

Feni DIARY

Man murdered

From Our Correspondent
Feni, Sept 29: A man was murdered in Sonagazi upazila in the district last week.
Unidentified assailants stabbed Abdul Wahab, 38, to death at Char Laxmiganj village. The man died in hospital. The reason behind the murder could not be known. Four persons were arrested in this connection.

Obituary

Former Member of Parliament Rafiquzzaman Bhuiyan died of old age complication at his Dakshinapara residence here on September 16. He was 60.
Bhuiyan left behind wife, two sons and a host of relatives to mourn his death. Bhuiyan, who was also a former president of Feni Bar Association, was elected MP from BNP ticket in 1979. District BNP president Mosharraf Hossain MP, District BNP secretary Abu Taher, Feni Bar Association president Nurul Huda Chowdhury, Bar secretary Burhanuddin, among others, condoled the death of Bhuiyan.

Six smugglers arrested

Six drug smugglers were arrested at Muhuriganj here recently.
Police, acting on a tip-off, intercepted a microbus at Muhuriganj and recovered huge quantity of synthetic syrup and liquor. Police also arrested six people believed to be smugglers from the microbus. The arrested were sent to jail.

Robbery

A robbery was committed at a business establishment in BSCIC industrial area here recently.
Police said robbers stormed Hira Confectionery Factory at night and looted goods worth Tk 50,000 from the factory. Owner of the factory Anwar Hossain was present during the robbery.

Erosion threatens Chandpur Irrigation Project

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Sept 29: Erosion by the River Meghna has taken alarming turn, posing fresh threat to the existence of Tk 100-crore Chandpur Irrigation Project (CIP) at Haimchar upazila of the district.
According to Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), Chandpur office, about 12 kilometre-area stretching from Nilkamla to Taskerkhand has seriously been affected by erosion. Erosion in the area took serious turn in the last one week.

The situation aggravated due to heavy onrush of floodwater from up stream. The strong current along with gusty winds was hitting the embankment encircling the 64 mile-long irrigation project, the largest in the country.

The irrigation project, which was set up by Water Development Board, is now only four metres away from the river.

The present embankment for protecting the CIP is the 3rd alternative embankment. The original one was eroded in 1998. The present one was constructed last year at a cost of Tk 10 crore.
However, erosion this time not only threatens the CIP embankment but also the upazila headquarters of Haimchar.

About 60 per cent areas of the upazila were devoured during in the last few years. In 1988, the erosion by the Meghna devoured the 200-year-old Haimchar Bazaar, besides upazila complexes, government offices, hospitals, telephone offices and several educational institutions. As a result, a new upazila headquarters was established at Kalikhola.

A large number of erosion victims have taken

shelter in different parts of the town. About 200 homeless people have taken shelter on the CIP embankment. These people are passing very hard days.

Khandeker Helaluddin, Superintendent Engineer of CIP told this correspondent he has submitted a scheme of Tk 50 crore to the higher authorities to check the erosion in Haimchar. The scheme includes construction of five groynes in five vulnerable points between Taskerkand and Katakhal.

Local people said if the erosion continues unabated Tk 100 crore CIP embankment may be devoured at any time. At present, a large number of workers engaged by Bangladesh Water Development Board are trying to save the embankment by dumping concrete blocks in sensitive areas.

Md Golam Rabbani, Chairman of BWDB, Abu Taher Chowdhury, Chief Engineer Comilla zone BWDB and other high officials visited the erosion affected areas of Haimchar. The officials described the situation very grave.

Deputy Commissioner of Chandpur Md Rezaul Karim also visited the erosion-affected spots on Tuesday.

Rescue boats from Chandpur town have been sent to the spots. If the embankment is eroded the entire irrigation project within 220 square miles area will be inundated and properties worth about Tk 1000 crore will be damaged, affecting 10 lakh people.

CIP covers Chandpur Sadar, Faridganj and Haimchar upazilas of Chandpur district and Rajpur, Ramganj and Sadar upazilas of Laximpur district.



