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Gun-toting terrorists active in Chapainawabganj frontier

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, May 5: Despite efforts by the government to efface terrorism from the country, gun-toting terrorists have become more active in frontier areas than ever before, reports UNB.

According to competent sources, pistols, revolvers, ammunition and explosives are frequently being smuggled into Bangladesh from a bordering country through different points.

They said the firearms are mainly brought into the country through Binodpur, Khaserhat, Chuka, Shapara, Manaharpur, Masudpur, Dakatpara, Singnagar and Baidighi points in Shibganj thana, and then supplied to various parts of the country, including capital Dhaka.

Fund needed for maintenance of 350-yr-old Parolia Mosque

SHARIATPUR, May 5: The artistic work of Parolia Mosque was a symbol of wonderful and beautiful archaeological design of Moghul Empire, reports BSS.

The mosque was built in 1717 during the period of Moghul Empire. The founder of the mosque was Joymohi Bibi, daughter of Zaminder Syed Alim and wife of the saint, Dewan Sharif of Chikindi under Shariatpur district. The blue coloured mosque having big domes stands for the last 350 years as the evidence of uncommon structural design and unparalleled fame of Moghul tradition.

The mosque was established at Chikindi village, 15 kilometers away from the district

headquarters. Another name of the village where the mosque was located was Plong.

The building of the mosque having a length of 60 feet and width of 326 feet stands on heavy stone arch.

A tall spire (Minar) made the mosque attractive. The engraved letter in Persian language on stone plate setting on the entrance of the mosque indicates the brief history of the mosque.

While contacted the caretaker (Khadem) of the mosque Molvi Zahid Hossain Khan told me that about 900 Muslims come from different areas for Juma prayers every Friday.

A large number of people from different parts of the country and abroad visit the mosque every year, he added.

The mosque is facing now manifold problems including shortage of fund, lacks facility for water supply system.

The only one tubewell sunk in the mosque premises has gone out of order long ago.

The mosque management has no source of income for its maintenance except the income from four ponds. The monthly salaries of Imams and Moazzem are paid from the mosque.

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Seminar on disaster management

From Our Correspondent

FENI, May 5: A seminar on disaster management was held at Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner here recently.

Organised by District Relief and Rehabilitation Department, the seminar was presided over by Additional District Magistrate Abdul Kaseem Masud. The seminar was addressed, among others, by Ishaq Miah, GM Haider, Nowab Ali Munshe, Golam Mostafa Bhuiyan and DRRO Gan Bekash Boria.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Abdul Kaseem read out the keynote paper in the seminar.

Two with heroin arrested

Police arrested two persons with 300 grams of heroin from West Patharganj area under Chhaganya upazila recently.

Police, acting on a tip-off, raided a house in the area and arrested the two. They were identified as Kopluddin, 32, and Nurul Hoque, 38.

Local people said the two had been in the illegal trade for a long time.

Housewife beaten to death

A housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband at Darmapur village under Darganbulyan upazila recently.

The victim was identified as Bibi Hazra, 25.

Neighbours said the husband, Fariduddin, beat the wife mercilessly stick following an altercation. The wife received severe head injuries. On her way to hospital Bibi Hazra succumbed to injuries.

Villagers caught the husband and handed him over to police.

Housewife commits suicide

A housewife committed suicide by taking poison at Laxmipur village under Chhaganya recently.

The victim was identified as Jharna Begum, 18.

The actual reason behind the suicide could not be known immediately.

The neighbours, however, said Jharna, who was four months pregnant, killed herself over family feud.

A UD case was filed with police in this connection.

Property worth Tk 20 lakh gutted

Three people were injured and property worth about Taka 20 lakh was gutted in devastating fire at Goshipur under Fulgazi upazila recently.

According to police and villagers, the fire, which originated from a kitchen of the village, gutted 14 houses.

