

Good time for boat-makers

From Anwar Ali

NATURE, Aug 22: The carpenters here are busy making boats of various sizes and designs.

Boat making business is profitable, particularly during the current season when most parts of Shingra, Gurudashpur, Baragram and sadar thanas go under water.

Boat is the major and easy means of communication in the inaccessible areas here. Here people purchase boats according to their financial capacities. Hundreds of boats are sold at various hats and bazaars dur-

ing monsoon.

There are some carpenters who are specialised in making boats. There are about 125 carpenters' shops in various upazilas here. Madhusudan Paul, a 50-year-old carpenter in Shingra told this correspond-

"We have been earning our bread by making and repairing boats. Monsoon is the peak season of our business. Rest of the year, we have hardly any work to do. So, we have to save something for that period," said Tarini.

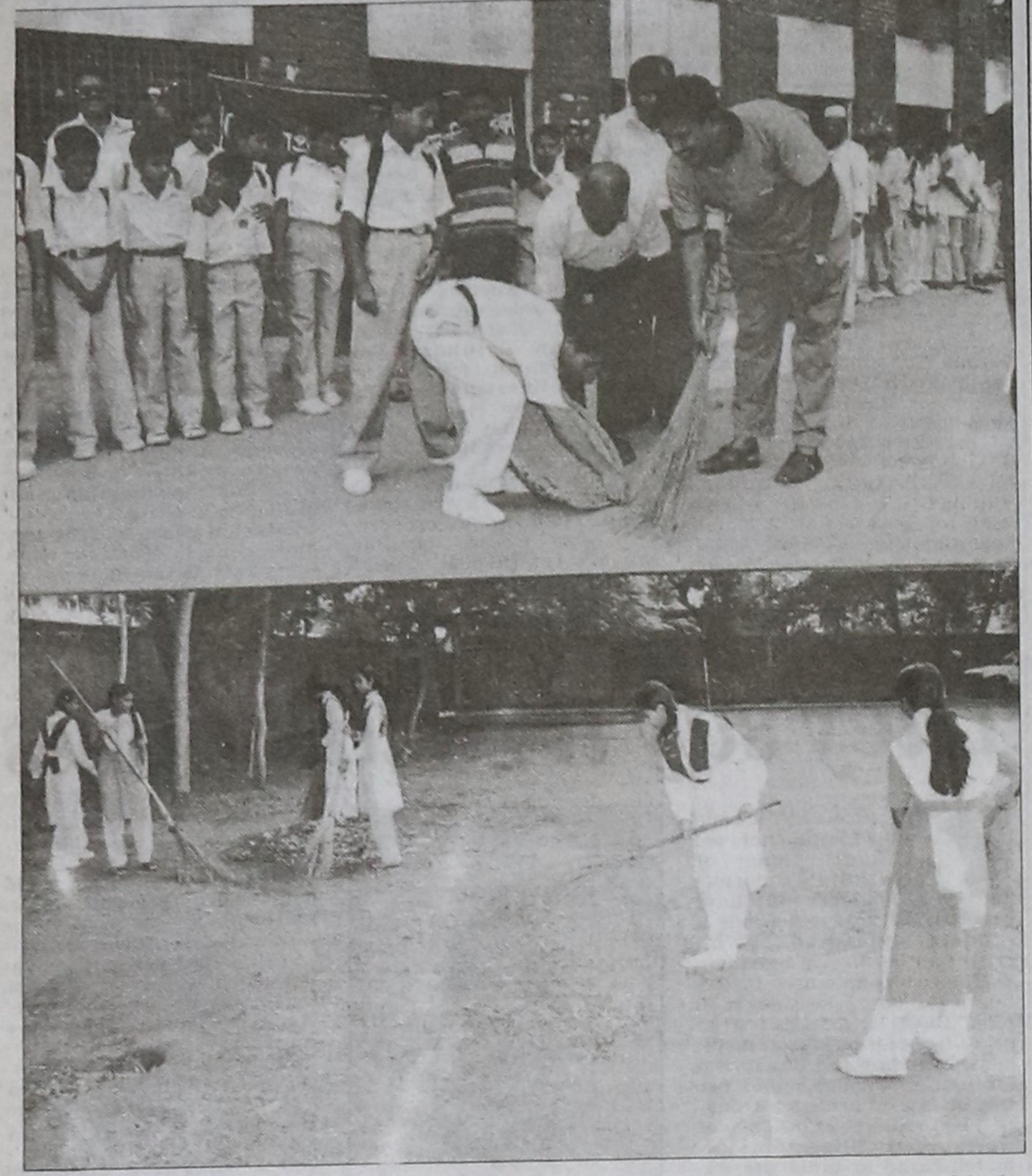
The profit from this business is gradually decreasing due

