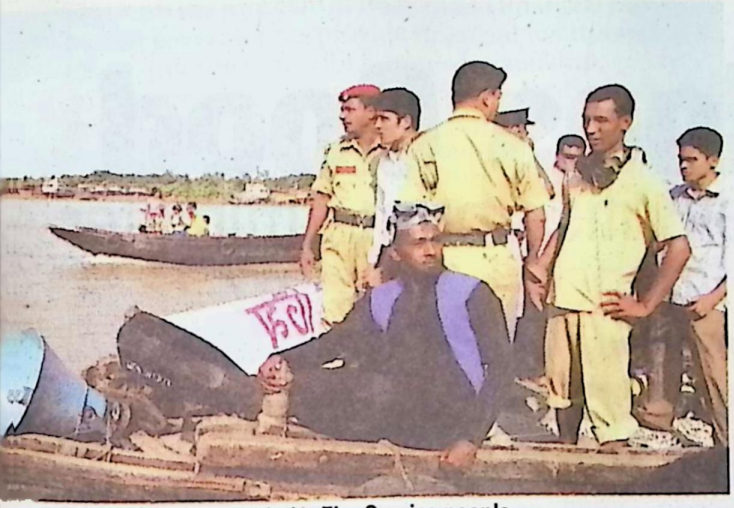
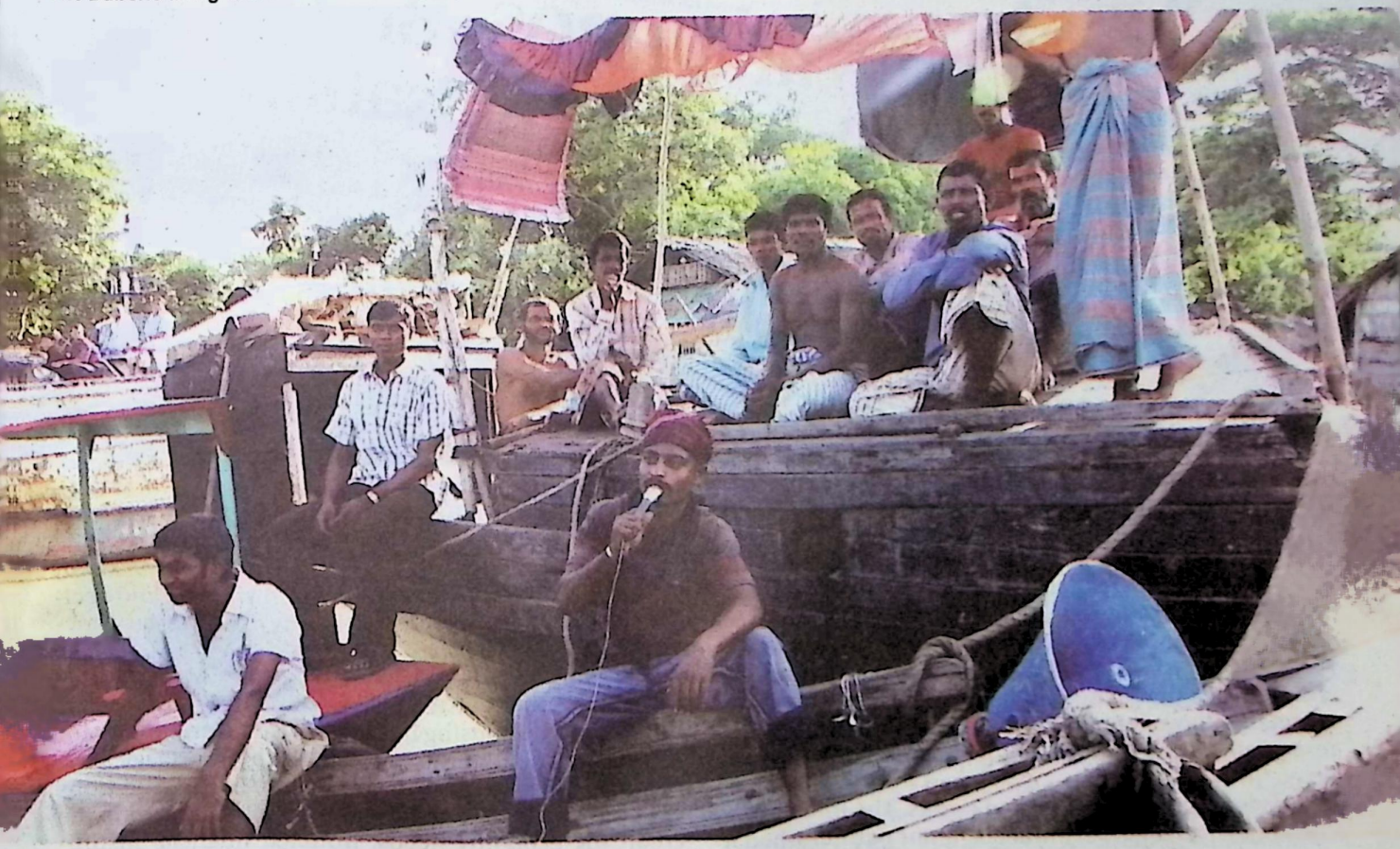


The *Duboris* along with the Fire Service people.



Police boat circling the perimeter of the area.



A local villager playing the role of the race commentator.

with clay. Food stalls were brimming with youngsters asking for a second helping of *chotpoti, phuchka*, coconut water, *puri, borfi* and locally made sweetmeats. One stall was also offering rice with special hilsa fish cooked in gravy with fried hilsa eggs.

Even though most of the people who live on the Rupsha face a lot of hardships throughout the year, the villagers keep this one single day aside for their families to come together and celebrate a common culture, irrespective of their religions. As the famous Indian proverb goes, you can often find in rivers what you cannot find in oceans. ■