

# Criminals have taken refuge in Sundarbans

BAGERHAT, Nov 6: As a countrywide massive combing operation has been going on since October 22, a good number of notorious criminals in southern regions have taken shelter in the Sundarbans, reports UNB.

The listed criminals under an arrangement made by about 20 gang leaders have taken shelter in the Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest, as it has turned out to be a safe haven for them.

Though police arrested a number of criminals during their combing operation in last few days, they could not yet put any listed terrorists behind the bars.

Police sources said they had prepared a list of 116 diehard criminals and 24 of them were arrested before launching the combing operation. But locals said the number of hardcore criminals would be much higher than the list prepared by the police.

An inhabitant of Sonatala village in Svarankhola upazila, adjoining to the Sundarbans, said the movement of unknown youths has increased in the Sundarbans after the start of the combing operation.

He said the criminals were entering the Sundarbans through Chandpai Range, Dublar Char and Hironpoint by trawlers.

The villager, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the criminals threatened many locals when they wanted to know about their identities.

Meanwhile, police, in their special drive, arrested 3,121 people on various charges from different parts of Comilla district during the last month.

Police said of them, 2,169 people were warrantee and the rest 952 were held on other charges.

Police seized two revolvers, two LG, four guns, one pipe gun, three other firearms, 3,024 crackers and 35 rounds of bullet during the drive.

Besides, police seized smuggled goods with about Tk 51 lakh from different parts of the district.

The seized contrabands included 338 bottles of Indian phensidyl, 279 bottles of liquor, 1.65 kg of hemp, 10,900 kg of Indian sugar, two grams of heroin and clothes.

Separate cases were filed. Police during their combing operation from Oct 22 and 29 arrested

136 people from different parts of Feni district.

Of them, 103 were wanted criminals, nine accused in regular cases, one absconding convict, four listed terrorists and 19 were held under Section 54.

During the drive, police seized one pipe gun, 23 cocktails and a wireless set. Some 300 police, including 100 from Chittagong, took part in the operation.

However, opposition BNP accused the police administration of harassing its leaders and workers in the name of combing operation.

District BNP President Mosharraf Hossain MP alleged that police were raiding the houses of BNP leaders and workers one after another while the ruling party armed cadres who are wanted in a number of murder and other criminal cases were moving around freely.

Playing down the allegations, Police Super Monwar Hossain said their operations were being conducted impartially and it would continue until the arrest of the last terrorist.

Police could not yet arrest any listed criminals from Naogaon district although they detained 422 people during their combing operation dubbed as "operation tiger."

Although police claimed that most of the arrested were absconding accused, locals alleged that they are putting some innocent people behind the bars in the name of combing operation.

When contacted senior police officials said they would intensify the operation to arrest the diehard criminals.

A police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they could not yet arrest some of the infamous terrorists as they were enjoying the blessings of a section of political leaders.

