

## News snaps

### Khulna city dwellers' coop sought

**KHULNA, Dec 21:** Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) has sought cooperation of the city dwellers in taking 30 fugitives to justice, reports UNB.

The miscreants, wanted in more than one case, including that of murder and rape, have perpetrated various felonies in Khulshpur thana avoiding police arrest. KMP said in a recent announcement. The absconding criminals are Kamrul Islam, Solaiman, Abdur Rahman, Nasiruddin, Abdul Bares, Sheikh Alam, Kalam Molla, Monwara Begum, Abul Kashem, Mashiur Rahman Sheikh, Khalil, Shahadat Hossain and Shahid. The accused also include Badal, Nazrul Islam, Abul Kader Majumder, Mona Khan, Nazrul Islam, Muhammad Hanif, Ruhul Amin, Shahadat Hossain, Malek, Shafiuddin, Majibur Rahman, Parveen, Mafizur Rahman Tipu, Gayum, Muhammad Hanif and Shamsuddin alias Kalu.

### Rivals' clash leaves 6 hurt

**BENAPOLE, Dec 21:** A clash between two rival groups of people over poisoning the water of a ditch at Sura village in Sarsha thana left six people injured on Friday, police said, reports UNB.

Three of the injured — Zahangir, 30, Jamal, 27, and Mohiuddin, 25 — were hospitalised.

### Dacoity in disguise of policemen

**BENAPOLE, Dec 21:** Disguised as policemen, a gang of robbers committed dacoity in a house of Sukur Khola village in Bakra thana on Friday night, reports UNB.

Police said the robbers in the guise of law-enforcers entered into the house of Chand Dafadar and looted valuables worth about Tk 2 lakh. A case was filed.

### Crackdown on drug traffickers

**PATUAKHALI, Dec 21:** In a crackdown on illegal drug traffickers police seized 52 bottles of phensidyl from Ekata Sarak of the town and arrested two people in this connection on Monday, reports UNB.

On information, police raided the house of alleged phensidyl trader Putul and recovered the Indian drug. They arrested Putul and her associate Nasim from the area. They were produced before the court later on the day and the court sent them to jail *hajot*.

### Phensidyl recovered: One held

**JESSORE, Dec 21:** Police seized 390 bottles of phensidyl from a bus near Khajura bus terminal on December 16 and arrested a man in this connection, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the bus of Ananda Paribahan and caught Amirul Islam along with the contrabands. In another raid, some 200 grams of heroin was recovered from a house at Navaron Bazar in Sarsha thana on December 13 and arrested Rebeka Khatun on charge of possessing the drug.

### Loan disbursement programme

**CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Dec 21:** Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RAKUB) has set a target to disburse Tk 10.5 crore farm loan in the current Rabi season, reports UNB.

Of the amount, Tk 3.70 crore has already been disbursed to cultivate IRR-Boro paddy, wheat, sugarcane, pulse, mustard, potato, tomato, onion, garlic and other winter crops, official sources said. They said Tk 2.90 crore has been earmarked only for IRR-Boro cultivation.

### Islamic Studies teachers shortage

**MADARIKUPUR, Dec 21:** Students of four government primary schools in Rajor thana are facing problem in learning Islamic Studies for lack of teachers of the subject, reports UNB.

The educational institutions are Khaila Government Primary School, Purba Nagradi Government Primary School, Gangabardi Government Primary School, and Kapali Shakharpur Government Primary School. The crisis ensued when all Muslim teachers of the schools have been transferred to other schools.

### 735 Tara pumps to be installed

**CHUADANGA, Dec 21:** A total of 735 Tara pumps have, so far, been installed in three thanas, reports BSS.

The thanas are: Chuadanga Sadar, Alamdanga and Damurhuda. The Tara pumps have been installed by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED). The pumps are installed to ensure supply of pure drinking water. According to an official source, of the total, 275 have been installed in Chuadanga Sadar thana, 23 in Alamdanga thana and 437 in Damurhuda thana. A total of over 55 thousand people of these three thanas are getting pure drinking water daily from these Tara pumps.

### Efforts on to spread edn

**GAURANADI (Barisal), Dec 21:** Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Abul Hasanat Abdullah has said the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has undertaken an extensive programme for spreading education across the country, reports BSS.

