

Upazila roundup

KUSHITIA

Smuggled Indian sarees seized

Oct 16 : Customs' Preventive Squad here in an operation seized Indian sarees worth about Taka 75,000 on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The squad raided four buses coming from border areas and seized 348 Indian sarees and blouse piece.

Assistant Collector of Customs informed that nobody in the bus claimed the ownership of the seized sarees.

He also informed that the squad has been carrying on regular operation to check smuggling.

Cases were filed with the local police in this connection.

RANGPUR

Relief operation geared up

Oct 16 : Local administration has geared up relief operation in the district to meet the food crisis due to recent flood, reports UNB.

Official sources said under the programme wheat, rice and cash money are being distributed among the flood-hit people of the district.

District Relief and Rehabilitation office sources said a total of 871 metric tons of wheat under test relief scheme, 591 metric tons of rice, 582 metric tons of wheat, Taka 6,43,000 as gratuitous relief, Taka 7,46,000 as house building grant and 12,000 metric tons of wheat under special VGD programmes have already been distributed among the affected people.

THAKURGAON

Diarrhoea claims 995 so far

Oct 16 : Diarrhoea in this district claimed 995 lives out of about 5000 people attacked during last month, according to unofficial source, reports UNB.

Official sources, however, confirmed death of only 52.

The Civil Surgeon of the district said acute scarcity of drinking water and substandard food are the main causes of the outbreak of diarrhoea.

Unofficial figures are 64 deaths in Sadar, 12 in Pourashava, 25 in Baliadangi, 95 in Pirganj, 77 in Ransankali and 22 in Haripur upazilas.

The District Health Department said a number of medical teams are working in the affected areas to arrest the spread of the disease.

MAULVI BAZAR

One burnt to death

From Our Correspondent

Oct 16 : One person was burnt to death and two others sustained serious injuries in a fire that broke out at Rabir Bazar under Kaulaura upazila of Maulvi Bazar district recently.

According to the sources, the victim Anwar Miah (25) was caught in the fire while working in a petrol and kerosene shop. Taher Ali (25) and Abdur Rauf (21) were injured seriously and rushed to the hospital where their condition was stated to be critical.

Witnesses said that the fire originated from a barrel of petrol and soon engulfed the shop. Local people extinguished the fire.

SATKHIRA

Beggars on the rise

From Our Correspondent

Oct 16 : Beggars are on the rise in Satkhira town causing great inconveniences to the town dwellers.

There has been a continuous influx of beggars in the town from different upazilas of the district. They are pouring in large numbers from Shyamnagar, Assasunt, Tala and Kaliganj upazilas of the district.

Most of the beggars are victims of river erosion and flood. Flood and erosion affected people from rural areas facing acute food crisis and having no work are pouring into the town in quest of jobs. But for want of job most of them along with their dependents have been resorting to begging.

These uprooted people are taking shelter in bus terminals, different markets and corridors of different govern-

ment offices. The local elite have urged the government to take up a scheme for their rehabilitation.

JHENIDAH

Downpour paralyzes normal life

Oct 16 : Downpour for the last three days has paralysed public life in the district, reports UNB.

Low-lying areas of the district have gone under water and tobacco seedbed and vegetable seedlings were also damaged due to incessant rainfall.

Prices of essentials including rice and ata have shot up in the market much to the suffering of the low income group of people.

