

News snaps

Woman killed in road accident

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 3: One woman was crushed to death under the wheels of a speeding truck near BSCIC estate in Jhenidah on Saturday, according to police sources.

Police said, Saleha, 35, a housewife was collecting wood for use as fuel. A truck bearing number Dhaka Da-3585 hit her on the roadside. Saleha was killed on the spot. A case was filed with Jhenidah thana. Police seized the truck, but the driver managed to flee.

Illegal arms possessor gets 10-yr RI

BOLA, Sept 3: A man was awarded 10 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) for possessing illegal arms, court sources here said, reports UNB.

The court also fined the convict Mohammad Siddique of Mehendiganj, Barisal, Tk 2000, in default, to suffer another six months. According to the prosecution story, police acting on a tip-off, arrested Siddique and following his confession, a statement recovered a pipe gun and a few rounds of bullets from Medina village in Daulatkhan thana in 1994. A case was filed and police after investigation submitted charge-sheet against him. After examining the witnesses and records Additional District and Sessions Judge Abu Hanif delivered the judgement last week.

Smuggled cement recovered

JHALOKATI, Sept 3: Police recovered 222 bags of smuggled cement from the town and arrested two people in this connection on Friday, reports UNB.

On different raids, police also recovered 73 bags of cement from a godown at the bank of river Sugandha and 149 bags from a godown at Katpatti. The arrested were identified as Akkas Hossain and Monir Hossain. A case was filed with the police.

4 dacoits beaten by mob

CHITTAGONG, Sept 3: Four dacoits were beaten severely in Panchlaish, Thana in the port city on Friday, reports UNB.

Police said a group of dacoits, numbering 7 to 9, were planning to commit robbery sitting in an abandoned house at about 5 pm in Kulshi area. Local people challenged the miscreants at about 5 pm and beat four of them seriously following an altercation. Others managed to escape. Police rescued the badly injured dacoits and sent them to Chittagong Medical College Hospital in critical condition. The injured were identified as Babul, Harun, Ganesh and Mobarak. A case was filed with concerned thana.

Dacoits kill one

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 3: A man was killed and 12 others were injured at Diarpura village in Ullapara thana when a gang of armed dacoits stormed a house early Monday, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Asadul Haque, 27, grand-son of the house-owner Abdul Gani. He was stabbed to death by the robbers when he grabbed one of them. On hearing the hue and cry the villagers gheraoed the dacoits numbering 10-12 and a clash ensued between them that left 12 villagers injured, two of them seriously. At one stage, the villagers caught two dacoits and handed them over to the police. They were identified as Khalil and Jamsher alias Jahangir of Ghughat village in the same thana.

Clash leaves 6 injured

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 3: Six people were injured, two of them seriously, in a clash between two groups in the town on Sunday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said a procession was brought out on the station road in the morning demanding hanging of the killers of JCD worker Ashraf Ali. The processionists, while passing through the area, attacked the people of Diar Dhangara mahalla who repulsed. Seriously injured Bachchu and Arzu, both of the mahalla, were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital. Tension mounted in the area. A case was filed with Sadar thana in this connection.

Abundant supply of hilsha

PATUAKHALI, Sept 3: Supply of huge hilsha fish in the local markets has increased in greater proportion causing price fall in the whole sale deal, reports BSS.

Local sources said, standard size hilsha fish is being sold at Taka 2300 per pound in the wholesale market in the district town. Traders have been sending hilsha fish by truck to different parts of the country round the clock. Hawkers are also selling hilsha from door to door in van in the town areas.

Facilities Deptt implements 134 schemes

THAKURGAON, Sept 3: The Facilities Department under the Ministry of Education implemented 134 schemes in Thakurgaon district at a cost of Taka 2 crore 56 lakhs during 1996-97 fiscal year, reports BSS.

Under the schemes construction of three 2-storied college buildings at a cost of Taka 75 lakhs. Five high schools buildings at a cost of Taka 40 lakhs and 9 primary school buildings at a cost of Taka 54 lakhs were included. Besides this the schemes also included repair of two colleges, 25 high schools and madrasahs and five primary schools at a cost of Taka 36 lakh.

