

Upazila roundup

KUSHIA

Lions Club installation ceremony held

From A Correspondent
Nov 13: Installation ceremony of the Lions Club of Kushia was held last week at Government Girls High School auditorium in a festive mood. The first part of the function was presided over by Lion Nizamul Huq, outgoing President while Lion Matiar Rahman Laitu, incoming President presided over the second part of the function. Zila Governor Lion Humayun Zahir attended to function as chief guest while Kazi Abu Sharif ADC (General), past district Governor Lion Moslem Ali Khan, Council Chairman Lion Touhidur Rahman and Lt. Governor Lion Anwarul Huq attended as special guests. Lion Government in his speech lauded the role of Lions Club of Kushia in its humanitarian works with special reference to Kushia Eye Hospital which is continuing as pride project of Lion Club of Kushia and declared a donation of Taka 25,000 for the Eye Hospital.

Council Chairman Lion Touhidur Rahman in his speech assured all possible help and cooperation from Lions Foundation for the Eye Hospital. K. S. Lion Dr. SA Sakoor, Managing Director, UCBL who attended the function as guest of honour assured help from his bank.

CHANDPUR

Revolution, Solidarity Day observed

From Our Correspondent
Nov 13: National Revolution and Solidarity Day was observed at Chandpur in a befitting manner. An elaborate programme was chalked out to mark the occasion. National flag was hoisted atop all government and private buildings. In this connection a seminar was held at Chandpur Town Hall with Advocate Sheikh Mattur Rahman in the chair. Prof Md Abullah MP attended the seminar as chief guest. The seminar was addressed, among others, by Md Shifuddin Ahmed, Abul Haqem Dhal, Abul Hashem Sarkar, Selimus Salam, Ferdous Alam Babu, Akter Hossain Mazi, Mizanur Rahman Mazi, Md Mosaraf Hossain.

BNP organising body formed

A 51-member Chandpur district BNP organising committee was formed recently with Prof Md Abdullah MP as convener. Different organs of BNP accorded a reception to Prof Md Abdullah MP. The meeting was addressed, among others, by Sheikh Mattur Rahman, Safuddin Ahmed and Abul Haqem Dhal.

PABNA

Centenary celebration of public library

From Our Correspondent
Nov 13: The four-day long colourful centenary celebration of Ananda Govinda Public Library ended here recently which was inaugurated by eminent poet Shamsur Rahman and presided over by Wazuddin Khan, President of the Library. Actor Ali Zaker, journalist Atiqul Alam, Dr. Abdullah Faruque, Chairman Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha, Abus Salam, Major General (Rtd) Abdus Samad, Abu Sulaiman Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner Pabna and Professor Moslem Ali Principal Government Edward College, Pabna were present. A cultural programme titled 'Pabna Day' was organised on the occasion at Banamali Institute auditorium. The programme included competition on recitation, debate, painting and essay writing for college and school level students.

BRAHMANBARIA

Beheaded body recovered

Nov 13: Akhaura railway guard police recovered a beheaded body near Marasani railway station on Akhaura-Sylhet rail line Monday, reports UNB. The victim was identified as Biju Mish (50) of Marasani in Singurbill union of Akhaura upazila. The body was sent to Sadar hospital for autopsy. The reason behind the killing could not be ascertained immediately.

RANGAMATI

IIRO donates medicines to flood victims

Nov 13: International Islamic Relief Organisation (IIRO), a unit of Rabitat AL-Alam AL-Islami, donated huge amount of life saving medicines as relief for two flood and diarrhoea affected upazilas of the district today, reports UNB. Superintendent of Mainmukh Rabitat Hospital Dr Md Hafizuddin, on behalf of IIRO, formally handed over the medicines worth about Tk 2 lakh to the local Government Parishad this afternoon.

These medicines will be distributed among diarrhoea and flood victims of Baghachari and Barkal upazilas, Chairman of the Parishad Gautam Dewan said.

Among others, district Civil Surgeon Aziz Ahmed, Parishad members Rubayet Akhter, A S M Shahidullah and Gyanendra Bikas Chakma were present on the occasion.

C'NAWABGANJ

Drinking water scarce

Nov 13: Acute scarcity of pure water has posed a serious problem to the people in the rural areas of the district since the advent of the current dry season, reports UNB.

According to report, the tubewells installed by Public Health Engineering Department are inadequate to meet the demand of the people in five upazilas of the district.