Workers dump concrete blocks at Taskerkandi in Chandpur to save the area from erosion by the Meghna. The erosion is threatening Chandpur Irrigation Project. -- Star photo

Nilsagar woos tourists

NILPHAMARI, Sept 29: Bangladesh is a land of beauty and often stereotyped as Sonar Bangla or Golden Bangla. But its many rich heritage sites still remain untapped.

In a few good developments, the government has undertaken various projects to develop the country's historic places, establishments and biologically rich heritages in an attempt to attract foreign tourists. Nilsagar, a large water body in the Gureganj union in Sadar upazila, 12 km northwest of the district town, is among such projects.

Massive development activities are now going on to develop the place, full of myths and legends.

Nilsagar, known as Binna Dhigi, has tourism and religious values to the people of greater Rangpur district as there are two religious sites: a Hindu shrine on its east end and the mazar of a Muslim saint on the west end.

Thousands of Hindu devotees, including women, form remote areas of the country come here to take part in the annual Barun Snan or dipping.

According to elderly people, the 55-acre pond was excavated by Birat Raja for ensuring pure drinking water supply in the area and named it Binna Dighi after the name of his daughter princess Binna.

As the saying goes, no disease and mesmerism attacks the cow the milk of which is poured into Nilsagar after its firstborn. Local people still believe in the saying and abide by it.

Recalling his childhood experience Subal Bhoumik, an elderly farmer of the area, said he had seen the local people poured cow milk in the large pond and it did not mix with the water! "It had moved to the middle of the pond and rounded there instead," he said.

Bamboo farming on wane

From Sk Md Shahidul Islam

BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 29: Villagers in all seven upazilas of the district are facing acute shortage of bamboo, one of the main materials for building houses in rural areas.

Rural people usually build their huts with locally available materials like bamboo, rope, hemp and mud. On the other hand, corrugated iron sheets and wood are needed for semi-concrete houses. Most of the villagers live in bamboo-straw made cottages.

However, during the last few years many farmers have been cutting down their bamboo and hemp clusters indiscriminately to bring more land under crop cultivation, creating acute scarcity of building materials in the district. One full-size bamboo is now being sold at between Tk 150 to 175 in the local markets.

Villagers said due to shortage of shan, leaves of hemp plants, they are now using the straw of

paddy plants for making sheds of houses, which is creating severe crisis of fodder. As cattle heads are suffering from fodder crisis, land cultivation is also being hampered.

Meanwhile, bamboo cultivation in the district has been on the wane due to growers' lack of knowledge in scientific farming. Besides, most of the growers think bamboo cultivation is not profitable nowadays.

Once clusters of bamboo and hemp plants were a common feature in the eastern part of the district. Muhammad Ali of Paharpur village said that over the years farmers had turned their lands of bamboo clusters into crop lands.

The authorities concerned should take immediate steps to impart training among the growers and help increase bamboo production, opined the elderly people in the district.

Betel leaf growers pass hard days

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 29: Betel leaf growers in the district have been facing manifold problems, including paucity of loan and lack of marketing facilities, besides natural recurrent calamity.

High prices of inputs such as straw, bamboo, oil cake, fertiliser and sticks, essentials for betel leaf production, are taking toll on the farming. Farmers are getting frustrated, as the crop is not fetching expected profit in these days.

Many growers in the district are now reluctant to cultivate betel leaf.

About 40 maunds of oil cake

are required for cultivation of one bigha land. Bamboo frame used for plantation of betel leaf are required to be changed frequently but high cost of bamboo, which sells at Tk 120 to Tk 150 per piece, has made it impossible to create the shed by bamboo frames.

Meanwhile, due to drastic fall in demand for betel leaf in domestic markets many of the growers have been contemplating to give up their ancestral profession.