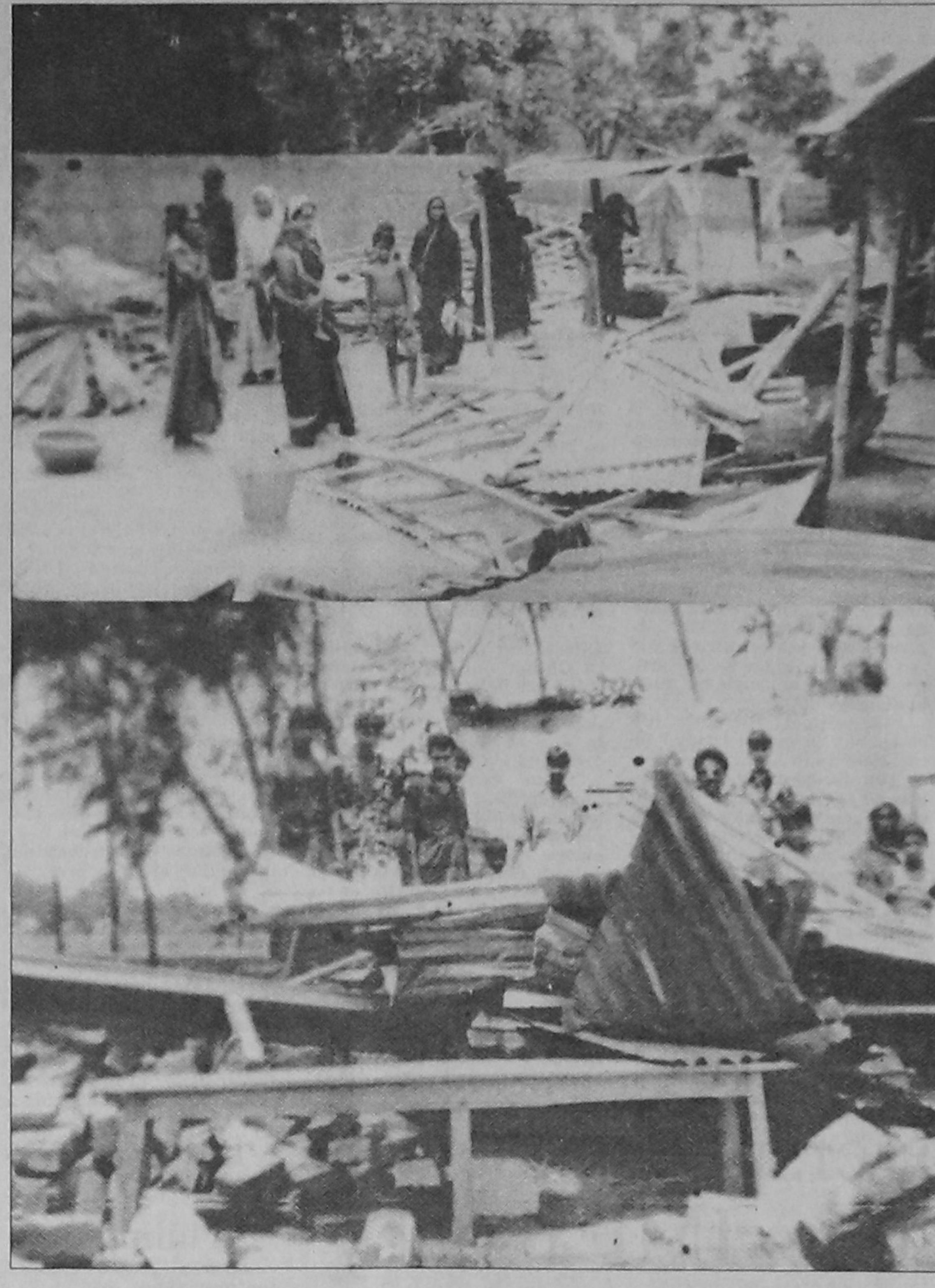
The injured were identified as Kazi Abdul Manan, Kazi Ahsan and Moiuddin. They were admitted to a local clinic.

Fire brigade men rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Faulty drainage system

Water remains stagnant in different areas of Sylhet town even after a moderate rainfall due to faulty drainage system. Sufferings of the town dwellers multiply as such a situation remains static for long. Photo shows the partial view of the Upashahar main road and Barutkhana point in Sylhet town after a heavy rainfall recently.

— Star photo by Iqbal Siddiquee



Living with calamities

A recent cyclonic storm damaged hundreds of houses in Rajshahi. A house in Siddiquepur (above) and a school in Hanirkutsa (below) in Bagmara thana raged to the ground completely.

— Star photo

Kajal of Kotchandpur still missing

From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, May 5: Farooque Ahmed Kajal, the much talked about *hundi* trader in Kotchandpur upazila headquarters, still has been missing.

People who invested money with the mysterious man and his agents are passing their days with great anxiety.

Serajul Haque Siru Mia, Chairman Kotchandpur municipality, said that a committee was formed to recover the money and hand over to actual depositors.

Ratna was under their safe custody, he informed.

2 electrocuted

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, May 5: Two persons have been electrocuted in Durmota areas of Islampur thana on Thursday morning.

The victims, Shohamur Rahman, 18, and Abdul Miah, 35, met death as they were standing on the roof of a Baladuraband-Jamalpur bound local train when it was passing under the electric wires at 11:30 am on Thursday.

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