

Winter clothes distributed in Moulvibazar

From Our Correspondent
MOULVIBAZAR, Feb 18: The Greater Sylhet Development and Welfare Council (GSDWC) has distributed winter clothes among helpless and distressed people here recently.

The clothes were distributed at a function, which was presided over by Syed Mohsin Ali, President of GSDWC Moulvibazar chapter.

Deputy Commissioner of Moulvibazar GKM Nurul Ameen was present as chief guest. The function was addressed among others by Chairman of Moulvibazar Pourashava Mahmudur Rahman, Professor A K Fazlul Haque and Professor Mahmuda Kabir.

225 pieces of warm clothes were distributed among the poor.

2 held, firearm recovered in Natore

From Our Correspondent
NATORE, Feb 18: Police recently arrested two alleged terrorists and recovered a firearm and a sharp weapon from their possession in the town.

The terrorists were identified as Abdul Hamid, son of Mizan Ali, and Shariful Islam, son of Shamsul Islam.

Police in a special drive arrested them from Nichabazar area.

Care builds 10 rural roads in S dists

JESSORE, Feb 18: The Jessor office of CARE-Bangladesh has completed the construction of 10 rural roads in seven districts of the southern region of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The project cost Taka four crore 22 lakh. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has materialised the programme.

According to CARE field office sources, two roads in Keshabpur and Manirampur thanas of Jessore district, two roads in Sadar and Kalaroa thanas of Satkhira district, two roads in Sadar and Damurhuda thanas of Chuadanga, one in Fultala Thana of Khulna district, one in Sadar thana of Meherpur district, one in Lohagara thana of Narail and another in Shalakupura thana of Jhenidah district, have been constructed.

The CARE-Bangladesh has constructed these roads in light of the government's commitment to ensure the proper communication system and ease the transport and marketing of agricultural and industrial products.

Best school

FENI, Feb 18: Bishnupur High School in Sonagazi thana has been adjudged the best among the district's 200 non-government and government secondary schools, reports UNB.

The Committee for observation of National Education Week-2000 selected the school as the best in the district evaluating its SSC results over the years, efficient management and other extra-curricular activities.

Founded in 1919 as a minor school, it was elevated to a secondary school in 1959. At present the school, manned with 17 teachers, has over 1,200 students. 55 per cent of them are girls.

Headmaster of the school G B Roy said relentless efforts of the teaching staff and cooperation of the local people had brought the success for the school this year.

The school building, constructed in '60s, can not accommodate the increasing number of the students. The number of teachers is also inadequate compared to the number of students.

Fish crisis in Faridpur region

SHARIATPUR, Feb 18: Indiscriminate use of current nets and 'veshals' to fish fry are continuing unabated in different water areas of the rivers Padma, Meghna, Ariakhan, Kumarand Kirtinasha in Faridpur region, reports BSS.

About 10 thousand current nets and 'veshals' are used everyday to fish Hilsa and other fish fry in Shariatpur, Madaripur, Rajbari, Gopalganj and Faridpur area. Hilsa fry measuring 4 cm to 15 cm are called 'Jhatka' and Jhatka are found in fresh water in the rivers Padma and Meghna from February to June. After the end of this period they migrate to seawater. During the growing period, they are netted by unscrupulous fishermen everywhere in Faridpur region.

The government has banned catching of fish fry below 9 inches all over the country to increase fish production. But despite government's ban, huge quantity of different types of fish fry including Hilsa, Rubi, Katla, Mrigal, Magur and Shingi are being caught from different rivers and ponds and are being sold in the markets in the districts of Shariatpur, Madaripur, Rajbari, Gopalganj and Faridpur.

Fry crisis of fish prevails in this region. According to fishermen, a maund of Hilsa fish is now selling at Taka 6600 against Taka 1,200 last year. At Angaria Bandar under Shariatpur Sadar thana, the four large sizes Hilsa fish were priced at Taka 1,250, Helaluddin, a fish merchant of Shariatpur Sadar informed.

According to Fisheries Department, the pisciculture is going on in the rivers Padma, Meghna, Ariakhan and in different beels and canals. Besides, unplanned use of chemical fertilisers and insecticide in crop fields has also affected the growth of different kinds of fish, creating scarcity of the same and fall in their production.

