

News snaps

'Rabi' farming on 84,039 hectares
MADARIPUR, Jan 11: The Agriculture Extension Department has taken up a programme to bring 84,039 hectares under intensive 'Rabi' crop cultivation in Madaripur district in the current season, reports BSS.

Work on RCC pipe culverts completed
CHUADANGA, Jan 11: The construction of 20 RCC pipe culverts on three roads in Jibannagar thana has just been completed by the local Government Engineering Department (GED) at a total cost of Taka 9.84.424, reports BSS.

Pests frustrate mustard growers
SHERPUR, Jan 11: Mustard crop fields in Nakla and sadar thanas have come under massive pest attack, reports APB.

Smuggled goods recovered
SYLHET, Jan 11: Jawans of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) have recovered smuggled goods worth about Taka three lakhs from the border area of Companyganj, reports APB.

Pry education exhibition
NAOGAON, Jan 11: Primary education exhibition was held here recently at local primary training institute premises, reports BSS.

Tubewells installation programme
MAGURA, Jan 11: The Department of Public Health and Engineering has undertaken a programme to install 171 tubewells in the district in the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Farmers' workshop
CHANDPUR, Jan 11: A farmers' workshop on 'Increased Production of Crops through Integrated Use of Water and Fertilisers in Chandpur-Meghna-Dhonaoga Irrigation Project' was held at Matlab-Kalipur pump house premises recently, reports BSS.

AGM of Chandpur Press Club
CHANDPUR, Jan 11: The annual general meeting (AGM) and election of Chandpur Press Club was held on December 30 at Chandpur Press Club auditorium, reports BSS.

Advocacy meeting
HABIGANJ, Jan 11: An advocacy meeting on national leprosy elimination campaign was held at local circuit house on January 4, reports BSS.

Ansar-VDP confce
NAOGAON, Jan 11: Mohadevpur thana Ansar-VDP conference was held at the district auditorium recently, reports BSS.

Dead 'pangas' floating in rivers
SHARIATPUR, Jan 11: A mysterious disease has broken out in Pangas fish in the rivers Padma and Kirtinasha in an alarming proportion, reports UNB.

Three shops gutted
TANGAIL, Jan 11: Three shops in Fanchani bazaar of Tangail town were fully gutted on Sunday, reports BSS.

Number of cattles decreasing
NATORE, Jan 11: The number of cattlehead in the district has decreased drastically due to shrinking of pasture land and scarcity of cattle-feed, reports APB.

Eid shopping gaining momentum in Natore

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Jan 11: Brisk Eid shopping is gaining momentum in the town. The rush of customers in the shopping centres is increasing from morning to night.

They are working almost round the clock. Tailoring charges have also gone up remarkably this year. In many cases they are refusing new orders.

slight rise though the shops are stocked with large varieties of items. Volume of transactions this year is less than that of the preceding years as the ordinary buyers belonging to different fixed income groups can hardly buy a choiceable one due to inflation.

Winter brings misery to them

From Aroop Talukdar



BARISAL: Shelterless people passing their night in severe cold under the shed of a building here. — Star photo

BARISAL, Jan 11: With the advent of winter season miseries of lakhs of helpless and shelterless people have increased. The well-to-do people who have enough money can buy necessary clothes to protect themselves from the biting cold.

across the country. Several thousands of poor people and beggars including the shelterless both male and female are passing their miserable days with their children at stations, launch ghats and bus terminals. Sometimes they have no food. Their miseries are endless. Who will help them? There is no reply to this question.

BARISAL: Two shelterless boys sleeping at Barisal steamer ghat in this biting winter season. — Star photo

In Cox's Bazar Telephone subscribers facing problems

COX'S BAZAR, Jan 11: Telephone subscribers in the district are facing problems as the local telephone exchange is overloaded, reports APB.

The defective cable was not properly repaired. This is causing noise in telephone lines during phone-call.

Tangail Sadar Hospital to be upgraded

TANGAIL, Jan 11: Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf has given directives for completion of repair and reconstruction of all flood-damaged health complexes within the scheduled time.

He gave the directive while addressing a meeting of the Tangail District Health Development Committee at the conference room of Tangail Sadar Hospital on January 9.

Memo submitted to Satkhira DC

SATKHIRA, Jan 11: Satkhira conscious nagorik committee handed over memorandum addressed to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the home minister through the deputy commissioner of Satkhira on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Deputy Commissioner Saiful Islam received the memorandum. Nagorik committee demanded in the memorandum to attach all the moveable and immovable property of the terrorists, freeze their bank accounts, cancel their arms licences and arrest immediately all the terrorists with their gang-leader Abdur Rouf.

Indiscriminate use of loud speakers in Sherpur

SHERPUR, Jan 11: Life in the town is being greatly disturbed due to indiscriminate use of loud speakers by owners of movie houses, reports APB.

Gunny sacks recovered

JHALAKATI, Jan 11: Police recovered 10,660 pieces of stolen gunny sacks from a godown in the town's Fariapatti area on Thursday, reports APB.

2 dacoities on Dhaka-Ctg highway

COMILLA, Jan 11: Two dacoities were committed on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Chowddagram thana here on Thursday night that left at least 10 people injured, reports UNB.