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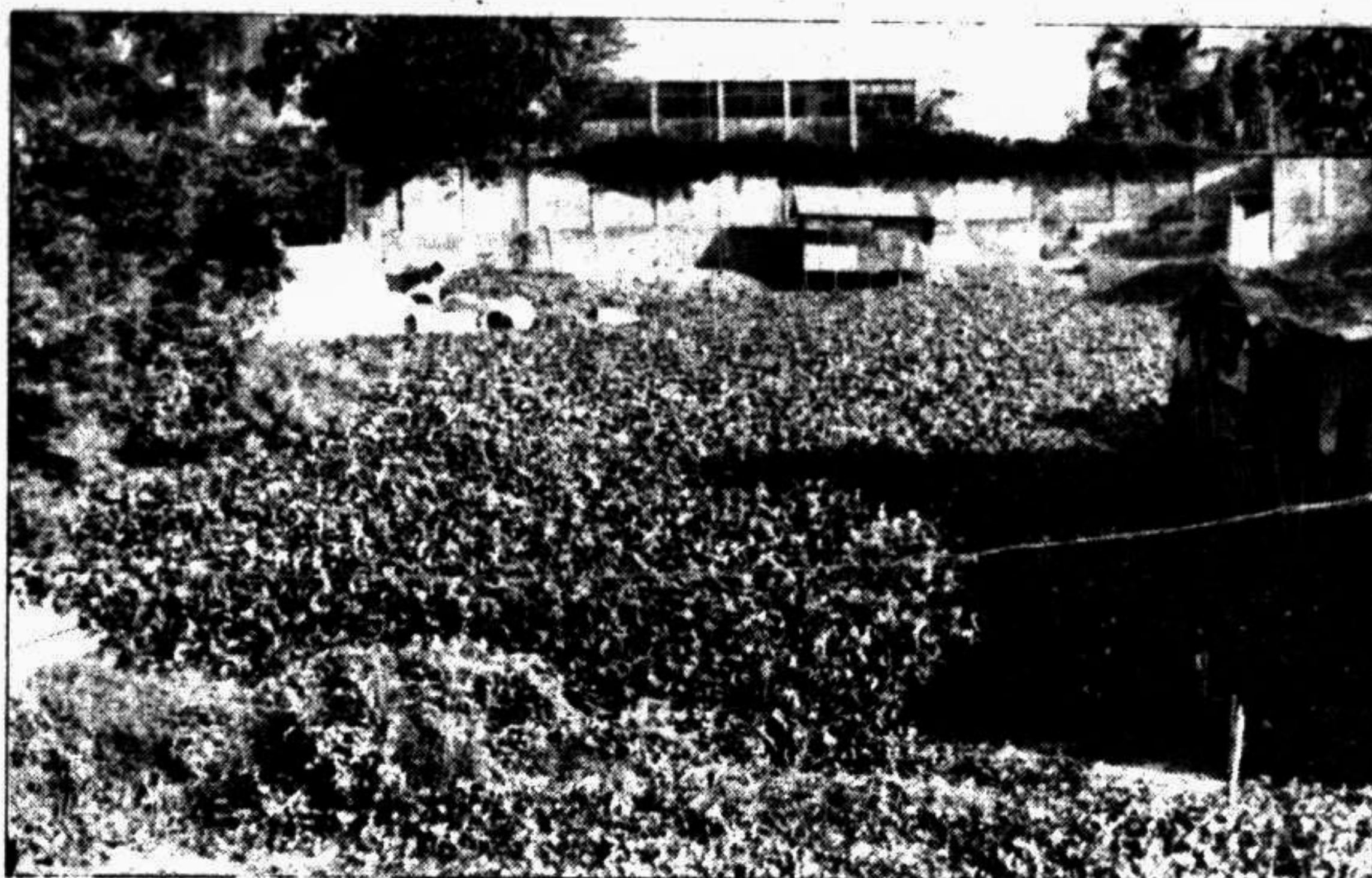
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JESSORE : Mosquito menace has become acute in the district photo shows a ditch filled with water hyacinth in the town which is an ideal centre for mosquito breeding. — Star photo

Poor farmers, traders groan under debt burden

From Our Correspondent

THAKURGAON, Oct 16 : The number of loanees is increasing alarmingly in the district. The burden of loan has hit the people hard in Thakurgaon district. Small traders and farmers are the worst victims who are unable to repay their loans.

According to the reports, there are about 60,000 debtors in five upazilas of the district the number of which is on rise since 1971. About 90 per cent of them are farmers and the rest are small traders. Some of the causes behind the rising number of debtors are rise in the prices of agricultural inputs, soaring prices of essential commodities and payments of dowries for the marriages of their daughters. Having no other alternative they initially pledge their lands to the local money lenders or agricultural banks to get loans. Their sufferings have been multiplied as they are unable to repay the loans.

