

Feni now free from terrorism: Joynal Hazari

FENI, Mar 15: Law and order situation in the district improved substantially and people are in peace following the arrest of VP Joynal Abedin, claimed the ruling party's Joynal Hazari MP, reports UNB.

Talking to newsmen at his Masterpara residence in the town on Tuesday evening Hazari said the district is now free from dacoity, snatching, toll collection, and terrorism.

He alleged that VP Joynal along with his supporters were planning to kill him on his way to Chhagalnaiya for personal enmity.

Responding to a question if the BNP leaders and workers have fled the town in the face of police and ruling party atrocities, Hazari said the genuine politicians and BNP leaders are in the town with dignity and honour. Only the terrorists fled the town.

He named Zia Uddin Master, Ferdous Qureshi, Dutu Mia, Taher and advocate Mezbahuddin who are in the town and are happy with the arrest of VP Joynal.

Referring to the allegation of one-sided bombing operation by police, Hazari said police are free to raid Masterpara and even his residence to arrest terrorists, if any.

He said he possessed firearms but those are with valid licence and the attempts of newspapers to malign him will go in vain.

About expunging his comment on Bandhan in Parliament, Hazari said if the comments were salacious the women MPs present in the House would have protested it.

He urged the Speaker to reconsider the matter.

Killing in Lalmonirhat

BDR lodges strong protest

LALMONIRHAT, Mar 15: Bangladesh Rifles lodged a strong protest with Indian BSF for the killing of three Bangladeshis at a flag meeting at Chandrapur frontier in Kaliganj thana here on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Indian BSF men infiltrating Bangladesh territory on March 9 gunned down three Bangladeshis at the Chandrapur bordering area.

The five and half-hour meeting at one stage turned chaotic when both sides exchanged hot words. However, the situation returned to normalcy after the Indian side sought apology for the incident.

Commanding officer of BDR 27 Battalion Lt Colonel Humayoon Kabir led the Bangladesh side while Commanding Officer of 109 BSF Furana Singh led Indian side.

Enclaves used as safe routes for smuggling

KURIGRAM, Mar 15: Indian goods worth Tk several lakh are being smuggled into the country everyday through the frontier thanas of the district, reports UNB.

The thanas are Sadar, Fulbari, Nageshwari, Bhurungamari, Roumari and Razibpur thanas.

Thirty enclaves, 18 of them belong to India and 12 to Bangladesh, are being used as safe routes for smuggling. Many enclave people, including women and children, are getting involved in smuggling finding no other jobs for earning their living.

The contraband goods which are rampantly being smuggled into the country through the areas include pulses, salt, sugar, oil, fruits, medicines, spices, clothes, electricity appliances, liquor, ganja, timber,

cattle-heads, yarn, dye, tar, phensidyl and even arms.

Border guards of the two neighbouring countries — BSF and BDR — constantly guard the border areas from 60 BOPs in the Indian states of Assam, West Bengal and Meghalaya, and 32 BOPs in Bangladesh.

But the law enforcers hardly take action against the bootleggers for reason better known to them.

BSS from Cox's Bazar says: The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel of 36 Battalion of Teknaf in Cox's Bazar seized 54 cows and 4 fishing trawlers from the river Naf recently.

The BDR jawans also arrested two Myanmar nationals who were smuggling the cows into Bangladesh. They were coming from Akiyah township of Arakan province of Myanmar and arrested by the BDR

personnel. The men were handed over to Teknaf police and the cows were to customs authorities, a BDR sources said.

Another report from Sathkira adds: The members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized various kinds of Indian goods worth over Taka two lakh from several border areas of the district recently.

The BDR members of 12 Rifles Battalion of Sathkira raided several border areas of the district and seized various kinds of Indian goods smuggled into Bangladesh from India.

The BDR said the goods include sugar, salt, sarees, bicycle, spare parts of bicycles, onion, bidri and garlic.

The goods were deposited to the Sathkira customs authorities.

Sylhet trade fair attracts thousands everyday

SYLHET, Mar 15: Visitors in their thousands are flocking Sylhet Trade Fair 2000 everyday.

Under the auspices of Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) and JOBS Programme, the fair was inaugurated on March 7 in Luckatooa Golf Club premises, four km off the main town.

