

News snaps

Steps to curb lawlessness

SUNAMGANJ, Dec 29 : Foreign Minister Abdus Samad has said the government is pledge-bound to take effective measures to suit the needs of the time for maintaining law and order of the country, reports BSS.

"For ensuring social justice, everybody should work unitedly to stamp out terrorism from the society," the Foreign Minister said while speaking at a public meeting at Brojendraganj RC High School premises in Dhiraj on Tuesday. Azad said the government is firmly working in formulating and implementing development activities. He assured the audience that the construction of Shalla-Dhiraj road would be completed soon. Presided over by Chitta Chowdhury, local AL leaders spoke at the function. Earlier the Foreign Minister inaugurated Natun Bazar at Kalinagar.

Sanitary latrine programme

LALMONIRHAT, Dec 29 : In a bid to save the people from the severity of diarrhoea, some 31,000 families in bordering Patgram thana have been brought under 'Hygienic Sanitary Latrine Programme', reports BSS.

Some 10,838 people of 1,448 families in Dahagram-Angarpota enclave of the thana have already started reaping the benefits of the project as they are using sanitary latrines, thanks to the local TNO. Patgram TNO Shariful Alam had undertaken the project at his own initiative without any grants from government or donor agencies after the 1998 flood when 25 people died of diarrhoea in the thana. Alam had taken the personal initiative in order to bring all the people of the thana under the programme after conducting a survey there which showed that only 3,552 families, out of the total, were using sanitary latrines. But now the project is being implemented by the Thana Parishad in collaboration with PHEB and Rangpur zone of UNICEF.

Workshop on arsenic

PIROJPUR, Dec 29 : A two-day workshop on arsenic for local physicians ended at the Civil Surgeon's office here on December 23, reports BSS.

Some 50 doctors and consultants from different hospitals took part in the training programme that dwelt on detection of arsenic, reaction of arsenic in human body and responsibilities of doctors. Dr M Humayun Kabir and Dr M Abdul Hossain conducted the workshop organised by Health Department with financial assistance from UNICEF.

LGED takes up 18 projects

KISHOREGANJ, Dec 29 : The Local Government and Engineering Directorate (LGED), Kishoreganj, has taken up a total of 18 development projects in 13 thanas in the 1999-2000 financial year, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the government has sanctioned Taka 22,82,56,200 for implementation of the projects. The projects included agriculture diversification and intensification work. The work order of the projects has already been given.

Sugarcane crushing

CHUADANGA, Dec 29 : The Darsana Sugar Mills has produced 2,669 metric tons of sugar by crushing 35,139 metric tons of sugarcane in the first 32 days of the mill's current cane crushing season, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the mill has fixed up a target to produce 12,400 metric tons of sugar by crushing 1,50,000 metric tons of sugarcane during the current season. The mill has started sugarcane crushing from November 21. The recovery rate of sugar during the current season has been fixed at 8.3 per cent.

