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Mosquito menace in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent
JAMALPUR, Apr 19: Life in the rural and urban areas of Jamalpur has become miserable due to menace of mosquitoes, which is increasing day by day.

Residents said mosquitoes bite even at day time, seriously hampering the normal work. Mosquitoes invade every where. The menace is keenly felt in schools, colleges, offices, hospitals, market places and most households.

It is impossible to sit in open places after sunset, dwellers alleged. Students, patients and children are the worst sufferers.

Poor people who have no means to purchase mosquito nets or coils pass sleepless nights. Spraying of insecticides has become a matter of dream to the town dwellers and villagers alike.

People have urged the concerned authorities to take immediate steps to eradicate mosquitoes without further delay.

Fraticide

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Apr 19: An elder brother was killed by his younger on Sunday at village Ektupur under Kaliganj thana in the district.

The dead was identified as Amirul Islam, 38.

According to police, the two brothers started exchanging hot-words over cultivating a piece of cropland at noon.

During the altercation, younger brother Nur Islam stabbed his elder brother and fled the scene.

The victim was rushed to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. He, however, succumbed to his injuries at about 7 pm.

A case was filed with Kaliganj thana in this connection.

JCD leader assaulted

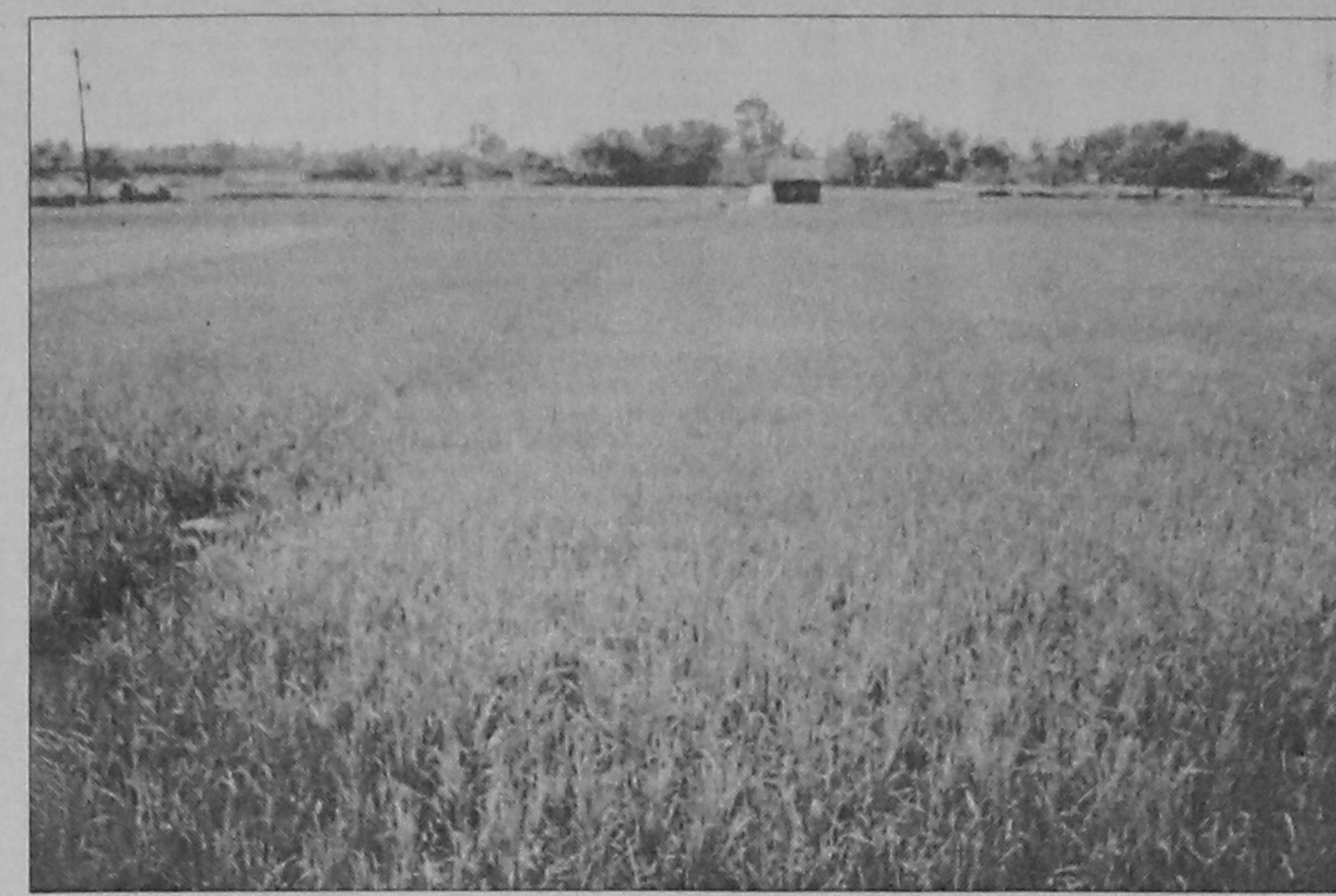
From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Apr 19: Shafiqul Islam Tuhin, a central leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), was assaulted by some rivals in the organisation at Digholia on Friday.