According to official sources, there are 2000 tubewells of which 481 are now lying choked-up in Shitganj, Nachol, Gomostapur, Bholahat and Sadar upazilas of the district. The people who live in remote villages have to depend on wells, tanks and rivers for drinking water, taking the risk of contamination.

SHERPUR

Price of house building materials soars

Nov 13: The reconstruction of flood damaged houses is being hampered due to scarcity and high price of house building materials in rural areas of the district, reports UNB.

Prices of building materials went up by 30 per cent after the flood which damaged 60 per cent of kutcha houses.

More than 40 per cent of damaged houses could not be reconstructed in the district, sources said.

Prices of bamboo jumped to Tk 60 from Tk 30 per piece. A bundle of sungrass or thatched is being sold between Tk 150 and Tk 125, wood-poles sell between Tk 250 and Tk 400 per cubic feet. At least Tk 15,000 are required to construct a thatched house.

PABNA

Journalist assaulted

Nov 13: A journalist of a local weekly was assaulted by some miscreants who snatched away his camera, wrist watch and other valuables at Chardulal village of Sujanagar upazila of the district, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said, the victim Abul Kasem, staff correspondent of Pabna Barta was attacked by a gang of miscreants while he was collecting information about a kidnapping incident at the village recently.

He was rushed to Pabna General Hospital in a critical condition. A case was filed with Santhia police in this connection.

SIRAJGANJ

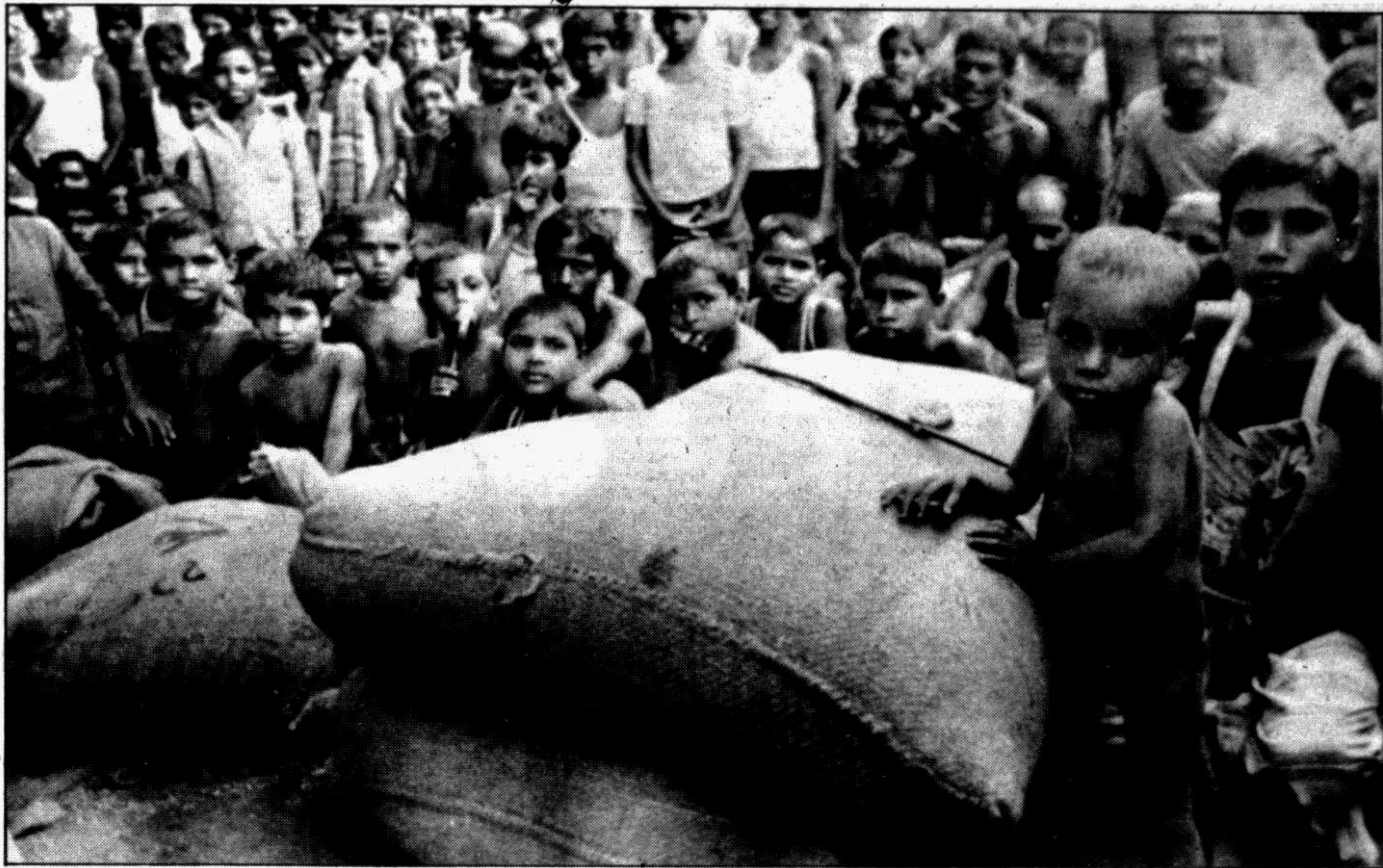
Kidnapped bank manager yet to be rescued