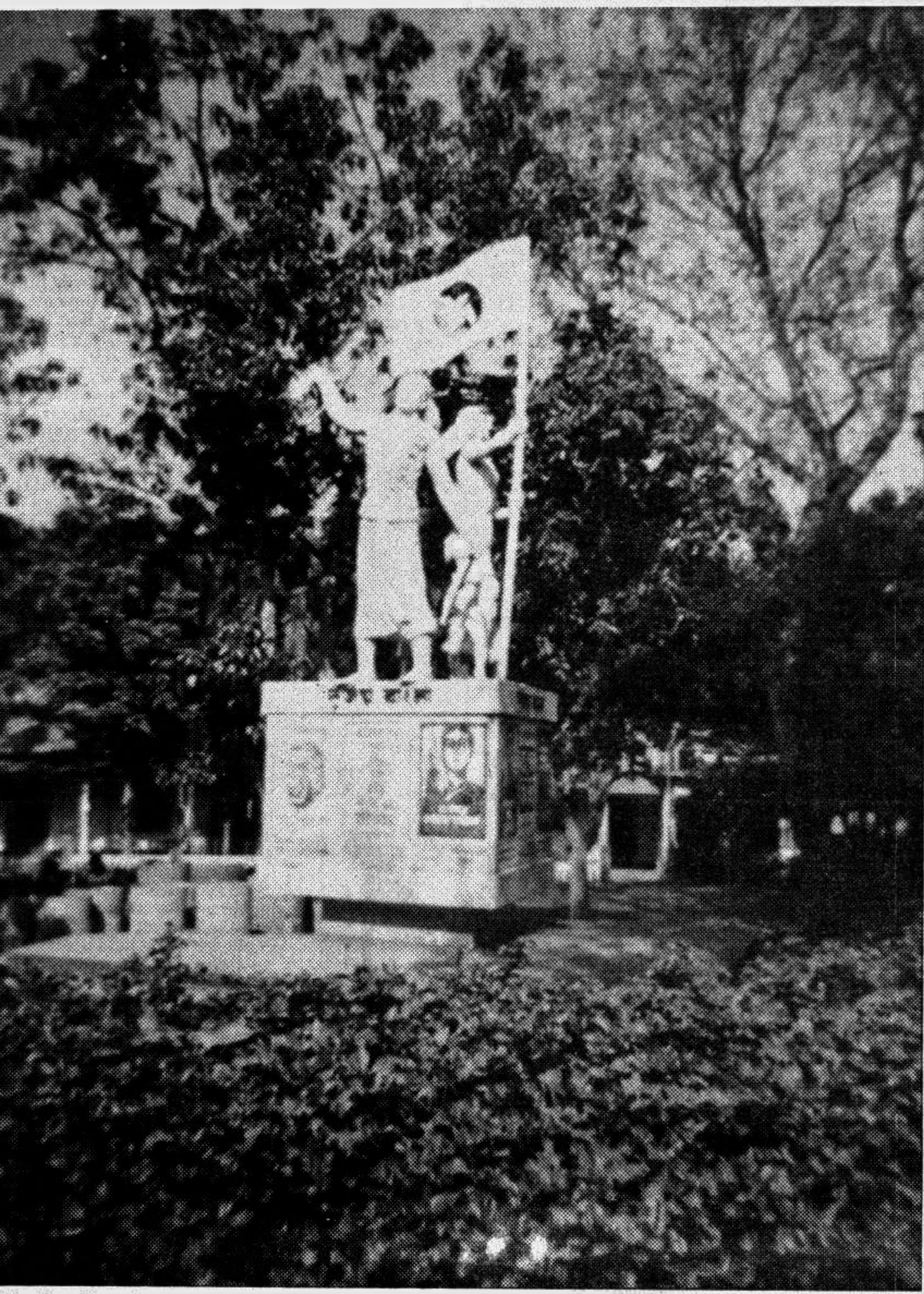
Ashrayan project opens

BARISAL, Dec 29 : Chief Whip Abul Hasanat Abdullah today said the opposition alliance led by BNP had been ignoring the people by acting against the present government elected by them in free and fair general elections, reports BSS.

"Bangladesh Awami League will resist their evil designs at any cost with the help of the people," he said while addressing the inaugural function of Kismat Thakur Mallo Ashrayan project of Babuganj thana as the chief guest. He said Begum Zia, "encircled by the anti-liberation forces and the killers of '71" is hurting the country's democracy joining hands with them. Abdullah said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina took pragmatic steps for distribution of khas land among the poor.

A memorial monument built in personal initiative

From Akhteruzzaman Bablu



"Durjoy Bangla". — Star photo

Logging of date trees hampers juice output

GOPALGANJ, Dec 29 : Indiscriminate logging of date trees for brickfields is taking its toll on date juice output and molasses production in Gopalganj district, reports BSS.

"Gone are the days when we would take a glass of date juice waking up in the morning instead of taking tea during winter. Now those days have disappeared," regretted schoolteacher Salamat Ali.

He said once a large number of people were engaged in date juice extraction and molasses production, now many of them are opting out of their ancestral profession.

Despite severe crisis of date juice, people of Bedagram, a remote village, is still producing high quality molasses.

People of the region urged the authorities concerned to take necessary steps to save date trees from the hands of loggers.

Another report from Netrokona says: Extraction of date juice is going on in full swing in different parts with the advent of the winter season.

The 'Gachis' (juice extractors) are busy trimming date trees to collect date juice for making 'Khejur Gur' (molasses), liked by rich and poor alike.

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 29 : "Durjoy Bangla," a martyrs' memorial monument was erected in Sirajganj in the personal initiative of Saiful Islam (Shishir), project director of Sirajganj Gono Shasthya Kendra.

The memorial monument was constructed in 1993 by sculptor Aminul Karim (Dulal) of Bogra at Chandrasagat in Sirajganj Gono Shasthya Kendra premises.

Dulal is no more now. He died on January 15 in 1994. Deputy Commissioner AZM Safiul Islam inaugurated "Durjoy Bangla" on March 27 that year.

According to Mukti Joddha Sangsads sources, the freedom fighters liberated Sirajganj on December 14, 1971 without any assistance of the Allied Forces.

A total of 58 freedom fighters sacrificed their lives in different places of Sirajganj district during the Liberation War.

Names of some of the martyrs are: Shaheed Rabib, Shaheed Sultan, Shaheed Yakub Ali, Shaheed Raheque, Shaheed Halim, Shaheed Solaiman, Shaheed Abul Hossain, Shaheed Shahid, Shaheed Sobrab Ali, Shaheed Ramiz, Shaheed Chan Miah and Shaheed Samad.

