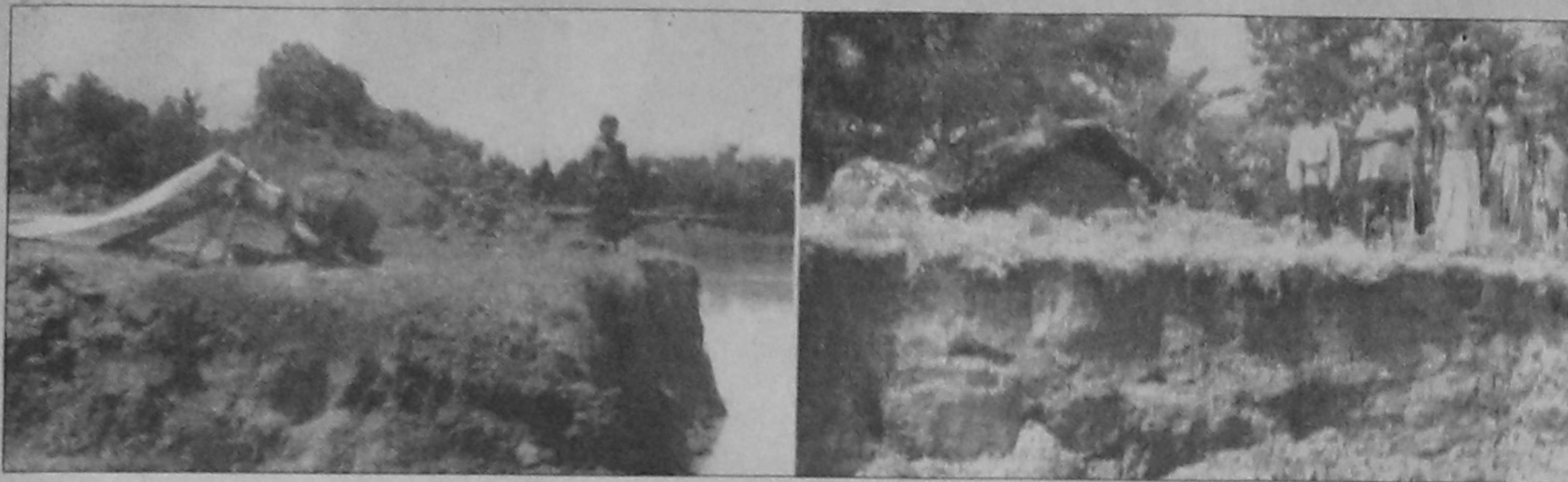


Erosion plays havoc again



Jhenidah people could not escape the onslaught of river erosion. Photo shows (left) the newly constructed protection dam at village Purlamadla in Saikuppa upazila is under threat while (right) the people of village Madla waiting for the time when the River Gorai would engulf their village.

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Erosion by the rivers Padma and Meghna has taken an alarming turn in Faridpur and Luximpur districts in recent days, reports UNB.

Erosion by the River Padma has taken an alarming turn in Faridpur district as parts of the newly constructed Town Protection Embankment went into its gorge in last two weeks.

Some 300 metres of the embankment constructed barely four months ago, costing Tk 2 crore, have been devoured by the turbulent river, displacing about 5,000 families in three upazilas.

The upazilas are Sadar, Charbhadrashan and Sadarpur. The homeless people are now passing their days in miseries for lack of emergency assistance they require.

A senior official at the district administration said this year erosion in the three upazilas by the mighty Padma and the River Arial Khan reappeared in rather more disastrous way than ever before.

The rivers have so far rendered some 19,000 people in the upazila homeless, he said.

Meanwhile, 60 mts of rice and Tk 9,900 have been distributed among the erosion-affected people, but the assistance was said to be too inadequate to meet their requirement.

When contracted Deputy Commissioner of the district said he has already urged the higher authorities for sending more relief materials, including cash for reconstruction of the damaged houses and special VGF cards for 4,250 families.

Another report says: Over 2,000 families of Char Alexander union in Ramgati upazila lost their homesteads into the mighty river Meghna in last 15 days and leading a subhuman life.

A safe haven for smugglers

NATORE, Sept 20: There has been an alarming upswing of smuggling even though police claim that they have stepped up their drive against the bootleggers, reports UNB.

According to competent sources, Lalpur upazila has become a safe haven for trading Indian goods like sugar, salt and phenisidyl.

They said Indian goods are brought into the country in boats through the River Jamuna from Bohorampur and Chardarpur and some other places of India and supplied to different parts of Bangladesh in trucks through Isward.