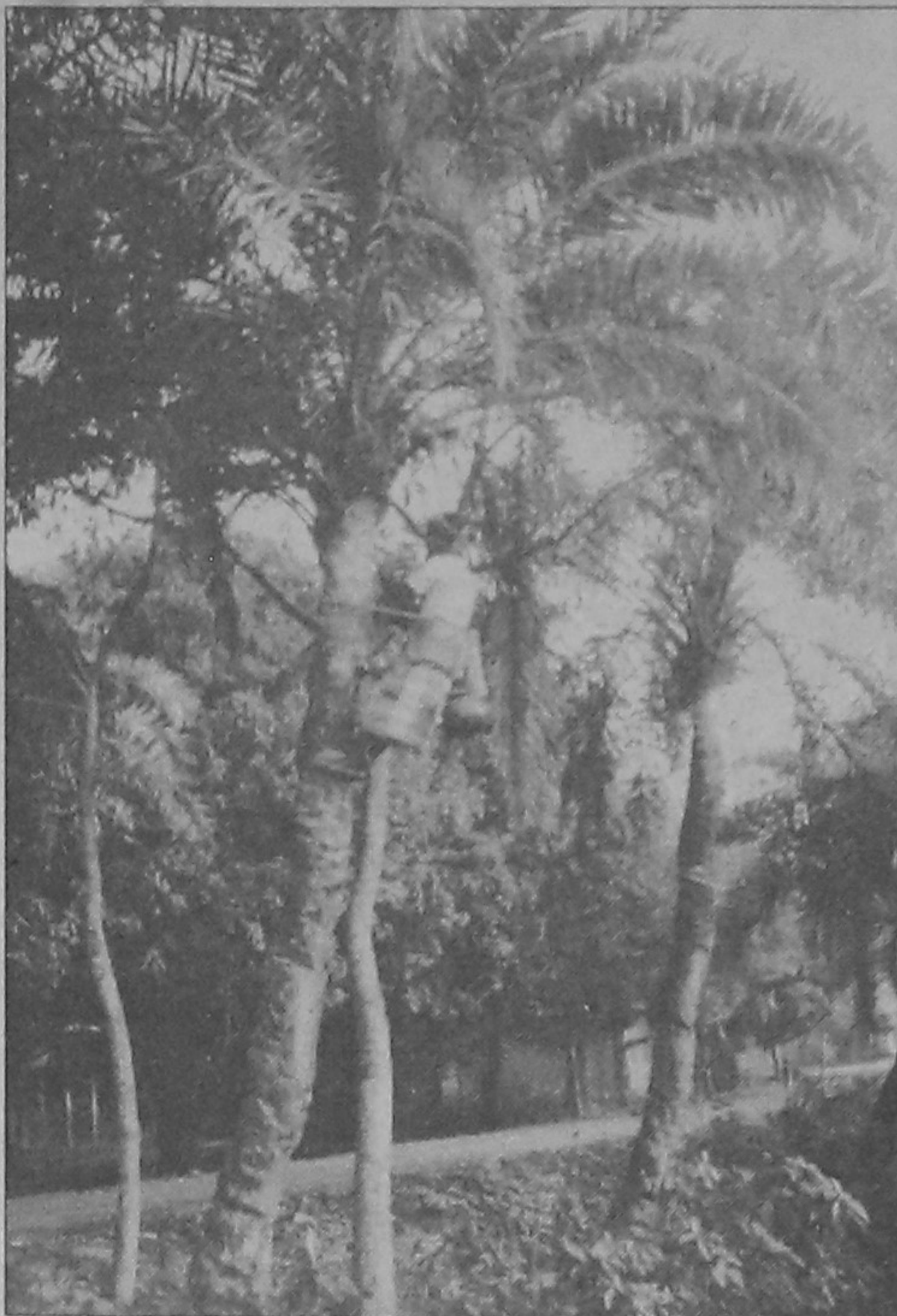
Police arrested 274 people in last 12 days in their month-long combing operation launched since October 15 in Chandpur district.

Of the total arrested, 264 were absconding accused and 10 were convicted accused.

Police said the arrested were wanted in connection with a number of criminal cases including killing, robbery, terrorism, women and children repression, rape, acid throwing, hijacking, theft and drug selling.

Police started the combing operation in the face of rising criminal activities.

## Early winter in N dists



Northern districts of Nilphamari, Panchagarh, Dinajpur, Kurigram, Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha and Kurigram have been experiencing early winter with cooler nights and foggy dawn. Winter vegetables have also begun to reach the markets earlier as they grew early with cold wind and fog. Generally winter sets in on these districts every year ahead of other areas in Bangladesh because of their proximity to the Himalayas. This year, it has come unusually too early. This year's winter may be more severe than the previous years, say meteorologists. Date juice is the main attraction of winter. People are busy now cleaning and cutting date trees everywhere. In the meantime date molasses have begun to arrive, though in small scale, in some markets in Rajshahi where it is being sold at Taka 20-25 per kilogram. Photo shows preparations on for date juice extraction at Bagha in Rajshahi area. This photograph was taken last week.

—Star photo

## Fund shortage in Rajshahi medical campus school

From Abdul Wadood

RAJSHAHI, Nov 6: Rajshahi Medical Campus High School is plagued with manifold problems.

Attentions of the concerned authorities could not be drawn even after repeated attempts for resolving the problems, school sources said. Standard of education of the school cannot be improved due to the prevailing problems, they said.

There is a government primary school in the campus almost from the very beginning, children of teachers, officials and doctors of Rajshahi Medical College (RMC) and Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) read in this school. After passing class five the children have to go to high schools situated at different places in the city. As admission into good schools is difficult, the RMC and RMCH authorities took an initiative to establish a standard high school in their own campus. Thus Rajshahi Medical Campus High School was opened in 1991 in an abandoned building of the Health Department in the campus.