Hundreds of ice factories became inoperative due to short supply of Hilsa fish. Some owners of the ice factories said price of ice has also come down as two cans of ice are now selling at Taka 120 against Taka 480 last year.

On the other hand, thousands of professional fishermen of Faridpur region have been facing numerous problems including shortage of funds and price hike of fishing materials. Earlier different kinds of fish were available in abundance in ponds, beels, canals and rivers but now the situation has



Unabated fishing of Hilsa fries in the southern districts created an acute crisis of the fish last year. Such trend is also going on this season defying the government ban. Immediate measures should be taken to check such practice. This picture was recently from a wholesale market in Barisal where trading of Hilsa fries is going on at random.

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turned quite reverse due to indiscriminate fishing by non-professional.

According to fishermen, the survival of professional fishermen is at stake and as a result some of them have left their profession already, some fishermen have migrated to

other places for their survival.

Local people said about 60 per cent of the ponds in the areas have been silted and dried up due to lack of maintenance. A large number of ponds are also covered with water hyacinths hampering fish cultivation.

It is felt that arrangement should be made to impart training on pisciculture as well. Local elite have urged the concerned authorities to take up a massive scheme to make the districts self-sufficient in fish.

Robbery at house in Natore village

From Our Correspondent
NATORE, Feb 18: Robbers stormed a house of a former UP member at village Marja under Bagatipara thana and looted valuables worth Taka 60,000 recently.

Family sources said a group of robbers numbering about nine raided the house of Abdul Quddus. They also assaulted Sagar, the only male inmate present during the period.

Hearing the hue and cry villagers rushed to the spot and caught two robbers. Other robbers, however, managed to flee the scene.

The two, Dukhu Main and Moni, were handed over to police.

A case was lodged with police in this connection.

Adulterated edible oil being sold

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, Feb 18: Adulterated edible oil is being sold in various bazaars and markets of the district. The oil is causing various intestinal diseases.

Local people allege a section of unscrupulous traders are selling spurious edible oil. As there is no facility to test oil here, officials concerned send sample to Dhaka. This process takes much time to determine the quality.

Local people have urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to stop the selling of adulterated edible oil.

Hashi rape, murder case: Accused held

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 18: The accused in the sensational Hashi rape and murder case, Saidul Islam, was arrested from Janpur area in the district last week.

Saidul Islam, 45, of Syagob-indha under Sirajganj municipality area, allegedly raped and killed his maid servant Hashi Khatun October 30 last year. Saidul Islam tried to hush the incident up as suicide case.

Police said the accused was intoxicated during his arrest.

Police sought five-day remand for Saidul Islam, but the magistrate court rejected the prayer.

Ammunition recovered, two held in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Feb 18: Police recovered a huge quantity of ammunition and arrested two persons, including an Indian national, from a house at Nutan Talipara (Courtpara) here last week.

The arrested were identified as Lal Chand, son of Khairul Shaikh of Ramna Basnatapur village of Murshidabad district, of West Bengal state of India, and Montu Shaikh, son of Azizul Shaikh of Allardarga under Daulatpur thana of Kushtia.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of Abul Hossain to arrest his son Russell in connection with a case.

Series of robberies in Moulvibazar

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Feb 18: A series of robberies were committed at village Nadampur under Sadar thana Thursday night.

A gang of robbers numbering 25 to 30 committed four houses at the village and decamped with cash and valuables.

Robberies were committed at houses of Azizul Haque Babul, district correspondent of the Inquilab, Hiroze Miah Chowdhury, Rahman Miah Chowdhury and Azadur Rahman Raja Miah.

The booties include Taka one lakh 54 thousand, gold ornaments, TV and VCP sets and audio cassette player sets. Separate cases were filed with police.

Socio-economic facilities for non-tribal, tribal families

BANDARBAN, Feb 18: About one lakh tribal and non-tribal families have been given socio-economic facilities under the programme of the UNICEF helpful integrated social development project-second phase of Chittagong Hill Tracts, reports BSS.