Housewife gives birth to triplets

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Sept 3: A housewife gave birth to triplets recently at a local private clinic. The babies (3 daughters) along with their mother are now in good health, clinic sources said. Mariam Begum, 28, wife of BDR jawan Azizul Islam is a resident of Bhurungamari under Kurigram district. She was a mother of two sons, but she was unhappy. Because she had no daughter. However, her dream came to reality when she gave birth to triplets. Parents of the new born babies commented that birth of triple daughters were beyond their expectations.

2 killed in separate incidents

From A Correspondent

BOGRA, Sept 3: Two persons were killed recently in separate incidents at Adamdighi thana of the district.

Asadul Haque, son of late Asfar Ali of village Betgari of Raniganj thana was killed in a road accident when the driver of Santahar bound 'Jhatika' passenger bus (No. Chhatta Metro Cha 15) lost control of the vehicle and crashed with a wall. Asadul was standing beside the road at bus stand. In another incident, Ibrahim Ali, one youth committed suicide by hanging with his belt recently. Ibrahim was identified as son of Jaker Sarder of Bahadurpur village under Adamdighi thana. The cause of his suicide was not known. An unnatural death (UD) case has been filed in the respective thana.

Open sale of non-iodised salt

From Our Correspondent

MACURA, Sept 3: Non-iodised salts are being sold openly in hats and bazars of four thanas in the district despite a government ban, local market observers said.

According to medical reports, a large number of rural people are suffering from iodine deficiency due to using non-iodised salt abundantly.

Crimes on rise in Noakhali

NOAKHALI, Sept 3: The Noakhali district law and order committee at a meeting recently reviewed the overall law and order situation of six police stations of the district, reports BSS. Held at the conference hall of the collectorate office here the meeting has presided over by Deputy Commissioner K Md Abul Kalam. The meeting was informed that a total of 122 crimes were committed in one month in the district which included dacoity, theft, murder, repression on women.

