

## National

Sirajganj  
DIARY

## Two murdered

From Our Correspondent  
SIRAJGANJ, Aug 6: One betelshopkeeper and another girl were murdered recently in Kamerkhand and Raiganj upazila.

Police and witnesses said a gang of armed miscreants laid siege to the betelshopkeeper's house at Palkosa village in Kamerkhand upazila and chopped him to death. Identity of the victim is Abdur Rasid, 42, of Palkosa village. Cause of the murder could not be known immediately.

A case was lodged with Kamerkhand Police Station (PS).

Another six-year-old girl Fowzia, daughter of Fazal Shukh of Dobogram village in Raiganj upazila was murdered recently. Her dead body was recovered from a ditch. She was kidnapped from her house before her death.

Cause of kidnap and murder could not be known. A case was lodged with Raiganj PS.

Rivals' clash leaves  
40 injured

At least 40 people were injured, 10 critically in a clash between two rival co-villagers at a fair in presence of police recently at Nimgachhi.

Police and witnesses said the clash ensued over gambling. A case was lodged with Raiganj PS.

Transport workers'  
union polls

North Bengal Tank Lorry Workers' Union election was held peacefully recently at Baghabari depot here.

Abul Hossain and Shahjahan Siraj were elected president and general secretary of the union respectively. Abul Hossain got 484 votes and Siraj got 424 votes, out of 840 votes. Fourty candidates voted for 17 posts.

Housewife beaten  
to death

A housewife was allegedly beaten to death recently at Rupnagar Khukhi in Shahjadpur upazila.

The victim was identified as Hurbala, 30, wife of Mohammad Ali of the same village. Police sources said, Mohammad Ali married Hurbala as his second wife, three years ago.

On the fateful day he demanded Tk 10,000 as dowry from Hurbala. But she refused. Consequently her husband beat her to death. A case was lodged with Shahjadpur Police Station.

Four youths  
arrested

The sadar thana police arrested four youths with *randao* and other lethal weapons from Bhasani Road area recently.

The arrested persons were: Hasan Alam Hillon, 14, Ariful Islam, 14, Sonet 15, and Abdul Hakim, 12. Police sources said the arrested persons were getting ready for snatching on Bhasani Road.

Local people informed police and they were arrested afterwards. A case was lodged with Sadar Police Station.

## Food poisoning

Six of a family fell sick after taking poisoned rice recently.

One woman died and five others were admitted to Kamarhanda Health Complex recently.

The victim was identified as Romjha Khatun, 42, of Balukhali village in Kamarhanda upazila. Hospital sources said later on the five admitted persons were released from hospital after treatment.

## Thousands marooned, rendered homeless by flood

By Staff Correspondent

Flood situation worsened further in Sirajganj and Kurigram districts.

**Our Sirajganj Correspondent**  
reports: At least 1,000 families in 15 villages of Beliatar Char, Char Dukhbari, Dukhbari, eastern part of Saidabadi, Chhatlantoli, East Mohonpur, Nakphataar Char and Randhunbari, all situated on the northern and southern side of Bangabandhu Bridge West Police Station have been marooned due to submergence of their houses by flood waters.

Increase in water level of the river Jamuna has triggered this situation. Water level of the river rose to 60 centimeters at Sirajganj during the last 48 hours ending Saturday noon.

Many affected families have constructed temporary makeshift shelters on the western side of Bangabandhu Bridge West Police Station.

Meanwhile, about 3,000 people are Sirajganj Sadar, Kazipur, Beliatar, Chowhali and Shahjadpur upazilas have become homeless while 5,000 kutcha houses have gone under the gorge of the River Jamuna due to unabated erosion, according to official sources.

Upazilawise break-up of homeless people is as follows: Sirajganj Sadar 250, Kazipur 500, Beliatar 200, Chowhali 750 and Shahjadpur 1300. Many affected families have taken shelter on the Water Development Board (WDB) embankment and on high land.

An earlier report says: At least 1,000 houses, high schools, madrasas and mosques of Kazipur upazila have been devoured by the River Jamuna.

According to Upazila Nirbahi Office and witnesses, Jamuna erosion has taken a serious turn and affected Uttarteknagar, Kantonager, Char-Kantonager, Panagar and Manikdior of Kazipur upazila.