The programme of the second phase project has started from July '96 and will end in July 2000. Cost of the project is Taka 34 crore 83 lakh and 95 thousand, official sources said. The programme is implemented in Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachhari districts. Under the programme, a total of 4,103 — Para Kendra (village centre) have already been set up in the 373 mouzas under 28 thanas of the three hill districts and 4,103 women teachers were appointed at each of Para Kendra. Each teacher has been given Taka 500 salary per month.

The programmes have been taken for giving health and other socio-economic facilities to the people of remote areas in the locality. Besides, loans are being given to the inhabitants of the areas for self defence.

News snaps

3 Indian pirates held

SATKHIRA, Feb 18: The members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) arrested three Indian pirates with two firearms and nine live cartridges from Kachikata forest area in the Sundarbans under Shyamnagar thana of the district recently, reports BSS.

Police sources said, acting on a tip-off, the BDR jawans of 9 battalion of Nildum BDR Headquarters raided the Kachikata forest area and arrested three Indian pirates with two pipe guns nine live cartridges. They were identified as Pijush Kumar Mondal, Frodip Kumar and Kartik Chandra Mondal of village Hemnagar under Hingolganj thana of North 24 Pargona district, India. Later they were handed over to Shyamnagar thana police.

Pry edn being hampered

BARISAL, Feb 18: Despite government commitment to eradicate illiteracy from the country by 2000, the Education for All Programme is seriously being hampered in the division for lack of teachers, reports UNB.

Official sources said 910 posts of teacher, including 304 of headmaster, in 945 schools of six districts in the division have long been lying vacant. District-wise break-up of the vacant posts is: Barisal — 296, Patuakhali — 160, Bhola — 120, Pirojpur — 135, Barguna — 114 and Jhalakati — 85.

Training on cultivation

JHALAKATHI, Feb 18: A day-long training course on modern cultivation was held at Nalchiti thana council premises here recently, reports UNB.

A total of 48 growers took part in the course organised by Agriculture extension Department under its southern region agriculture development scheme. The participants were given practical knowledge on integrated pest management, pulses, sesame and banana farming.

Law and order reviewed

JAMALPUR, Feb 18: A meeting with prudent section of the people held at Narayanpur Police Investigation Centre recently, reports BSS.

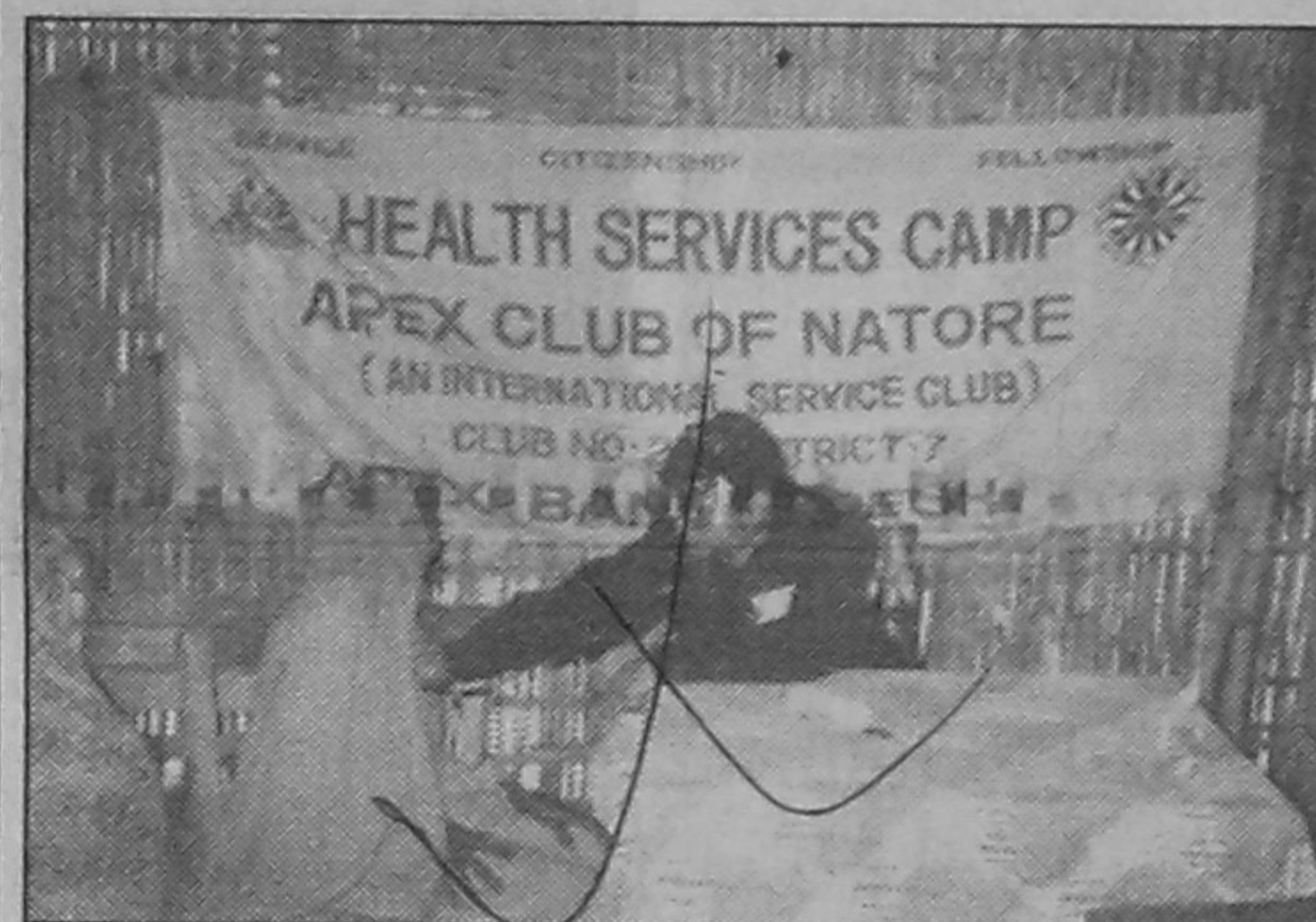
Rezaul Karim Hira, MP, was present as the chief guest while local Union Parishad Chairman Abdus Sattar presided over, according to police source.