It may be mentioned that 3000 people received loans from Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank alone.

Teachers not getting salaries

Another message adds:

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About 119 primary teachers in Baliadangi, Haripur, Ransankali, Pirganj and Thakurgaon Sadar upazilas of the district have been passing agonising days for non-payment of salaries since June '91 due to absence of allocation in development expenditure head.

The teachers have urged the government to do the needful at the earliest so that they can meet the daily necessities and to overcome the problems caused by the recent floods in the district.

2 accused of murder

A case has been lodged in the court of the Upazila Magistrate against Mr. Dabirul Islam, Member of the Parliament from Thakurgaon-2 Constituency of CPB and his brother Mr. Mohammed Ali, former Chairman, Baliadangi upazila and a leader of JP on charge of a murder.

It is reported that at the night of June 28 last one Abdul Halim (35) of Barabari under Baliadangi, upazila of the district was killed by some unknown persons. An unnatural death case was registered with

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the Baliadangi police. On the next day, Haider Ali brother of the deceased sued a murder case in the court of the Upazila Magistrate stating that the victim had a business conflict with the two accused brothers.

Cattle lifters active

Cattle lifters have again become active in the rural areas of Thakurgaon.

It is learnt that five draft animals were lifted from the cow shed of one Mr. Chayyannuddin of Kuzishahar. On the same night the members of the gang lifted two more cattlehead from the cow shed of the farmer of the adjacent village recently.

2 criminals held

Haripur police arrested two inter-district criminals from a bazar recently. Acting on a secret information, police gheraoed the Gadura Bazar and arrested the said criminals. Police also recovered ingredients and materials for making hand bombs from their possession. They were wanted in several criminal, dacoity and arms cases. They were taken to custody.

Flood embankment project may not serve purpose

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 16: The objective of Baghabari-Tarash flood control embankment project is likely to be defeated due to unplanned activities of the project committee, reports UNB.

The embankment is being built on the western side of the Boral river from Baghabari to Tarash Nimachhora.

With financial assistance from CIRDA, the Tk 28 crore project was undertaken to facilitate multi-crops system in Ullapara, Chatmohar, Bhangura, Tarash, Faridpur, Shahzadpur, Rajganj upazilas. Actually Tk 47 crore was

spent. An additional amount of Tk 19 crore was spent for maintenance of the embankment without any success.

The project is unable to check onrush of water from the bridges of North Bengal highways and from the Atrai River.

The project committee subsequently prepared a plan with an estimated cost of Tk 120 crore which included development of Tarash Nimachhora D. C. road. Siltation of canals of 67 bridges of the north Bengal highways from Baghabari to Bhuyangati, construction of 40 mile-long embankment from

Boral to Atrai, development of Bhuyangati-Tarash road and 25 mile-long embankment from Ranitah to Moma.

The Roads and Highways department objected to sitation of its canals. The project committee then proposed to construct a 40 mile long embankment on both sides of river Karatoa at an estimated cost of Tk 20 crore.

It is alleged that the project committee cancelled the work for repairing of the embankment after spending one crore Taka. The work said to have been given to the contractor at 30 per cent less than the estimated cost schedule.

Bullock shortage hampers farming

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 16: The farmers of all none upazilas of Rajshahi district have been facing an acute shortage of draft animal passing threat to cultivation to a great extent.

About 50 to 60 per cent cultivators of the upazilas have no bullocks for tilling their lands. A section of poor farmers till their lands by hiring bullocks at a cost of Taka 80 to 90 per bigha during the sowing season. Many of the farmers cultivate their lands on share basis. Some times, they hire bullocks from 'Jotdar' as they are unable to purchase bullocks due to sharp rise of their prices. A pair of bullocks now costs at Taka 11,000 to 12,000.