Nov 13: Police could not rescue the kidnapped bank manager after one month of his abduction, reports UNB.

Family sources said, Haider ALI (50), Tarash Branch Manager of Krishi Unnayan Bank, was kidnapped at gun point on October 12 night from the bank and the miscreants looted Tk 37,000 from the bank.

A GD case was filed by the second officer of the bank with local police.

Police arrested four employees of the bank for their alleged involvement in the case.



FLOOD AFTERMATH: Flood and erosion left a trail of devastation in the northern region. Though late, the government has intensified relief operations in the affected areas. Photo shows children waiting in a big queue with the hope of getting succour in front of sacks full of rice, meant for distribution at village in Rangpur. — Star photo

Cattle diseases take heavy toll

Farmers need soft-term loan to buy bullocks

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Nov 13: Acute shortage of draft animals posing a threat to cultivation in all seven upazilas of the district.

About 40 to 50 per cent cultivators of these upazilas have no bullocks for tilling their lands. They do the job by hiring bullocks which costs Taka 30 to Taka 40 per bigha during the sowing season. Many farmers cultivate their lands on share basis. Sometimes they hire bullocks from 'jotdar' as they are unable to purchase bullocks due to sharp rise in the price of the animal. The price of a pair of bullocks ranges between Taka 8000 and Taka 10,000.

In most cases farmers are compelled to use their milchling cows to carry on their agricultural works which eventually leads to reduction in milk production. There is no provision for soft term loan for buying bullocks, farmers complained.

Moreover, every year cattle diseases especially Khura breaks out in an epidemic form in different parts of the district taking heavy toll of cattle. The farmers of remote areas cannot afford to treat their cattlehead as the charges of a veterinary doctor is very high and due to non-availability of the life saving drugs in government livestock hospitals it is alleged. As a result, poor farmers have to buy necessary medicines from black markets at exorbitant rates.

Besides, indiscriminate slaughtering of calves causes shortage of bullock. It is also learnt that a section of butchers defying government ban slaughter a large number of cows, calves and bullocks everyday in hats and bazars of the district. Most of the traditional grazing fields have turned into cultivable lands in all upazilas without any consideration to cattle feeding. Prices of oil

cake, bran and other kinds of fodder have also registered a sharp rise. Many poor farmers have been compelled to sell their cattle due to acute scarcity of fodder, it is learnt.

Youth Day observed

National Youth Day was observed in Satkhira district in a befitting manner recently.

A youth rally was held at Satkhira stadium maidan which was presided over by Mr M A Malek Additional Deputy Commissioner, Satkhira. Mrs Nargis Rahman, wife of the Deputy Commissioner was the chief guest while it was addressed by Mr Mahbuzaman, Deputy Director, Youth Development Department and Abdul Mutalib, President, Satkhira Press Club.

Later a procession was brought out from Satkhira stadium premises which paraded the main streets of the city. A large number of students of

different educational institutions of the district along with banners and festoons participated in the rally.

Rajbari

Our Rajbari Correspondent writes: Cattle diseases have broken out in an epidemic form in five districts of greater Faridpur. The situation is becoming worse following non-availability of medicines in the upazila veterinary hospital.

According to the allegation, most of the livestock offices are ill-staffed and have been running without medicines. As a result, hundreds of farmers return disappointed as they fail to procure medicine for their cattle. The worst hit upazilas are Kalkini, Modhukhali, Bhonga, Kasiani, Charbhadrans, Gopalganj, Pangsa, Goalundo, Baliakandi, Rajbari Sadar and Faridpur Sadar.