2 killed in Sylhet road accidents

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In Nilphamari, 15 other N-dists Rice, paddy procurement target may not be achieved

From A Correspondent

NILPHAMARI, Jan 11: The government's rice and paddy procurement target in the district may not be achieved this season as their market prices are higher than the official rate.

thousand tonnes of rice from 16 northern districts. The procurement began on November 1. Food Department sources said, only about 40 per cent of the paddy procurement target and 20 per cent of that of rice have been achieved so far.

Electric wires stolen by organised gang

KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 11: Electric wires from Khagrachhari-Hathazari power supply line were stolen three times by an organised gang during the last two months, reports UNB.

Abdus Salam and Ershad Ali. Police said the accused disrupted power supply at about 11:25 pm by creating electric short circuit in the supply line at Dolubli in Fatikhari using rope and pieces of brick.

Adverse effect of Farakka

700-km river routes closed down
From Delwar Kabir
JHENIDAH, Jan 11: Eight rivers here have silted up due to the effect of Farakka. As a result about 700 kilometres long river routes have closed down.

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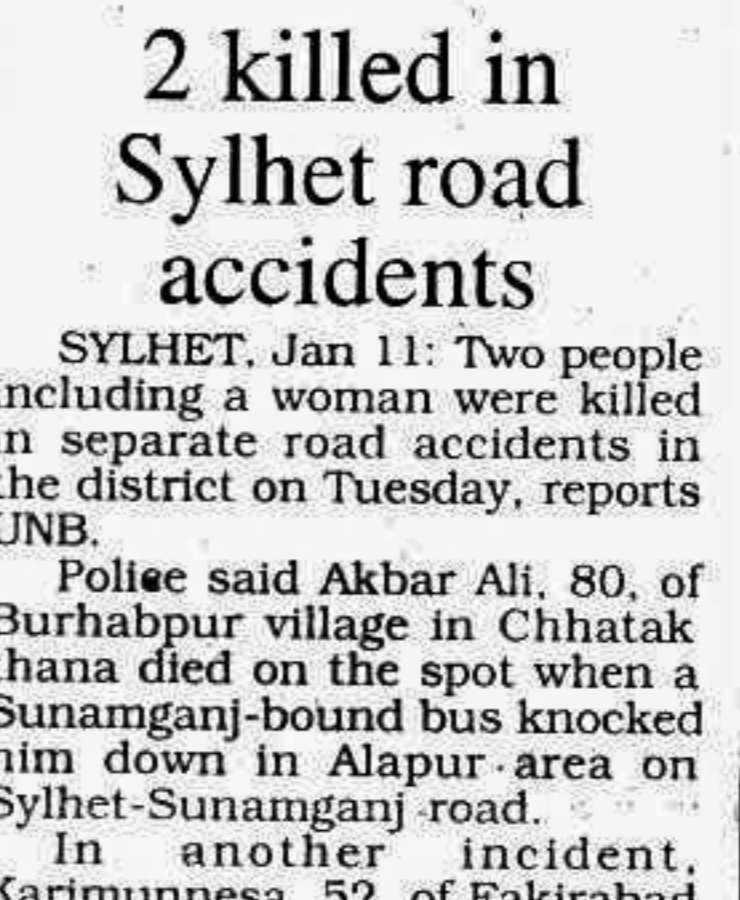
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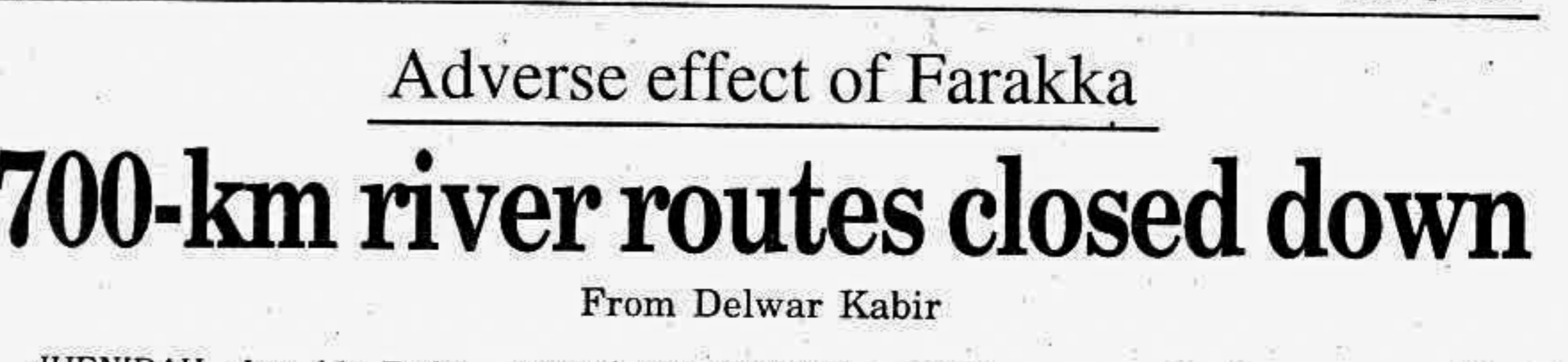
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RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Prof Julfikar Matin of Bangla Department giving the inaugural address at a function arranged by Sanan, an organisation of poetry recitation here. Sanan celebrated its 17th founding anniversary recently. — Star photo



JHENIDAH: Numerous shoals have emerged in the river bed of the Kumar. The picture was taken recently from Kabirpur in Sailkupa thana. — Star photo