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Alleged accused of murder case held

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, July 13: Pakundia police arrested an accused of Selin murder case named Borhanuddin recently from Phulerghat bazaar.

Khandakar Omar Faruk Selim, a freedom fighter and Vice-President, Pakundia thana unit of Awami League was called out of his house at dead of night on June 18 and his body was found floating in the Singra river, one Kilometer away from his house in the next morning. Earlier, police took Shamim and Ratan into custody, on suspicion, of having their complicity in the murder.

Demonstration plots for Boro paddy

From Staff Correspondent

NETRAKONA, July 13: A total of 46 block demonstration plots for Boro paddy have been set up in 10 thanas this year under the supervision of Netrakona district Agriculture Extension Department.

An official source here said, the demonstration plots were set up to acquaint the farmers on irrigation management, fertiliser use and integrated pest management system.

Goods worth Tk 10 lakh looted

From Our Correspondent

NARSINGDI, July 13: A dacoity was committed recently in the Meghna river near Alokballi.

The dacoits looted goods worth Taka 10 lakh. Eye witnesses said the dacoity occurred at the aforementioned place near six km of the sadar thana. When an engine boat with 50 to 60 passengers which was bound towards Morichakandi from Narsingdi thana ghat suddenly a gang of 10 to 12 dacoits attacked the boat. They looted booty worth Taka 10 lakh. They managed to escape with booty safely.

Bi-cycle rally

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, July 13: As part of International Day against Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking several hundred cadets of Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC), Mahastan regiment of Rajshahi brought out a hundred mile long bicycle rally recently.

Cadets from Pabna, Naogaon, Chapainawabganj, Natore and Rajshahi participated in the bicycle rally. On way, they made a massive mass contact against drug abuse and drug trafficking at various points.

Man killed in road accident

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, July 13: One person was killed in a road accident at Shambhuganj area on Mymensingh-Halughat road recently.

The victim, Murshad, 25, was going towards his house at Char Kharicha village under Sadar thana from the district

Child drowns

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, July 13: A one year old child of village Fulchari in the sadar thana drowned recently.

The ill-fated child was playing on the yard of their house while his mother went to the nearby house for some purpose. Meanwhile, the child followed a few ducks heading towards nearby pond. The victim fell into the pond and drowned. After a frantic search the body was recovered from the pond.



Green campaign: Rotary club of Barisal launched its 'Tree plantation campaign '99,' recently. — Star photo

Life term for 3 rapists

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, July 13: A court here convicted three persons and awarded life term imprisonment recently for raping a teenage girl.

The imprisoned persons are Sujan, 22, Farid, 22, and Akbar, 25. According to the prosecution in brief, the convicted persons kidnapped a girl aged about 12 on her way home from village Dowali in the sadar thana. They took her in an abandoned shallow tubewell room and raped her the whole night. On the next day the victim's father rescued her. Additional District and Sessions Judge Alhaj Monowara Betum after examining nine witness and relevant documents found them guilty and awarded the punishment.

Smuggled Indian sugar seized

JOYPURHAT, July 13: An anti-smuggling task force in a surprise raid seized 66 sacks of Indian sugar from the district bus terminal on Sunday, reports UNB.

The task force led by Deputy Commissioner Abu Nasir Ahmed, raided the terminal for about an hour and recovered the sugar worth about Taka One lakh.

Shishu mela in Kushtia

KUSHITIA, July 13: A four-day long Shishu Ananda Mela and Science exhibition concluded recently at Shilpkala Academy here, reports BSS.

Prof Mohammad Kayesuddin, Vice-Chancellor of Islamic University was present at the concluding function as the chief guest. The function was presided over by Md Abdus Salam, Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia.

Folklore confce

RAJSHAHI, July 13: A two-day international folklore conference, organised by Folklore Department of Rajshahi University, concluded at the university's Senate Bhaban recently, reports UNB.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury inaugurated the conference. Over 100 researchers from India, Nepal and host Bangladesh took part in the conference. Chaired by RU Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Khaleque, the inaugural function was attended, among others, by former Vice-Chancellor of the university Dr Mazharul Islam, Director General of National Museum Shamsuzzaman Khan and RU Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof M Saidur Rahman Khan.