The growers often they are forced to sell their products below production cost due to lack for demand.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Labour & Employment Section-3

No LE-3/E-5/93/196

Dt: 20.9.2000

Notice

Regarding extension of date of receiving application for admission to different courses at IIT

Notice was published in different national dailies stating 21.9.2000 as the last date of receiving application for admission to different courses at the Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT), Gazipur during 2000-2001 academic year. Now the last date of receiving application is extended up to 10.10.2000 under special consideration for convenience of submitting application with marksheets of students passing HSC examination in current year.

Other terms & conditions of the earlier publicised notice will remain unchanged. It is notified to contact the Training Section of the Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training at 89/2 Kakrail for detailed information in this regard.

DFP-23045-21/9
G-1695

Md Nazmul Huq
Senior Assistant Secretary

Notice

Mokam: 1st Narayanganj Sub-Judge Court

Money suit decree issue no-11-95

Adamjee Jute Mills Ltd Co

Adamjee Nagar, PS-Siddhirganj

District-Narayanganj ... decree-holder side

Versus

1. Abdul Gafar, Father-Abdul Aziz, Village-Mojar PO-Talsavar, PS and District-Brahmanbaria.
2. Md Ayeaz Uddin, Father-Hadauddin, Village-Adam Durgapur, PO-Fatepur, PS and District-Naogaon.

----- Debtors.

Decreed money for claim Taka -2,20,202/14
Interest: 8,124/- Taka
Total Taka-2,28,326/14.

As the decree-holder Adamjee Jute Mills Ltd dues Taka 2,20,202.14 and the said case has been brought against debtors side along with the interest during the case.

So, the judgement is being delayed for ignoring the issue of summon in spite of sending it through the court by registered mail.

So, you are being informed by this notice that if you have any objection against the claim of the decree-holder, you will have to submit that on 12/10/2000 at 10:00 AM by remaining present in the court. Otherwise, the unilateral hearing for the suit will be recorded.

By order

(Sheikh Mosharraf Hossain)

Serestader

1st Narayanganj Sub-Judge Court

Narayanganj

BJMC-573
DFP-23268-26/9
G-1692

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Prime Minister's Office Old Sangsad Bhaban Tejgaon, Dhaka

No 64.39.33.05.26.02.98/

Tender Notice

Tenders in prescribed schedule under sealed cover are invited from this office enlisted supplying firms and tyre importers & bona fide traders for purchasing 306 (three hundred six) made in Japan Dunlop/Bridgestone/Goodyear or Made in France/Brazil Prele brand tyre-tube for use in different types of vehicles of the Prime Minister's Transport Pool. Tender schedule consisting necessary terms & conditions can be purchased on cash payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only against acknowledgement receipt on all working days from 9-10-2000 to 12-10-2000 from the office of the undersigned. Tenders will be received in tender box kept at the main gate of Prime Minister's office upto 12:00 Noon of 15-10-2000 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12:30 minutes in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.

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G-1702

Director (Transport)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Health Directorate, Central Medical Store No 30, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani Tejgaon, Dhaka

Memo No. H/9-C&F Agent/97-98/Part-4/5703 Date: 21/9/00

Re-Tender Notice for Appointing C&F Agent

1. Tenders in sealed envelopes are invited from valid licence-holder trustful, reliable Bangladeshi C&F agents/establishments with 05 (five) years experience for appointing one/or more C&F agent for the year 2000-2001 for unloading all goods of Health Department imported from foreign countries and transport to specific place as per schedule through different ports of Bangladesh through Group "Kha" (Chittagong Sea Port, Sea Port, ICD Kamalapur).
2. Each set of tender containing terms and conditions, schedule can be procured on payment of Taka 750.00 (seven hundred and fifty) only by depositing in any scheduled bank and with the Pay Order in favour of the Director, Procurement, Stores and Supply, Central Medical Store, Tejgaon, Dhaka and by applying in the pads of respective company from Procurement Associate Desk, Central Medical Store, Tejgaon, till 10-10-2000 everyday during office hours.
3. Tenders will be received on 11-10-2000 till 11:00 AM in the sealed tender box kept at the office of the Director, Procurement Stores and Supply, Central Medical Store, Tejgaon, Dhaka and Health Directorate, Mohakhali and tender box will be opened the same day i.e. 11-10-2000 at 11:30 AM by the Tender Committee before tenderers or their nominated representatives (if anyone remains present).
4. The earnest money for an amount of Taka 1,00,000 (one lakh) only for 'Kha' Group in revenue head refundable in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of the Director, Procurement, Stores and Supply, Central Medical Store, Tejgaon, Dhaka and the said Pay Order/Bank Draft will have to be deposited with tender at the time of depositing tender.
5. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of submission of tender and no tender will be accepted after the date and time mentioned.
6. The authority reserves the power to accept, reject any tender without assigning any reason.