Country Director of the JOBS Programme formally inaugurated the trade fair. As per earlier decision, Sylhet Stadium was the venue for the event. Later the decision was

changed. An official of the fair claimed 7,000 to 8,000 people are visiting the fair everyday, despite intermittent rains occurring for the last few days.

115 stalls and eight pavilions have been set up in the fair. Visitors, however, are spending much of their time in garment stalls. Salesmen said many visitors are shopping for the Eid-ul-Azha, which will be celebrated on Friday (tomorrow) in the country. People are showing interest for handloom products from hill districts,

salesmen added. Stalls of cosmetic items and electronic goods are also attracting a large number of visitors.

Eight stalls display computers. Salesmen of a computer said volume of sale is not up to their expectation this year.

The Iranian pavilion is also attracting large crowd, but the sale is not satisfactory.

Wonder Land of Dhaka has set up makeshift children's park in the fair. Children and teenagers are always crowding the park. The 29-inch-long man, Jewel Rana, who is always ready to greet visitors, in the makeshift park has added extra attraction to fair.

SSC exam invigilator suspended in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 15: An invigilator in an SSC examination centre in Ullapara thana was suspended on Sunday on charge of helping an examinee to adopt unfair means.

Barat Ali, the invigilator in Lahiri Mohanpur KM High School centre, was suspended by a magistrate as he was helping the examinee, who happened to be his son, to adopt unfair means.

Following expulsion, the invigilator allegedly misbehaved with the magistrate, Mahbur Rahman Faraki, and threatened him.

A case was filed against the invigilator.

UNB from Joypurhat says: Five invigilators of Joypurhat Siddiqia Senior Madrasah centre were suspended on Sunday on charge of helping Dakhil examinees to adopt unfair means.

So far, 11 invigilators have been suspended and 49 examinees expelled from the centre, officials said.

Woman killed in wall collapse in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Mar 15: A female day labourer was killed in wall collapse in Sonadanga residential area at noon on Thursday.

She was identified as Selina Begum. Her husband, also a day labourer, was also severely injured in the same incident.

According to police and eyewitnesses, the incident occurred when they were engaged in dismantling an old building at Plot No. 104 at Sonadanga residential area.

The wall of the western side of the building, owned by Hasan Jamadard suddenly collapsed on them.

The woman died on the spot. Her husband Gani Sheikh was admitted to hospital.

Schoolteacher murdered

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 15: An head master of a primary school was murdered by unknown assailants at Amshara village under Raiganj thana on Saturday.

The victim was identified as Abu Taher, 49, head master of Jawil Government Primary School.

Police recovered the body from a roadside ditch.

A case was filed in this connection, but no one was arrested.

Lightning kills man in Netrakona

NETRAKONA, Mar 15: A night guard of Barhat thana health complex was killed by lightning outside his residence last week, reports BSS.

According to police and official sources, night guard Abdul Gafur was struck by the thunderbolt when he came out of his home during rainfall to collect firewood.

Medicare facilities poor in Shariatpur

SHARIATPUR, Mar 15: The Number of heart patients is increasing alarmingly in six thanas here, reports BSS.

A survey revealed that most of the patients are 35 to 40 years of age who came to the local hospitals and thana health complexes.

A good number of patients are going to foreign countries like India, Singapore every year for better treatment as they do not get proper treatment in the country.

Many poor rural people do not know about their diseases as they are very ignorant. The number of such patients is increasing day by day here.

Local people complained that most of the doctors serving in the hospitals here are connected with the private clinics. A good number of doctors have their own clinics. It is alleged

that many doctors of the hospitals advise the patients to go to their clinics for better treatment.

It is learnt that private clinics have sprung up in the district town and most of these organisations have no registration.

Solvent patients who have hardly and faith in the local doctors are going abroad.

As a result the rich people are being benefited but the poor patients who live from hand to mouth are deprived of proper treatment.

In the case of heart patients proper treatment is required which is very expensive.

According to reliable sources, at present the thana health complexes and the union level health sub-centres here are facing shortage of specialist physicians.

60 Jessore villages come under electrification

JESSORE, Mar 15: Jessore Palli Bidyut Samiti has set up 28.43 km electricity line in 60 villages of 5 thanas in Jessore region recently, reports BSS.