New flood centre constructed at a cost of Tk 27 lakh including two primary schools, six mosques, two madrasas, and Kantonager High School have gone under river.

Affected villagers said at least 2,500 houses of the above mentioned villages have gone under river bed.

The district administration has not yet been taken any step. The affected people are living inhu-

man condition. They demanded immediate rehabilitation. Some 150 families of Sonatoni rendered homeless due to unabated erosion.

**UNP from Kurigram says:** Some 4,500 people were rendered homeless in last few days as two villages in Roumari upazila were devoured by the River Brahmaputra.

Meanwhile, flood situation here deteriorated with the increase of water levels in Dhara, Teesta and other rivers.

But local people alleged that no step has yet been taken in this regard.

Meanwhile, in absence of proper maintenance, three flood shelters in the low-lying areas of Chapainawabganj district have become totally unfit for use.

Local people said the three centres were constructed at Ujjirpur, Sundarpur and Alatuli unions in Sadar upazila in 1974 to provide shelter to the flood-affected people of the low-lying

areas. And Dagarkuti, Sarkari Gram, Ramkhana, Gaburbari, Fakir Mohamad, Satvita, Bakshiganj, Thuthapikar, Ratived, Mohadev, Karpura and Arjun villages of Ulipur upazila.

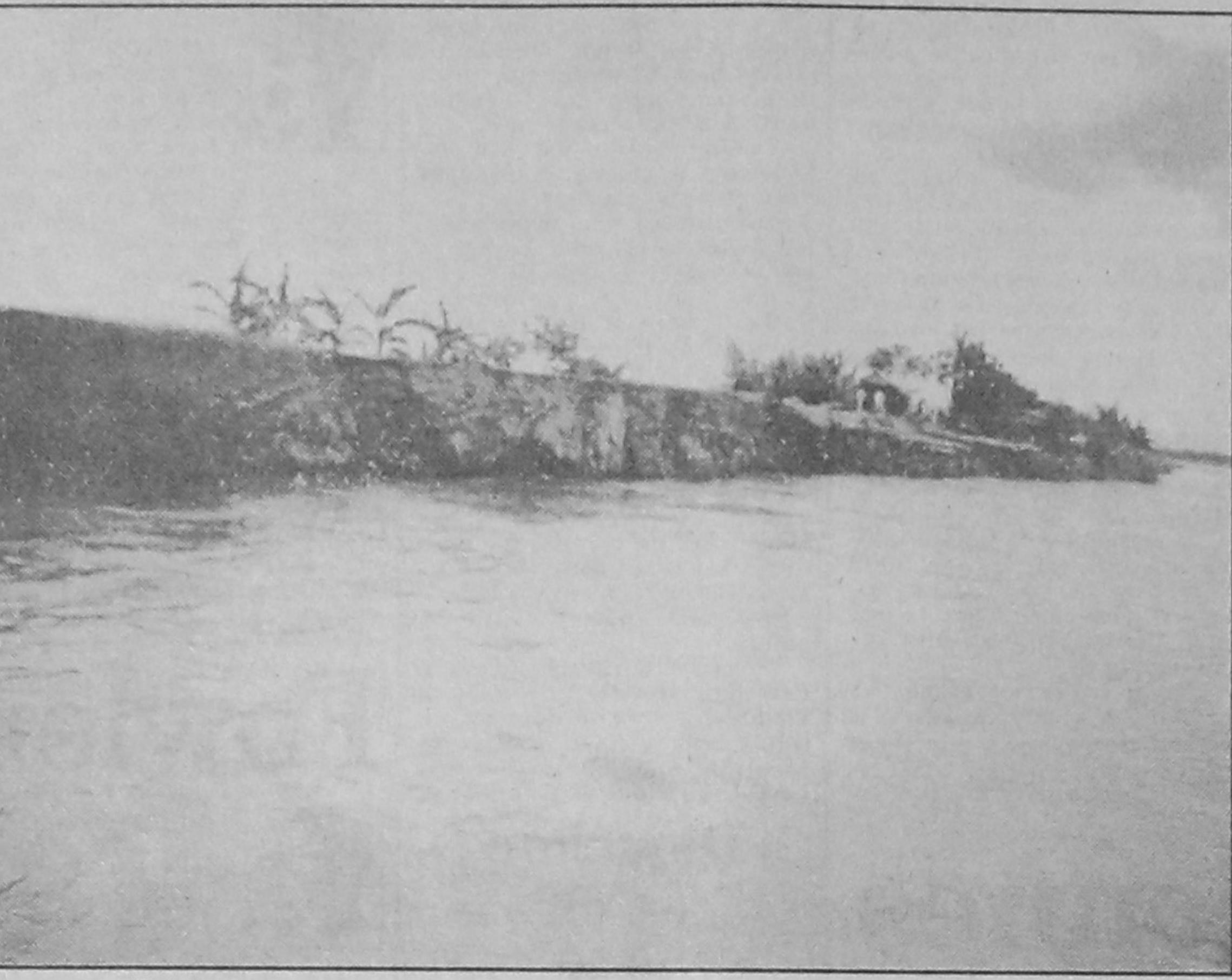
Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzaq visited the affected areas on July 31 and directed the concerned authorities to take initiative to check the erosion.

