

# News snaps

## Relief for flood victims

**TANGAIL, Sept 8:** Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, Tangail unit has taken a programme to provide relief to 1,000 families at the rate of 10 kg rice and two kg pulses per family, reports BSS.

Rabindra Mohan Saha, Secretary of the Red Crescent unit said, flood and erosion victims are given first priority for the relief. The distribution of foodgrains is on in full-swing, the secretary added.

## Discussion on Sree Krishna

**NETRAKONA, Sept 8:** A discussion meeting on the life and teachings of Lord Sree Krishna organised by Netrakona District Puja Uddapan Parishad was held at Nara Singha Jeor Akhra temple here on the occasion of the Janmastami, reports BSS.

The discussion was addressed, among others, by Chairman of Netrakona Poursabha Mattur Rahman Khan, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Netrakona, Sheikh Abdul Gafar, Police Superintendent Abul Kashem Ferdous and general secretary of Netrakona district Puja Uddapan Parishad Nirmal Kumar Das. The Janmastami programme also included recitation from the holy Gita, bringing out a procession and staging of Krishna Lila.

## Two electrocuted

**NAOGAON, Sept 8:** Two people were electrocuted on Sunday night while fishing in a waterbody at Par Naogaon area, outskirts of the town, reports UNB.

Police said Abdul Jalil, 36, son of Dabiruddin, and Asmat Ali, 32, son of Abdur Rahman of the area, were fishing taking illegal connection from an electric pole. Suddenly they came in contact with the electric wire and died on the spot.

## 30 hurt in clash at Feni village

**FENI, Sept 8:** At least 30 people were injured in a clash between the 'terrorists' and villagers at Bhuiyharhat village in Sonagazi thana here on Monday, reports UNB.

The terrorists also damaged and looted three houses and allegedly insulted village women during the clash. Police and villagers said the clash ensued at about 9 am when alleged 'top terror' and Jubo League leader Minto attacked the villagers as a sequel to Sunday's clash that left 10 people, including his supporters, injured. The villagers chased the terrorists, who led by Minto attacked the villagers to establish supremacy in the area. Ten of the injured — Akbar, 32, Masud, 20, Harun, 32, Alauddin, 18, Elias, 18, Mosharraf, 25, Sami, 16, Haqshahab, 26, Sohag, 20, and Anwar, 60, were admitted to Sonagazi Hospital while others to different clinics.

## 50 uplift projects implemented

**NETRAKONA, Sept 8:** Under the Annual Development Programme, Netrakona Poursabha implemented 50 development projects in the 1998-1999 fiscal year, reports BSS.

Fourasabha sources said, about Taka one crore was spent for execution of the projects. Work of the development projects included construction of bridges, roads, drains, cremation centre, ladies' club and earthwork in mosques and madrasas.

## 53,500 VGF cards allotted

**KISHOREGANJ, Sept 8:** A total of 53,500 Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) special cards has been allotted in 107 unions and three paurasabhas in 13 thanas of the district for the month of August, September and October, reports BSS.

According to an official source, a total of 5,35,000 kilogram of rice will be distributed among 53,500 card holders here. Each card holder will get 10 kilogram of rice every month.

## Vegetables farming on 3,100 hectares

**CHUADANGA, Sept 8:** Around 3,100 hectares of land have been brought under vegetables cultivation in four thanas here in the current summer season, reports BSS.

According to the Agriculture Extension Department, vegetables have been cultivated on 832 hectares in Chuadanga sadar thana, 780 hectares in Alamdanga thana, 950 hectares in Damurhuda thana and 514 hectares in Jibannagar thana. The Agriculture Department has estimated that about 40,000 tons of vegetables including various leafy vegetables will be produced in the current season. About 30,000 tons of vegetables have already been produced.

## Restaurant owners' election

**BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 8:** The annual general meeting of Bangladesh Restaurant Owners' Association was held at its Mohadeb Potty office recently with Abdus Shukur in the chair, reports BSS.