A police official, who declined to be named, said smuggling marks a rise during monsoon when water level in the Padma rises.

He said smuggled goods are unloaded from boats in Ramkrishnapur, Kolonighat, Taltola, Halghat, Luximpurhat and Beelmaria areas even in broad daylight.

Each boat carries at least three bags of smuggled goods and each of the bags contains 45-50 kgs of sugar or salt.

Talking to the correspondent, locals accused

Bangladeshi border guards of turning a blind eye to the bootleggers as they get commission Tk one lakh for smuggling of sugar or salt worth about Tk 50 lakh.

In side the country, police in various check posts allegedly collect Tk 30 and Tk 15 for each bag of sugar and salt respectively, while Tk 4-5 per bottle of phenisidyl.

This year, according to the sources, this criminal business started here in July and has slowly gathered momentum with the swelling of the river.

Clash over smuggling between the bootleggers and police is also a common feature in the district.

On September 4, smugglers beat up a female DB official, damaged her car, and snatched a sugar-laden truck while she was escorting it to Rajshahi after seizing it in Lalpur upazila in an unofficial drive.

Earlier on July 20, she seized another truck with 300 bags of sugar from the same upazila and allegedly deposited only 220 bags with the Customs office, sparking criticism.

Meanwhile, a good number of educational institutions were closed down due to flooding. Besides, huge quantity of fishes of various ponds and water-bodies were washed away by flashflood.

Playing of ferries on Aricha-Nagarbari and Aricha-Doulatdia routes has been threatened as its pontoons at the ferry and launch ghats were swamped with floodwaters due to unusual rise of the rivers Padma and Jamuna.

Both the rivers are likely to rise further.

Electioneering in Chandpur gains momentum

CHANDPUR, Sept 20: As the municipal election is only one week away, electioneering in Chandpur Municipality has gained momentum with the candidates knocking the doors of voters, reports UNB.

Four candidates are contesting for the post of chairman while 26 women for three seals reserved for them and 74 candidates for commissioner posts from 15 wards of the municipality.

As per the 1995 voter list, some 45,635 voters are going to exercise their franchise in the election scheduled for Sept 25.

The balloting will be held in 21 centres, of which 16 are said to be vulnerable.

The candidates who have been in the race for the chairman post are incumbent chairman and Jubo League president Yusuf Gazi, district Jubo Dal president Shafiqur Rahman Bhuiyan, district Awami League joint general secretary Abu Nayem Dulal Patwari and Awami League supporter Ahsan Akhand.

Human traffickers active in S region

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, Sept 20: Human traffickers are now active in the southern region, causing concern among people.

According to police sources, the traffickers have established their network in Jhalakati, Barguna, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Bhola, Noakhali, Laximpur, Hatia and Sandwip. They are using Barisal town as one of the transit points.

It is alleged that teenage girls and women with their children of low-income group are being allure into trap in the name of job opportunities in neighbouring India. Later they are trafficked into other countries. Most of the women are forced to end up in prostitution.

Different sources said nearly one thousand young girls, women and children were missing in the southern districts in the last ten years. Many believe they are trafficked.

It is learnt that a teenage girl or a young woman is handed over to a broker in the border area at the rate of Tk 5,000 to Tk 10,000. Later they are taken to Calcutta and other cities in India. Many women are also sent to Gulf states with the help of international traffickers.

Children are sent to the Arabian states to be used as jockey of camel race. A jockey sells between Tk 50 thousand to Tk one lakh. Usually children, who are used as camel jockey, are lifted or kidnapped from various parts of the region.

According to an unofficial estimate, more than 20 thousand Bangladeshi girls are engaged in prostitution in Indian brothels.

A human rights organisation, Rights, recently conducted a survey on missing incidents in the region. The survey revealed that more than five hundred missing incidents were reported.

According to police and local sources, six teenagers missing recently have remained untraced.

Child mortality to be reduced

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 20: Identifying polio and diarrhoea as the main culprits for high child mortality rate in the country, the Health Minister said the government has taken up massive programmes for the development of child health, reports UNB.

"Eradication of polio and control of diarrhoea can help reduce the child mortality rate to a great extent," Health Minister Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim said inaugurating a national workshop on child health development here.

Although the present government has succeeded in its efforts to reduce the child mortality rate, it's still much higher compared to other countries of the world, the minister told the function.

Chaired by DG of Health Services Prof ABM Ahsanullah, the function was addressed, among others, by local MP Muhammad Ali, Health Secretary Sajed Alamgir Farouk Chowdhury, UNICEF representative Shahida Azfar, WHO representative Dr George Komba Kono, Director of Primary Health Care and Diarrhoea Control Abul Baki and Cox's Bazar Civil Surgeon Dr

ANM Abdul Hye.

