

National

Power failure Production suspended for 16 hrs at NGFF

From Staff Correspondent
SYLHET, Aug 27: Production of Urea Fertilisers in the Natural Gas Fertilizer Factory, (NGFF), a concern of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) at Fenchuganj remained suspended for 16 hours due to power failure caused by a technical fault in the steam turbine of the power house. It had caused a production loss of 480 metric tonnes of fertilizers worth Taka 30 lakh, sources said.

The trouble erupted at about 12 noon Friday, repaired with the help of Power Development Board (PDB) officials. The power supply was resumed at 4 am on Saturday. It also caused suspension of water supply in the whole factory area.

Heroin seized in Feni

From Our Correspondent
FENI, Aug 27: Police seized 200grams heroin worth Tk 10 lakh and 250 grams hemp at Beroli Bazar under Sadar upazila on Wednesday.

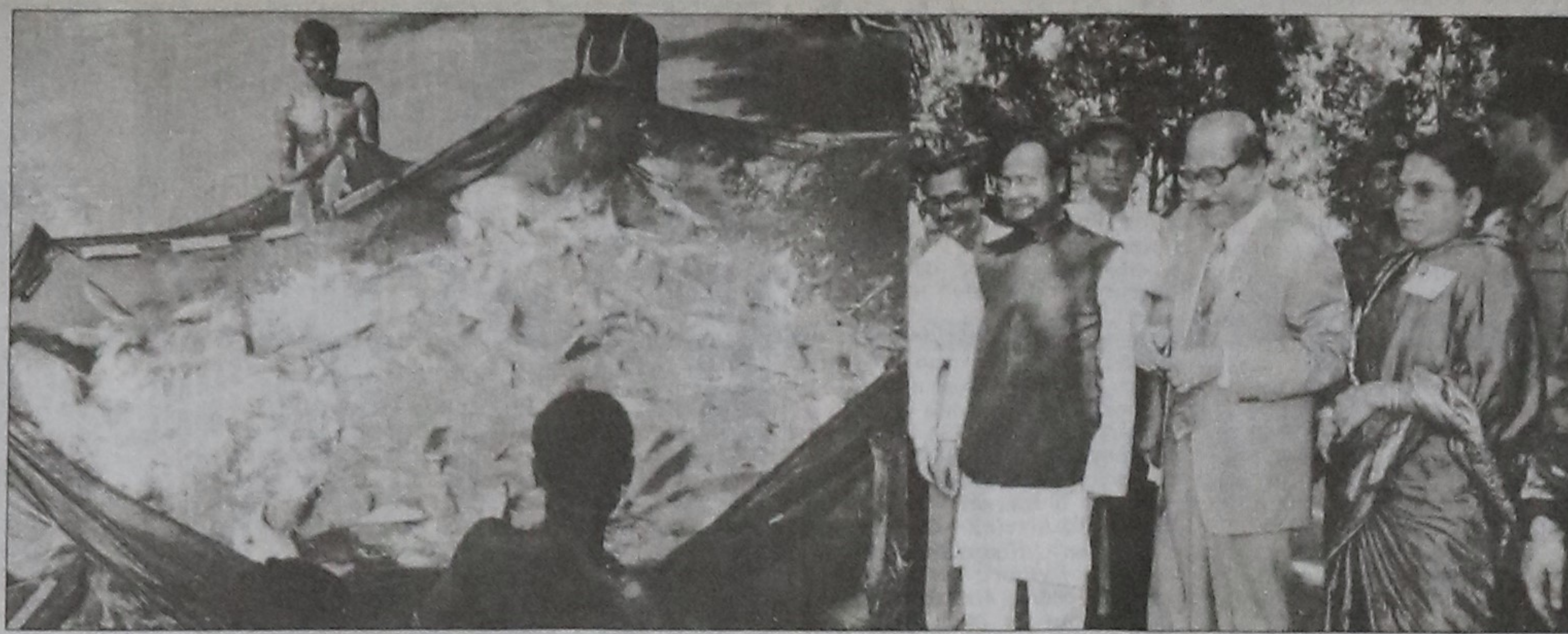
Acting on a tip-off police raided the bazaar and recovered the contraband from the shop of Faiz Ahmed. Faiz was arrested.

A case was lodged in this connection.

Youth slaughtered in Mymensingh

From Our Correspondent
MYMENSINGH, Aug 27: A young man was slaughtered at village Angarghara in Bhaluka upazila on Tuesday night.

According to police, a gang of hoodlums entered a house and slaughtered Majnu Mia, 20, son of Solaiman, at about 9 pm. Police visited the spot the following day. The body was sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) for autopsy. A case was filed.



President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on Saturday inspects pisciculture section of Nurture Women's Co-operative Society and Rawshan Multi-purpose Farm at Chowddagram in Comilla. — PID photo

Criminals rule Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, Aug 27: Criminal activities are on the rise here deteriorating law and order situation, reports UNB.

Police sources said some 25 people were murdered, over 500 people injured, eight robberies and 35 burglaries committed here till middle of the current month this year.