Law, order situation worsens in Feni

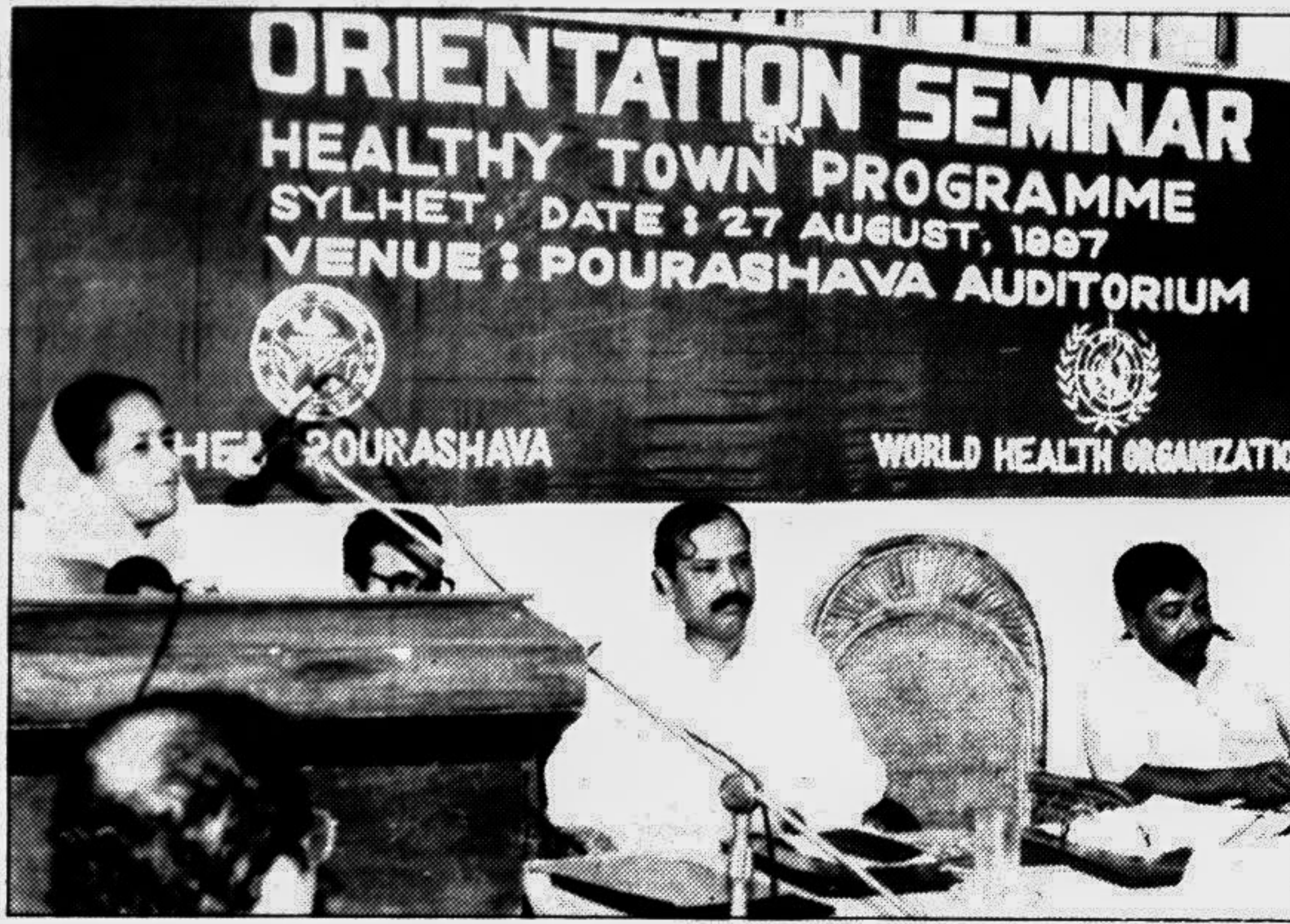
FENI, Sept 3: Law and order situation has deteriorated alarmingly in the district in one month with the rise in crimes including political rivalry, reports UNB.

According to police and local people, 22 people were killed in separate incidents and 20 dacoities committed in the district within 20 days of the month. During the month, four people including two BCL workers were killed in Sadar thana, two in Daganbhuyia, one in each Chhagalnaiya, Fulgazi and Parshuram thanas. Besides, 11 people were killed here in road accidents on Dhaka-Chittagong highway. A man allegedly committed suicide and another one electrocuted.

Discussion on Tanggur haor management

SUNAMGANJ, Sept 3: A daylong discussion on Tanggur haor Management and Planning was held last week at Tahipur thana headquarters under Sunamganj district, reports BSS.

Sponsored jointly by the Ministry of Forest and Environment and thana administration the discussion was presided over by Abdus Salam, Thana Nirbahi Officer, Tahipur. Former MP Nazir Hossain, Fisheries Officer SMA Rashid, Forest Officer Rafiqul Huq and Dr. Anisuzzaman discussed various measures for the development of Tanggur haor.



SYLHET: Syeeds Zebunnessa Haque MP, addressing the orientation seminar on Healthy Town Programme jointly organised by World Health Organisation (WHO) and Sylhet Poursava recently.

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Outlawed parties active in Khulna divn 68 killed in 10 dists since January this yr

From Quazi Amanullah

KHULNA, Sept 3: Activists of outlawed parties killed a total number of 68 persons in Khulna division during the last seven months.

According to Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) source, they were shot to death or slaughtered to death.

Police admitted that operations by outlaws have alarmingly increased in 10 districts of Khulna division and in Khulna Metropolitan city area.

Armed activists of Purbo Banglar Communist Party, Biplobi Communist Party, Sarbajha Party, Tota Bahini and Shariful Bahini are involved in extortion, dacoities, rape and arson, police confirmed.

Police further said that all the victims were killed in retaliation against each other. The victims also belonged to different political parties such as AL, BNP, JP, Workers Party and Biplobi Communist Party.

