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With the inauguration of the district's Central Shaheed Minar at Thakurgaon Government Boys' High School ground yesterday, the long-cherished dream of the townspeople has come true. Photo shows the inaugural function.

Dream comes true, finally

Thakurgaon now has a Shaheed Minar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Karim. Dabirul Islam was the first president of Chhatra League central committee (1949-1953), a former MLA and parliamentary secretary of Jukta Front, and Fazlul Karim is a former lawmaker.

Water Resources Minister Ramesh Chandra Sen inaugurated the Central Shaheed Minar at Thakurgaon as chief guest. Later a discussion was held with Thakurgaon Deputy Commissioner (DC) M. u. h. a. m. m. a. d. Shahiduzzaman in the chair.

The DC took initiative to build the Shaheed Minar in February last year and Thakurgaon Central Shaheed Minar Nirman Committee implemented the construction project under the supervision of Local Government Engineering Department.

"We are happy to get the Shaheed Minar although we had to wait long for it. We hope cultural activity in the district will flourish centring the Shaheed Minar," cultural personality and educationist Prof Monotosh Kumar De, also chief editor of local daily Lokayan, said.

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The BCL activists were demanding renaming of the auditorium after Raisul Hasan Noman, a BCL leader and MMC student who was killed during anti-Ershad movement in 1989.

The BCL unit of the college also held a rally on the campus yesterday.

Mehdi Hasan Royal and Raisul Alam Shuva, president and general secretary of the unit, among others, addressed the rally.

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BCL men at MMC boycott classes

Hold procession, rally to realise demand for renaming auditorium

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Chhatra League (BCL) activists at Mymensingh Medical College (MMC) yesterday boycotted classes, demanding renaming of the college auditorium.

On Sunday, they ransacked the administrative building of the college.

They also locked the gate of the administrative building and threw brickbats at the windows of the building to realise the demand.

A source at MMC said that the BCL leaders were forcing the general student to keep away from the classes.

Mehdi Hasan, how-

ever, claimed that the general students were participating in the movement spontaneously.

