

Mymensingh DIARY

Two muggers arrested

From Our Correspondent MYMENSINGH, Aug 7: Police arrested two muggers from Swadeshi Bazar area in the town recently.

Timber seized

Timber worth over Taka 2.5 lakh was recovered from Narangi area in Bhaluka upazila recently.

Discussion

Mahila Parishad of Mymensingh unit held on discussion to mark Anti-drug Day here recently.

Presided over by Advocate Rokeya Begum, president of local unit of Mahila Parishad, the discussion was addressed, among others, by Bazul Hasan, Deputy Director of Drug Control Directorate.

Three suspected dengue patients hospitalised

GOPALGANJ, Aug 7: Three suspected dengue patients were admitted to private clinics here on Saturday.

Pests may affect T-Aman farming in Rajshahi

From Abdul Wadood

RAJSHAHI, Aug 7: In spite of lack of sufficient rainfall during the current monsoon, cultivation of transplanted Aman paddy is going on in full swing.

been transplanted on about 60,000 hectares of land recently. About 90 per cent land of the total target can be cultivated by the first week of August, AED sources said.

office recorded 144 mm rainfall in May, 348 mm rainfall in June and 347 mm rainfall in July. On the other hand, the rainfall records fall to 198 mm in May, 244 mm in June and 109 mm in the first 27 days in July.

Road accidents kill two

By Staff Correspondent

Two people were killed in separate road accidents in Gopalganj and Bagerhat districts on Saturday.

Our Gopalganj correspondent says: A man was killed and 30 others were injured in a road accident on Gopalganj-Takerhat road at Tantulia Bus Stand.

UNB from Bagerhat says: A schoolboy was crushed under the wheels of a bus when the conductor kicked him out of the bus on Khulna-Bagerhat highway Saturday morning.

alteration over bus fare. Mujahid died instantly as he fell down under the wheels.

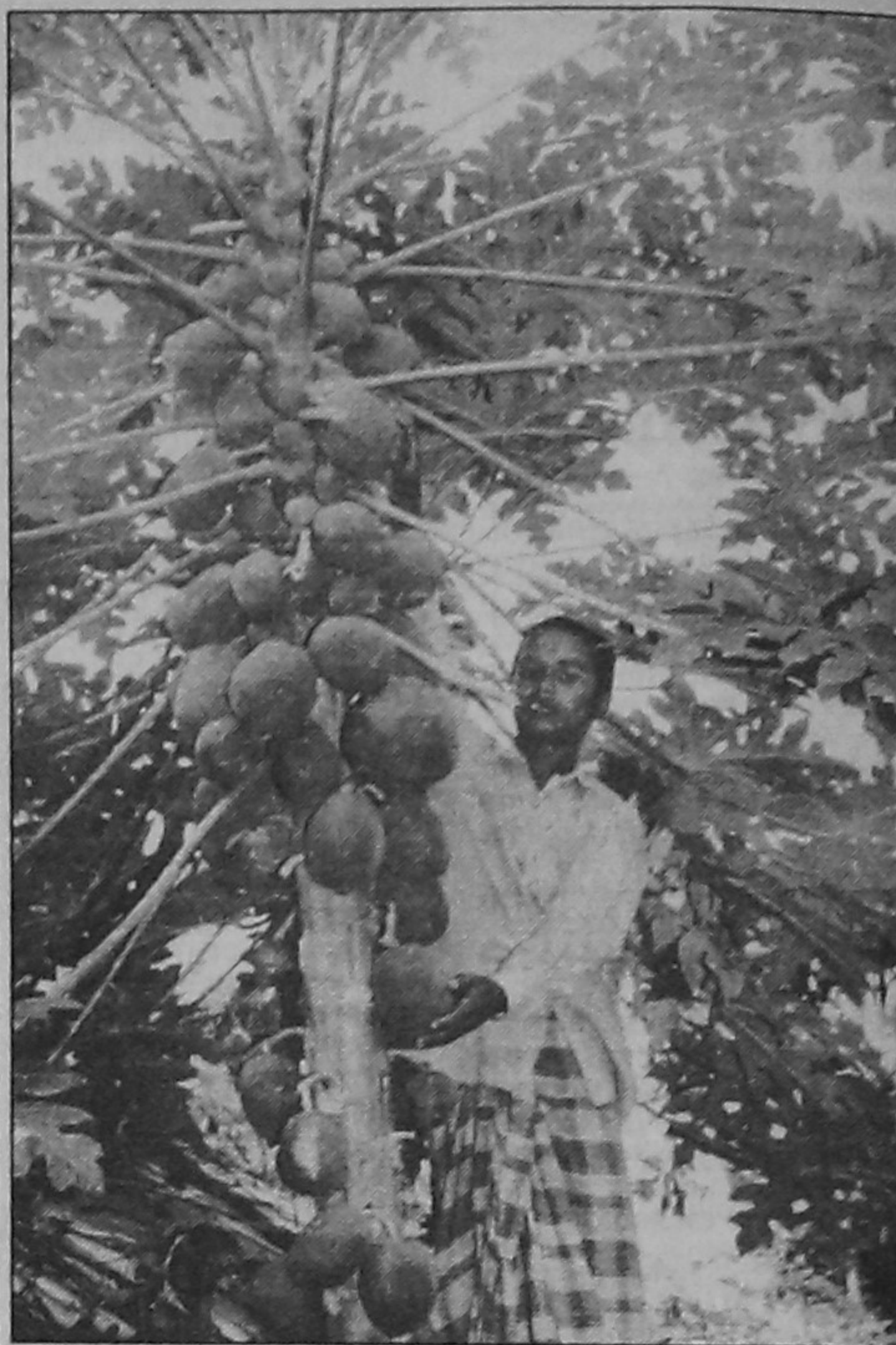
While police tried to control the situation, a clash ensued between police and locals, leaving seven people injured.