But police could nab only 28 out of 779 listed armed cadres of outlawed parties.

Terrorism in the Metropolitan city has made life of the people miserable. According to an official source, at least 10 political leaders and workers of both the ruling and opposition parties were killed in armed confrontations during the last

one year. Frequent gun battles and series of bombs explosions rock the city area creating panic all over the city.

Political rivalry, intra-party clashes, area-wise leadership and quarrel over the share of illegal toll money were the main reasons for murders under the cover of political identity.

Identified terrorists belong-

2 killed in Bhola road accident

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 3: Two persons were killed and 25 others injured in a road mishap at Manikarhat under Borhanuddin thana in Bhola district on Sunday afternoon.

Police and witnesses said, the Bhola-bound passenger bus Dhaka BA 334 with nearly 50 passengers on board met the accident at Charfassan when the driver lost control and fell into a roadside ditch.

Two passengers, Md. Moslem, 42, and an unidentified old man were killed on the spot while 25 passengers were injured.

ing to both to AL and BNP are being patronised by their god-fathers who are influential people.

Both AL and BNP are suffering from leadership crisis due to intra-party clashes. Jubo League and Chhatra League are now engaged in intra-party rift. Similarly, BNP in Khulna does not have any permanent committee.

BIWT ghat, the bone of contention between two rival groups of Awami League and BNP witnessed 87 fierce gunbattles in one year. At least 200 policemen and people were injured. Many people are still missing.

According to police KCC Commissioner of Ward No-21 and an accused of Jotmal murder case, Ershad Ali Sikder of BNP and Hannan Sharif of city AL have been fighting against each other with the help of their armed cadres for capturing the skid ghat. There are many illegal sources of earning crores of taka by means of foodgrains pilferage, extortion from government enlisted foodgrain carrying contractors, pilfering fuel from railway wagons, looting of foodgrains from ships and government godowns and dacoities in launches and steamers.

Jessore — A place pioneer in growth of press

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, Sept 3: Jessore is perhaps rightly considered as pioneer in the growth of journalism and newspaper industry in undivided Bengal.

In 1862, when indigo revolt was gaining momentum in undivided Bengal, a fortnightly newspaper was published from a remote village in Jessore district. Edited by Sishir Kumar Ghose, the fortnightly named 'Amrito Probahini' was published from his native village Dahar Magura under Jhinkargachha thana in the district.

This publication was the first of its kind not only in the contemporary history of Bengal, but also in other parts of the sub-continent.

Sishir Kumar Ghose learnt the type composing, job printing at his early life. He installed a wooden machine at home and published the fortnightly 'Amrito Probahini'.

When Bengal was in grip of Indigo Revolt and European planters were determined to crush the cultivators' revolt with the help of British administration this fortnightly played a very vital role in preserving the interest of indigo cultivators.

Its inflammatory language in presenting the story of Indigo Revolt vividly and its art to criticise the policy of British rulers in India, not only enhanced its prestige but also

enhanced the demand of the fortnightly largely. It created a sensation in the society of intellectuals. It acted as a source of inspiration and encouragement to the rebels to gear up their rebellion and march forward in achieving their goal. But it was stopped very shortly for reasons unknown.

Sishir Kumar Ghose emerged with new enthusiasm and published the Weekly Amrito Bazar Patrika from the same press and same place on February 2, 1868.

From the next year it was published in both Bengali and English languages. It soon captured a good market and gained momentum. In its issue dated May 22, 1874, Indigo Revolt was branded as the first revolt in Bengal.

Sishir Kumar Ghose, shifted himself to Calcutta in West Bengal, India in 1871 and the Amrito Bazar Patrika began to be published from there. When the Vernacular Act was passed in the British Parliament on March 21, 1878 he converted this Bengali newspaper into English. Thus he tactfully

averted the wrath of the British Government and saved the publication from confiscation by the British administration. It turned into a daily from weekly in 1891. After his death, his son Tushar Kanti Ghose took over the responsibility of the Editor. Tushar Kanti died on April 24, 1994. He is survived by his son Torun Kanti Ghose.