The angry activists JCD chased Tuhin and manhandled him. The angry activists held Tuhin responsible for the murder of Wahiduzzaman Chanchal, a central leader of JCD.

Farmers expect bumper Boro paddy in districts

By Staff Correspondent



Weather favours farmers

Mymensingh farmers expecting a very good production of Boro paddy this season. This is because of fair weather. Photo shows a Boro field at village Char Durgapur in Mymensingh Sadar thana.

— Star photo

cultivation by soft loans give from commercial banks and various NGOs.

The banks disbursed Tk 52 lakh as agriculture loans and the NGOs provided Tk 27 lakh.

The banks gave Tk 27 lakh among farmers in Chittagong, Tk 7 lakh in Cox's Bazar, Tk 7 lakh in Feni, Tk 6 lakh in Laxmipur.

Extensive irrigation facil-

ties and availability of fertilisers and pesticides at fair price yielded positive impact on the field.

AED officials further said some 11,320 power pumps, 246 deep tubewells, and 4,109 shallow tubewells are being used in the Chittagong region for irrigation.

Private clinic agents active

Problems grip Sirajganj General Hospital

From Akhteruzzaman Bablu

for luring patients.

"As doctors are involved in the process, I never consider it unethical," said an agent requesting not to be named. When asked how much he gets for the job, Shahjahan, an agent, said he gets Tk 150 to Tk 250 from the clinic owner after a patient is admitted. "I earn Tk 2,000 to Tk 2,500 per month in the job from different clinics. It is the only source of income to maintain my family," said an agent.

When contacted, Residential Medical Officer (RMO) of the hospital Dr Abdul Awal said adequate measures have been taken to prevent brokers from entering into the hospital.

However, some staff, who were not willing to be named, said agents are still active. The agents enter into the hospital premises in guise of patients' attendants, they said. They are earning on their work under the shelter of a political party. It has also been alleged.

During this correspondent's recent visit to the hospital, some brokers were found wandering in the hospital premises. Some of them admitted they receive money from the owners

patients and their attendants alleged a section of doctors and staff at the hospital, excepting the RMO also work for the interest of private clinics. Some patients, who are refused admission in a planned way, are advised by some doctors to get admitted to certain clinics for 'better treatment.'

Meanwhile, Sirajganj General Hospital has been facing manifold problems including water scarcity and shortage of doctors.

Hospital sources said many posts including Assistant Registrar (6 posts), outdoor medical officer (2 posts), emergency 4 posts, 5 MLLs, one sweeper and one bearer have been lying vacant for a long time.

The number of beds for patients in the 100-bed hospital is not adequate. Many patients have to stay on floors due to shortage of beds.

Patients have urged the authorities concerned to solve the water crisis immediately which they are facing acutely.

Ershad says to oust AL Govt to save country

ASHASHUNI (Satkhira), Apr 19: Former President HM Ershad on Tuesday said if the Awami League government stayed in power any longer, neither the country nor the people would be safe from utter ruination, reports UNB.