The seriously injured identified as Abdul Manman Khan, 45, Asad, 15, Sanwar Hossain, 20, Mansur Dewan, 70 and Lalmia, 25 were admitted to local hospital.

News snaps

Papaya farming gains popularity in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent



Salim, a student of Class X who has planted a newly evolved hybrid papaya. He is bearing his educational expenses by selling it. The photograph was taken from Beltia under Jamalpur Sadar upazila.

JAMALPUR, Aug 7: The cultivation of papaya has been gaining popularity here in the recent year. A large number of farmers have been cultivating papaya for the last two years with much enthusiasm considering its economic aspects.

Alleged mugger arrested

BARISAL, Aug 7: Police arrested a mugger along with arms and ammunition from C&B road in the town on Friday, reports UNB.

Indefinite strike

BAGERHAT, Aug 7: Workers of Bagerhat Municipality began an indefinite strike from Thursday suspending all utility services, reports UNB.

President of Municipality Workers' Union M Shahjahan Ali said the strike has been called for realising their six-point demand, including payment of their arrears.

Blacksmiths in misery

SHARIATPUR, Aug 7: Blacksmith community here has been passing their days in great economic hardship due to price-hike of inputs and lack of marketing facilities of their products, reports UNB.

Many of the 6000 blacksmiths left their profession to earn bread and butter. Chitta Ranjan Karmakar, a blacksmith in Buirhat bazar told that with price spiral of the inputs, the production cost could not be realised by selling the products.

Cattle lifters arrested

PATUAKHALI, Aug 7: Police arrested six members of a cattle-lifter ring on Wednesday and Thursday from Barisal and Patuakhali districts, reports UNB.

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

পানির অপচয় রোধে কাজ শেষে কলের মুখ বন্ধ করুন

Tenders are hereby invited from bonafide manufacturers/bonafide importers of bleaching powder in Form No-2 of Dhaka WASA for supply of bleaching powder for Dhaka WASA.

Schedule of tender will be available till 20/8/2000 in the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA.

Address: "WASA Bhaban" 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka. Zahidul Arif Executive Engineer Procurement Division Dhaka WASA

Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited

Head Office Brahmanbaria

Tender Notice for Appointment of Contractor for Supply of Workers

Scaled tenders are invited from interested contractors in their respective letterhead pads for appointing contractors to supply skilled/unskilled workers on daily basis on nos 1,2,3,4, and 5 locations of Titas Gas Field and the office of this company at Paikpara, Court Road in Brahmanbaria.

Tenders can be deposited in tender box kept at the offices of no 1 location of the company at Paikpara, Court Road in Brahmanbaria and office at 97, Purana Paltan, Bijoynagar, Dhaka on 21-8-2000 till 11-00 AM and tenders will be opened the same day at 11-15 AM before the tenderers present.

PRS-9/21 (Admn)/2000 DFP 18894-2/8 Deputy General Manager (Administration)

Drug addicts rise in Shariatpur

SHARIATPUR, Aug 7: The number of drug addicts has increased alarmingly, threatening peace in the town and also in the rural area of the district, reports BSS.