The monthly Kolyani edited by Upendra Nath Roy was published in 1894 from the local town and this was for the first time that a full-fledged newspaper came out from this town.

In 1901, The Monthly Islam, edited by Mohatabuddin, in 1919 Hindu Patrika, in 1921 Boisha Barujibi edited by Jodunath Majumder, in 1925 the Weekly Jessore edited by Ananda Chowdhury, half-yearly Saraj-Bati edited by Jatish Chandra Sirkar, in 1930 monthly Sekabar Bani edited by Nurul Osman, in 1932 The Monthly Ingti edited by Sollen-dra Nath Ghose, in 1935 The Monthly Ansaar, in 1941 The Weekly Jessore Gazette edited by Wahed Ali Ansari, in 1940 the monthly Aloke, by poet Hal Mohammad, in 1943, Iman by Mattur Rahman and in 1944 The Monthly Al-Momen edited by Dr Moklesur Rahman were published from here. All these were published during the British rule in India.

After the independence of Pakistan on August 14, 1947, a good number of newspapers and journals were published from here. The first journal after the partition of India was The Shariat-Islam edited by Moulana Mohammad Ali Enayetpur. It was followed by the publication of monthly Ishara by Poet Lal Mohammad. In 1951 a school magazine by a group of students at Chowgachha Shahadat High School was published. It carried the blessings of Poet Ahmed Ali Koyerpura.

In 1952, The Monthly Sadat edited by Aysha Sarder, in 1956 Weekly Mojum edited by Dr Syed Maroof Hossain, in 1958 monthly Nabik, edited by Ahmed Ali Sahittaratna, in 1960 The Monthly Janakalyan of Jessore Jila Parishad and The Monthly Mukul edited by Poet Nasir Uddin, in 1963 The Weekly Notun Desh edited by Mahmudul Huq, in 1964 monthly Samabhad edited by Moklesur Rahman, in 1970 Weekly Gonodabi edited by Nasir Uddin followed by Matri Bhumi edited by Abdus Satter, Weekly Mukti by Rafik Ahmed, Weekly Biplob, edited by Khan

Tipu Sultan, in 1971 Weekly Ishara edited by Rafik Ahmed, Weekly Chashi, edited by Makbulur Rahman and Weekly Jugur Dak edited by Nazim Uddin Al-Azad were published.

Among all these tabloids, Ganadabi, Notun Desh and Matribumi made significant contributions to mobilise public opinion in support of the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

The tabloids including Mojum, Samabhad and Jugur Dak were published from Panishara under Jhinkergachha thana, Baladanga and Basundia under Kotwali thana in the district.

During the worst period of the Liberation War in 1971, a tabloid named Sadhin Bangla with Mujib Nagar date line edited by Iqbal Hossain was published. Jessore was liberated from the clutch of Pakistan Army on December 7 in 1971 and the Weekly Spulingho edited by M A Satter was published within 48 hours with blessings from Moulana Bhasani. This paper was turned into a daily in 1976.

In 1972, Weekly Sonar Desh, edited by Iqbal Hossain was published from Jhinkergachha. But it was soon stopped publication.

Monthly Sanglap edited by Ehsan Chowdhury Weekly Noyajug and Weekly Desh Hitoishe edited by Nurul Alam were published in the same year.

The Weekly Gram Bangla edited by Kazi Monirul Huda in 1973 and Weekly Kabadak edited by Abdur Rahman in 1974, were published from Jhinkergachha.

In 1975 weekly Sobuj Somabadi edited by Abdus Satter, in 1978 Weekly Gonomanush edited by Golam Majed and Jessore Barta from Jessore Zila Board were published one by one.

Besides, Weekly Bonni edited by Selina Khatun, Weekly Mujahid edited by Mustanur Rahman and Weekly Patriot, an English newspaper edited by Monzur Rahman were published.