Gradual spread of cattle disease has taken a heavy toll of

cattle heads and hundreds of others are still suffering from various diseases.

The poor farmers who have been hardhit by the recent flood are unable to make headway towards rehabilitation work, with their limited resources.

During the floods several thousands cattleheads died, to add to the miseries. Fodder crisis has been prevailing all over the flood ravaged areas in Faridpur zone. Thousands of acres of pasture lands have turned sandy due to siltation. Fodder crises are also prevailing in Char areas and other remote places along the river belts, it is learnt. The government and other agencies are supplying succour to the human beings but no step has been taken to save the cattle from starvation. Cultivation will hamper to a great extent if proper steps are not taken to save the cattlehead.

BKB will disburse Tk 125 cr agri-loan

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Nov 13: Bangladesh Krishi Bank has undertaken a plan to disburse Tk 125 crore as agricultural loan in 16 northern districts during the current financial year, reports UNB.

Of the total amount, Tk 65 crore will be given as short term loan, Tk 36 crore as medium term and Tk 22 crore as long term loan.

The districts are: Chapainawabganj, Rajshahi, Natore, Naogaon, Joypurhat, Bogra, Pabna, Sirajganj, Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur and Panchagarh.

The bank has already distributed Tk five crore to the farmers of the Chapainawabganj district.

All the 294 branches of the Bank have been instructed to advance loans as per requirement of the farmers so that production is not hampered for want of credit.

Meanwhile, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank has taken up a special credit programme for the farmers who have incurred loss during the last devastating flood. The Bank will disburse Tk 12 crore under this programme for intensive Transplanted Aman Production.

Jail killing day observed

MYMENSINGH, Nov 13 The jail killing day was observed here in a befitting manner by the Syed Nazrul Islam Smriti Parishad, reports BSS.

The day's programme included wearing of black badge, garlanding the portrait of Syed Nazrul Islam, Quran Khwani, feeding the poor and discussion meeting.

The discussion meeting was held at the local Town Hall in the afternoon.

Presided over by Advocate M. Zubed Ali MP convener, Syed Nazrul Islam Smriti Parishad the discussion was participated among others by Dr. Mazharul Islam, former Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University.

River siltation hampers navigation, irrigation

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Nov 13: Siltation in the rivers flowing through Jamalpur is posing a threat to irrigation, pisciculture and navigation. With the advent of winter, the water level of the Brahmaputra, Lujang, Shahbaria, Raimari and a portion of Jamuna has fallen to knee-deep bringing a total standstill to the river communication. The Brahmaputra stretching from Raipur to Jamalpur, has completely dried up. The vast river bed is now being used as crop-land. The Lujang tributary of the Jamuna is also drying up. A big charlang has been emerged hindering its flow during the dry season.

The river bed of Shahbaria is also being used for cultivation every year. The 50-kilometre-long Raimari river where water level has fallen to knee-deep is filled with water-hyacinth. The people living beside the said rivers have been facing utter difficulties in irrigating their lands. A vast tract of land of the river sides remains fallow every year for want of irrigation. As a result, a large number of fishermen has become unemployed. Knowledgeable circles opined that a comprehensive plan for dredging both the Jamuna and Brahmaputra rivers should be taken up immediately for smooth navigation in the interest of trade and commerce. The Water Development Board under took a scheme for excavation of these rivers but the scheme has reportedly been shelved due to fund stringency, sources said.

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According to a competent source of the Agricultural Extension Department, of the total, 1.5 lakh acres will be brought under Boro cultivation and production target of Boro paddy has been fixed at 1,25,000 tons. Last years cultivation target was fixed at 1.4 lakh acres.

The target of wheat cultivation has been fixed at 25,000 acres with a production target of two lakh maunds.

Besides, of the total 5,600 acres will be brought under potato cultivation with a production target for 25,000 manuds, 3000 acres will be brought under high yielding variety and the rest 26000 acres under local variety. There was a bumper production of 35000 tons of potato last year.

About 1.2 acres of land will be brought under winter vegetables farming with the production target of two lakh tons. Mustard will be cultivated on 83000 acres with a production target of 300 maunds.

Notes from Magura

MAGURA, Nov. 13: Most of the government and non-government primary schools have been facing manifold problems in four upazilas of the district for a long time, reports UNB. According to primary education officer, there are 262 government and 92 non-government primary schools in Sadar, Sreepur, Salikha and Mohammadpur upazilas of the district.