The teachers worked there for about seven years without any remunerations till 1998 when the school was included in the list of Monthly Payment Order (MPO) of the Ministry of Education.

The number of students stood at about 300 in the school but facilities have not increased proportionately. A small building with five rooms has so far been built which cannot accommodate even the students and teachers. Students of Arts and Science groups of class nine and ten are to take their lessons in the two corners of the same room at the same time due to shortage of classrooms.

There is no laboratory in the school. Scientific instruments, apparatuses and reagents are kept in almirah. Many instruments and apparatuses are going to be inoperative due to lack of proper maintenance.

There are some books but these cannot be used or displayed due to lack of a library room and shelf. There is no facility for sports and games in the school.

These problems cannot be resolved due to shortage of funds, school sources said.

Shariful Islam, headmaster of the school informed that the Facilities Department of the Ministry of Education had surveyed the school several times on their request, but did nothing in this connection.

## CU White panel rejects Senate meeting

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 6: Teachers belonging to opposition BNP and Jamaat-backed White panel of Chittagong University on Saturday rejected the senate meeting to be held today (Tuesday). Earlier, ruling Awami League-backed Pink panel also rejected the meeting.

With the two panels rejecting the meeting, election of VC panel has become uncertain.

White panel teachers led by former Pro VC Dr M Badiul Alam met VC Prof Abdul Mannan at his office and rejected the meeting saying the present Senate has no legality and effectiveness.

Pro AL teachers led by Prof Anupam Sen, who is also the president of Chittagong University Teachers' Association (CUTA), at a meeting held at Chittagong University Club last week, rejected the Senate meeting. They demanded the elections for teachers' delegation and registered graduates' delegation in the Senate, which was formed in 1986. The last Senate meeting was held in 1991.

## Two outlaws arrested in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Nov 6: Two activists of outlawed Biplabi Communist Party were arrested and arms and ammunition recovered from their possession at Choto Shimla village under Kaliganj upazila the district on Saturday morning.

The arrested were identified as Mikail, 32, and Hasan, 20, who hail from village Gosaidanga in Kumarkhali upazila under Kushtia district. Police, acting on a tip-off, arrested them.

## News snaps

### Indian national arrested

THAKURGAON, Nov 6: An Indian national was arrested from Seniharee village in Sadar upazila while lifting cows recently, reports UNB.

The arrested was identified Alauddin of Bhatpukur village in North Dinajpur district under the Indian State of West Bengal. Police said locals caught him red-handed on Oct 30 while lifting the cows from a house and handed over him to them. A case was filed in this connection.

### PIB workshop opens

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 6: A seven-day foundation workshop organised by the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) began on Sunday at Sirajganj Zila Parishad Auditorium.

Deputy Commissioner Sirajganj AFM Saiful Islam inaugurated the workshop in the morning as chief guest while Abu Mohammad Golam Kibria, Chairman, Sirajganj Municipality attended it as the special guest. Presided over by the correspondent of Dainik Prothom Alo Rafikul Alam Khan, the workshop was addressed, among others, by senior lecturer of PIB Shudangsu Sekhor Roy and Assistant Lecturer of PIB Abdul Haque. A total of 22 district correspondents of national dailies and news agencies participated in the workshop.

### Body found

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Nov 6: Police found the body of an unidentified man from Mohananda River at Behula village in Sadar upazila on Monday, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said the man aged about 30 years committed suicide by jumping into the river. Reason behind the suicide could not be known. On information, police recovered the floating body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. An UD case was filed.

### Two alleged killers arrested

MUNSHIGANJ, Nov 6: Police arrested two people in connection with the killing of a Sramik League leader from Shimpura area Sunday morning, reports UNB.

The arrested were identified as Alamgir and Monsur Hilla alias Rubel of the area. Rajab Shikder, vice president of Sramik League of Srinagar upazila, was chopped to death by some assailants on Wednesday night.

### Two housewives commit suicide

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 6: Two housewives committed suicide at village Dhukuria Bhadrachhat and Itali under Sadar upazila early Sunday.

