM.

12. Date & time of opening the tender. : 15/9/1997 at 12-45 PM.

13. Last date of lottery. : 17/9/1997 at 11-30 AM (if required) in the office of undersigned.

14. Eligibility of contractor. : Under RHD department 'A' to 'C' general and Road Circle 'D' general categories contractors.

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Executive Engineer, RHD  
Road Division, Sylhet.

## 2,500 acres of sugarcane field under pest-attack

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Aug 25: Sugarcane on 2500 acres of land have been attacked by pest in Dewanganj, Islampur, Melandah and Bakshiganj thanas of the district.

Unofficial sources said, pest known as "Red Rot", "Stem Borer", "Top Ret", "Wilt Ret" and a kind of brown grasshopper attacked sugarcane on about 2500 acres in different areas at the district.

Green sugarcane plants turn yellowish and usually reduce due to pest attack.

It is learnt, the departmental authority depends only on the ports of field supervisors about pest attack. Field supervisors allegedly prepare imaginary reports of the affected areas. Although the areas attacked by pest are rapidly expanding, yet no steps have been taken to control the menace.

It is alleged that due to want of spare parts the drive of spraying cannot be launched.

Moreover, most of the farmers cannot afford to buy required quantity of insecticides at an exorbitant rate.

Meanwhile, the sugar mills authorities distributed in insecti-

cides among a few of the farmers.

Experienced quarters opine,

if the government does not take

effective measures immediately

the situation might go out

of control.

So they are unable to cope

with the situation, he admitted.

It has been alleged, Dewanganj thana sugarcane officials did not visit the affected areas even after information of deteriorating situation.

## Moulvibazar Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

### Reception

A reception was accorded recently to Begum Hosne Ara Wahid, MP, who was elected from Moulvibazar-Hobigonj parliamentary constituency.

Organised by Kamalgonj Girls' High School authority, the reception function was presided over by Humayun Kabir, headmaster of the school. The function was addressed, among others, by Siddik Ali, Syed Mokhlesur Rahman and Mubarak Ali.

In her address, Hosne Ara Wahid, MP, said, education sector of our country was neglected during the last 22 years