He said establishment of Education Board, Teachers' Training College and the University of Science and Technology in Barisal were some of the examples of the programme. Speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of a new academic building of Gauranadi Women's College, the Chief Whip said, "We are working constantly to achieve national prosperity, but some opposition parties are pushing the country towards ruin." He said Awami League has come to power for five years with the verdict of the people.

### Housewife raped

**BAGERHAT, Dec 21:** A young housewife was allegedly raped by some terrorists at Mulghar village in Fakirhat thana early Friday, reports UNB.

Police and local people said Awal Talukdar and Nurul Islam of the same village picked up the housewife of a day-labourer. They took her at nearby a garden and raped her repeatedly. The husband recovered his wife from the spot and admitted her to Fakirhat Thana Health Complex. A case was filed with the police in this regard.

# Bidhan Bahini men 'regrouping'

From Our Correspondent

**MAGURA, Dec 21:** The terrorists of 'Bidhan Bahini' are active again in the villages of Magura and Jhenidah districts. As their leader Bidhan is in prison, they have started collecting fund through robbery and extortion.

In the last month, 'Bidhan Bahini' men committed a series of robberies in several houses adjacent to Ragerhat Bazaar of Shailakupa thana under Jhenidah district. At least four people sustained bullet injuries during the robberies. Local people said Badsha of village Kriparpur, Aka, Baka and Osman of village Dhalia Bogura under Shailakupa thana led the robbers.

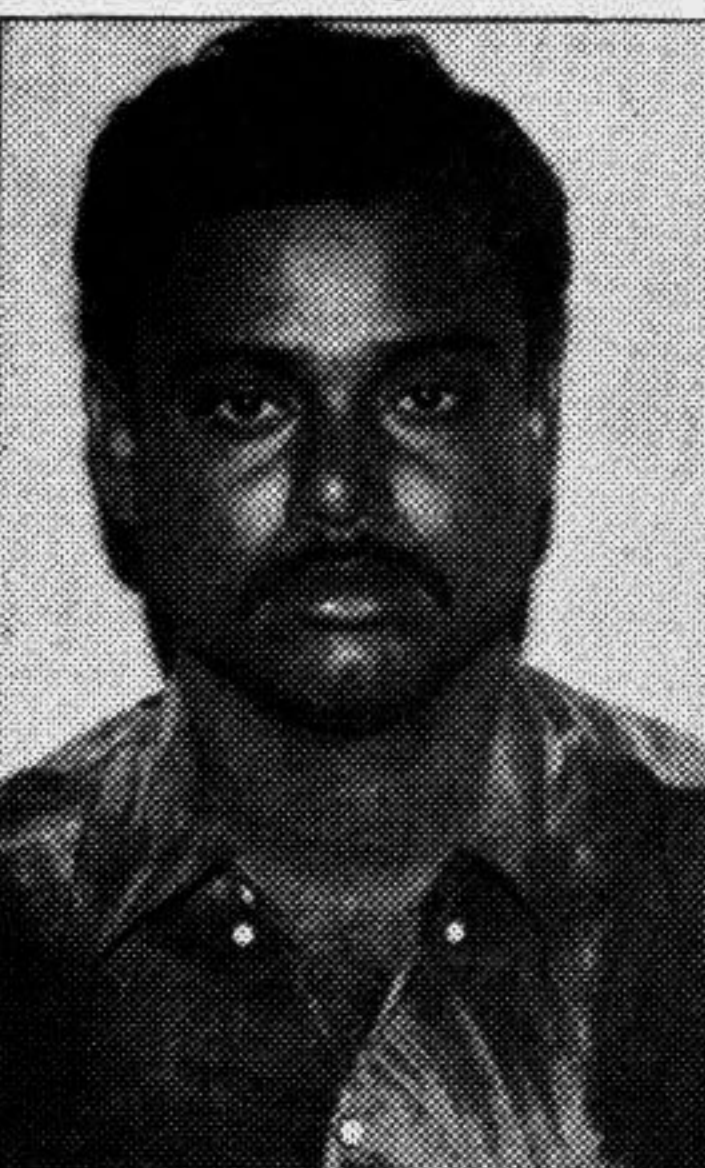
After eight days of the incident the terrorists abducted a businessman and snatched money from his possession. Later, local people rescued him the following day with the help of police from a field at Fadipur under Shailakupa thana.