According to officials, the Samiti is relentlessly working for the socio-economic betterment of people in the district.

The Samiti in order to bring the development programme to the doors of people will set up further 200 km electricity line in this current fiscal year, the officials added.

The Samiti has provided

71,758 connections to houses, business centres and irrigation projects.

Because of the power supply, at least 10 lakh people in Shariatpur, Jhikargachha, Chowgachha, Sadar and Bagherpara thanas are benefited.

UNB from Natore says: A 20-MVA electric transformer has been installed at Natore 132/33 KV Greed Substation of PDB in a bid to meet the increasing demand for power.

Engineer Wahidur Rahman formally opened the new transformer on February 28.

With the installation of the new transformer, long-standing loadshedding problem caused by faulty 232/33 KV transformer at the substation will come down remarkably.

Because of Board official's irresponsibility

BAGERHAT, Mar 15: Sixteen SSC examinees of Chitalmari centre could not sit for on Sunday's Home Economics examination due to errors in the admit card, reports UNB.

The invigilators got 16 students out of the examination hall as the column of fourth subject was blank in their admit card.

They were the students of Chitalmari Hasina Begum Girls' High School, Boalia High School and GG High School.

Headmistress of Hasina Begum Girls' High School Salma Begum accused the Board for not filling up the column saying it showed how irresponsible are the officials entrusted with the job.

SEAAT Flame in Narail

NARAIL, Mar 15: A colourful procession was brought out in the town on Saturday marking the arrival of South East Asia Anti-Tobacco Flame (SEAAT Flame), reports UNB.

Additional DC received the SEAAT Flame from the Additional District Magistrate of Sathkira at the Jhikargachha upazilla office premises in the morning.

The procession paraded the main thoroughfares of the town. A discussion was also held at the Sultan Mancha. A two-day anti-tobacco programme was also undertaken here.

News snaps

Heroin recovered, youth held

PATUAKHALI, Mar 15: A young man was arrested along with five grams of heroin from Launch Ghat area in town on Tuesday, reports UNB.

On information, a joint squad of police and Narcotics Control Department raided the terminal and caught Nazrul Islam, 23, and recovered the drug from his possession.