Identity of the victim is Tripti Rani Sheel, 22, wife of Shushanto Chandra Sheel of Dhukuria Bhadrachhat and Chain Bhanu, 35, wife of Moinal Khan of Itali village under Sadar upazila. Police and witnesses said Tripti Rani Sheel hanged herself to death at about 12 noon from the ceiling of her husband's house while Chain Bhanu died taking poison, at about 8 am on Sunday due to feud between the victims and the members of their husband's family. Two separate cases were lodged with Sadar Police Station.

### Big fire in Munshiganj

MUNSHIGANJ, Nov 6: Six people were injured and valuables worth over Tk 40 lakh were gutted in a fire in a spinning mill at Bausia under Gazaria upazila on Sunday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the fire broke out at Kashem Ali and Sons Spinning Mills from an electric short-circuit and soon raged through it, creating panic among the villagers. On information, firefighters from Daudkandi rushed to the spot and put out the blaze after two hours of hectic efforts. Six people were injured when they tried to extinguish the fire.

### Kathin Chibor Dan Thursday

RANGAMATI, Nov 6: The scenic hill district is assuming a new look with a festive mood on the occasion of Kathin Chibor Dan ceremony beginning on Thursday, reports UNB.

Three Buddhist communities celebrate the day with a two-day programme at Rajbon Bihar here. The programmes include bestowing the Bhikkhu with the traditional clothes, Chibor Dan, Buddha puja, Sanghadan and Pradip puja. A fair has also been organised where over a hundred stalls have been set up to display various products. Chakma Raja Barrister Debashish Roy will inaugurate the day when Buddhist priest Shadhamananda Mohasthabir will also be present. Meanwhile, hundreds of devotees started rushing into the town. Organisers said thousands of visitors from home and abroad are expected in the festival.

### Assault on Bagerhat newsman

BAGERHAT, Nov 6: A gang of hoodlums assaulted MA Motaleb, Mongla Port correspondent of Prothom Alo, in the port area on Sunday for filing report on their terrorist activities, reports UNB.

The terrorists kept Motaleb, president of Mongla Press Club, captive at a local restaurant for two hours from 9 am while he was taking his breakfast. They also threatened him to kill. Later, police rushed to the spot and dispersed the gang by resorting to lathicharge. However, no arrest was made. Local Reporters Club president Shawkat Akhanji and secretary Bishnu Proshad Chakrabarti condemned the attack on MA Motaleb and demanded immediate arrest of the criminals.

### Phensidyl seized

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 6: Police seized 700 bottles of Indian phensidyl from Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge West intersection at about 2-30 PM on Sunday.

Acting on a tip-off, Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge West Thana Police stopped a Sreedpur to Dhaka bound coach and seized 700 bottles of Indian phensidyl. A case was lodged with Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge West Police Station, but none was arrested in this connection.



Two local artistes performing dance at a cultural function held at the District Council auditorium recently on the occasion of the fourth district conference of Bangladesh Mohila Parishad, Natore unit.

—Star photo

# Floods render 6.5 lakh homeless in Satkhira

From Abu Ahmed

SATKHIRA, Nov 6: At least 6,50,054 people have been rendered homeless in the district as the unprecedented floods have destroyed some 67,360 houses completely and 46,705 houses partially, official sources said.

However, Taka 56 crore-project proposal, made by the district administration, has been placed to higher authorities under a rehabilitation programme for reconstruction of the damaged houses.

306 villages in five upazilas out of seven in the district were inundated due to onrush of water from the rivers across the border. The flooding started on September 27, gradually affecting some 18 lakh people. Residents in the district are still facing the natural calamity that was very uncommon in this part of the country. On Sunday vast areas in three upazilas were flooded afresh.

Locals said some 25 villages in

Sadar, Assasuni and Debhata upazilas were submerged again as part of the embankment at Khaitala point in Sadar upazila washed away. Gushing water from the Sonai and Ichhamati rivers submerged the villages through a 100-foot breach in the embankment, forcing some 5,000 people to take shelter in flood centres again.

Most thatched houses in the affected areas collapsed when the floodwater entered, compelling the inmates to leave houses for centres meant for the flood victims. In some areas, floodwater touched the roofs of houses.

The sudden onrush of the water washed away foodstuff, cattle, poultry and other belongings of people, who had no experience to face such calamity.

Over 6 lakh people took shelter in schools, colleges, madrasa and other public places.