village is Gurudashpur upazila, is one of the boat-makers. His forefathers had been making boats to eke out a living. He is also determined to hold on to his ancestral profession of making and repairing boats despite a number of hurdles.

"On an average, five to six carpenters can make a boat within a week.

The cost of each boat ranges between Taka 3,000 to 12,000, according to its shape and size. Making charges range between Taka 1,200 to 3,500.

Tarini Mistry of Rashidpur



Students of Collegiate School (above) and PN Girls' School (Below) in Rajshahi city conduct cleanliness drive in the premises of their schools to eradicate aedes mosquitoes which are spreading dengue fever. The dengue panic has gripped the city like other places in the country.

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Bhulua mugged!

From Akhteruzzaman Bablu



This shot was taken from Ranirhat village of Tarash Upazila in Sirajganj district. Lakhs of tons of paddy are produced in Chalan Beel area near this village of Behula Sundari. Photo shows a canal which is known as Behula Canal. This canal is supposed to be re-excavated every year with a view to increasing paddy output. According to local people, every year government allocates 40 lakhs of taka, but the entire amount is being embezzled by dishonest persons regularly who are supposed to do the work. Legendary figure Behula Sundari used to travel by boat through this canal during her glorious period.

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Lakkhendor inside the bridal chamber. Later on Lakkhendor's body was set for an unknown destination through a raft.

Afterwards Behula Sundari came back to her parent's house. In her father's village she used to move here and there by a big boat through a canal which flows beside Ranirhat village.

Though it is a place of historical importance, yet it remains neglected for long. Only one well of Behula's house exists now. A multi-national high school has been established here. The legendary big boat by which she used to move from here and there is now under the earth. A number of visitors come here to have a glimpse of Behula's house.