Besides, accomplices of Bidhan also are harassing and issuing threat to complainants and witnesses of the cases lodged against Bidhan.

A complainant of an illegal toll collection case lodged with Shalikha police station under Magura district against Bidhan, is now in Jhenidah jail. Allegation has it that the complainant was arrested after Bidhan Bahini men filed false

case against him only to harass him.

A total of five cases, including rape and murder, were lodged with Shalikha and Sreepur police stations under Magura district against Bidhan.



Bidhan

Police after investigation chargesheeted the Mafia boss in four cases.

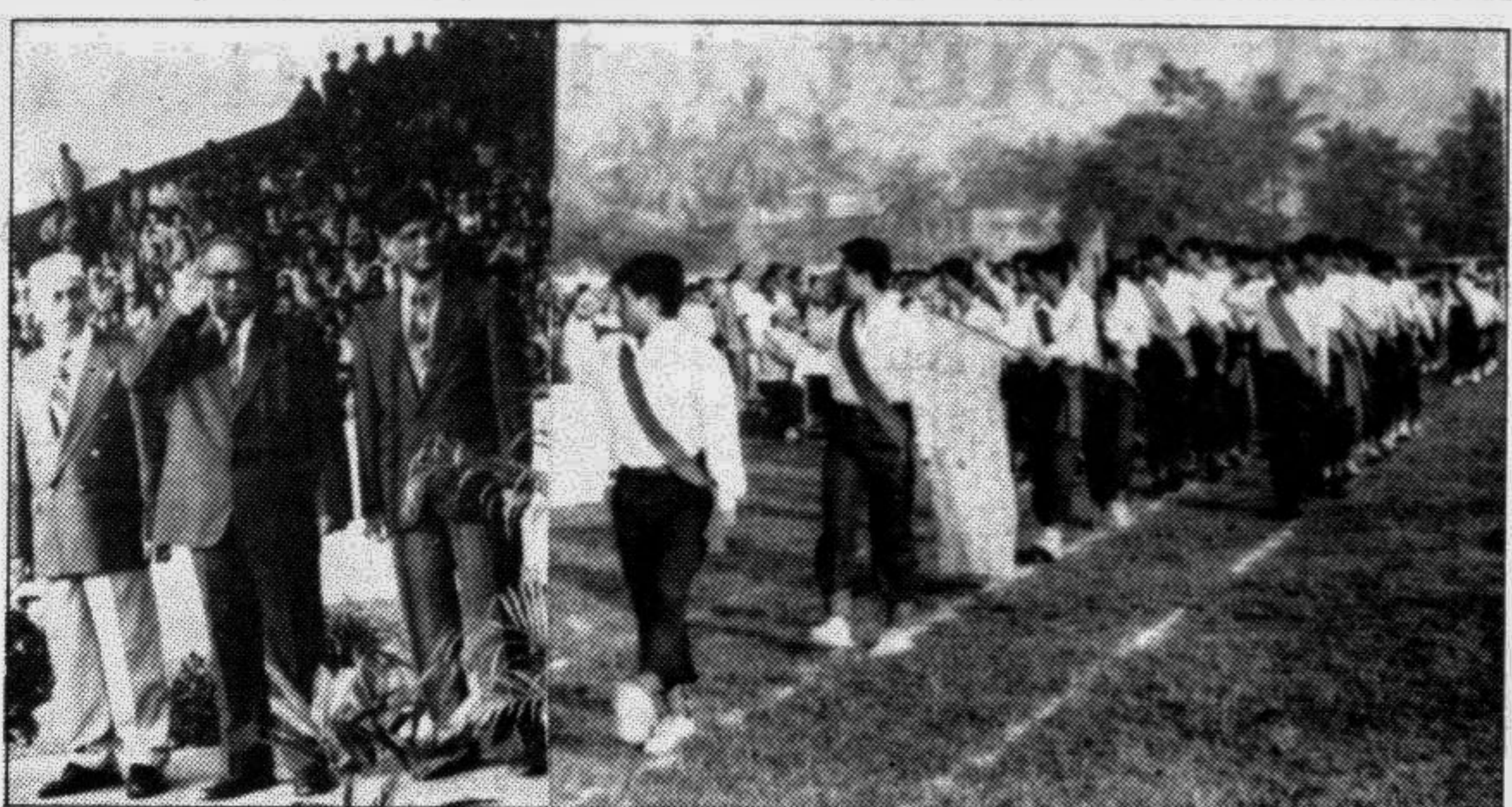
Bidhan, son of Niranjana Biswas of village Monuria in Kaliganj thana under Jhenidah district, started his terrorist activities as a novice under the