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Jamuna's toll: Erosion by the mighty River Jamuna in Shahjadpur upazila of Sirajganj district continues unabated. Photo shows the damaged Sonatoni embankment where many erosion affected people who took shelter during the last week have again become homeless anew due to fresh erosion. Now they have been living under the open sky.

areas. As there was none to look after the centres, the wooden doors, windows and CI sheets of the roofs were stolen within two to three years of construction.

The centres have now turned into safe havens of smugglers, drug addicts and terrorists.

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Security in  
Bangabandhu  
Bridge area  
tightened

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 6: Security has been tightened in and around the Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge area.

The measure has been taken up following recent recovery of several powerful bombs in Gopalganj, official sources said, hinting that saboteurs may attack the world's 11th longest bridge.

Additional forces have been deployed to patrol the area. Besides, close circuit cameras have been installed at the east toll plaza of the bridge. Passengers passing the bridge have also been fined.

**Three suspected  
dengue patients  
hospitalised  
in Feni**

From Our Correspondent

FENI, Aug 6: Three suspected dengue patients were admitted to Feni Sadar Hospital and a private clinic on Thursday.

The patients were identified as Nur Mohammed, 30, of village Narayanganj upazila. Daganbhuiyan, Mohammed Farique, 18, of village Rampur and Nela Begum, 22, of Barahapur in the town.

With the three the number of patients suspected to have been infected with dengue fever rose to five till Thursday.

Housewife  
slaughtered  
in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 6: A housewife was slaughtered at Charhoga village under Mehdiganj upazila Wednesday night.

Rina Begum, 23, mother of a child, was slaughtered near Sabir Debnath's pond in the village on her way to home from her father's house.

Police suspected husband of the woman Nasiruddin, 28, was behind the killing.

Five convicted  
in case filed  
under PSA

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 6: A court here on Thursday sentenced five people to 12 years' rigorous imprisonment each in a case filed under PSA.

The five were also fine Tk 50,000 each and in default to suffer two-year RI more.

According to prosecution, Rana, Rezaul, Manik, Anwar Hossain and Md. Mehdi Monwar looted Tk 12,000 from a bakery at Farazipara in the city on February 2, 2000.

After examining 16 prosecution witnesses the judge pronounced the verdict. Two were

Buried in  
courtyard

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 6: A man, who was killed in lightning, was buried in the courtyard of a house only to prevent skeleton thieves from stealing the body.

Family members buried Nur Islam, 14, in the courtyard at village Bazargopalpur under Sadar upazila in the district recently.

A rumour is circulating in rural areas that bodies of lightning victims possess magnetic power, which can heal a number of diseases.

At least ten skeletons were stolen from graves in the district in the last six months.

## News snaps

## Nasim addresses AL rally

BOGRA, Aug 6: Saying they won't make anymore mistake, Home Minister Mohammad Nasim on Thursday reaffirmed that those involved in the assassination attempt on Prime Minister Hasina would be tried in special tribunal, reports UNB.