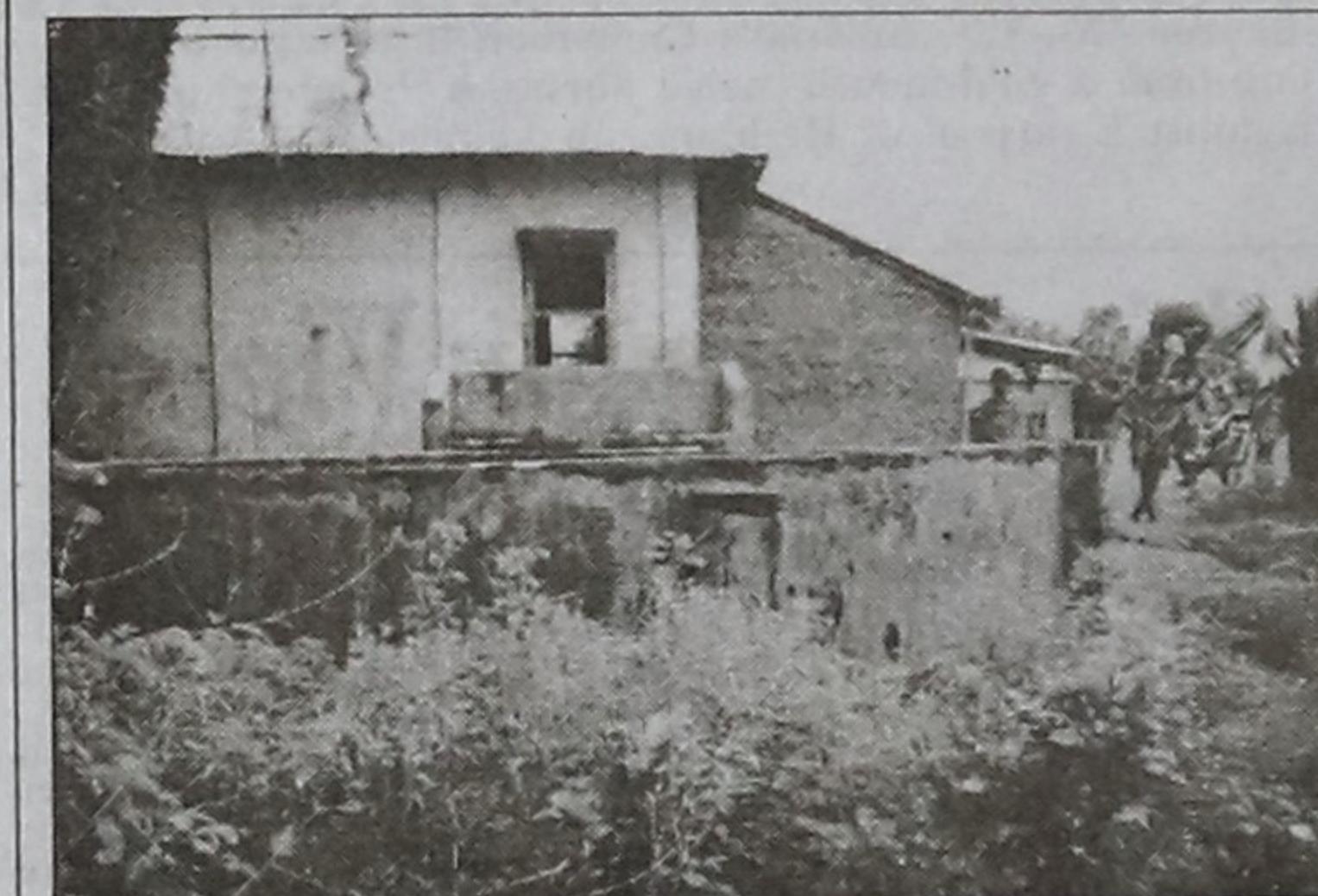
Here is a legend that a fair was held under the initiative of Lakkhendor at village Bostul near Binsara. Behula went to the fair to buy some of her favourite things. Lakkhendor happened to meet her in the fair and was charmed to see her unparalleled beauty. There developed an intimacy between them gradually. Lakkhendor came back to his house at Bogra and engaged match-maker to marry her. Behula Sundari agreed to Lakkhendor's proposal and their marriage ceremony was solemnised in a befitting manner. After the marriage Lakkhendor took his newly married wife Behula to his Moshastangar residence where he created a bridal chamber. There a poisonous snake bit

the draft list was published recently.

In the previous voter list, the number of voters was 8,91,766. So, the number increased by 1,81,816 voters.

Upazila-wise break-up of the list is: 2,40,761 voters in Sadar upazila, 42,025 in Char Bhadrasan upazila, 1,25,123 in Sadarpur upazila, 1,54,213 in Bhanga upazila, 2,5,453 in Nagarkanda upazila, 17,445 in Madhukali upazila, 62,549 in Alafandaga upazila and 1,35,151 in Boalnari upazila.

Meanwhile, no development work has been done so far to preserve the golden memory of Behula Sundari. The authorities concerned are urged to take note of it make arrangements to develop and turn the place into a forward place.



Binsara Multilateral High School is situated inside the premises of Behula Sundari's house, where exists only a well of her period. People from far flung area throng here to see this house regularly. But no initiative is taken by the authorities concerned to preserve this historic site.

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Efforts on to improve women's lot

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 22: Minister for Local Government Zillur Rahman recently said the present government as part of its commitment to the nation

had implemented scores of welfare oriented programmes over the last four years for the development of women in all spheres of national life, reports BSS.