"If the present government gets some more time, it will wide open the border and Bangladesh will be relegated to a vassal state," he feared while addressing a public meeting at Budhata ground.

The Jatiya Party (JP) chairman went further to caution people that if the government continues, then the gas resources will be panned out to another country, business will be controlled by the Maroories (Indian business tycoons).

"But we cannot let the country go astray and for that reason we have started united movement under the banner of four-party alliance," he said. This movement is to save the country and to free the people. This movement is to ensure a safe world for the future generation.

Ershad alleged this government not only interfered in the judiciary but also was issuing threats against the judges to give verdict in their favour.

Procession comes under attack in Feni: 18 injured

From Our Correspondent

FENI, Apr 19: At least 18 people were injured when a procession came under attack by a group of unidentified terrorists, numbering about 25, on Trunk Road in the town on Monday.

The procession was brought out in protest against the holding of variety shows in the town. The shows include gambling, circus and opera.

Local unit of Islami Shasantric Andalan, an Islamic party, brought out the procession.

Of the injured, Shamaullah, Shahadat, Jamaluddin, Jahiruddin, Mahiuddin, Mohammad Ali, Abdurahman were admitted to local hospital.

Woman dies as house collapses during storm

From Staff Correspondent

SVLHET, Apr 19: A housewife was killed as a storm hit village Atore Gaon under Companiganj thana last week.

During the storm, a thatched house collapsed, killing the woman. The victim was identified as Amirunnisa, 25.

At least 50 others were also injured during as the storm hit other villages in the thana. 300 dwelling houses were also damaged.

Moulvibazar DIARY

Health Day observed

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Apr 19: World Health Day was observed here April 7. Various programmes were chalked out by the District Health Department. A colourful rally was brought out in the town. Health officials, workers, members of Girl Guides and representatives of different NGOs took part in the rally.

A discussion meeting was held at local Seba Institute, the District Health Department.

The meeting was presided over by Dr Ahmedur Raza Chowdhury, Civil Surgeon of Moulvibazar, Shamim Akter, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) attended it as the chief guest. Revenue deputy collector Motiur Rahman was special guest.

Extended meet of Udichi

An extended meeting of Moulvibazar district executive committee of the Udichi Shilpi Gosthi was held at its office recently.

Presided over by Advocate Biswajit Ghose, the meeting was attended among others by Organising Secretary of the central committee of Udichi Prabir Sarder and its central member Rajat Kanti Bhattacharya.

A 21-member convening committee was formed with Advocate Biswajit Ghose and Saleh Elahi Kuti as convenor and member secretary respectively.

Community police office opens

Office of Community Police was inaugurated here at Noor Market area here recently.

A discussion meeting was held in the newly inaugurated office. Presided over by Shafiqul Islam, president of Moulvibazar Committee of Community Police, the meeting was attended by AKM Shahidul Haque, Police Super of Moulvibazar, Al-haj Mahmudur Rahman, chairman of Moulvibazar municipality, attended the function as special guest.

Reception

Renowned Economist and Executive Director of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Dr Debo Priya Bhattacharya attended a reception programme here as the Chief Guest.

Local Gunjan Sambardhana Parishad Committee for according reception to celebrated citizens, accorded the reception to seven celebrated personalities in a colourful function which was held at local Saifur Rahman Auditorium on April 7.

The personalities who were accorded reception were Md. Qumruzzaman (Sports), Capt. (Retd) Mujahid Ahmed (War of Liberation), Md Azizur Rahman (Politics and Culture), Prof AK Fazlul Haque (Education), Prof Bimal Kumar Ghose (Education), and Dr Shah Nurul Islam (Medical Service). It was presided over by Dr Narayan Chandra Sarker President of the committee.

Esho Hey Baishakh ...

MEMBERS of Udichi Shilpi Gosthi brought out a colourful rally at Saitkupa in Jhenidah on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh (Bangla New Year).