Brigadier M Shahjahan

Director, Procurement, Stores and Supply

Central Medical Store

Tejgaon, Dhaka.

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Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

(পানির অপচয় রোধে কাজ শেষে কলের মুখ বন্ধ করুন)

Tenders are invited from enlisted 1st, 2nd and 3rd class civil contractors of Dhaka WASA for repairing and maintenance work of Armanitola WASA staff quarters. The amount of estimated money for the work is 40,499/- taka. Tenders will be received on 16-10-2000 till 12:00 Noon and will be opened the same day at 2:00 PM before the tenderers or their representatives (if anyone remains present).

Schedule of tender will be available 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. Other details will be available in the office of the undersigned.

Address:

WASA Bhaban

98, Kazi Nazrul

Islam Avenue, Dhaka

WASA-PI-302/2000

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G-1694

Md Mir Kashem Mazumder

Executive Engineer

SM Division

Dhaka WASA



Dhaka Electric Supply Authority Re-Tender Notice

Reference No-DESA/EE/Grd(N)/2.05/2000/297 Dated: 05.9.2000

Sealed tenders in T-1 Forms are invited from Ka class enlisted contractors of DESA for a) urgent safety work to protect the tower due to removal of earth close to the area of tower No 33 of Bashundhara-Tongi 132 KV Transmission Line b) urgent safety work to protect the tower due to removal of earth close the area of Tower No 34 of Bashundhara-Tongi 132 KV Transmission Line c) urgent safety work to protect the tower for cutting earth close to the area of 1A, 4A and 6A, for the damage of base by the last devastating flood from the tapping point of Hasnabad-Mirpur 132 KV Double Circuit Line to Kallayanpur Grid Sub-Centre. Each set of tender document for the work can be purchased on payment of Taka 500/- (Tk five hundred) only (non-refundable) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of the Additional Director (Accounts), RAO, DESA till 10.10.2000 from a) Additional Divisional Commissioner (General), Dhaka Division, Dhaka b) Superintending Engineer, DESA, Dhaka and Grid Circle, DESA, Dhaka c) Secretary, DESA, Dhaka d) Executive Engineer, Grid Division (S), DESA and e) the office of the undersigned with the permission from the chief of the offices concerned. The tenders will be received on 11.10.2000 till 12:00 Noon in the offices of a) Additional Divisional Commissioner (General), Dhaka Division, Dhaka b) Superintending Engineer, DESA, Dhaka c) Secretary, DESA, Dhaka d) Executive Engineer, Grid Division (S), DESA and e) the office of the undersigned with the earnest money at the rate of 2.50% of the cost submitted in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of the Additional Director (Accounts), RAO, DESA and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM before the tenderers (if anyone remains present). a) For the tenders submitted 5% more/less than the estimated expenditure, rate analysis in support of each item must be submitted with tender. Otherwise tenders will be regarded as rejected b) Tenderers submitting less than from 5% to 10% of the estimated expenditure will have to deposit 2.50% of the earnest money of 5% of the estimated expenditure as the additional security money c) Tenderers submitting less than 10% of the estimated expenditure will have to deposit 2.50% of the specific earnest money 10% of the additional estimated rate with the security money. The authority reserves the power to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer

Grid Division (N)

DESA, Dhaka

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News snaps

Acute urea crisis

GOPALGANJ, Sept 29: A severe crisis of urea has broken out in the district, affecting transplanted Aman farming, reports UNB.