In most cases, farmers have are compelled to use their milching cows to carry on their agricultural work which

eventually leads to reduction in the milk production. There is no soft bank loan for buying bullocks, farmer's complained.

Moreover, every year cattle diseases especially 'Khura' breaks out in an epidemic form in different parts of the district resulting in a huge death toll of cattleheads.

The farmers of remote areas do not get medicare for their cattleheads due to high rate of visit of a veterinary doctor and non-availability of life-saving drugs for their animals in government livestock hospitals. It is alleged. As a result, poor farmers have to buy necessary medicines from block market at an exorbitant rate.

Besides, indiscriminate slaughtering of calves causes shortage of bullocks. It is learnt, a section of butchers defying government order to observe meatless day slaughters a large number of cows, calves and bullocks everyday in rural hats and bazars of the district.

A large number of cattle-heads have fallen prey to various diseases due to fodder scarcity. Most of the traditional grazing fields have been turned into cultivable land in all the upazilas without any consideration of cattle feeding. Prices of oilcake, bran and other kinds of fodder have also registered a sharp rise. Many poor farmers have been compelled to see of their cause and bullocks due to acute scarcity of fodder. It is learnt.

Tk 60,000 looted from 3 jute godowns

JHENIDAH, Oct 16 : Dacoits looted Tk 60,000 in cash from three jute godowns at Hatgopalpur Bazar of Sadar upazila of the district Sunday midnight, reports UNB.

Owners of the godowns said, a gang of dacoits entered the godowns by breaking doors and decamped with the looted money.

A case was registered with local police in this connection.

Notes from Magura

MAGURA, Oct 16: Halima Khatoun (22), wife of Ahmed Hossain of village Gobra in Salkha upazila of the district, was kidnapped and raped by some youths in Magura town, reports UNB.

According to a case filed with the police, she came to town to meet her husband who was a prisoner in jail.

While returning home recently in the evening someone misguided her and sent her to Hotel Mark by a rickshaw. At night five young men kidnapped her from the Hotel and took her to a house and violated her one after another.

Police arrested the hotel owners and began an investigation.

2 women held

Two women were arrested from a bus stand in the town on charges of child lifting, police said here today.

Acting on secret information, police raided the bus stand and recovered 12-year old girl Rupa and arrested her kidnappers Rokeya (40) and Shefali (20), both of village Kawrabaniabohu in Mohammadpur upazila of the district.

The arrested women confessed to the police that they kidnapped Rupa, daughter of Ismail Shaikh of village Digha in Mohammadpur upazila, while she was going to Dhaka by bus.

3 commit suicide

Family feuds are said to have led three people in Sreepur upazila of the district to commit suicide by taking poison.

WDB files 676 cases for cutting embankments

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 16 : The Water Development Board (WDB) authorities lodged 676 cases with different police stations in greater Khulna and Jessore districts for illegal cutting of WDB embankments which facilitate saline water to enter into the agricultural fields causing heavy damage to crops on thousands of acres of land. The embankments have been cut for pisciculture. It is learnt.

The WDB constructed 10,059 miles of embankments to protect cultivable land in different areas but a group of

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influential persons for their personal gain illegally cut the embankments to facilitates entry of water saline into paddy fields for shrimp cultivation.

The WDB Division-1, Satkhira started 374 cases against the shrimp culturists for their illegal activities in Khulna Division.

Pisciculture

Fisheries development department has undertaken a plan to release about 9,28,000 fish fries in 14 districts under Khulna Division during the current financial year.

The fries include ruhi, katla, mrigal, magur, shing,

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boal and silver carp. According to the official sources, about 100,000 fries will be released in open waters including rivers, canals, and ponds in Satkhira district, 7000 in Khulna, 40,000 in Bagerhat 135,000 in Jessore, 50,000 in Jhenidah, 100,000 in Chuaganda, 107,000 in Kushtia, 40,000 each in Narail and Meherpur, 50,000 each in Magura, Barisal and Bhola, 32,000 in Jhalokati and 26,000 in Pirojpur district.