In most of the primary schools, students have to attend their classes amid great difficulties due to shortage of accommodation and furniture, inadequate water supply and absence of toilet.

The number of students has been increasing by leaps and bounds but shortage of teachers has been hampering normal education.

Moreover, guardians complained that a good number of teachers remain absent and some others visit the school at late hours according to their will although they keep the registers in proper order to draw their salary and government grant.

Hospital in sorry state

The "modernised" sadar hospital is beset with various problems including shortage of medicines, beds and inadequate food as well as doctors and nurses.

The patients are compelled to sleep on the floor as the hospital has only 50 beds which is quite inadequate to meet the need of 15 lakh people of the district.

Besides, one medical consultant and four medical officers cannot cope with scores of patients reporting for treatment daily.

Crimes galore

The town-dwellers, have been passing their days in panic at the alarming deterioration of law and order situation, local elite alleged.

Activities of anti-social elements, criminals and musclemen have increased to such an extent as to make the law enforcing agencies totally ineffective. It was further alleged.

The anti-social elements have been committing crimes including murder, rape, stabbing and dacoity, with impunity and patronisation of some influential persons.

Shopkeepers, businessmen and traders are harassed and attacked for tolls and other gratifications. Women particularly school-going girls are often kidnaped and violated and homes of the well-to-do are broken into and looted. These elements, they said, often are seen moving freely with fire-arms, daggers and Chinese axes.

Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, (RHD)
Road Division, Khulna,
Phone: 20678

Notice of (RHD) Inviting Tenders

1. Tender Notice No : KH. 34 of 1991-92.
2. List of works :-

Sl No.	Group No.	Name of work with location	Estimated amount	2% earnest money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor
1.	1 (One)	Providing pre-mixed bituminous seal coat over semi-grouting at 36th (P), 37th, 39th (P) & 48th (P) K.M. of Jessore-Khulna Road under (RHD), Road Division, Khulna during the year 1991-92.	Tk 12,03,105/-	Tk 24,062/-	60 days	'A' to 'D' General category under (RHD)
2.	2(Two)	Providing seal coat and depression filling by semigrouting method over water bound macadam, sand filling and edging at 4th(P), 5th(P), 6th(P), 24th & 25th (P) K.M. of Satkhira-Chuknagor Road under (RHD), Road Division, Khulna during the year 1991-92.	Tk 10,80,102/-	Tk 21,602/-	60 days	— do —
3.	3 (Three)	Widening of existing road by water bound macadam carpeting & seal coat at 4th(P) & 5th (P) K.M. of Khulna-Chuknagor Road under (RHD), Road Division, Khulna during the year 1991-92.	Tk 12,10,560/-	Tk 24,211/-	60 days	— do —
4.	4 (Four)	Providing seal coat over semi-grouting at 52nd (P), 53rd (P) & 58th (P) K.M. of Jessore-Khulna Road under (RHD), Road Division, Khulna during the year 1991-92.	Tk 5,00,338/-	Tk 10,007/-	30 days	— do —
5.	5 (Five)	Providing prime seal coat over depression filling by semigrouting method at 13th (P) & 14th, 15th, 16th(P) 20th (P) K.M. of Satkhira-Illishpur Road under (RHD), Road Division, Khulna during the year 1991-92.	Tk 5,57,358/-	Tk 11,147/-	30 days	— do —
3.	Last date of receipt of the tender : Upto 12:30 P.M. on 24.11.91 Eng 24.11.91 BS					
4.	Dated and time of opening of the bid : At 12:45 P.M. on 24.11.91 Eng 24.11.91 BS					
5.	Name of Officer to receive the bids : a) Addl. Chief Engineer, (RHD), Khulna, Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Boyra, Khulna; b) Superintending Engineer, (RHD), Jessore Road Circle, Jessore; c) Superintending Engineer, (RHD), Project Control Circle, Dhaka; d) Executive Engineer, (RHD), Road Division, Kushtia; AND e) Executive Engineer, (RHD), Road Division, Khulna.					
6.	Name of Offices of availability of tender documents during office hours on all working days except on Fridays and holidays : Executive Engineer, (RHD), Road Division, Khulna/Jessore/Kushtia/ Preliminary Engineering Division, Sarak Bhaban, Boyra/Khulna/Planning & Programming Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka and all Sub-Divisional Engineer's Offices under (RHD), Road Division, Khulna.					

Md Aminur Rahman
Executive Engineer, (RHD),
Road Division, Khulna.

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