leadership of late terrorist Sannasi Biswas of village Singra under Shalikha thana of Magura district. Soon he became a Frankenstein monster. On November 5, 1997 Bidhan killed his mentor Sannasi in a rivalry over establishing supremacy.

Early this year, police started special crackdown on anti-social elements in the district. During the period four infamous terrorists—Nasir, Asalat, Zakir and Shaheen—were killed in encounters with police. More over, some close aides of Bidhan, including bodyguard Nirmal, were arrested in special drives, perplexing the gang leader and forcing him to take shelter in neighbouring Jhenidah district.

Bidhan finally gave in. On June 7 this year he surrendered to police in response to a general amnesty declared by the government in a ceremony in presence of Home Minister Mohammad Nasim.

Local people said Bidhan is in jail, but his men are now regrouping themselves. When contacted superintendent of police of Magura M Akbar Ali denied the allegation and said they are not regrouping themselves at least in Magura district. Police will take stern actions if they try to regroup themselves, superintendent of police added.



Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) Prof Muhammad Hussain taking salute at a march past organised by Shishu Kishore Council, a juvenile organisation, at the university stadium in Mymensingh on the National Victory Day. —BAU photo

## Onion seed crisis in Natore

**NATORE, Dec 21:** Onion growers in almost six thanas of the district have run into trouble with onion cultivation due to acute seed crisis, reports UNB.

When the farmers are desperately looking for seeds, a section of dishonest traders are selling it at Tk 900-1100 in local markets.

BADC officials attributed the seed crisis to its poor procurement by the farmers as dense fog and occasional rains badly damaged standing onions on a vast track of land this season.

In the wake of the seed crisis, local agriculture office has decided to bring only 1,200 hectares of land under onion cultivation, fixing the output target at 12,000 mts against the usual target of 25,000 mts.

While visiting Gurudaspur, Baraigram and Lalpur thanas, farmers told this correspondent that their onion-growing lands were still lying fallow due to seed crisis.

Haider Ali Mia of Bilmaria village in Lalpur thana said he had a good quantity of seeds, but he was forced to sell some of it to support his family during the period of Kartik and Agrahayan when food crisis hit the country's northern region.

## Woman robbed of gold necklace in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

**SIRAJGANJ, Dec 21:** A woman was robbed of gold necklace from in front of Sadar thana headquarters compound on Friday.

Witnesses said one Likhon allegedly snatched the necklace from Nipa Rani Saha, daughter of Niranjana Kumer Saha, in broad daylight.

No case was filed in this regard.



President Gen Secy

## Jessore Bar Assoc polls held

From Our Correspondent

**JESSORE, Dec 21:** Faraji Shahadat Hossain and Mahabub Alam Buchchu have been elected president and general secretary respectively of the district Bar Association.

The annual election of the association was held in the town recently.

Faraji Shahadat Hossain and Mahabub Alam Buchchu were elected to the posts for the fourth and third terms respectively.



A wheat field at Kutamoni in Jamalpur Sadar thana where farmers fear the cultivation target may not be achieved due to seed scarcity. —Star photo

# Wheat output may fall short of target in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

**JAMALPUR, Dec 21:** Wheat production in all the seven police stations may fall short of target due to short supply of quality seeds and inadequacy of agricultural loans.

Against a total requirement of 2,000 tons of wheat seeds only 12.5 tons reached the district so far, said officials of the Agriculture Extension Department.

A senior official of the Agriculture Extension Department told that AED have taken up a programme of bringing nearly 1,600 hectares of land under wheat cultivation in seven thanas. The main wheat producing thanas are Sadar, Sarishabari and Islampur where wheat on 1,200 hectares are being cultivated.

The department has set a production target of 1,500 tons

of wheat.