The meeting was addressed by Deputy Commissioner Abul Bashar, Police Super Faruk Ahmed, President of Jamalpur District Awami League Advocate Shahidullah, Jamalpur Pourashava Chairman Mirza Shakhawul Alam Moni, former Sadar Upazilla Chairman and Sadar Thana Awami League President Prof Abdul Hamid, OC Sadar Thana Police Yunus Ali Miah, among others. The speakers dwelt upon the law and order situation of the local area and urged upon the people to obey the law of the land for welfare and well-being of the country and individual self.

Seminar on lawyers' role

PAIKGACHA (Khulna), Feb 18: Paikgacha lawyers' Association will hold a seminar on 'lawyers role in protecting fundamental rights' soon to mark its launching, reports BSS.

Samity executives said the association received recognition from Bangladesh Bar Council recently. Vice-Chairman of the Bar Council and noted lawyer Barrister Amir-ul-Islam will attend the opening function. President of the association SM Yusuf Ali will chair the function. Former speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali, Sheikh Mohammad Nurul Hoque MP, District judge of Khulna ATM Fazle Kabir and general secretary of the association GM Abdul Hamid will attend the inaugural session.



Rural patients receiving free treatment at a Health Service Camp organised recently by Apex Club of Natore at Shingra thana in Natore district.

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ASA disburses loan

BAGERHAT, Feb 18: Association for Social Advancement (ASA) disbursed Tk 7.78 crore as loan among 11,474 destitute people last year, reports UNB.

The association through its eight unit offices distributed loans for some projects, including, poultry farming, cattle rearing and small trading. During the period some Tk 3.39 crore has been realised. The loan realisation by the association is satisfactory. Regional Manager Enamul Haque said adding that the borrowers by taking loans have made a saving of about Tk 1.24 crore.

Diabetic Assoc body

THAKURGAON, Feb 18: Election to the executive committee of Thakurgaon Diabetic Association was held here on Thursday, reports UNB.