M Mizanur Rahman of the Dhaka Restaurant and Hotels and Md Shaha Alam of Hotel Purbasha were elected president and general secretary respectively for the year of 1999-2001. The other office-bearers are: Abul Kalam Khan, Nitish Chandra Pal and Amritya Pal — Vice-Presidents, Md Lokman Miah, Mainuddin Hamid Khan and Asit Modak (Paltu) — Assistant Secretaries, M A Halim — Treasurer, Shah Mohammad Shah Alam — Organising Secretary, Prohash Chakrabarty — Joint Secretary, S K Mizanur Rahman — Office Secretary, Abru Miah — Publicity Secretary, Abdul Malek — Religious Affairs Secretary



The approach road of Pabna Barobazaar is in bad shape. —Star photo

## Books distributed

**FENI, Sept 8:** Different kinds of books valued at about Taka eight lakh were distributed among 10 colleges here by the Education Ministry recently, reports BSS.

The colleges are: Feni Government College, Feni Public College, Sonagazi Government College, South East College, Abul Hoque Chowdhury College, Parshuram Government College and Fulgazi Government College. Each of these colleges was given books valued at about Taka 80 thousand for the library. National Book Centre distributed the books on behalf of the Education Ministry.

## 24 shops gutted

**MADARIPUR, Sept 8:** Twenty-four shops were gutted in a devastating fire that broke out at Khowaspur Bazar in Sadar thana recently, reports BSS.

The fire originated from an electric short circuit in a shop. The shopkeepers and the local people controlled the fire after three-hour long effort. Shajahan Khan, MP, and Awami League leaders visited the spot.

## 11 traders fined in Bogra

**From A Correspondent**

**BOGRA, Sept 8:** A large number of traders in the town were sued and fined for violating Shops and Establishment Act by a mobile court on September 3.

An amount of taka four thousand two hundred and fifty was realised from 11 traders as fine.

The court, presided over by Magistrate Md Hannan Miah, also filed cases against 9 for keeping shops open on the weekly holiday, cancellation workers' leave and for not maintaining workers' registers.

The mobile court was operated in Chandni Bazar, Churipatty, Katalola Ranju Market, New Market, Rafique Khain Market, Ahmed Market, Boro Masjeed Lane and Thana Road areas.

## BDR-BSF flag meeting held in Sylhet

**From Our Correspondent**

**SYLHET, Sept 8:** Flag meeting between BDR and Indian border force BSF was held at Sutarkandi check post in the district on September 1.

In the meeting, BSF members in principle agreed that they would create trouble no more in the cultivation of the 137 acres of land at Saropur under Beanbaraz thana bordering India, BDR sources said.

Besides, Both the parties agreed that in future any border related dispute would be resolved through discussion.

Lieutenant Colonel Delwar Hossain, Commander of 20 Battalion of BDR, Sylhet, led the 3-man Bangladesh team while BD Frjapati, Commander of the 99 Battalion of BSF, led the Indian side.

BDR strongly protested August 19 incident. On the day BSF men along with about 50 Indian civilians intruded into the Bangladesh territory and swamped a Bangladeshi farmer who was working in crop field.

The BSF also took away four BDR jawans, who were released after 10 hours, resulting in a three-hour gunfight between the two forces.

## Robbery in Sylhet

**From Staff Correspondent**

**SYLHET, Sept 8:** Armed robbers looted cash, ornaments and other valuables worth about taka 2 lakh 47 thousand from the house of one Haji Shahabuddin at Khoradipara in Sylhet town early hours on September 6.

The robbers entered the house by breaking open the door at about 2 AM and took away the valuables at gunpoint. A case was filed. But no arrest was reported.

## Win for BCL in Madaripur college union poll

**MADARIPUR, Sept 8:** Ruling party's student front Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) swept the students' union election of Nazimuddin University College bagging 12 posts, including VP and GS, on Sunday, reports UNB.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, the student wing of BNP, got two posts, including AGS, while three posts went to another panel named 'Mujib Adarsher Sainik'.