Referring to the government's Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) programme, Selim said it has contributed a lot to reducing the country's child mortality rate.

Under this programme, he said, almost all doctors of the country's 64 districts have been imparted training while training to all health workers is expected to be completed by Nov 2000.

The Health Minister said in Bangladesh the under-five child mortality rate is 92 in 1000, infant mortality rate is 57 per thousand and maternal mortality rate is 300 per one lakh.

He said the government would observe the ensuing National Immunisation Week in a befitting manner with a view to eradicating polio from Bangladesh by 2000 although WHO says Bangladesh requires 2001 to reach the goal.

Sheikh Selim emphasised the need for providing education to school students on malnutrition blindness caused by Vitamin A' and iodine deficiencies, breastfeeding and measures on diarrhoea control under health education programme.

All civil surgeons of the country's 64 districts, divisional health directors, UNICEF and WHO representatives, including the concerned officials of polio and diarrhoea control programmes attended the workshop.

News snaps

Housewife killed

JESSORE, Sept 20: A young housewife of Borokhupur village in Chowghacha upazila was strangled to death allegedly by her husband for dowry Sunday, reports UNB.

Local people said Bellal Hossain who got married with Rahima Khatun, 18, one year ago used to torture her for dowry and eventually killed Rahima as she denied to bring dowry from her father. Neighbours said Bellal poured poison in the mouth of Rahima in his bid to prove that she had committed suicide. Police recovered the body and sent it to hospital for autopsy. Bellal was went into hiding. A case was filed with the police.

Man kills step mother

NAOGAON, Sept 20: A young man of Chakmukter area of the town allegedly killed his step mother over a family feud on Thursday, reports UNB.

Police and local people said Chanchol, 18, stabbed Shirina, 18, indiscriminately with sharp weapon, as he could not accept the second marriage of his father. Shirina died after being shifted to Naogaon General Hospital. Chanchol's father got married with Shirina a few days ago despite having his first wife (Chanchol's mother) alive. A case was filed.

Body recovered

GAZIPUR, Sept 20: The body of an 11-year-old schoolgirl has been recovered from a water body in Sreepur, reports UNB.

Residents and police suspect that the poor girl was raped, strangled to death and thrown into the water body. She was missing since September 11. Autopsy on the body was carried out in Gazipur sadar hospital. None was arrested in this connection till Friday. Another report says that a large quantity of harmful drugs was seized in a special drive in certain areas of the district from September 12 to 14. Police said the drive was carried out in Hajir Mazar of Tongi, Hahir Pukur of Boardbazar and Laximpura. Four thousand litres of Jawa (liquor contents), liquor, phenisidyl were recovered.

Forged documents unearthed

MANIKGANJ, Sept 20: Police unearthed forged documents from a house in Gholor upazila on Friday and arrested Ishaq Ali, who is allegedly involved in a countrywide ring of forgery, reports UNB.

On a secret information police raided the house and found pad, seal and other documents of a large number of banks, government offices and such other vital organisations. The group was engaged in forging forged deeds, certificates of school, college and university. Another report said that Hashem Khan of Chandpur village in Gholor upazila has been killed allegedly by a manpower agent. Singair police recovered the body of Hashem, a press worker. Family sources of the victim suspect that Hashem was killed on Thursday when he went to demand return of money given for sending abroad his son. An amount of Tk 50,000 was given to the manpower agent on assurance that his son would be sent abroad. The body was sent to hospital for autopsy.

Stolen motorbike recovered

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Sept 20: A stolen motorcycle was recovered from a pond at village Jalalabad under Kulaura upazila recently.

According to police of Kulaura police, AKM Shahjahan of the village was the owner of the motorbike. Police recovered the motorbike following confessional statement of Tajul alias Taj, who was earlier arrested in this connection.

Six smugglers held

KURIGRAM, Sept 20: Six smugglers were arrested and smuggled Indian salt worth about Tk 3.5 lakh was seized from their possession by BDR personnel on Friday, reports BSS.

According to Officer-in-Charge of Nageswari police station, a patrol team of BDR jawans of Narayanganj BOP under 24 Rifle Battalion, stopped two country-boats in the River Brahmaputra when the boats, loaded with 211 bags of smuggled Indian salt, were entering Bangladesh territory from India, near Kalar Char area. Six smugglers on board were arrested. The smuggled goods were deposited with the customs and the arrested persons were handed over to Nageswari police.

জাহানীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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