In 1980, The Dainik Runner edited by Golam Majid and Weekly Saturday edited by Daud Hossain were published almost simultaneously from here. The editor of the Dainik Runner was arrested following his adverse remark on the promulgation of Martial Law in its issue on March 24, 1984. He was convicted and sentenced for two years' rigorous imprisonment, but was released within six months.

One chopped to death by dacoits

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 3: Armed dacoits killed a houseowner at village Upar Barkat under Golapganj thana in the district early hours of Tuesday.

A gang of armed dacoits attacked the house of Ajib Ali, 40, at about 3 am on the day. They entered into the house by breaking open the doors and tried to fasten him with ropes. But, when Ajib Ali tried to resist, they had a scuffle. Ajib Ali raised a hue and cry. The dacoits then chopped him with a Chinese axe, causing his instantaneous death. In the meantime, the neighbours including the brothers of the victim woke up and tried to catch the dacoits, but the dacoits managed to escape. Brothers of Ajib Ali returned from Middle East recently.

Minu Begun, wife of Ajib Ali lodged a case with Golapganj police, but no arrest has yet been reported till filing of this report.

Installation ceremony

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Sept 3: The eighth installation ceremony of Chandpur Central Rotary Club was held recently at Rotary Bhaban here.

Eminent educationist Dr Muntassir Mamoon, Prof of Dhaka University attended the function as the chief guest. Md Khalid Anwar, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Chandpur and M Jamaluddin, District Governor of Rotary District 3280, attended the function as special guests. The meeting was presided over by Rotary President of Chandpur Md Atif Hossain Khan.

The installation ceremony function was addressed, among others, by Dr MA Gofur, Krishna Shaha, Munir Hossain and Shafuiddin. Sheikh Munir Hossain Bablu and Shafuiddin, newly elected president and secretary respectively for the year 1997-98 also spoke on the occasion.

Tk 908cr uplift schemes under RIRP taken up

MUNSHIGANJ, Sept 3: Ministry of Local Government will implement uplift schemes, costing Tk 908 crore, in the rural areas under Rural Infrastructure Renovation Programme (RIRP) in the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

The projects, construction of 7,314 bridges, 3,827 km pucca connecting roads and eight cyclone centres in the coastal areas, have been taken with a view to improve rural road communication network and economic condition of the rural people.

This was disclosed by LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zilur Rahman while visiting the work of RIRP in the district on Tuesday. He also inaugurated the newly constructed Tongibari-Dighirpar and Tongibari-Hasal roads at a cost of Tk 4.5 crore.

The minister said strong communication network is being built in rural areas to implement various programmes to alleviate poverty. He also said Tk 20 crore has already been sanctioned and another Tk 10 crore more will be allotted soon for purchasing jute from the growers at fair prices.

Ullapara Govt College closed as JCD, BCL clash

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 3: Ullapara Akbar Ali Government College was closed after a clash between Chhatra League and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists that left at least 10 injured Monday, reports UNB.

Police said the clash ensued at 11 am when BNP men in a procession entered the college premises.

Both the groups used lethal weapons and hurled stones at each other in the 30-minute clash. Later police brought the situation under control.

Bogra Newsletter

From A Correspondent

BOGRA, Sept 3: First Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Bogra Foundation, a philanthropic organisation was held on August 29 in the auditorium of Chamber Bhaban at Jhowtola in the town.

The meeting was presided over by the Chairman of the Foundation Anis Rahman. Treasurer Abdul Mazid read out the annual report while the audited statement of accounts and annual budget for 1997-98 was placed by vice chairman Mobarak Ali Talukder.

Among others, Advocate AKM Hafizur Rahman, MP and Scientific Officer AKM Hafizur Rahman spoke. After the meeting a 12-member executive committee was elected with Anis Rahman as chairman. Other elected office-bearers are: Vice Chairmen Suk Rana and Mahbubur Rahman, General Secretary Mobarak Ali Talukder, Treasurer Eliza Rahman, Publicity Secretary Abdul Mazid. Members are: Sadul Anam Ranzu, Hosne-Ara Mamun, Monwara Begum.