Mohammad Ilyas Howlader, Mohammad Asad Mollah and Shahidul Islam Ripon were elected VP, GS and AGS respectively. The election was held peacefully, college sources said.

## UP chairman caught for offering bribe

**SHERPUR, Sept 8:** A chairman of Union Parishad (UP) was caught for offering bribe to a Magistrate in his chamber today but later set free when he admitted the guilt and apologized, reports UNB.

Raisuddin, chairman of Dhaka Union Parishad in Sadar thana went to the chamber of first class magistrate Monirul Islam at 11:30 am and gave him an envelope containing Tk 3000 as bribe seeking favour in a criminal case.

The magistrate held Raisuddin and called the court officials and lawyers to tell what the chairman had done.

The chairman told the gathering that he had been deputed by Advocate Mokhesur Rahman, president of local Awami Ainjibi Parishad, to hand over the bribe money to the magistrate.

## Bus dacoity bid foiled

**CHITTAGONG, Sept 8:** Passengers of a bus today foiled an attempt of dacoity and caught seven of the gangsters who were handed over to police after a mob beating, reports UNB.

The police and witnesses said about 10 dacoits in the guise of passengers boarded a bus of Uttara Paribahan from Sitakunda at 2 pm.

As the bus crossed Barabkundu, the dacoits held passenger Nuruzzaman and his wife hostage at gun point and demanded ornaments and cash from them. When the driver stopped the bus, some of the passengers caught seven of the dacoits.

# DC roughed up, 100 injured Violence mars Tushbhander UP election in Lalmonirhat

**LALMONIRHAT, Sept 8:** A union parishad (UP) poll, on Tuesday was marred by massive violence as rival chairman candidates' supporters snatched ballots and laid siege to visiting district officials, reports UNB.

As many as 100 people were injured and DC Tarit Kanti Roy Chowdhury was allegedly roughed up during the troubles triggered over election to Tushbhander UP in Kaliganj thana headquarters.

Traffic on the Lalmonirhat-Patgram road remained snapped since 5 pm as violence spread like forest fires.

Witnesses said troubles ensued when the supporters of Awami League-backed chairman candidate Mahbubuzzaman swooped on Madanpur Government Primary School centre at about 2.30 pm and drove out the polling officials.

DC Tarit Kanti and a magistrate came under attack at the centre, the sources said.

At the same time, the belligerents also captured booths in three other centres — Kaliganj College, Hajirhat Government Primary School and Aminganj Government Primary School — and reportedly drove out the officials.

As the news spread, supporters of BNP-backed candidate Nurul Islam also went wild capturing Sundrabahi Government Primary School centre and Tushbhander High School centre.

A mob of thousands of people later confined the DC to Kaliganj Thana Parishad building and another big band held SP Anwar Hossain at Kaliganj police station.

They were confined till this report came in at 10 pm.

As thousands of people came out and squatted along four kilometres of the Lalmonirhat-Patgram road, traffic were brought to a halt.

Two chairman candidates are contesting the poll area having 45,000 voters.

The authorities had set up nine polling centres and posted 12 magistrates and about 150 police-Ansar guards for holding the election.

Locals said the security measures were not sufficient and police looked on as outsiders tried to storm the booths.

The returning officer for the elections could not be traced.

# HSC talents of Rangpur Cadet College

From Mozammel Haque



From left to right (top row): Cadet Bahlul Haider, Cadet Osman Gani, Cadet Khairuzzaman, Cadet Anowarul Abedin. (2nd row): Cadet Rashed Iqbal, Cadet Ashraf Islam, Cadet M M Mamunuzzaman, Cadet Rakibul Hossain. (3rd row): Cadet Delwar Rahman, Cadet Md Fazley Elahi, Cadet Sohel Ahmed, Cadet Khondker Abu Rubaiyat. (4th Row): Cadet Sharif Hasan, Cadet Abu Nasir Md Golam Mosharraf, Cadet Abdul Khaleq and Cadet Mokarrabin Mannan. — Star photo

**RANGPUR, Sept 8:** The cadets of Rangpur Cadet College have achieved a brilliant result in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination under Rajshahi Board this year.