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News snaps

A confee with a difference

LALMONIRHAT, Apr 19: BNP activists of Barabari union are having their conference with a difference — entertained with favourite food, sports and music, reports UNB.

Water soaked rice with smashed dry fish and potato smash wrapped in banana leaf served in plate made of clay are the main attraction of food enjoyed by hundreds of activists attending the 3-day biennial conference that began on April 17. Organisers brought in three maunds of dry fish and 20 maunds of rice for the conference at Shaheed Abul Kashem College ground. It was inaugurated by Lalmonirhat district BNP president Principal Asadul Habib Dulu. Snake charming, monkey dance, cycle race, folk song, gamuira, pala and jaree gan are other attractions of conference that coincided with Baishakhi Mela.

Man strangulated to death

BENAPOLE, Apr 19: A person was strangulated to death by some terrorists at Baropota village in Sharsha thana on Monday, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Motaleb Hossain, 34. Police said the hoodlums killed Motaleb over taking possession of a ghat used as smuggling point. The body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with local police in this regard. A 35-year-old man was hacked to death by some terrorists in broad daylight at the same village a week ago.

Agri-loan disbursed

MUNSHIGANJ, Apr 19: Bangladesh Krishibank (BKB) disbursed over Taka 33 crore as agri-loan among the people in six upazillas during the current fiscal, reports BSS.

The loans were disbursed for dairy and poultry farming, poverty alleviation, preservation of potatoes in cold storage and other income-generating projects.

Outstanding loan realised

BARGUNA, Apr 19: Bangladesh Krishibank has taken up a program to disburse farm loan totaling Tk 22.24 crore this fiscal, reports UNB.

Under the programme, the bank already disbursed Tk 17.75 crore among 15,200 farmers in five thanas for buying bullocks and agricultural machinery and undertaking small but income-generating projects. The Bank realised outstanding loan amounting to Tk 17.31 crore from 14,200 farmers.

Special arrangement

BANDARBAN, Apr 19: The district administration has undertaken special arrangement to administer polio and tetanus vaccines among children and women of 13 remote areas of Thanchi, Ruma and Alkandaon on April 23, reports BSS.

The 13 areas have been identified as the 'most ever neglected' areas in which 90 per cent children under the age of five and women aged between 15 and 49 have been deprived of extended Programme of Immunisation, Civil Surgeon Dr Saraf Raj Khan said. Polio and tetanus vaccines will be administered among 1000 children and 2,000 women of the border areas of three thanas with the help of helicopter, official sources said.

Case against 24 under PSA

RAJBARI, Apr 19: The first ever case under Public Safety Act (PSA) here was filed on Sunday with Sadar thana against 24 people on charge of looting, reports UNB.

Police said a gang of armed muggers ransacked the shop of Abdur Rahim Molla at Sripur in the town on Saturday and looted Tk one lakh. Earlier, the miscreants attacked the Ramkantapur house of Rahim Molla and snatched gold ornaments from female inmates of the house. They also damaged a motorcycle there. Rahim Molla later filed a case against the 24 people and alleged that they had, in fact, tried to kill him. Police arrested a man, Babu, in this connection.