Health camp

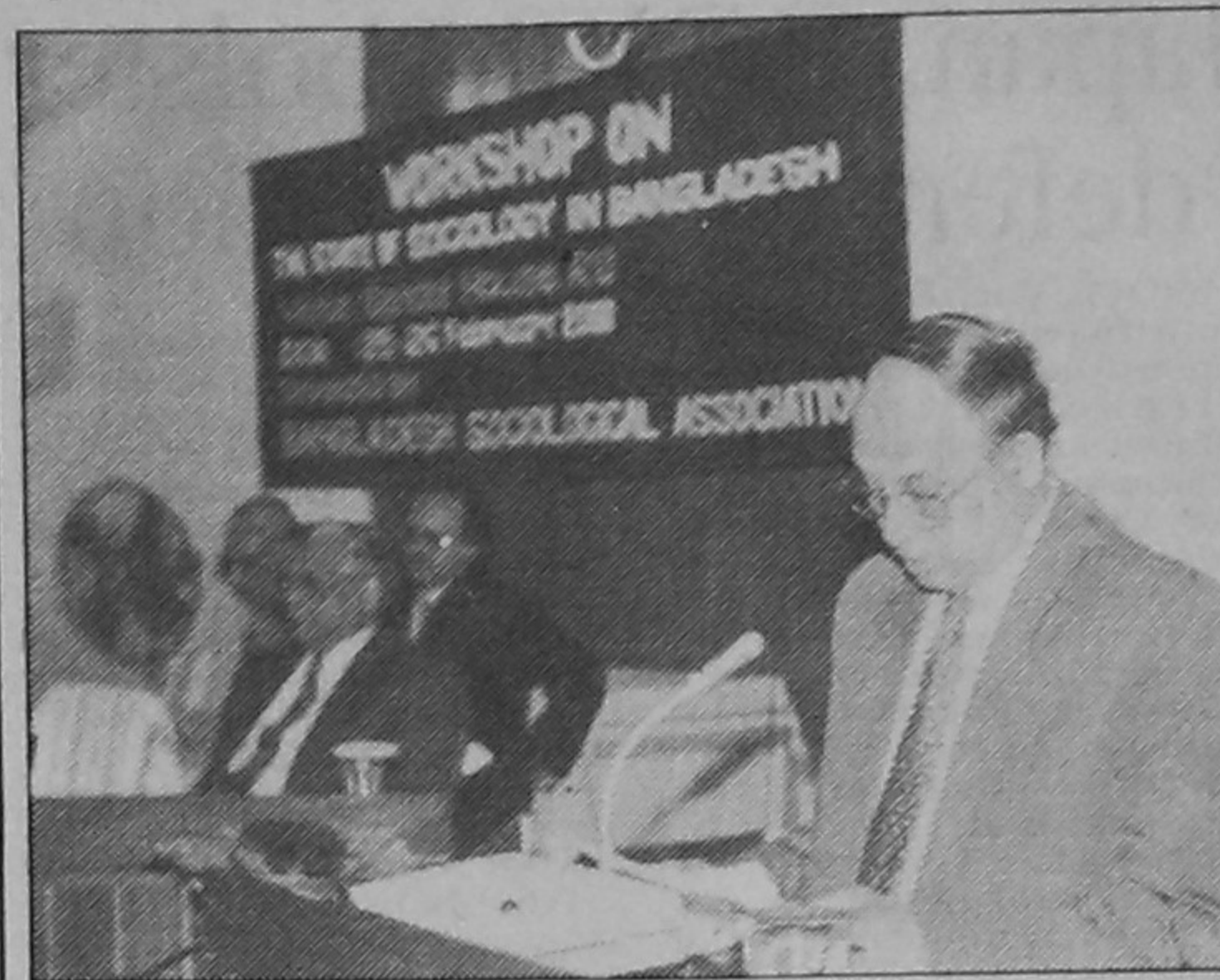
PATUAKHALI, Mar 15: A two-day specialist health camp concluded at local Diabetic Association office premises recently, reports UNB.

Twelve specialist doctors gave treatment to 400 patients of the area. District Diabetic Association organised the camp.

Imam conference

TANGAIL, Mar 15: Islamic Foundation, Tangail held a conference of the trained imams of different mosques of the district recently at local Mahila Krira Sangstha auditorium, reports BSS.

Deputy Director of Islamic Foundation Abul Kalam Azad, eminent Islamic thinker Maulana Nurul Islam Abdullah and secretary of District Imam Samity Hafez Shamsul Hoque also spoke on the occasion.



Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University Professor Syeedur Rahman Khan addressing a workshop organised by Sociology Department on the campus recently. — Star photo

Eye camp

JAMALPUR, Mar 15: A week-long eye camp jointly organised by the District Rotary Club and Bangladesh National Society for Blinds (BNSB) was held here at Singhan High School premises recently, reports BSS.

Rezaul Karim Hira MP inaugurated the eye camp as the chief guest. Deputy commissioner, superintendent of police and civil surgeon of the district were also present. About 1,100 patients registered their names at the camp. Of them, 86 were operated upon for cataract disease. Saiful Islam, eye specialist of BNSB, performed the operations.

Loan disbursed among youths

BARGUNA, Mar 15: Social Service Directorate distributed interest free loan of Tk 12,50,000 among 350 unemployed males and females in the district recently, reports UNB.

The Directorate undertook the scheme to make the poor self-reliant. The financial assistance was given for income generating activities like rearing poultry birds and domestic animals, pisciculture, vegetable farming, banana cultivation, and tree, bamboo and cane plantation. The recipients will refund the loan after becoming self-sufficient in their respective works.

Discussion

NARSINGDI, Mar 15: A discussion was held recently at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Room here on the occasion of 7th National Immunization Day (NID), reports BSS.

The discussion was presided over by Dr AZM Jahirul Islam, Civil Surgeon, Narsingdi. Rafiqul Islam, Deputy Commissioner of Narsingdi, attended the meeting as the chief guest. All Thana Nirbahi Officers and representatives of different public and private organisations of the district including UNICEF attended the meeting.