According to Sirajganj Mukti Joddha Sangsads family sources, a total of 2,800 freedom fighters took part in various battles in 1971. Among them, 800 are from Sirajganj Sadar thana. Names of the freedom fighters who commanded in the guerrilla warfare are: Ami Hossain Vulu, Abdul Latif Mirja, Lutur Rahman (Arun), Ismail Hossain, Zahrul Islam, K M Akther, Fazul Matin (Mukta), Sohrab Ali, late Shahjahan Ali (Tara), Israaq Ali, Alauddin, Moazzor Hossain (Mozam), Aminal Islam Chowdhury, Abdul Khaleq, Baki Mirja, Lutur Rahman (Makhan), Abdul Aziz Mirja, Abdul Aziz Sarker, Bimal Kumar Das, Lutur Rahman (Dudu), Amjad Hossain (Milon), Ataur Rahman, Amir Hossain, Ismail Hossain.

Among the 58 martyrs, thana-wise break-up is Sirajganj Sadar- 11, Belukuchi- 5, Chowdhury- 4, Shahjadpur- 8, Tarash- 6, Kazipur- 13, Raiganj- 2, Ullapara- 1, Kamarkhand- 8, Sangram Parisad, convenor Dalilur Rahman (Dulal) is also included in the list. Seven freedom fighters were injured in Sirajganj district.

Theft in Pabna

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Dec 29: A theft was committed on Sunday at about 11am in the house of Mirza Azad, Pabna correspondent of Bangladesh daily the Janakantha.

The thieves broke the lock of the main door of the house at Katchipara in the town demanding with valuables, including ornaments, worth Tk about 50,000.

At the time of occurrence, inmates of the house were not present.

Unscrupulous molasses manufacturers cheating consumers

PANCHAGARH, Dec 29: A section of unscrupulous molasses manufacturers are cheating the consumers by mixing chemicals with molasses ('gur') to look it fresh and bright, reports BSS.

Reliable sources said, to attract the consumers dishonest producers mix unwholesome 'atta', certain powder and chemical, which are hazardous to health.

Doctors said adulterated molasses might cause kidney and stomach diseases. They cautioned the people against taking adulterated molasses which are harmful.

Despite government restriction on production of molasses in the sugar mills area, poor men of the northern region have been producing molasses by using power crusher and local crusher.

The sugarcane growers are tempted to go to molasses producers as they give higher price and make down payment. The payment of sugar mills is usually delayed because of many formalities and hence farmers lost interest in selling the sugarcane to the mills.

The market price of sugarcane is now around Tk 3,800 a ton while the price at the sugar mill gate is Tk 2,800.

Adulterated molasses that look bright are being sold at Tk 22 to 24 per kg in the local market. It is alleged that some unscrupulous growers have been mixing various harmful elements including hydroxide powder, lime powder and bran of rice mill to make the molasses

bright. Local people complained that due to unknown reason Health Department officials are taking no note of such adulteration.

Clash leaves four injured

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Dec 29: Police fired several rounds of blank shots and lobbed tear gas shells at about 12 midnight on Sunday to control fierce armed clash between supporters of BNP leader and former MP Abdul Gaffar Biswas and KCC Commissioner of Ward No 15 Taslimuddin Khan Babul.

At least four people were injured in the clash which continued for over half-an-hour over establishing supremacy in Ghat No-7 (Roosevelt Jetty) area, police said.

Youth killed as rivals attack

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Dec 29: A man killed and two persons were injured when they came under attack by rivals in College Road area in the town on Sunday.

Police said a group of miscreants swooped on the three at night. The dead was identified as Jalal Uddin, Jalal's younger brother Mamun and another unidentified youth received bullet and stab injuries.

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Quotations are invited from experienced & reputed suppliers/manufacturers' representatives for purchasing 3(three) computers with accessories & 3(three) fax machines from local market on payment in local currency basis for Reporting Programme Extension Project of Bangladesh Television. Tender schedule can be purchased on cash payment of Tk 700.00 (seven hundred) only (non-refundable) from the finance section of Bangladesh Television at the abovementioned address within office hours. Quotations should be dropped in the box kept at the office of Chief Engineer, BTV at the above address by 12:00 Noon of 26 January 2000. The quotations received will be opened on the same day at 12-10 minutes in presence (if any) of the quotators. No schedule will be sold on 26 January, 2000. Terms & conditions of tender are written in detail in the schedule. 2.5% (two point five per cent) of quoted amount as earnest money should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order.

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Roads and Highways Directorate Tender Invitation Notice

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4. Security taka

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7. Last date and time of selling tender schedule

8. Offices of officials in which tenders will be received in sealed condition

9. Last date and time of receiving tender in sealed condition

10. Date and time of filing tenders in sealed condition

11. Place, date and time of opening tender

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