The present government strongly believes in women's empowerment and development since they hold a very significant stake in the national life," he said adding, the present government considering their importance in the country's development has done a lot for their socio-economic improvement.

The minister was inaugurating a Sewing and Embroidery Training Centre at Bhairab here recently. Jatiya Mahila Sangstha is conducting this training centre under its Urban Women Development Project. Sangstha's Chairperson Ivy Rahman chaired the function.

Zillur Rahman referred to the women's 50 per cent stake in the country's total population and said country's desired progress with poverty alleviation and economic emancipation would depend largely upon the women's development in Bangladesh.

"If we want our national integrity as well as prosperity, we must see that our women are in better position side by side with their male counterparts. We told a gathering organised in this connection.

With this end in view, he said, the present government has kept special provisions for the women in all tiers of the local government so that they can be directly elected and take part in the mainstream of national development efforts to expedite the national progress.

News snaps

Press conference

SUNAMGANJ, Aug 22: Local Awami League leadership on Monday blamed rival terrorists for opening fire on Muhibur Rahman Manik, MP, in presence of policemen, reports UNB.

District administration and police were also responsible for the heinous attempt on the life of the ruling party lawmaker, said the leaders of Chhatak Upazila and District Awami League at a press conference held here. General Secretary of Chhatak Upazila Awami League Farooque Ahmed read out the written statement at the press conference. They alleged that Magistrate Tariqul Islam and SI Ataur Rahman along with some cops were present during the shootout. Adv Nurul Islam Chowdhury, Ayub Bakht Jagul, Amir Hossain Reza and Adv Nantu Roy were among others present.

Muhibur Rahman Manik and a number of his supporters were injured when a gang of terrorists opened shots at Chhatak on August 16.

UP member gunned down

NOAKHALI, Aug 22: A UP member was gunned down by unknown assailants at his house in Sadar thana early Saturday, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Abdul Mannan Bachchu, 42, member of Joypur union parishad and local leader of Awami League. Police said the gunman stormed his house at about 3:30 am and sprayed him with bullets. He died on the spot. He is believed to have been killed by extortions.

Truck owners' threat

CHITTAGONG, Aug 22: Truck Owners Coordination Council in greater Chittagong district has threatened to enforce an indefinite strike if the government fails to reduce fuel price by Sept 1, reports UNB.

Secretary of the council Zahur Ahmed announced the programme at a news conference here Monday. He said some 25,000 trucks of 17 associations under the council would stay off the roads if they go on strike.

Separate incidents kill 3

SATKHIRA, Aug 22: Three people were killed in separate incidents here on Friday, reports UNB.

Police identified the victims as Jobeda, Anamul, 62, and Ujjal, 7. Police said Jobeda, daughter of Kala Chand of Dakkhin Sripur in Kaliganj upazila, was beaten to death allegedly by her stepmother after a quarrel. Anamul of Kushula village in Kashiganj Upazila died of snakebite in his house. He was asleep when the snake bit him. Ujjal, son of Endadul of Taipala village in Sadar upazila, was killed in a traffic mishap on Satkhira-Kulna road. Separate cases were filed.

Couple arrested

NATORE, Aug 22: Police arrested a couple with 70 bottles of Indian Phenisidyl from a house in the town on Sunday, reports UNB.

Being tipped off by locals, police raided the house of Uttam Kumar at Lalbazar and nabbed him and his wife Rina Shing along with the drug. A case was filed.

99 roads constructed

PROJPUR, Aug 22: Local Government Engineering Department constructed 99 roads and connecting roads during the last fiscal, costing Tk 1.82 crore, reports UNB.

Of the roads, eight were constructed in Kaokhali upazila while 22 in Nesarabad, nine in Nazirpur, seven in Bhandaria, 22 in Mathbaria and 11 in Sadar upazilas.

Property gutted

NOAKHALI, Aug 22: Property worth about Tk five lakh were damaged in a fire at a market in Daorhat area of the town on Saturday night, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the fire originated from a short circuit and raged through the market, burning down seven shops. Firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the flame.