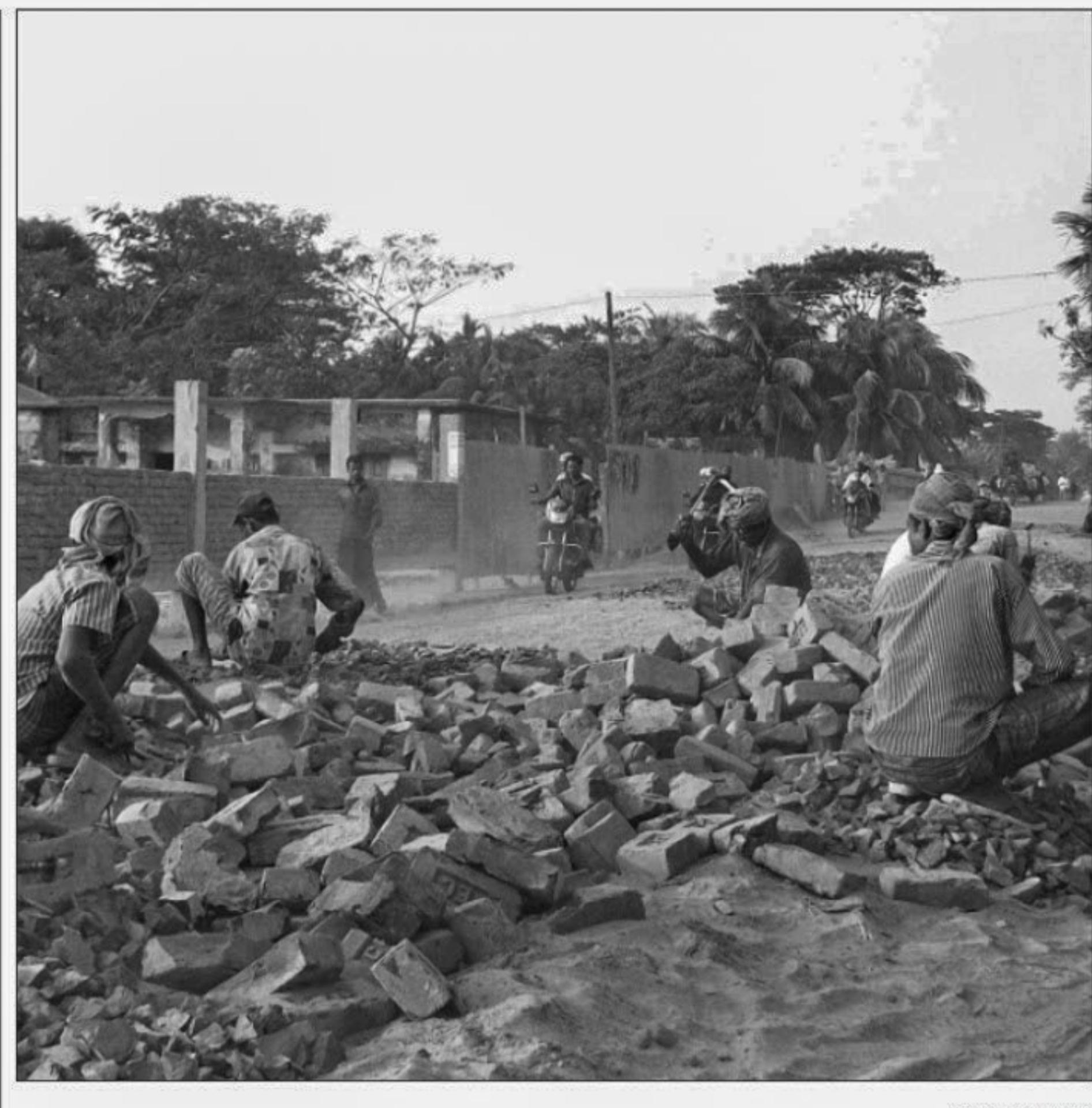


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Repair work on the 22-kilometre-long Kuakata-Kalapara Road is going on in full swing as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to visit Kuakata in Patuakhali on February 25.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

AL factions clash in Bogra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

At least five cocktails were exploded by rivals as Awami League factions clashed in Gabtoli upazila yesterday noon over purchasing delivery order (DO) letters of government test relief (TR) programme. Officer in-charge of Gabtoli PS Akhteruzzaman Prodhan said, police lobbed three tear gas canisters to disperse the feuding groups. The OC said that the clash ensued at around 1:00pm between the supporters of Azam Khan, president and Aminul Islam, acting secretary of the upazila Awami League. Contacted, Azam Khan said over cell phone that none of his men was involved Aminul Islam, however, admitted that his supporters tried to resist the attack.

Two held with statue

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A precious touchstone statue was recovered here yesterday morning. Detective Branch police arrested two people in this connection. They are Md. Saiful Islam, 35, son of Nizamuddin of Telipara and Bijoy Chandra Roy, 22, son of Satish Chandra Roy of same village in Dinajpur Sadar upazila. Sources said, Nazrul Islam, sub-inspector of Dinajpur Detective Branch police went to Telipara village at around 12.00 noon in guise of a buyer. Later he seized the Vishnu statue and arrested the two youths. Nazrul said, the stone weighing about 13.6kg, would be worth Tk 50 lakh.



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Noted cultural personalities Syed Hasan Imam and Laila Hasan and Vice Chancellor Prof Syed Sakhawat Hussen of Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) along with the members of the university's cultural centre after opening the centre on the campus yesterday.

Earth collapse kills two

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A tractor driver and his helper were killed as a chunk of earth fell on them at Ghatkoir village in Manda upazila yesterday morning. The deceased were identified as tractor driver Aftab Ali, 26, son of Yaqub Ali and helper Kawsar Ali, 25, son of Jahangir Alam, both of Bailsingh village under Manda upazila. Abdullaheb Bakri, officer in-charge (OC) of Manda police station said, the accident occurred at around 7:30am when the two were loading earth in a tractor at a brick kiln.

Robbers loot 7 shops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Robbers looted seven shops at Beerkutsa bazar in Sadar upazila at around 10:00pm on Sunday. Police said an armed gang went to the bazar and broke open the locks of the shops and looted cash and valuables from the seven shops. Owners of the grocery and clothe shops claimed that the robber looted goods worth Tk 10 lakh.

Outlaw killed in mob beating

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A 'regional leader' of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML) was beaten to death by a mob in Santhia upazila of Pabna yesterday.

Robiul Hassan, officer in-charge of Ataikula Police Station, said a gang of outlaws led by their regional leader Anowar Hossain swooped on the house of one Fakrul Islam at Gulbaria village around 3:00am following a previous enmity.

16 shrimp farmers sued in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Sixteen shrimp cultivators of Shyamnagar upazila have been sued for installing GI pipes, cutting the repaired dyke at several points in Kadamtala area of the upazila in the last three days since February 16 to draw saline water from the river into their enclosures for shrimp farming.

The High Court recently imposed restrictions on cutting embankments to draw saline water from rivers for shrimp cultivation and other purposes and asked the authorities concerned to take action against the lawbreakers, the complainant said in the case statement.

The accused are Ganesh Mondol, Daud Ali Master, Asim Kumar Mondol, Abu Bakar, Hafez Abu Daud, Abu Bakar Gazi, Shawkat Hossain, Manu Mondol, Ayub Ali, Aminur Rahman, Abul Hossain, Abdur Rouf, Edris Ali, Prabas Mondol, Abdul Majed and Asim Sarkar of Kadamtala area in the upazila.

The plaintiff said the government reconstructed the river embankment that

was damaged by cyclonic storm Aila in 2009. But the accused had installed GI pipes, cutting the repaired dyke at several points in Kadamtala area of the upazila in the last three days since February 16 to draw saline water from the river into their enclosures for shrimp farming.

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Shibir man held in Sylhet

UNB, Sylhet

Police on Sunday noon arrested an activist of Islami Chhatra Shibir from the city's Madina Market area for his involvement in an attack on a Chhatra League activist.

The arrestee was identified as Borhanuddin, a Masters student of the Statistics

Department of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) and son of Asmat Ali of Brahmanpara upazila in Comilla.

Police said BCL activist Badrul Alam, also third year student of the SUST economics department, was injured when the Shibir men attacked him on January 16.

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