Alhaj Fazlul Karim and Shahed Kamal Chowdhury were elected president and general secretary of the 15-member executive committee for a three-year term. The other office-bearers are: Vice-presidents — Adv Nurul Haque and Mirza FE Alamgir, Joint-Secretaries — Abdul Gofran and Yunus Ali, Treasurer — Abdus Sobhan, and members — Raziur Rahman, Mozaffar Haque Chowdhury, Prof Abu Yasin, Chowdhury Humayun Kabir, Alhaj Humayun Reza, Abdul Latif and Mollah Shamsul Huda.



Advocate Ayub Hossain, president of Jhenidah District Awami League speaking recently at an open discussion meeting on law and order situation at Jhenidah Press Club premises.

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Two with phensidyl arrested

MUNSIKANJ, Feb 18: Police arrested two people along with 38 bottles of India phensidyl from a bus at Sreenagar busstand on Monday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided a Dhaka-bound bus from Dohar and arrested Montaz and Mohiul along with the drug. Another report adds: Three youths were arrested along with sharp weapons from a bus in Gazaria thana on Monday. On information, police halted a Dhaka-bound bus from Chakhal and arrested Manik, 20, Khokan, 20, and Mamun, 21, and seized two knives and a toy pistol from their possessions.

Girl killed in road mishap

BAGERHAT, Feb 18: A girl was crushed under the wheels of a bus on Khulna-Mongla road in Rampal thana on Friday, reports UNB.

Police said the nine-year-old Laboni, daughter of day-labourer Mozaffar of Kadamt village of the thana, was run down by the bus while crossing the road at about 12:00 pm. Soon after the accident, the killer bus sped away. They body was sent to sadar hospital morgue. A case was filed.

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Office of the Executive Engineer
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Tender Notice

No 32/1999-2000

Gr. No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit	Eligibility of contractor
1 (one)	Special repairing of double-storied hospital building of Rajshahi Central Jail.	Tk 1,22,242/=	Tk 2,445/=	1 (one) month	Public Works Directorate's special class/combined 1st class/1st class/2nd & 3rd class building contractors
2 (two)	Repairing & renovation of different buildings (Library, TB ward, Recommendan ward, Hospital Female ward, DIG Prisons quarters) of Rajshahi Central Jail.	Tk 2,81,203/=	Tk 5,625/=	1 (one) month	-Do-
2	Date of selling tender	28-2-2000 up to office hours.			
3	Date of receiving & opening tender	29-2-2000 up to 12:00 Noon & opened on the same day at 12:30 PM.			
4	Date, time & place of lottery	7-3-2000 at 11:30 AM at the office chamber of the undersigned.			
5	Name of offices to sell the tender	Offices of all Executive Engineers under Rajshahi Public Works Circle & office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Works Sub-Division, Nababganj.			
6	Name of offices to receive the tender	Offices of all Executive Engineers under Rajshahi Public Works Circle & office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Works Sub-Division, Nababganj.			

N.B: All other detailed information are attached to the tender schedule.

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Tender Invitation Notice

- Tender notice no: 7 (seven) EE, R&H Road Division, Moulvibazar 1999-2000.
- Name of work : Reconstruction work of old workshop (as the office of Kulaura Sub-Divisional Engineer) under Moulvibazar Road Division during 1999-2000 fiscal year.
- Head of expenditure :
- Estimated cost : Taka 2,20,616/00
- Earnest money : 4,412/00
- Estimate approving : Superintending Engineer, R&H authority Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
- Time for completion : 60 (sixty) days.
- Offices in which tenders will be sold : 1) Executive Engineer, R&H Road Division Moulvibazar/Habiganj/Sylhet/Sunamganj. Sub-Divisional Engineer, R&H, Road Sub-Division, Moulvibazar/Kulaura/Srimongal Mechanical Sub-Division, Moulvibazar. Superintending Engineer, R&H Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet. 2) Executive Engineer, R&H Road Division, Moulvibazar.
- Last date of selling tender : 27-02-2000Eng till office hours. 15-11-1406Ban
- Date and time of receiving tender : 28-02-2000Eng till 12:30 PM. 16-11-1406Ban
- Specific date and time of opening tender : 02-03-2000 at 12:45 PM. 19-11-1406Ban
- Date and time of holding lottery : 06-03-2000 at 12:45 PM in the office of the undersigned. 23-11-1406Ban
- Eligibility of contractors : As per group list.
- Bill will be paid subject to the availability of allocation.

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