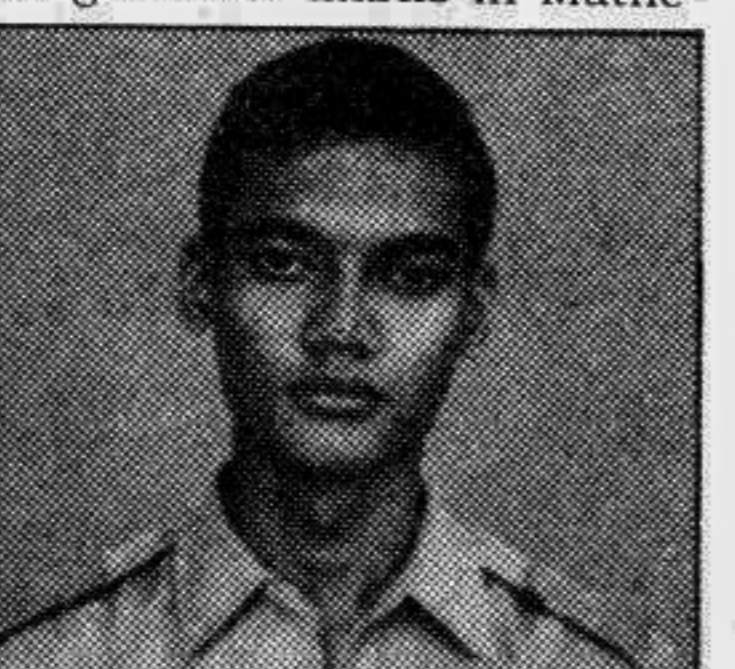
They bagged 18 top positions from the Science group in the combined merit list. They won 12 top positions which is a rare instance since liberation.

For the first time a cadet of this college secured the highest position in the combined merit list of the HSC examination this year. A total of 54 cadets of this college appeared in the HSC examination. Of them, 52 passed with star marks while the rest two got 1st division.

**Cadet Bahlul Haider** got first position in the combined merit list securing 962 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Drawing. He is the son of late G K M Abdul Latif and Jahannara Begum of Dewanganj, Jamalapur.

**Cadet Osman Gani** got second position in the combined merit list securing 959 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Drawing. He is the son of Md Monir Uddin of Peerpur, Narsingdi.

**Cadet Khairuzzaman** got third position in the combined merit list securing 958 marks. He got letter marks in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Drawing.



**Cadet Ahmed Istiaque Amin Chowdhury** got 20th position in the combined merit list securing 906 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. He is the son of Ahmed Amin Chowdhury of Rowzan, Chittagong.

**Cadet Anowarul Abedin** got fourth position in the combined merit list securing 951 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Drawing. He is the son of Maulana O A Joyal Abedin of Balsa, Chandpur.

**Cadet Rashed Iqbal Nekvi** got fifth position in the combined merit list securing 941 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Drawing. He is the son of Md Golam Rahman of Akkelpur, Naogaon.

**Cadet Ashraf Islam** got sixth position in the combined merit list securing 939 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Drawing. He is the son of Md Fazlul Haque of Sherpur, Bogra.

**Cadet M M Mamunuzzaman** got seventh position in the combined merit list securing 932 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. He is the son of M M Nizam Uddin of Haji Mohsin Road, Khulna.

**Cadet Md Rakibul Hossain** got eighth position in the combined merit list securing 930 marks. He got letters in Mathematics and Statistics. He is the son of Md Tofazzal Hossain of Ulipur, Kurigram.

**Cadet Delwar Rahman** got ninth position in the combined merit list securing 929 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Statistics. He is the son of late Ziaur Rahman and Delwara Rahman of Kazipara, Birol, Dinajpur.