Phensidyl recovered

SATHKIRA, Mar 15: The officials of Sathkira Narcotics Control Department recovered 40-bottles of Indian phensidyl syrup from the house of Desarat Ali of village Poranda under Sadar thana recently, reports BSS.

The officials of Sathkira Narcotics Control Department raided the house, recovered phensidyl and arrested Desarat. He was handed over to sadar thana police.

Women's Day observed

NETRAKONA, Mar 15: A discussion marking the International Women's Day was held here at Mohua Auditorium on March 8 under the auspices of Netrakona District Women Affairs Department, reports BSS.

Deputy Commissioner Netrakona Ahmedullah attended the discussion as the chief guest while District Women Affairs Officer Begum Parvin Sultana was in the chair. The meeting was addressed, among others, by commissioner of Netrakona Pourashava Monuwar Begum, Advocate Arifa Jesmin and Executive Director of Netrakona Sabalambi Unnayan Samity Begum Rokya.

Uplift programme

FENI, Mar 15: A massive development programme has been taken up in the district, reports BSS.

A total of 118 projects will be implemented under Food for Works programme. According to official sources, 3128 tonnes of wheat have been allocated for the execution of the projects. The projects include construction and reconstruction of village roads and coastal embankments, and re-excavation of irrigation canals in the district.

Man electrocuted

MYMENSINGH, Mar 15: A young rickshawpuller was electrocuted at Town hall road early Monday, reports UNB.

Badal, 25, met with tragic end of his life while a loose live wire snapped from electric pole fell on him about 5 am.

Contraband cigarette seized

CHITTAGONG, Mar 15: Members of the Coast Guard during its anti-smuggling drive on Saturday impounded a mechanised boat loaded with 90 master cartoons contraband cigarettes worth about Taka two lakh from the outer anchorage near Patenga here on Saturday afternoon.

Coast Guard sources said smugglers left behind the boat, sensing the presence of coast guard during its routine patrol in the Bay of Bengal. Estimated value of the seized boat and cigarettes will be around Taka 12 lakh.



A discussion on functions and election of union parishad, organised by FEM, Mymensingh unit, was held recently in Mymensingh. — Star photo



Invitation for Prequalification (IFP)

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CORRIGENDUM

THE INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION (IFP) NO-DUTP/PD/2000(2)/100, DATED: 24/2/2000 PUBLISHED IN THE FEBRUARY 28, 2000 ISSUE OF BANGLAR BANI AND FEBRUARY 29, 2000 ISSUE OF THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER AND THE DAILY STAR NEWSPAPERS HAS BEEN AMENDED AS FOLLOWS.

This invitation for prequalification follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business Issue No 526 of 16 January 2000.

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward cost of the Dhaka Urban Transport Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Credit to payments under the Contract (W)C5 Improvement of 3 Inter-District Bus Terminals.

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, hereinafter referred to "The Employer" intends to prequalify contractors and/or firms for the Contract Package No. (W)C5: Improvement of Inter-District Bus Terminal-3 Nos. in Gabtali, Mohakhali and Saidabad in Dhaka Metropolitan City.

It is expected that invitations to bid will be made in July 2000. Prequalification will be conducted through prequalification procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, January 1995 (revised January and August 1996, September 1997 and January, 1999), and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the guidelines. However, the following countries are not eligible for Procurement under the Credit: The Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, Kuwait, Qatar, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.

A 7.5 per cent margin of preference will be granted to domestic bidders in the evaluation of bid. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director, PIU, DCC (address below) and inspect the prequalification documents at the same address during office hours, 09:00 to 17:00 hours.

A complete set of prequalification documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 5000.00 (five thousand) or US\$ 100.00. The method of payment will be in cash or in the form of Pay Order or Demand Draft from any schedule bank in Bangladesh in favour of Project Director, PIU, DCC, Dhaka Urban Transport Project. If requested, the documents may also be sent by courier service. But under no circumstances will the Employer be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the document so dispatched.

Submission of applications for prequalification shall be in sealed envelopes, delivered to the address below by 17:00 hours on or before May 15, 2000 and be clearly marked "Application for Prequalification for Contract Package No. (W)C5: Improvement of Inter-District Bus Terminals - 3 Nos. under DUTP."

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