Valuables looted

NOAKHALI, Aug 22: Armed pirates swooped on five fishing trawlers in the river Meghna and looted valuables worth about Tk 10 lakh early Sunday, reports UNB.

Fishermen said the robbers, came in another trawler, attacked them when they anchored their trawlers at Charbaya in Sadar upazila at about 5 am. They beat up the fishermen and took away their fish, nets and other equipment. Twelve fishermen were injured in the attack.

Girl dies from snake bite

THAKURGAON, Aug 22: A little girl died by snake bite in village Lohabari of Thakurgaon Sadar Upazila on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Shifat, 7, daughter of Aminur Rahman Nilu of village Lohabari under Ranipur Union Parishad was beaten by a venomous snake on her bed. Her father took her to the Sadar hospital next morning where the attending doctor declared her dead.

EPZ construction in progress

BAGERHAT, Aug 22: Construction work on the country's third Export Processing Zone (EPZ) at Mongla is progressing fast, reports UNB.

The Export Processing Zone is being constructed on 460 acres of land at Jhauan and Buriganga mousas on the bank of the River Mongla. In its first phase, construction work on 160 industrial plots on 140 acres of land is progressing at cost of Tk 61 crore, project director of MEEPZ AZM Azizur Rahman told. The project components include construction of ideal factory buildings, medical centre, office building, fire service station, bridges, security barrack and dormitories for the employees. Works on 62 plots, security barrack and a number of roads and bridges have already been completed, he added. On completion, about 40 mills and factories would be set up at the zone with an investment of Tk 190 crore. Besides, some 22,000 people would get job opportunity.

Modern auditorium at Sherpur

SHERPUR, Aug 22: An 800-seat modern auditorium will be built in the district town at cost of Tk 2 crore, reports UNB.

The construction of the auditorium, near Sherpur-Dhaka feeder road, will be started soon after receiving the government approval. The auditorium will have modern amenities, including balcony, a big dressing room, rehearsal room, echo-proof sound system and two VIP rest rooms. It will have a wooden performing stage with necessary electrification and provision of generator. Soil test of the auditorium has been completed and a tender will be floated on receipt of the government approval, according to official sources.

Crimes rise

TANGAIL, Aug 22: A total of one thousand and forty-eight criminal cases were recorded in 13 thanas here in the first half of the year, according to police sources, reports BSS.

Of the cases, 37 were murder case, 42 kidnapping, 124 smuggling, 129 women and children oppression and the rest were of different types of crimes, police and district administration added. Non-government sources said the number of criminal activities would be much more than that. Local people said deterioration of law and order is the reason of such situation.

Mother, daughter drown

RANGAMATI, Aug 22: A mother and her little daughter drowned on Saturday when a boat capsized in Kaptai Lake at Earingchhiora in Langadu upazila, some 85 kilometer from here, reports BSS.

The victims were identified as Olura Begum, 25, and her daughter Rima Akhter, 5, police sources said. Langadu thana police sent the bodies to Rangamati Sadar Hospital for autopsy. The boat capsized due to over-load was bound for Mainimukhbaria from Earingchhiora in Langadu upazila of the district, police quoted the survivors as saying. A case of unnatural death was lodged with Langadu thana police in this connection.

Two little girls drown

BANDARBAN, Aug 22: Two little girls drowned into a ditch on Saturday last in Moangchhari village of Saikam Union under Alirkanda upazila, reports BSS.

Police sources said, Kohinoor Akhter, 10, daughter of Abul Kalam and Hiramoni, 6, daughter of Sahabuddin drowned while they were collecting water-lily from a ditch. They were rushed to the hospital where doctors declared them dead.

ঢাকা ওয়াসা টেক্সার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পানি ব্যবহারে মিটবারী হইন

এতদৰা "এলুমিনিয়াম সালফেট"-এর প্রক্রত প্রস্তুত কাৰক/আমদানিকাৰকদেৱ নিকট হইতে ঢাকা ওয়াসাৰ ফৰম নং-২ এৰ অধীনে নিম্ববৰ্ণিত কাৰেজে জন্য টেক্সাৰ আহসান কৰা যাইতেছে।

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