**Cadet Fazley Elahi** got 10th position in the combined merit list securing 924 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Drawing. He is the son of Md Ruhul Amin Patwari of Rasulgongj Bazar, Lakkhipur.

**Cadet Sohel Ahmed** got 11th position in the combined merit list securing 923 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Drawing. He is the son of Md Abdul Khaleque of Shibpur, Narsingdi.



**Cadet Md Mokarrabin Mannan** secured 19th position in the combined merit list securing 907 marks. He got letters in Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Drawing. He is the son of Abdul Mannan Shikdar of Nizanan-dualli, Magura.

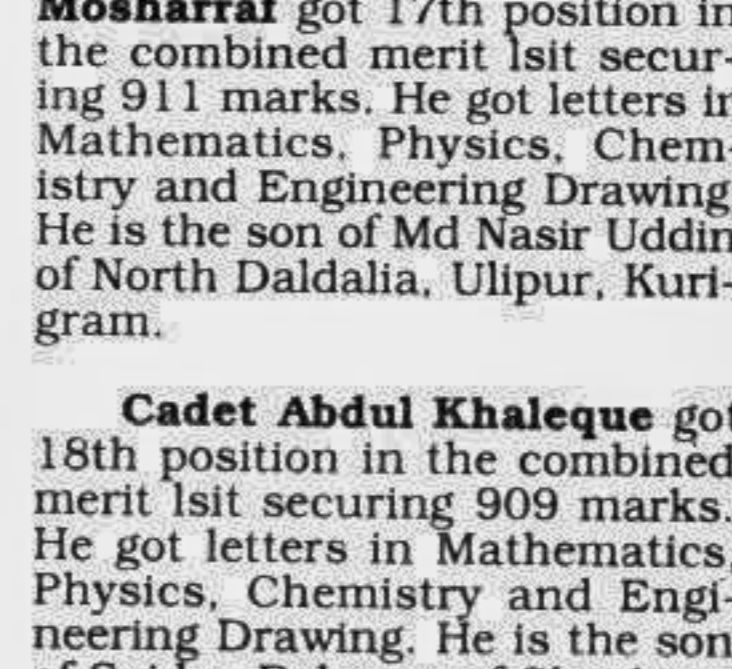
**Cadet Khondker Abu Rubaiyat** secured 12th position in the combined merit list securing 922 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. He is the son of Khondker Abu Bakr of Jumma Para, Rangpur.

**Cadet Sharif Hasan** got 15th position in the combined merit list securing 914 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. He is the son of Md Abdur Rezaque of Thana Para, Gaibandha.

**Cadet Abu Nasir Md Golam Mosharraf** got 17th position in the combined merit list securing 911 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Drawing. He is the son of Md Nasir Uddin of North Daldalia, Ulipur, Kurigram.

**Cadet Abdul Khaleque** got 18th position in the combined merit list securing 909 marks. He got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Drawing. He is the son of Saur Rahman of Shaghata, Gaibandha.

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**Maj Gen (ret'd) S A Bhuyian**, a noted freedom fighter of the country on Saturday and Sunday distributed money, rice and other relief materials among the flood affected people of western and southern unions of Panchgachhia, Sri Rayer char bazaar of Goalami union, Kirtonkhola, Harina bazaar, Nayarchar, Bhabanipur, Kauadi natunbazaar, Sakhardia, Bhauria, Ketundi, Narandia, Tulatuli Bazaar, Sabahand, Paler Bazaar, Maitardhia and Daulatpur under Daudkandi thana of Comilla district.

## Man crushed under wheels of truck

**From Our Correspondent**

**JHENIDAH, Sept 8:** A man was crushed under the wheels of a running truck near Hatgopalpur police outpost recently.

The victim was identified as Nurul Islam, 30, of village Korghsi under Sadar thana.

A microbus (Dhaka-metro Cha-11-0677) hit the man when he was crossing the road. After that in a moment a running truck (Dhaka Ta-3475) crushed the injured man under its wheels.

Police seized both the vehicles and arrested the driver of the microbus.