Market sources said urea is now selling at Tk 320-330 per maund. Farmers attributed the crisis to its illegal hoarding by a section of dishonest traders in an ill-motive to make windfall profits. BADC sources said the authorities were contemplating to raise the number of dealership in the district to tackle the problem.

Road mishap kills man

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Sept 29: A man was killed in a road accident at Trishmule in Tala upazila on Satkhira-Khulna road recently.

The victim was identified as Kafiluddin, 21, son of Ansar Ali of village Panchpara in Tala upazila. The man was killed when a truck knocked him down on the road. He was crossing the road.

Mina Day observed

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 29: 'Mina Day-2000' was observed here to create awareness among people about the rights girl children.

A two-day programme, under the auspices of UNICEF and district administration, concluded on September 25. The programme included colorful procession, exhibition, essay competition, painting competition, prize giving ceremony and discussion. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC-general) Ananta Kumar Chowdhury handed over the prizes among winners of the two-day programme. DPEO Abdul Kadir, District Children Affairs Officer Md Nasir Uddin, DIO Afraruz Rahman and UNICEF representative of Brahmanbaria unit Gausar Hussain were also present on the occasion. A cultural programme followed the prize giving ceremony.

Briefing session on ORT

From Our Correspondent

NETRAKONA, Sept 29: A briefing session on Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) was held in the conference room of deputy commissioner in the town recently.

UNICEF and district administration jointly organised the session for journalists of different national dailies and agencies with a view to popularising the use of oral saline to fight diarrhoea. Presided over by Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Kuddus Khan, the briefing session was addressed, among others, by Civil Surgeon Abdul Baset, Project Co-ordinator of UNICEF, Mymensingh region Hira Khanam and General Secretary of Netrakona Press Club Shamolendu Paul. A total of 55 district level newsmen attended the session.

Two murdered

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 29: Two people including a housewife were murdered in Shahajadpur upazila in the district on Sunday.

Body of Saiful Islam, 22, a handloom worker, was recovered from Pukurpara area. The body bore several marks of injuries. Police suspect the youth was beaten to death. A case was lodged with Shahajadpur police in this connection and four people were arrested. In separate incident, Romiza Khatun, 40, wife of Moynal Haq Master, was beaten to death at village Reshombari at about 7:30 in the evening. According to villagers, when Moynal came under the attack of fellow villager Mohammad Ali Bepari and his men at his house his wife came in her husband's rescue. The woman died after she received injuries from the attackers. A case was filed, but none was arrested.

Robbery

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 29: A gang of robbers numbering about 25 attacked passengers of five rickshaw vans at Shamsperur WAPADA intersection under Belkuchi upazila at about 11 pm on Sunday and looted goods and cash from the passengers.

The passengers were returning home in Belkuchi from Sirajganj town. At least 14 out of some 20 passengers received injuries when they tried to resist the robbers, who were equipped with sharp weapons.