The addicts use rectified spirit, phensidyl syrup and homemade liquor. Sources said contraband Indian phensidyl syrup and rectified spirit and homemade liquor are sold in various areas of the district town and rural bazaars.

It is alleged that such unlawful activities are done openly without any action by the law enforcing personnel. There are over 100 homeopathy shops where rectified spirit is sold.

A few days back, six people in Naria upazila died after taking rectified spirit. Narcotics Control Department sources said there is only one authorised dealer of liquor in the town, but a large number of illegal

RU teachers condemn recent terrorist activities

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Aug 7: Some 150 teachers of the university brought out a procession on the campus condemning recent terrorist activities.

The teachers belonging to 'progressive group', backed by the ruling Awami League and left leaning parties, participated in the procession.

The procession, which started from in front of Shabsh Bangladesh, a monument, paraded the main thoroughfares of the campus.

The condemned the attempt on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and killing of journalist Shamsur Rahman.

One lakh marooned in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent SIRAJGANJ, Aug 7: Two breaches have been developed on Sunday morning at two points of the Brahmaputra embankment due to intense pressure of current of the River Jamuna.

The breaches occurred at a point situated at Meghal under Kazipur upazila and at another point at Shilma under the Sadar upazila, according to Water Development Board (WDB) sources.

However, temporarily the situation has been brought under control by dumping cement concrete blocks and sand bags by the WDB authorities.

Panic has gripped among the people apprehending greater disaster due to total collapse of the embankment.

WDB sources informed that the River Jamuna swelled further and crossed the danger mark. The river has been flowing 29 centimetres above the danger mark as on Sunday evening.

A vast tract of land and many houses of five upazilas namely Kazipur, Sirajganj Sadar, Gelkuchi, Chowhall and Shahjaldpur inundated about one lakh people have been marooned and two lakh people have been affected due to worsening flood situation.

Many affected people took shelter on WDB embankment and safer high places. Executive Engineer of WDB told The Daily Star that they had been trying their best to save the embankment from further damage.

Law and order under review at Satoria

A discussion meeting was organised recently by Satoria upazila unit of BNP at Satoria in Manikganj district, says a press release.

The meeting dwelt on the prevailing situation of the country. Presided over by the upazila BNP president Advocate Mokshedur Rahman, the meeting was conducted by Abdur Quddus Khan Mojlis Makhani, secretary and addressed, among others, by Dr Khalilur Rahman as chief Prof and former chairman, Department of Biochemistry, University of Dhaka; Advocate Jamilur Rahman Khan, joint convener, Manikganj district BNP and Shaful Abul Bashar, a businessman; Abul Bashar Sarker, vice-president, Satoria BNP; Abdus Sobhan, organising secretary of upazila BNP.

Fund crisis in cultural academy

From Jahangir Alam



Tribals performing Kamlapara dance.

NETRAKONA, Aug 7: Birishiri is a small rural centre near Durgapur upazila headquarters. It is the centre of cultural, religious and educational activities of tribal Garos and Hajongs.

Research Officer of Birishiri Tribal Cultural Academy Sreejon Sangma told this correspondent that this academy stands on three acres of land. The main centre is a two storied big L-shaped building. There is a separate auditorium near the main building. The auditorium has all modern facilities with 1000 seats for audience.

The ground floor of the main building is used as office. There is a separate rehearsal room. All four walls of the rehearsal room are covered with mirror so that artists can see their images in the glass.

There is another spacious room for keeping old tribal artifacts. A huge collection of old cultural attributes are scattered all around. Sreejon Sangma told this correspondent that the

crisis is hampering the activities of the academy.

The academy runs a three year long course on tribal cultural activities namely traditional dance, songs, lyrical drama and folk festivals. Twenty students can get admitted in every session.

There is one music teacher and one dance teacher who run all the courses. The students who can show excellence in the training course may get scope of being appointed as the staff artist of the academy. A staff artist gets only a poor honorarium. Moreover, staff shortage hampers the academy's activities to a great extent.

Similarly, one post of engineer is vacant. The academy authorities have been requesting repeatedly to the government to establish a museum. But the government is not responding to it.

The academy's transportation facility is poor. At least four Motorbikes and one Jeep are badly needed to run and monitor various programmes. But there are only three motorbikes, one of which is always lying out of order.

However, Birishiri Cultural Academy is yet to be established as a full-fledged academy. It needs much more attention from the government.