Work progressing

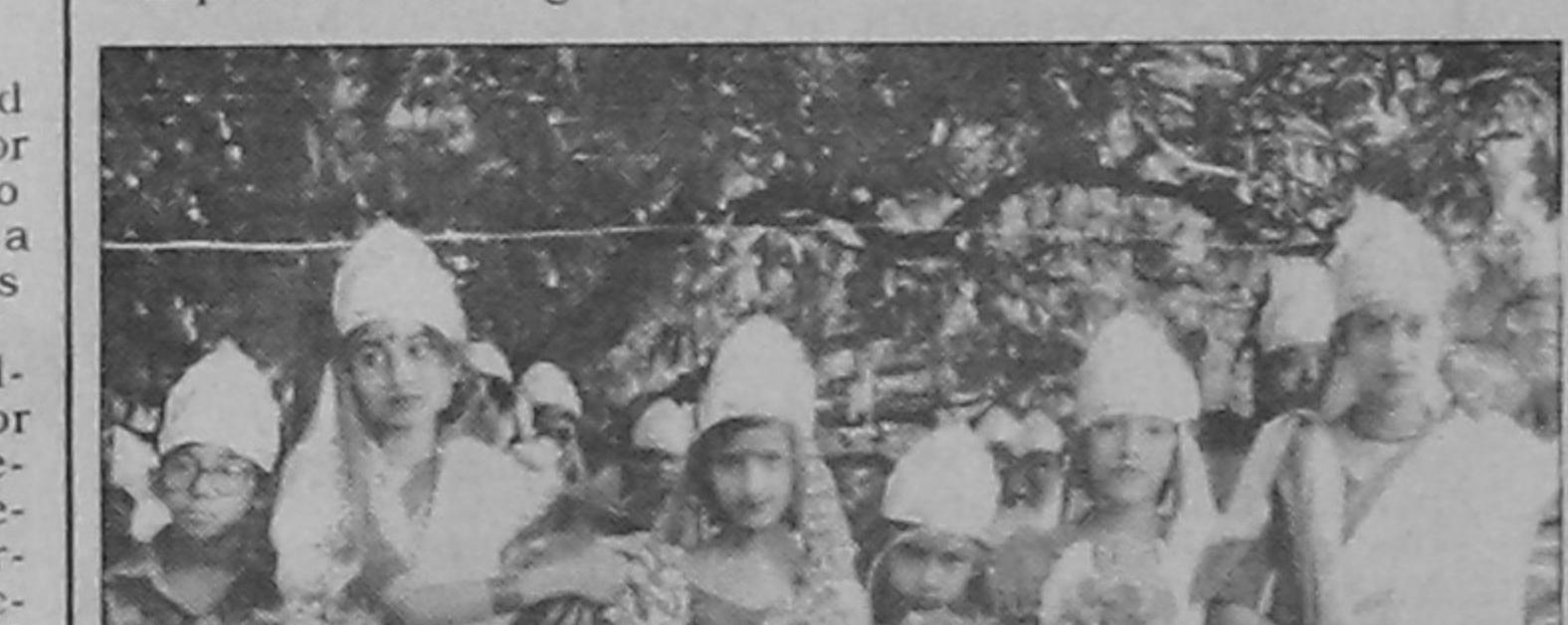
COMILLA, Apr 19: Construction of six roads is progressing at a cost of Taka five crore seventy lakh, report BSS.

Roads and Highways Department is implementing the work. The roads are: Alekbar Char-Suaganj, Shashangacha-Palpara, Majigacha-Palpara, Palpara-Shahpur, Chapapur-Tomson Bridge, Tomson Bridge-Kotabari. According to officials sources, 40 per cent of the construction has been completed and the rest will be done by June this year.

Octogenarian slaughtered

MUNSHIGANJ, Apr 19: An octogenarian was slaughtered by unidentified assailants at Bhatimbhog village in Sirajdikan thana here early on Monday, reports UNB.

Police said Mongol Sheikh alias Sadhu, 85, a life-long bachelor, was killed at his house at dead of night. The cause behind the killing could not be known immediately. But he was believed to have been killed over land dispute. The body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with the police in this regard.



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Trading Corporation of Bangladesh invites sealed tender in the prescribed form obtainable from Sonali Bank, Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka on payment of Tk 1000/- (Taka one thousand) only per set (non-refundable) for import of 3000 HT±5% (1,50,000 cft ±5%) of superior quality Gurjan Timber in Round Logs. Offers duly sealed & signed are to be made on C&F (C) Chittagong liner basis showing FOB price and freight separately along with 1% (one per cent) earnest money. Shipment of entire quantity of Gurjan Timber is to be made within 15th June 2000. All other terms and conditions are available in the tender form.

Tenders to be dropped in the tender box kept in the Import Division of the Corporation at TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka up to 11:00 AM on 10-5-2000 and opened at 11:15 AM on the same day. Tenderers may remain present at the opening of the tender. The successful bidder is to submit 3% (three per cent) performance guarantee in foreign currency before signing of contract with TCB.

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