

News snaps

14 terrorists surrender

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 20: Some 14 identified terrorists of Shialkhol Union in Sadar thana so far surrendered to the members of an anti-terrorism committee, reports UNB.

Housewife beaten to death

JESSORE, Apr 20: A housewife was beaten to death by her husband at a village in Kotwali thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

One crushed under wheels

JHENIDAH, Apr 20: One person was crushed to death under the wheels of a speeding bus on Jhenidah-Kushtia highway Friday noon. The dead was identified as Sekender Ali, 55, of village Sirampur in Salkupa thana of the district.

Dacoity in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Apr 20: Dacoits looted cash and valuables worth about Tk 2 lakh from four houses of four villages in Harinakunda thana on Friday night, reports UNB.

2 robbers caught red-handed

BANDARBAN, Apr 20: Two robbers including a woman were caught red-handed by the people while committing dacoity at Baradara village in Sadar thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Lightning kills one

RAJBARI, Apr 20: One person was killed when a lightning struck him at Goalanda during a nor wester that swept the area yesterday, police said, reports APB.

2 children drown

JHALAKATHI, Apr 20: Two children drowned in two villages under Kathalia thana on Saturday, police said today, reports APB.

Severe hot spell in N districts

NATORE, Apr 20: Severe hot spell for the last one month and erratic power supply in the northern region including Natore have made the life miserable, reports UNB.

try, unofficial sources claimed. On the other hand, the production in mills, factories and cottage industries have been seriously hampered as a result of frequent power disruption and severe load shedding.

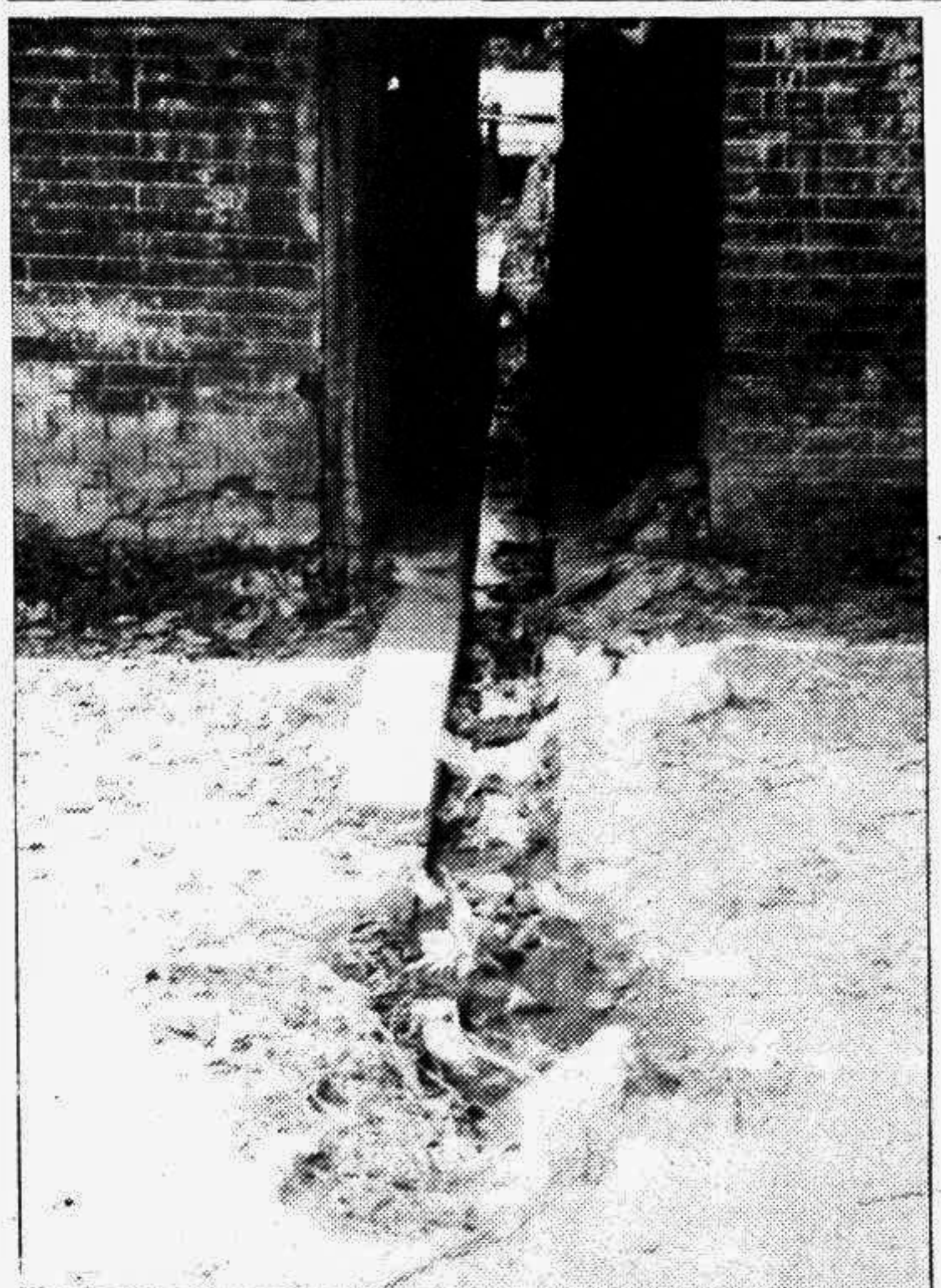
The harvesting of IRRI-boro paddy of the region is not progressing as usual in the current season as the farm labourers cannot stay in the field for long on account of blistering heat.