According to sources, 25,937

houses have been damaged completely and 9,812 houses partially in Kalaroa, 22,449 houses completely and 18,211 houses partially in Sadar, 1,380 houses completely and 1,560 houses partially in Tala, 5,650 houses completely and 2,980 houses partially in Assasuni, 5,650 houses completely and 3,850 houses partially in Debhata and 6,294 houses completely and 10,292 houses partially in Kaliganj.

Most of these affected people have no capacity to reconstruct their houses.

Several voluntary organisations, besides government agencies and non-governmental organisations have conducted relief operations. The relief materials included rice, bread, 'chira', 'muri', molasses, clothes, candles, oral saline, and matchboxes.

Cash money was also donated

by all section of people to help the flood victims recoup the loss.

## Sirajganj BNP leader, Jubo Dal man held

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 6: A local leader of district BNP and an activist of BNP-backed Jubo Dal were arrested here on Saturday in connection with separate criminal charges.

Police arrested Mahabub Alam, member of Mesra union parishad and leader of BNP, at village Pachthakuri in connection with ransacking the house of local Awami League leader Jinnah.

In separate drive, Sabbir Hossain Bhuiyan alias Shafi, a member of district Jubo Dal, was arrested at Ekdala in the town. Police said Shafi is named in seven cases.

## Imams asked to play creative role in society

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Nov 6: The district conference of trained Imams was held recently at the local Islamic Foundation Bangladesh (IFB) auditorium.

Sheikh Altaf Ali, DC Natore addressed the conference as the chief guest with Abdus Sakur, DD, IFB, Natore in the chair.

Sheikh Altaf Ali in his speech called upon the Imams to play a positive and creative role in reformation of society.

He also said that Imams are the most respectable persons in the society and people believe and rely upon them.

The DC later on distributed prizes and certificates among seven best Imams of the districts. He also distributed books among representatives of different mosque based libraries.

Meanwhile, there are 11 newly formed mosque-based libraries in the district.

Maulana Md Nazrul Islam, Imam of Natore Central Mosque attended the conference as a judge to select best Imams.

Among others, the conference was also addressed by Assistant Professor Abdul Kalam Azad of NS Government College, Islamic personality Abdul Halim and prominent social worker Alhaj Sultan Ahmed.

About 250 Imams participated their district conference.



## BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, CUFL, Chittagong invites sealed tenders from the BCIC enlisted contractors under category A-3 & above for (a) Electrification work of Shishu Park in the Housing Colony at an estimated cost of Tk 1,41,535/- (b) Construction of Gas Cylinder Storage shed at plant area of CUFL at an estimated cost of Tk 2,66,325.80 (C) Repairing of bituminous road from CUFL Housing Colony to plant Main Gate of CUFL at an estimated cost of Tk 2,47,000/-. Tender documents are available at Accounts Division, BCIC, Dhaka & CUFL, Chittagong upto 20.11.2000 on payment of Tk 500/- each set. Tenders will be received upto 11.00 AM on 22.11.2000 simultaneously by (i) Sr General Manager (Const), BCIC, Dhaka & (ii) General Manager (Const) CUFL, Ctg and will be opened immediately after closing. Earnest money as PO/DD from scheduled bank @ 2.5% of quoted price must be submitted with the tender. In case the quoted rate exceeds 10% (not exceeding 15%) below the estimated rate, additional 15% earnest money must be enclosed alongwith the tender, failing which the tender shall be outrightly rejected. Management reserves right to accept or reject all or any tender.

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Md Shahjahan  
General Manager (Const)  
for Managing Director

**Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation**  
Adamjee Court (5<sup>th</sup> floor), 115-120, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000  
Ref. No. BSFIC/GE/RJSM/2000-2001/122 Dated: 5/11/2000  
Sub: Extension of tender opening date for supply, erection (including civil foundation) and commissioning on turn key basis of 10 MT capacity double girder EOT crane and mechanical cane feed table with all necessary machinery and spare parts for Rajshahi Sugar Mills Ltd.  
This is for information of intending bidders that due to some unavoidable circumstances the date of submission and opening of Tender enquiry No. BSFIC/GE/RJSM/2000-2001/1 dated. 02/10/2000 for the works as mentioned in the above subject has been shifted from 7/11/2000 to 6/12/2000. All other terms and condition of the said tender will remain unchanged.  
The inconvenience, if any, is regretted.  
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