## Fisherman killed

**From Staff Correspondent**

**SYLHET, Sept 8:** A fisherman was killed when he with three others came under an attack by a group people with sharp weapons at Matian haor in Thaipur thana of Sunamganj district on September 5.

The dead was identified as Sirajul Islam, 35. The three others were sent to hospital in critical condition.

The attackers are believed to be 'cadres' of the leaseholder of the haor. The reason behind the attack could not be known immediately.

## Remote village in Tangail electrified

**NIKRAIL (BHUAUPUR), Tangail, Aug 8:** A long-cherished dream of getting power connection by 168 clients of remote Nikrail village and bazaar came into being on Saturday, reports BSS.

Mymensingh Palli Biddut Samity (PBS)-1 of the Rural Electrification Board (REB) has spent Taka 12,50,000 for construction of transmission line for giving the connections to its new customers at Nikrail, 25 kilometres off Tangail.

Inaugurating the electrification programme as the chief guest, Advisor to the Prime Minister on the Ministry of Establishment Khondkar Asaduzzaman, MP, said the people of Nikrail will get a new lease of life from Saturday with manifold use of electricity.

Asaduzzaman, who is also Advisor to the Prime Minister on organisations for the freedom fighters and elected MP from the area, said it was a great occasion for him as he could fulfill one of his election pledges.

Chairman of REB Brig MA Malek, speaking on the occasion as the special guest, sought cooperation of the new customers and people in general to help make the board economically more viable by paying their bills in time and stopping pilferage.

Presided over by Chairman of the Mymensingh Samity Board Giasuddin Ahmed, the function was also addressed by local elite and General Manager of Mymensingh PBS-1 Amzad Hossain.

Member (PBS) Towhidul Islam and Member (Engineering) of the REB Abdus Samad were present.

# Netrakona DIARY

## Problems grip 260 schools

**From Our Correspondent**

**NETRAKONA, Sept 8:** A total of 260 non-government schools in 10 thanas here are beset with manifold problems hampering education of about 25 lakh students.

Official sources said, deplorable condition of school building, shortage of teachers, furniture and accommodation including absence of necessary fund are hindering the academic activities of these schools. Classes are being held in many schools in dilapidated buildings, which may collapse at any time. Fifty per cent of the school buildings are tin-shed ones. Guardians urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to improve the condition of non-government schools.

## Poor Aman output expected

**Aman yield may be poor this year in this district.**

About 70 per cent farmers did not use important soil nutrients like TSP and MP fertiliser due to continuous rainfall, according to an agricultural information report prepared by a multinational company. A field survey conducted last month revealed that farmers prepared their seed beds 15 to 20 days ahead of usual time as monsoon set earlier. The early monsoon rain enabled the farmers just to plough the land and transplant the paddy.

Farmers are now using urea, TSP and MP fertiliser as top dressing. This has made the plants susceptible to pest attack, according to experts.

## Unabated smuggling of gold

Gold is being smuggled out unabated to India.

Smuggling of gold has been increasing in recent days. On the other hand contrabands which are coming into the country are being paid in exchange of gold. There are over 200 jewellery shops here. The smugglers have their own jewellery shop where they stock gold. They also keep it in possession of someone who pass out gold to India by their henchmen or by faithful agents in an attractive commission.

