

Jhenidah public library closed

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, May 13:—The Jhenidah Public Library established during the British period is now under lock and key for management crisis.

As such the very purpose of enlightening the conscious readers is defeated and it has now turned into a gossiping centre of anti-social elements.

It is reported that about 5 to 6 years ago, the Managing Committee of the Library was changed by election and its charge was handed over to a new committee headed by the then Sub-Divisional Officer as ex-Officio President but no development did take place because of callousness and lack of effort by the successive managements. The time limit of that committee was also over about 3 to 4 years ago. Since then there is no committee or care taker authority for the library.

It is also reported that at present the door of the library has been closed permanently and the library building is converted into a centre of anti-social activities due to lack of any care taker of the library.

It is also alleged that a huge number of rare books of the library have been misappropriated by its self-made librarian who declares himself founder of the library for lack of supervision and lukewarm attitude by the concerned authorities which may be detected if the matter is properly investigated.

The whole matter was brought to the notice of the local district administration for several times by the readers as well as people of the town but it is curious to note that the administration was showing indifferent attitude in this connection for reason best known to them.

30 houses

Thirty houses were completely gutted rendering seven families shelterless when a devastating fire

broke out at village Jangalia under Shaikupa Upazila of Jhenidah District recently.

It is reported that the fire originated from a kitchen of one person of the village and soon engulfed the adjacent houses.

Valuable properties including food-grains, ornaments, cloth and other household articles were damaged in the fire.

After a hard struggle the villagers brought the fire under control. The total loss has been estimated to be about Taka 5 lakh in the fire.

The affected people are reported to be living under the open sky. So far no relief has reached affected people.