Tk 28 lakh project work completed

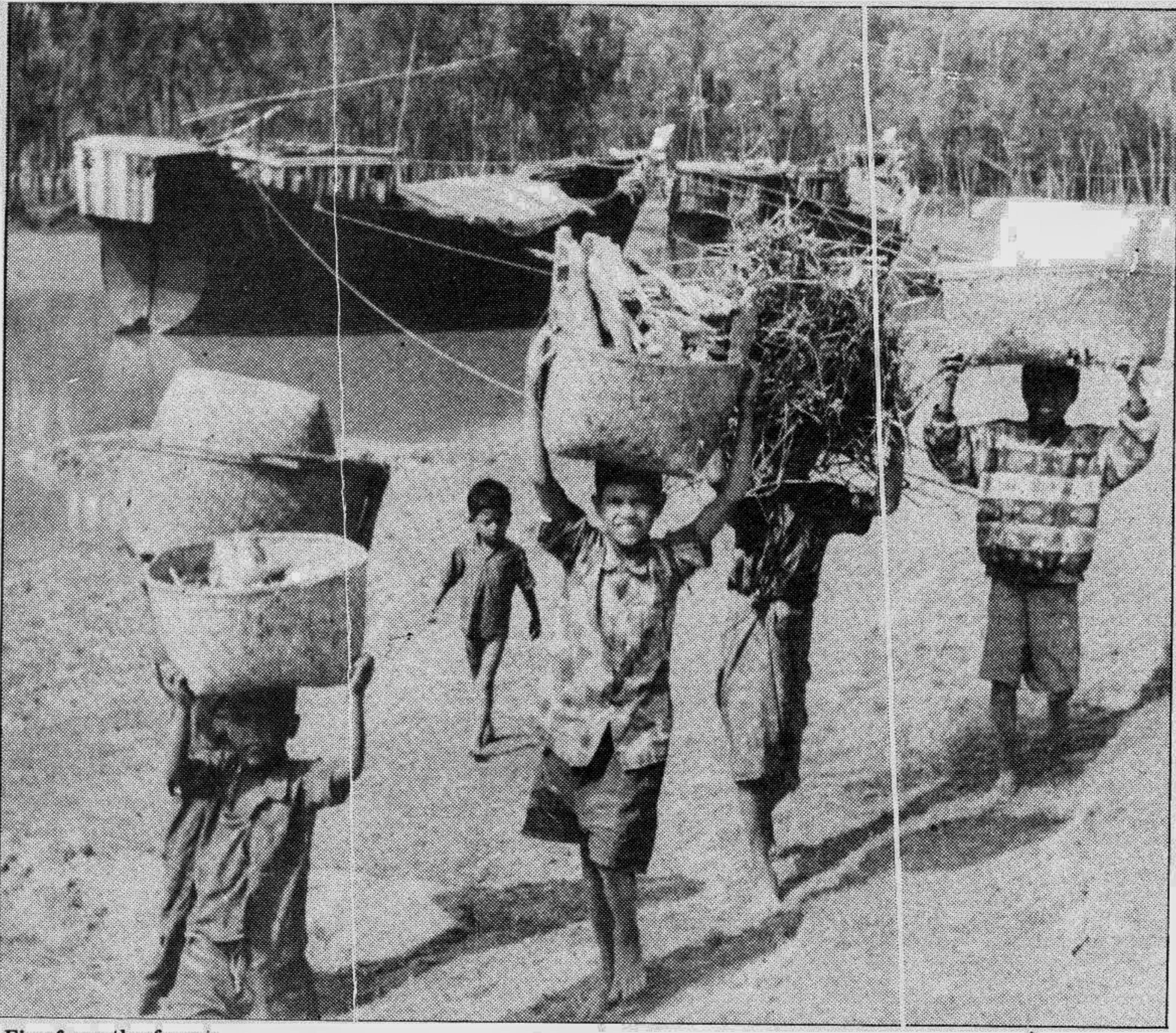
COX'S BAZAR, July 13: Fifty-four small projects were completed in 1998-99 at an expenditure of Taka 28 lakh while 10 more projects are being implemented in Ukhia thana at a cost of about Taka one crore, reports BSS.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) office sources said that the completed projects included development of infrastructures, reconstruction of Sonarpura Shaheed Abdul Mannan Road, nine primary schools and construction of Haldia Polong Union Parishad building. Ten projects are being completed at an expenditure of Taka 93 lakh. Road construction and reconstruction, repair of primary school buildings are among the development projects.

Arum cultivated on 905 hectares

MEHERPUR, July 13: Arum roots was cultivated in 905 hectares of land in the two thanas in the current season, an official source said, reports BSS.

A total of 735 hectares were fixed as the target for cultivation but the target had been exceeded by 170 hectares. Last year arum was cultivated on 843 hectares in the district. Not only the roots of arum but also its stalks and leaves are used as vegetables. Because of bumper production arum has been selling at an exceptionally low price in the local market in the current season. Yields of other summer vegetables including Mukhi kachu (Alocasia Escutentia), Mankachu (Alocasia Indica), other varieties of arum, beans, cowpea, turnip and brinjal have been satisfactory here this year.



Fire from the forest: Boys collect fuel from the artificial forest at Jahajmara on the southern tip of the off-shore island Hatiya. — Star photo by A K M Mohsin

Outdoor patients in KMCH do not get treatment

From Quazi Amanullah

KHULNA, July 13: Doctors of some of the departments of Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) do not attend their patients properly and regularly.

They keep patients of the outdoor departments waiting for a long time. Despite frequent complaints the KMCH authorities did not take any necessary action to end sufferings of the patients in the outdoor department.

It is learnt from patients that doctors of the outdoor departments do not sit in their chambers before 11 am. None of the doctors is usually available in the hospital to attend the emergency patients. Specialists, in particular, become an-

noyed if patients call for their special attention.

There are allegations that patients suffering from fatal diseases have to wait for hours together to get a specialist for check-up as part of treatment.

This correspondent recently counted as many as 700 patients in the outdoor department of KMCH.

Dr Rawshan Ara, an eminent gynaecologist of KMCH was not found in her office chamber at 1-45 pm. But she was supposed to sit there at 10 am to attend the patients of outdoor department. An associate professor of KMCH, Dr Rawshan Ara has been posted in Khulna since 1987 cancelling

her transfer orders four times. She remains busy with patients in her private chamber from 4 pm to 12 mid night. She usually forgets to attend patients of the outdoor department of KMCH.

So is the pitiable condition of outdoor patients. In the Medicine Department where the specialist Dr Abu Bakar Siddique is an associate professor. He very often goes to attend patients after 1 am. But the patient allegedly gets his misadventure instead of service.

There are further allegations that some doctors do not forget their time schedule for visiting patients of private clinics in the city. As a result, their official chambers in KMCH remain un-

der lock and key most of the time even for days together.

When asked, the Residential Medical Officer (RMO) of KMCH Dr Nazim Uddin Ahmed told this correspondent that despite frequent warnings given to some doctors including specialists for their irregular attendance in the outdoor department did not yield any positive result.

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