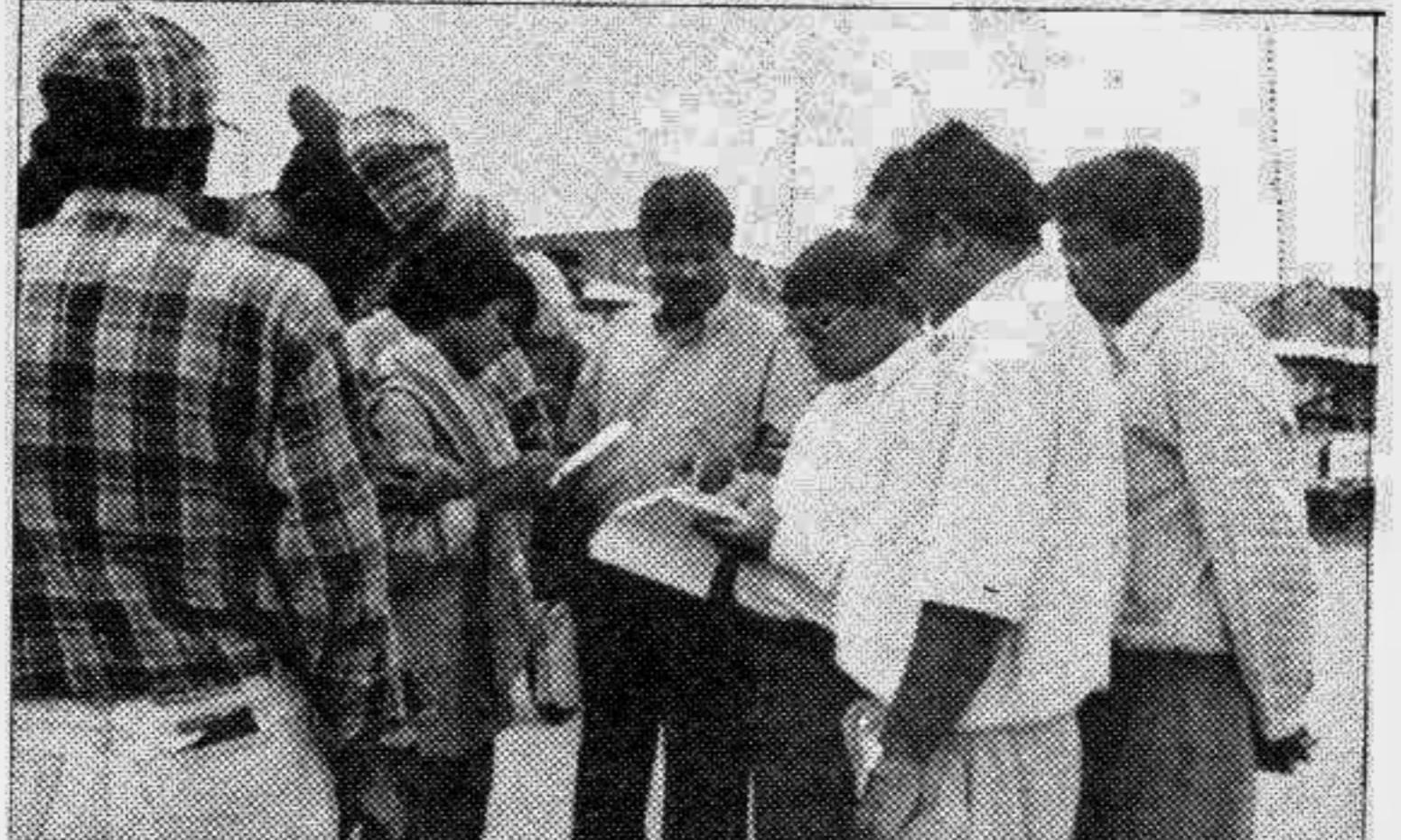
## Child home in bad shape

Alleged irregularities and mismanagement in the government-run child home here have been causing immense sufferings to the inmates and hampering their education.

The home housed in a flood shelter in Palla area, 3 kilometres from the district town, is in a pitiable condition. The rooms of the home have no furniture, except a bed on which four inmates have to sleep. Doors and windows are mostly broken and some of those are covered with bamboo slips.

The orphans alleged that they were served with low quality food violating the standard menu.

# Events of districts in picture



A group of journalists from different national dailies recently visited Chapainawabganj. Photo shows the government officials briefing them during their visit about different aspects of the 35-km long road connecting Sonamasjid land port with Chapainawabganj town built at a cost of Taka 41.80 crore with the financial assistance of World Bank. Centre for Communication Network arranged the visit.



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