Citizens' meeting

From Our Correspondent

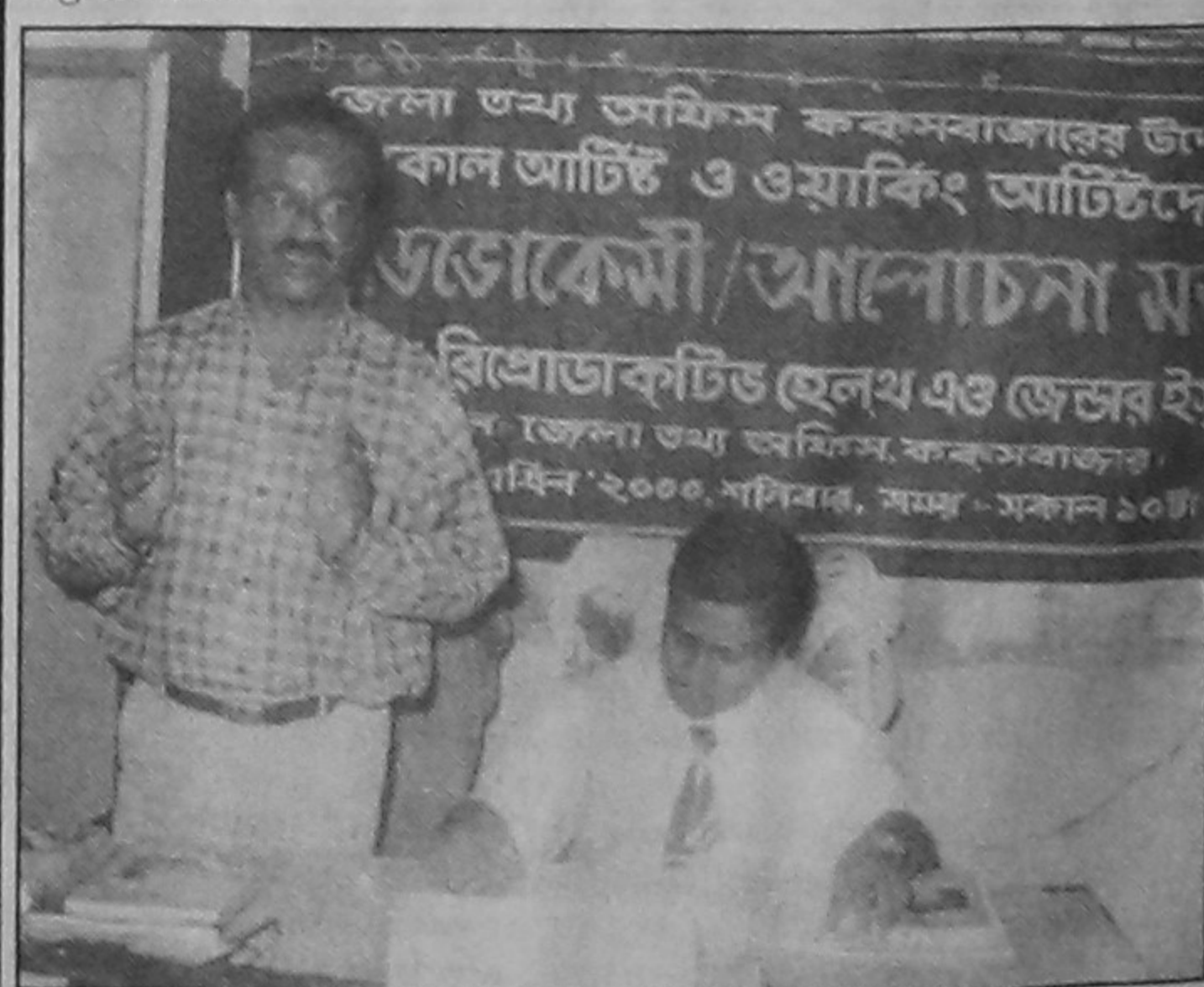
MOULVIBAZAR, Sept 29: Citizens' meeting was held at municipal auditorium here recently.

Presided over by Principal Quares Khan, the meeting was attended by former Member of Parliament Mahbubur Rob Sadi. In the meeting, a 11-member committee of Gonatantra Anushilan Kendra (Democracy Practice Centre) of Moulvibazar district unit was formed. Principal Quares Khan was made convener and Soumitra Dev Titu member-secretary. Other members of the committee are

Training course

COMILLA, Sept 29: A five-day training course for the executives of the DFID project of Care Bangladesh completed at Bangladesh Rural Development Academy (BARD) here recently, reports UNB.

Twenty executives took part in the course that had begun on Sept 17. BARD Director (Admin) Rezaul Karim presided over the concluding function.



Nazrul Islam, district information officer, Cox's Bazar, speaking in an advocacy meeting on reproductive health and gender issues, organised by the district information office recently. --Star photo