"We don't want to repeat our mistake once again what was done during the trial of the killing of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman," he said, adding that the killers of Bangabandhu should have been tried under special tribunal. Nasim was addressing a rally in the Goshairhat High School premises in Dhunat upazila, organised by the local Awami League, on Thursday afternoon. Accusing the four-party opposition alliance of making the attempt on Sheikh Hasina, the Home Minister said, "They are conspiring to kill the Prime Minister out of envy for the success of her four-year rule."

## Condemnation

NARSINGDI, Aug 6: Pro-BNP lawyers here on Thursday condemned the Prime Minister's reported comments regarding judges and lawyers in a recent interview with BBC, reports UNB.

Jatiyatabadi Ajibji Forum also demanded that the Prime Minister must apologise and withdraw her reported comments. The forum at a meeting also expressed solidarity with the decision of Supreme Court Bar Association to sue the Prime Minister if she does not withdraw her reported comments about judges and lawyers. Chaired by its district unit president Advocate Mizanur Rahman, the meeting was also addressed by Shafiqul Islam Kamal, Rashiduzzaman, MA Awal and Khondakar Kamrul Hasan.

## Four injured by dacoit

THAKURGAON, Aug 6: Five robbers were committed in five separate houses on the same night at village Gilabari under Thakurgaon Sadar Upazila on Friday, reports BSS.

A gang of robbers consisting of 15 to 20 persons attacked the houses of Abdul Latif and Asgar Ali and four of their brothers. The dacoits broke open their houses, beat up the inmates and looted cash and valuables worth about Taka 1 lakh. Four persons received critical injury during the attack. They were admitted to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital. The injured persons are Habibur Rahman, 45, Nazimuddin, 45, Asgar Ali, 45, and Jaleda, 40, were wounded seriously. Separate cases were lodged with the Thakurgaon police in this connection.

## Progress of FP reviewed

JAMALPUR, Aug 6: A meeting of the Jamalpur District Family Planning Committee was held at the conference room of Deputy Commissioner here on Monday, reports BSS.

Deputy Commissioner of Jamalpur presided over the meeting. Rezaul Karim Hira, MP was also present in the meeting. The meeting reviewed the performances of Family Planning in during the month of June. It expressed disapproval about the progress of distribution of family planning devices.

## Publication ceremony

JAMALPUR, Aug 6: Publication ceremony of *Progroti Pathay* an UNICEF book let on children programmes in Bangladesh was held on Monday at Deputy Commissioner's conference room here, reports BSS.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Prime Minister's Commitment, Rezaul Karim Hira, MP, was present at the function as chief guest. Deputy Commissioner of Jamalpur, Abul Basher, presided over the function. A cross section of people attended the meeting. Chairman, Jamalpur Municipality Mirza S Alam Moni and Divisional Chief of UNICEF, Dhaka, Echun Ma were also present. Speakers highlighted matters considering Child Development and Protection. They also spoke about the access of children to Health and Nutrition, Water and Sanitation. With a profile of Bangladesh, *Progroti Pathay* contained descriptions, analysis and achievement of UNICEF programme in Bangladesh up to October 1999.

## Stabbed body recovered

FENI, Aug 6: Body of an unidentified woman aged about 22 with stabbing marks was recovered from in front of Sultan Mahmud municipal market on Thursday, reports UNB.

The woman was wearing salwar, kamiz and burqa. Police who picked up the body said it bore stabbing marks on the abdomen and evidence of rape. Witnesses and police suspected that the victim belonged to a middle class family in some remote area. The criminals left the body in front of the market at dead of night. Police registered a case of unnatural death.

## Workshop

HABIGANJ, Aug 6: A three-day workshop on child rights concluded here on Sunday, reports UNB.

Earlier on July 28, Divisional Commissioner M Abu Hafiz inaugurated the workshop organised by the district administration in collaboration with UNICEF. Senior officials, UNOs, leaders of women organisations, lawyers and journalists attended the workshop.

## Body recovered

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 6: Police recovered the body of a young man from a room of a hotel in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

Police said the young man registered his name in the hotel situated near the sea beach as Razu Ahmed, son of Sajib Ahmed of Dhaka on Wednesday. The reason behind the murder could be ascertained immediately. The body was sent to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy and a case was filed with the police.

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