Besides, four rioting, 20 woman repression, two extortion and seven smuggling cases were among 657 cases filed in various police stations.

A rickshawpuller Milan, 35, was murdered on January 3 while three people Khurshed Alam, Asmat Ali and Muteleb received bullet wounds on the same day.

On January 6, Education Officer of Shibpur upazila Kafiluddin Afrad, 40, was killed at Baraitala.

Hason Ali, 40, of Digholdi village was killed in a clash over land dispute on February 2 and 40 people were injured in a clash centering Madhabdi Degree College Students' Union election on February 5.

Nurunnahar, 22, of Dakshin Shilamanda village and Rima, 7, of Doshova village were strangled to death on February 22.

On February 28, M Abul Kashem was killed and 30 others were injured in a collision between a launch and an engine-driven boat.

An unidentified man was killed in a road accident on Bogratpur road on March 19 and A Baten Morol, 50, was killed in a road mishap on Dhaka-Sylhet highway on May 2.

On March 22, rickshawpuller Dulal, 24, and Ruma, 12, were killed in an accident on Dhaka-Sylhet highway and five people, including a woman, were killed and 40 people were injured on the same highway in traffic mishaps on March 23.

On March 24, three people were murdered in separate incidents in Sadar and Shibpur upazilas.

Birandra Ghosh, 70, and Muhammad Ali, 49, were killed and 10 people were injured in a road mishap on Dhaka-Sylhet highway on April 15.

A police constable Nazrul Islam was killed and hundreds were injured in a mob-police clash on April 11 while a man was killed in a road accident on the same day.

On April 21, Ruma Raul Sutradhar, 25, was killed and 30 were injured in an accident on Dhaka-Sylhet road.

Rabiul, 17, was killed at Kocher char village in Monohardi upazila on April 29.

At least 31 people drowned in the River Meghna on May 1 and Monir Hossain, 32, a businessman, were killed in Monohardi upazila on May 2.

On May 18, Jhuma was killed and 35 others were injured in an accident on Dhaka-Sylhet highway.

Jinnat Ali, 70, in Raipura upazila and Chandan Saha, 30, in Sadar upazila were killed on May 20 and 24 respectively.

Marija Begum was killed on May 27 while Jhantu Miah, 30, on June 6 by terrorists and 13 people were killed and 20 were injured by boat capsizing on June 8.

In another road accident, two people were killed and 20 injured on Dhaka-Sylhet road on July 7 and Yunus Ali, 40, a teacher, was murdered on July 11.

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Woman held, two pistols recovered at Natore village

From Our Correspondent
NATORE, Aug 27: A woman was arrested and two firearms were recovered from her possession at Ramgaichhi village in Sadar upazila recently.

The woman was identified as Ayesha Begum, 45, wife of Abdul Khaleque of the village.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of Abdul Khaleque and caught Ayesha red handed while she was fleeing with two pistols.

Police also recovered apparatus meant for making pistols from the house.

Smuggled goods flood Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent
JAMALPUR, Aug 27: Smuggled Indian goods have flooded markets here.

A section of dishonest traders in connivance with smugglers are doing brisk business under the very nose of the members of law enforcing agencies.

According to competent sources, the smugglers are active in the district town and Islampur upazila.

The contraband includes saree, lungi, sugar, salt, bicycle parts, razor, blade, cosmetics and phensidyl syrup.

At least 80 smugglers are active in Islampur area. There are several underground rooms in the area where smuggled goods are stockpiled, reliable sources said.

A section of cloth merchants are engaged in smuggling Indian cloths. Besides, a good number of women are also selling the smuggled Indian goods from door to door.

The smugglers have a wide network and they have links with influential people, said a police officer on condition of anonymity.

Procession to create awareness about dengue

From Our Correspondent
FARIDPUR, Aug 27: A colourful procession organised by Boy Scouts and Girls' Guide of different schools in the town was brought out to create awareness about dengue fever among people.

The procession, which paraded main thoroughfares in the district headquarters, was led by Md Atiqul Islam Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner and President of the district Boy Scouts and Girls' Guide. Besides, teachers of the schools also joined the procession.

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News snaps

Poor price of jute

NATRAKONA, Aug 27: Newly harvested jute appeared in the markets failed to bring smile on the faces of growers as the cash crop is being sold at rate below production cost, reports UNB. Jute is being sold at Tk 250 to 300 per maund while the minimum production cost of same quantity of jute is Tk 350. At present only the jute traders are in the market as the government is yet to open purchasing centres of BJMC and BJC here. Taking advantage of the situation, the middlemen are purchasing jute from the growers at a throwaway price. Farmers demanded of the government to fix the rate of jute at Tk 500 per maund.

Uplift works completed

JHALAKATI, Aug 27: On some 54 development projects under rural infrastructure maintenance programme have been completed here recently, reports UNB. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has implemented the projects at a cost of Tk 1.44 crore, officials said. The projects included construction of 93 bridges and culverts and repair of 13 roads in sadar, Kuthalia and Rajapur upazilas.