With the implementation of this plan protein deficiency in these districts will be met to a great extent, it is learnt.

600 families to be given poultry birds in Rangamati

RANGAMATI, Oct 16: The local government Parishad has undertaken a programme to distribute poultry birds among 600 distressed families of this hilly district as part of its income generating projects, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Local Government Council chaired by Council Chairman Gautam Dewan. The proposal was made by council member Ronald Robert.

Each of the 600 families from 10 upazilas of the district will get 10 poultry birds, it is learnt.

Abducted housewife yet to be rescued

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Oct 16: Police could not rescue a young housewife of Kotalpara upazila of the district after 75 days of her abduction, reports UNB.

Family sources said, Shefali Rani (22), wife of Jagadish Chandra Halder was abducted by some unknown miscreants on August 1.

Family members complained that a case was lodged earlier in this connection but police failed to take any initiative to rescue her.

Meanwhile a young housewife was allegedly beaten to death by her husband for

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dowry at Borompalta village in Moksadpur upazila of the district. According to police, the victim Laksmi Rani (20) was being tortured by her husband Sunil Kumar Biswas for a chain of gold as dowry promised by her father at the time of their marriage.

On the fateful day recently, the cruel husband became furious when Laksmi expressed her inability to bring the chain from her poor father and started her beating mercilessly. She died on the spot.

A case was filed and police arrested the killer husband.

Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD E/M Divn. No I, Ctg

Memo. No. 5/A-343/630 Dated: 8-10-91

Notice Inviting Tender

Tenders in sealed covers in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 for the undermentioned work are hereby invited from enlisted PWD Ist class/PWD Zone, Chittagong, 2nd class E/M Contractor having valid ABC/BC Electrical Contractor's & Supervisory Licence respectively from Bangladesh Electrical Licensing Board.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work
1.	Provdg. E.I in the Upazila Sub-Register office at Banskhal, Chittagong.	Tk. 1,29,164/64	Tk. 2,583/-	45 (Forty five days).

The interested Contractor can procure tender schedule in payment of usual charge (Non-refundable) from the office of the Executive Engineer PWD E/M Divn. No. I/II, Chittagong during office hours by showing valid contractor's registration book, Electrical Licence etc. upto 29-10-91. The tenders will be received on 30-10-91 upto 12-00 Noon in tender box of the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Divn. No I/II, Chittagong and the tenders will be opened on the same date at 12-15 P.M. in presence of the intending contractors/their representatives.

Each tender shall have to be furnished with requisite earnest money in the shape of P.O.B.D./C.D from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Divn. No. I, Chittagong. Tender document shall only be sold to interested above mentioned contractor's having valid Licence.

Notice inviting tenders, additional terms and conditions, Bangladesh Form No.2911 etc. shall be treated as active part & parcel of the Tender. PWD authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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A K Fazul Hoque
Executive Engineer,
PWD E/M Divn. No. I, Chittagong

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

1.	Tender Notice No	: 1/JRD of 1991-92
2.	Name of work	: Bitumenous Seal coat including potholes repairing work at 22nd (Part), 23rd (Part), 26th (Part), 27th (Part), 28th (Part) & 29th (Part) K.M. in 2 (two) Groups of Madhupur-Jamalpur Road under Jamalpur Road Division during the year- 1991-92.
3.	Name of offices availability of tender documents	: Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Mymensingh/ Tangail/ Kishoregonj/ Preliminary Engineering Division, Dhaka/ Road Construction Divn. III, Allenbury Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka/ Planning & Programming Division, Dhaka/ Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-I/II/1st line Workshop Sub-Division, Jamalpur/ Sherpur under Road Division, Jamalpur and the undersigned.
4.	Name of offices to receive tender bids	: Office of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh/ Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Sherpur under Road Division, Jamalpur and by the undersigned.
5.	Last date of receipt	: Upto 12-30 Noon of 30.10.91.
6.	Date and time of opening of bids	: At 12-45 P.M. of 30.10.91.
7.	Group list of the work:	

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