Encouraged by the last year's yield, AED expected to bring 25,000 hectares under wheat cultivation this year.

Depression of the Bay this year damaged the main crop of the area leaving vast areas of land vacant which could be brought under wheat cultivation. Most of the water bodies remained filled to the brim due to abnormal rainfall in November. The farmers could easily use the water in their fields for wheat cultivation. Sonali, Monika, Akbar, Balaka and other varieties of wheat is being cultivated in Jamalpur. However the farmers have become skeptical about the ambitious programme.

Several farmers of Sadar, Islampur and Sarishabari thanas alleged that they were not getting adequate supply of wheat

seed and farm loan in time.

BSS from Mymensingh says: An intensive Rabi crop cultivation programme has been taken up in 12 thanas of Mymensingh district in the current season.

According to the Agriculture Extension Department, a total of 2,18,734 hectares are being brought under the programme.

The programme includes cultivation of boro, wheat, potato, sweet potato, mustard, maize, vegetables, sugarcane, pepper, onion, garlic, coriander seed and different kinds of pulses.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation will supply high yielding variety of seeds and fertilisers while commercial banks will provide loans to the farmers to make the programme a success.

## Sirajganj town protection embankment threatened

From Our Correspondent

**SIRAJGANJ, Dec 21:** The newly constructed Sirajganj town protection embankment is facing threat as boats use the foot of the dam as jetty and bullock-carts ply on it.

Besides, many people crowd the embankment everyday

some of them also do angling in the river, causing damage to the 'unprotected' embankment.

The 2.17 km long town protection embankment was constructed at a cost of Tk 600 crore in June this year and handed it

over to Water Development Board (WDB). Local WDB is entrusted with the duty to look after the dam.

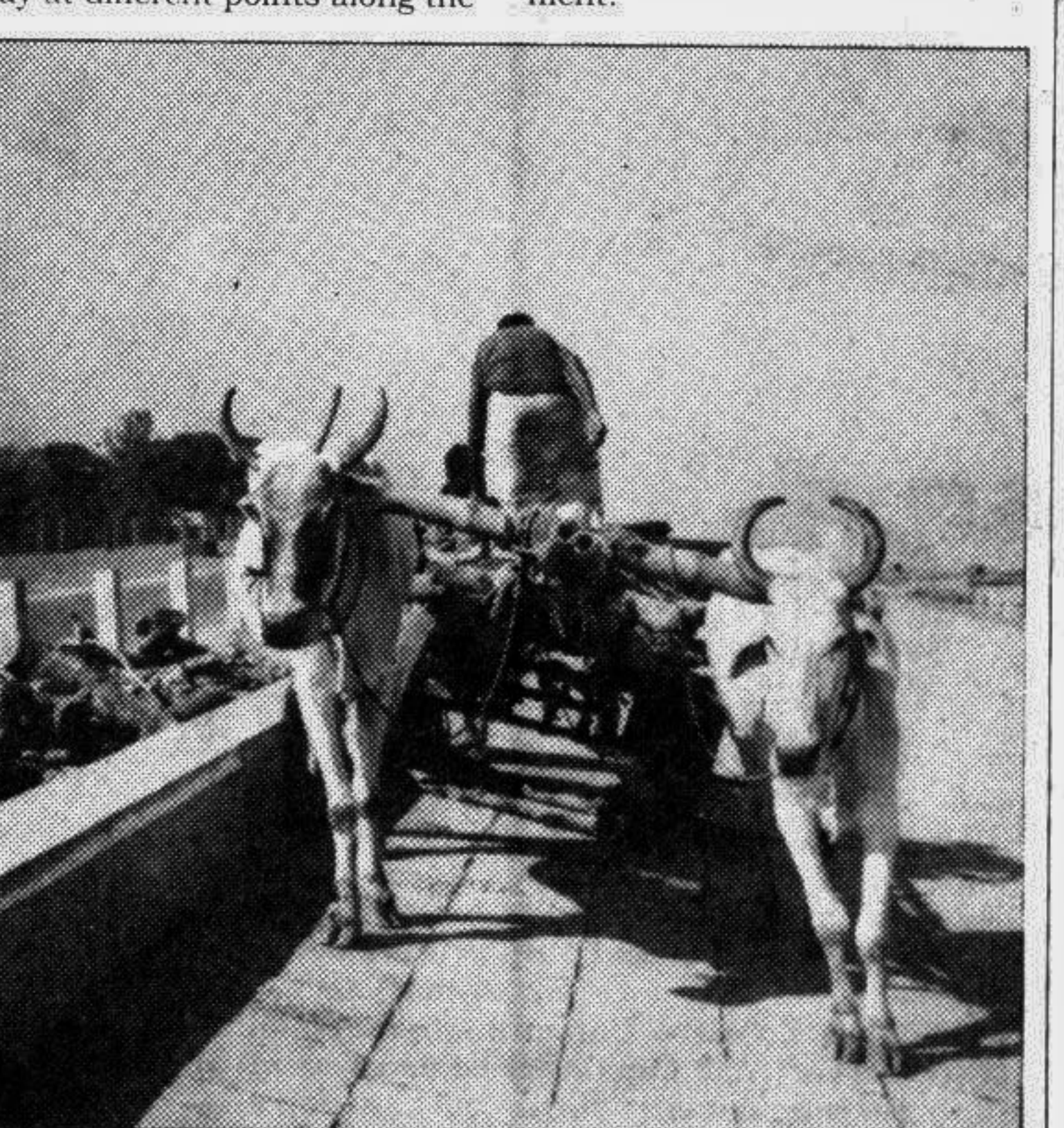
Many mechanised and non-mechanised boats carrying passengers and goods land everyday at different points along the