76 suffer acid-burn injuries

KHULNA, Aug 27: A total of 76 people suffered acid-burn injuries in Khulna Division in the first six months of this year, reports UNB.

Police sources said most of these victims have been facing difficulties in getting treatment due to absence of burn units in most of the hospitals in the region. The culprits involved in the acid throwing cases remained at large. Police said the victims are mainly women. Love affair, family feud and personal rivalry are the main reasons behind the acid throwing.

Liquor bottles recovered

COMILLA, Aug 27: Police recovered 146 bottles of liquor from the bank of a canal near Ramchandrapur bazaar in Muradnagar upazila on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said the bottles — 104 containing beer and 42 alcohol — were found in an abandoned condition. Earlier, they seized four kgs of natural cannabis from a bus-stand at Companiganj upazila. Another report adds: Local people caught an alleged thief Alamgir Hossain from housing estate area here Tuesday and handed over him to the police.

Threat to another newsman

JESSORE, Aug 27: Close on the heels of the murder of journalist Shamsur Rahman, another newsmen's life has come under threat here on Friday, reports UNB.

Local bureau chief of the Daily Ittefaq Farazi Ajmal Hossain was sent shrouds on Friday night along with an unsigned letter, which threatened his life. Later, an anonymous caller phoned Farazi to reaffirm their threat to kill him. Ittefaq office sources said a polythene bag containing the shrouds and the letter addressed to Farazi was kept outside the door of the 2nd floor office of the daily at MK Road sometime between 8:30 pm and 8:35 pm. The letter in Bangla said: 'Ajmal, you have written many things against us. Now get ready for death, our arms are ready.' Farazi informed the matter to police and filed a GD. He was later sent to his Abhoyanagar residence with police escort. Local journalists also accompanied him to his house.

Extension work progressing

BOGRA, Aug 27: The extension work of the Diabetic Hospital has been progressing fast at a cost of over Tk 3 crore at the bank of the Korota river, reports UNB.

This is one of the seven projects that were approved by ECNEC and the Health Ministry has been implementing the project. The three storied extension building is being constructed near the present Diabetic Hospital at Nabab Bari road. After completion of the project, the total number of bed will be raised to 54 and the patients will get better treatment facilities, official sources said. According to the master plan of the Health Ministry, doctors of the hospital will also be provided with residential facilities gradually. Work on the project is expected to be completed by December next.

Dev schemes implemented

PABNA, Aug 27: Roads and Highways (R&H) Department implemented various development schemes here during the fiscal 1999-2000 at a cost of Tk 7.32 crore, reports UNB.

The schemes included earth filling, carpeting of roads retaining wall and servicing, expansion of embankment and construction of bailey bridges. Meanwhile, R&H Department has undertaken a plan to construct and renovate some important roads, costing Tk 12.15 lakh, in the current fiscal year.



A gathering of clients of Pubali Bank Ltd was held at Madaripur circuit house recently. Photo shows Farhad Rahman, deputy commissioner of Madaripur, addressing the gathering. — Star photo

Man strangles wife

JHENIDAH, Aug 27: A man allegedly strangled his wife to death at village Hatfaziupur in Shailakupa upazila for non-payment of dowry, police said today, reports UNB.

Family sources said the victim Jhumur Begum, 22, mother of a child, was being tortured since long by her husband Wazed for realisation of dowry money. On the fateful night of August 10 Wazed asked Jhumur to bring the money from her poor father and on her refusal he throttled her to death, they added. The greedy husband went into hiding after the incident. A case was filed with the police.

Rivals kill man

NARSINGDI, Aug 27: A man was killed and 15 others were injured when attacked by rival group at village Anantarampur in Sadar upazila on Friday, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Nurul Islam. Police said Awal Khandakar and his men attacked Nurul and his men at 10 pm during a village arbitration over a land dispute at Awal's house, leaving Nurul injured seriously. He succumbed on way to hospital. The injured were admitted to the Sadar Hospital and different clinics. Villagers said Nurul Islam and Awal Khandakar of the same village had a dispute over a piece of land since long. On information police rushed to the spot and arrested Awal, Suruj Mia and two others in connection with the killing.

Man held with arms

NAOGAON, Aug 27: BDR jawans arrested one person with one pistol and four bullets recently at Agradium border in Dhamoirhat Upazila, reports BSS.

The BDR jawans on duty challenged the man while he was crossing the border and arrested him with the gun. Police identified him as Aslam Uddin, a student of Naogaon Government College. A case was registered with the Dhamoirhat Upazila.

Principal injured in accident

BARISAL, Aug 27: Principal of Madaripur Shaheed Smriti College Ganesh Halder was injured critically in an accident here on Saturday evening, reports BSS.

He was hit by a truck coming from opposite direction just in front of the first gate of Barisal BM College at about 7 pm while he was going to his relative's house by a rickshaw. Family sources said, Halder was immediately taken to Barisal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital in an unconscious condition. He was in the operation theatre at the hospital till filing of this report at 10 tonight.



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