funded by the Government of Bangladesh and Asian Development Bank (ADB) under its South-West Flood Damage Rehabilitatioin (SWFDR) programme.

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ear rigorous imprisonment and ined Tk 50000, in default 2 years more R.I on charge of throwing acid on a girl student of Carmichael College.

According to the prosecution, Motalleb Hossain, 25, of Mahiganj under Kotwali thana threw acid on Akterunnahar, a student of honours second year of Carmichael College while she was returning to her room from latrine of her residence at Mahiganj on June 14. The body of the girl was burnt. Police arrested Motalleb from Mahiganj. The judge after examining evidences delivered this verdict.

Nilphamari

Our Nilphamari correspondent reports: The Additional District and Sessions Judge Moklasur Rahman in a judgement delivered on November 13 convicted Abdul Hafez for killing his second wife and sentenced him to suffer imprisonment for life and fined 5,000 in default to suffer five months more RI. Four other accused persons were acquitted of the charge for want of evidence.

The case in brief was that Abdul Hafez married of Rozina Begum in 1995. After marriage Abdul Hafez and his first wife Raseda tortured Rozina Begum. On September 29, 1998 Abdul Hafez beat his second wife Rozina Begum and she died on the

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failure to settle certain officials problems, has been the cause of delay.

Reports say that during rainy season, the vast tract of lands under Jhinkergacha, Manirampur and Keshabpur upazila in Jessore Tala upazila in Satkhira and Paikgacha upazila in Khulna remain water logged destroying all agricultural crops due to lack of channel for the water to pass away and during dry season, remain uncultivated due to lack of irrigation facility.

The areas will be saved on both the counts if the project if implemented, the source said. Giving details the sources told, there will be no overflowing in rainy seasons and no water crisis in dry season as the irrigation facility will be made available to the farmers.

It is also learnt that the river Kapadak has become quite narrowere due to fall of water-level cuased by siltation and shoals like mashrooms.

As such, the river has virtually gone out of existence in different places and variety of crops are grown there at seasons.

It is also learnt that during rainy seasons, the crop land of river sides and river beds go under water in flash flood and during water the river completely dries up creating water crisis in and around.

It may be mentioned here that the project was taken up during the last fiscal. But due to administrative complications and objections from local people, its implementation was dropped.

Now implementation of the project will not only benefit the people of these five upazilas, it will also extend the ebb and flow tide on the river up to Kergacha

dry season through irrigation, The camulative effects of all these will largely go to boost food production round the year and provide permanent solution to the food deficit in the area.

This will revamp the rural economy and change the whole socio-economic seenario.

Sources also say, it is high time for the project to start the work.

But the implementing department (WDB) is still uncertain whether the farmers who have grown Boro beside the river bank in project area, will allow the earthwork to start now and dump the earth on their lands until the crops are harvested. Giving reason, the source cited the example of last year when the work of this project was dropped under their objection on the similar plea.

When contacted a source of WDB, Jessore told that the project is a determined effort to address a long standing problem that has eaten into their economic vitality.

The project has been taken in consultation with the public representatives and the work will start involving their participation. Unlike last year, there is no apprehension this year the source added.

The source however said that according to donor's advice, no earth of the river during re-excavation, will be allowed to be kept on river bank.

So, the co-operation of farmers having cultivable lands on river bank is needed. Terming the project as a boon for the area, some intellectual pesonalities from Chougacha upazila in the district. hoped that the WDB will extend the re-excavation facility to their portion of the river and enable

camp arranged recently at the premises of the local health complex jointly by the Bhairab Fair Friends Association and Upazila Health and Family Planning Department.

The surgical operation was conducted up upon five boys and 11 girls of the age group of 3 to 15 after selection and of 52 boys and girls gathered at the camp.

Dr. Shamanta Lal Sen, Chief Burn Unit and Professor Dr. Khalilur Rahman Anesthesia Department, Dhaka Medical College Hospital conducted the operation to 16 poor boys and girls.

BHARIAB: The operation is being cond cently under joint sponsorship of Bha Denartment.

Women's Education And Empowerment–II

Parvez Babul

Women are different categories of women: women from poor landless households, women from owning households, women from

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especially over large and valuable animals, so that men do not feel threatened. Facilitation by a respected leader or professional-

homestead vegetables gardening, farming, livestock, aquaculture, forestry and other water-based enterprises constitute the mainstay of rural livelihoods. But women's

In many countries, increasing assets that women control, also has a positive impact on the next generation, particu-

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