embankment foot, posing threat to dam.

Local people have urged the authority concerned to take immediate steps to protect the newly constructed embankment.



Many people do angling in the river from the foot of the embankment, causing its damage. —Star photo



A bullock-cart is seen on the embankment. But who cares? —Star photo

## 10,000 children deprived of polio vaccine

**NETRAKONA, Dec 21:** Lack of communication facilities and negligence on the part of officials concerned have deprived a large number of children of polio vaccine this year in remote villages of the district, reports UNB.

About 10,000 children in rural areas, particularly Alpara, Madan, Mohonganj and Kailajuri thanas were not brought under polio dose in the first or second phase of the sixth National Immunization Day (NID) programme.

Most of the health workers posted in different areas of the four thanas were sent to Sadar thana by deputation in carrying out the programme.

Most of the workers allegedly did not perform their duties properly. They gave attendance in thana headquarters three or five days a month and got the salary by furnishing fake implementation report to the authorities.

The district Civil Surgeon told the news agency that those who served on deputation belonged to influential quarters. He had to take them under pressure.

Local elite urged the authorities concerned to abolish the deputation system for the greater interest of the implementation of the NID programme.

## Aman procurement drive may not achieve target

**PANCHAGARH, Dec 21:** The Aman procurement drive in the district may not achieve the target this season due to untimely start of the procurement process, reports UNB.

Every year, the procurement drive begins in the first week of November, but this year government fixed the date on December 15.

The government has set a countrywide target of procuring 73,000 metric tons of paddy and 200,000 metric tons of rice. The procurement rate has been fixed at Tk 8 per kg for paddy and Tk 12.50 per kg for rice.

This year, farmers did not get good production because of unfavourable climate and pest attacks. They are now preparing to cultivate Rabi crops to recoup their losses and selling out Aman paddy and rice at prices less than the production cost.

Aman was cultivated on 1.04 lakh hectares this year in five thanas with production target of 180,300 metric tons of paddy.

As the government procurement drive is delayed, a section of unscrupulous traders are taking advantage by purchasing paddy from the farmers at throwaway prices.

The traders are mainly dic-

tating the prices of newly harvested Aman paddy and rice. At present, one maund of Aman paddy is being sold at between Tk 200 and Tk 210 while rice between Tk 400 and Tk 420.

This scenario is prevailing all over the northern region. Aman was cultivated on 1,658,375 hectares in 16 northern districts this season, with an output target of 3,160,685 metric tons paddy.

## 30 hurt in clash over date distribution

From Our Correspondent

**SIRAJGANJ, Dec 21:** Activists of ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jubo League on Thursday locked in a clash in Kazipur Thana Parishad compound over distribution of dates meant for distressed people, leaving 30 people injured.

Five seriously injured were sent to hospital.

Following the incident many distressed people left the scene empty-handed.

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