The rate of day labourers has increased twice in the region hence small and marginal farmers are facing problems in harvesting their crops.

Attendance in both primary and secondary schools in the remote areas of the region has dropped sharply due to the hot spell.

Power Development Board Rajshahi office sources said the demand for electricity in the 16 northern districts stood at 350 MW daily while the supply is 180 to 185 MW.

The Palli Bidyut Samities have been forced to resort to load shedding 12 to 14 hours daily in their commanding areas following the acute shortage of electricity.



JHENIDAH: A heap of garbage inside a drain of Shaillkupa Poursabha. Authorities concerned seem to be indifferent about the civic amenities of the poura dwellers. — Star photo

Rahi murder: 4 BCL leaders acquitted

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Apr 20: Four leaders of ruling party backed Bangladesh Chhatra League were acquitted of the Rahi Murder Case here by Muhammad Murshed Alam, Additional District and Sessions Judge. First court, Sylhet today.

Businessman robbed of Tk 2.5 lakh

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, Apr 20: Armed terrorists robbed a businessman of Tk 2.5 lakh and 50 thousand in broad daylight after stabbing him here on April 17. The victim was identified as Asgor Mondal, son of Amirul Islam of Ramkrishnapur union of Daulatpur Thana.

On April 16 night, a daring theft was committed in four shops at Bheramara Bazar, located near the police station. The burglars decamped with cash and valuables worth about Tk one lakh.

One killed, 35 injured in clash

From Our Correspondent GAIBANDHA, Apr 20: One person was killed and 35 others sustained injuries in a fierce clash between two rival groups over a land dispute at village Nandishaher under Palashbari Thana on April 17.

Regional manager of the bank, Khurshed Alam, told APB that the Certificate Cases have been filed for realisation of Tk 3.20 crore and other 101 cases to recover Tk 55 lakh.

During the current fiscal year, the regional manager said, the bank has set a target to disburse Tk 12.58 crore as agriculture loans in the district.

Brahminbazar UP election Apr 25

From Our Correspondent MOULVIBAZAR, Apr 20: The election of Brahminbazar Union Parishad (UP) in Kulaura district will be held on April 25 next.

The Election Commission has taken up necessary steps to hold the election in a free and fair atmosphere. Chairman and member candidates have also submitted their nomination papers to the Returning Officer at Kulaura.

All the candidates for chairman post and member posts started their election campaign and visited from door to door to seek votes.

Plastic surgery camp in Faridpur

FARIDPUR, Apr 20: A special plastic surgery camp, first of its kind in this district, was inaugurated here on the premises of a local private clinic on Friday, reports BSS.

The camp is jointly organised by Society for Rehabilitation of Burn Victims (SRBV) and City Hospital, Dhaka. The aim of the camp is to create mass awareness about plastic surgery and to raise fund for setting up a burn hospital in the country.

Drought hits IRRI-boro cultivation

From Our Correspondent CHANDPUR, Apr 20: The IRRI-boro cultivation in the district is being hampered seriously because of prolonged drought. Farmers failed to prepare their lands for planting seedlings as rivers, canals and ponds are now almost dry.



NATORE: Despite drought, a bumper production of mango is expected throughout the greater Rajshahi region this year. The photo shows a fruit-bearing mango tree. — Star photo

Tk 3.75 cr overdue loans not realised Panchagarh farmers face 923 cases

PANCHAGARH, Apr 20: Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RAKUB) has filed 923 cases, including 822 Certificate Cases, to realise overdue agriculture loans of Tk 3.75 crore in the district, reports APB.

5 killed in separate incidents

Five people were killed and 32 others injured in separate incidents in four districts during the last week, police said, reports UNB.

Bumper production of wheat likely

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Apr 20: The bumper production of wheat is expected in the district due to the early sowing of seeds in the favourable climatic condition, reports UNB.

3323 crimes committed in six months

From Our Correspondent MYMENSINGH, Apr 20: A total of 3,323 crimes were committed in the district during last six months from September last year to February this year, according to police sources.



BARISAL: Participants at a drawing competition for children on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh. Barisal Press Club organised the event. — Star photo

40000 suffering from arsenic poisoning

From Our Correspondent GAIBANDHA, Apr 20: Over 40 thousand people of northern districts have been suffering from arsenic contamination, according to a survey conducted by an NGO.

River erosion posing threat to power transmission line in Chandpur

CHANDPUR, Apr 20: Two pylons and four poles of a 33 KV power transmission line at Gunrajdi near the town may collapse any time due to erosion by the river Dakatia, reports APB.

Power supply to Chandpur Irrigation Project and Meghna-Dhonagoda Irrigation Project will also be snapped, they said. Some local people talking to this correspondent alleged that they apprised the authorities concerned of the imminent danger time and again but nothing has been done so far.

Shalikhathana OC closed

MAGURA, Apr 20: The Office-in-Charge of Shalikhathana was closed in Police Line here today on charge of negligence and failure to discharge his duty, reports UNB.



HABIGANJ: A fortnight-long magazine and poster exhibition was held at the Habiganj Press Club recently on the occasion of the Independence Day. — Star Photo

R&H Department Tender Invitation Notice
1. Tender Notice number : BRD 99 of the year 1998-99.
2. Name of work : Widening of road embankment by earth on the 18th (part) KM and 19th (part) kilometre of Barisal-Dinacerepool-Khayer-...
3. Estimated cost : Tk 5,41,949/-
4. Earnest money : Tk 10,839/-
5. Time limit for completion of work : 20 (twenty) days.