

# 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 Raffiquzzaman Bhuiyan died of old age complication at his Daktarpura 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 Mosharrif 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 phenisidyl 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, Sep 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 kilometer-area stretching from Nilkamal to Taskerkhanda has seriously been affected by erosion. Erosion in the area took serious turn in the last one week.

The situation aggravated due to heavy outflow of floodwater from upstream. 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 Kalikholia.

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.

Khandekar 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 Taskerkhanda and Katakhali.

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 upazillas of Chandpur district and Raipur, Ramganj and Sadar upazillas of Laximpur district.



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

-- Star photo

# Nilsagar woos tourists

He attributed it to the supernatural feat of a Shab temple that once located in the middle of the pond.

The Nilsagar, Bangla for blue sea, has roads around it for the movement of the visitors. The wreckage of a cowshed of the Birat Raja is still visible alongside it.

The government in a bid to bring the large pond under fish farming had examined its bed by divers in 1980. The divers found it 8-10 feet deep and suitable for fish farming. In 1979, the then SDO, MA Jobbar, re-excavated the pond.

But the government plan for fish farming was said to be very difficult because of its huge mud in it.

However, the government continued its activities to develop it as a tourist resort. Meanwhile, construction works on a gate, benches for the visitors on the bank of the Nilsagar and roads around it have been completed under the supervision of Local Government Engineering Department.

Besides, Land Ministry planted saplings around the tank after erecting barbed-wire fence at a cost of Tk 1.0 crore this fiscal. Construction of a restroom for the visitors and a resthouse for the tourists are also progressing well.

Another attraction of the Nilsagar is the throng of guest birds in the winter.

Driven by severe cold spell, thousands of guest birds from Siberia and the Polar region come here in the winter. So, the government has declared the Nilsagar as the sanctuary of birds.

-- UNB Feature

## 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 dealerships 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 Tirishmire in Tala upazila on Satkhira-Khulna road recently.

The victim was identified as Kafisuddin, 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 of 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. DPO Abdul Kadir, District Children Affairs Officer Md Nasir Uddin, DIO Afrasuz Rahman and UNICEF representative of Brahmanbaria unit Gausur 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 Shahjadpur upazila in the district on Sunday.

Body of Saiful Islam, 22, a handloom worker, was recovered from Pukurpar area. The body bore several marks of injuries. Police suspect the youth was beaten to death. A case was lodged with Shahjadpur police in this connection and four people were arrested. In separate incident, Romiza Khatum, 40, wife of Moyan Haq Master, was beaten to death at village Reshombari at about 7:30 in the evening. According to villagers, when Moyan 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 Shamserpur WAPADA intersection under Belkuchi upazila at about 11pm 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 Gonontara Anushilan Kendra (Democracy Practice Centre) of Moulvibazar district unit was formed. Principal Quares Khan was made convenor 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.

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## Executive Engineer

Grid Division (N)

DESA, Dhaka

DFP-23231-25/9

G-1694

## Brigadier M Shahjahan

Director, Procurement, Stores and Supply

Central Medical Store

Tejgaon, Dhaka.

DFP-23252-25/9

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## Notice

Mokam: 1st Narayanganj Sub-Judge Court

Money suit decree issue no-11-95

Adamjee Jute Mills Ltd Co

Adamjeeganj, PS-Siddhiganj

District-Narayanganj ... decree-holder side

Versus

1. Abdul Gafar, Father-Abdul Aziz, Village-Moirai PO-Talsavar, PS and District-Brahmanbaria.

2. Md Ayez 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 Mosharrif Hossain)

BJMC-573

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Serestader

1 st Narayanganj Sub-Judge Court

Narayanganj