Dr Nabilul Islam, Advocate M A Bari, Fazlur Rahman Paiker.

Valuables worth Tk 55000 looted

A gang of miscreants entered in to the house of one Mustafizur Rahman of Nishindara Housing Estate at dead of night and decamped with the booty worth Taka 55 thousand recently.

A case has been filed with Kotwali thana in this connection.

8 motorbike owners sued

Bogra police filed cases against 8 motorbike riders recently. Kotwali police source said the validity of the records of 52 motorbike owners were checked at Sathmatha and Nawabbari area of the town from 10 am to 4 pm. The riders of 8 motorbikes could not produce their valid document of the motorbikes.



CHANDPUR: Prof Muntassir Mamoon of Dhaka University recently addressing at the installation ceremony of Chandpur Central Rotary Club.

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Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন

Name of work: Tenders under sealed cover are invited for A) Work of "Supplying different kinds of tools items" under Boiler Division under Maintenance Circle of Ashuganj Power Station Complex, B) Work of supplying "Powder Welding" materials under Boiler Division under Maintenance Circle of Ashuganj Power Station Complex. Eligibility of contractor: Power Development Board's 1996-97 enlisted contractorly firms and bonafide supplier firms. Price of tender: Tk 100/= (one hundred) only (non-refundable) per group, in favour of the Deputy-Director (Accounts), ZAO, PDB, Ashuganj. Place and date where and when tender will be available: Tenders can be purchased on cash payment from Janata Bank, Ashuganj Bazar branch, B'baria, on permission of Chief Engineer, (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka/Chief Engineer, PSC, PDB, Bidyut Bhaban, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka Office/Chief Engineer (Ope. and Main:), Ashuganj Power Station Complex/Manager (Maintenance), APSC and the undersigned up to 24-09-97/09-06-1404 BS. Date of receiving and opening tender: At the office of the Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka/Chief Engineer, PSC, Bidyut Bhaban, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka and office of the undersigned up to 12:00 Noon of 25-09-97/10-06-1404 BS and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM before the tenderers (if any) present. All other terms and conditions of the tender should be complied with properly.

Executive Engineer (Boiler)

Bidyut/Jana-217(4)/97-98 Ashuganj Power Station Complex
DFP-19475-28/8 Power Development Board, Ashuganj
G-2093 B'baria

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Sunamganj Public Works Division, Sunamganj

Tender Invitation Notice

(No-5/1997-98)

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate approved contractors as mentioned against the work (those registered as per the Value Added Tax Law, 1991) for the undermentioned work. Tenders should be submitted in the prescribed tender box kept at the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Sylhet/Moulvibazar/Habiganj Public Works Division up to 12:30 PM of 10/9/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:45 PM in presence of the interested tenderers (if any) present. Each tender should be submitted in a sealed cover superscribing the name of work.

No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work	Class of contractor
1.	Under Annual Development Programme Project for construction of Police Department's dilapidated Thana buildings in Type plan (64 Thanas in first phase) and 39 in IC Type plan—one at Chhatak Thana in Sunamganj District (Sub-head—work of sewerage and water supply in Chhatak thana building construction)	Tk. 5,21,161/-	Tk. 10,425/-	60 (sixty) days	Public Works Directorate's 1st (first), 2nd (second) class sanitary contractors.

2. Tender document consisting Bangladesh Form No-2911, design (if applicable), schedule of work, additional terms and conditions etc. can be purchased on payment of Tk. 425/= (four hundred twenty-five) only (non-refundable) per set from the offices of all Executive Engineers under Sylhet Public Works Circle, Sylhet during office hours. Interested contractor himself or his representative (carrying authorisation letter with the representative's signature attested by the contractor) can purchase tender document on production of registration book any day during office hours up to 9/9/97 but tender signed by anybody other than the contractor will not be considerable.

Mahmud Hasan Siraz

Executive Engineer

Sunamganj Public Works Division, Sunamganj.

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