

Upazila roundup

JHENIDAH

Hall damaged as organisers fail to stage pop show

Feb 17: About 1,000 pop show viewers ransacked and damaged a cinema hall 'Priya' in the town Saturday while the organisers failed to stage the show, reports UNB.

A group of youths organised a pop show on second founding anniversary of Bandhan Sanjib Biddalaya.

They sold tickets at the rate of Taka 100, Taka 50 and Taka 30.

The viewers took their seats in due time and waited for hours together and at around 10 pm the viewers became angry and started damaging chairs, benches and other property of the cinema hall. Total loss of property was estimated at about Taka one lakh.

On getting information local MP, DC and Police Super rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

It is learnt that the pop singers from Dhaka reached the town after midnight.

MEHERPUR

Storm damages standing crops

Feb 17: An untimely hail storm swept over a part of Meherpur district last week damaging standing crops on a vast tract of land in Gangni Upazila, reports BSS.

Local people said that the worst affected area was Amjhupi, Union. The hail storm damaged standing crops including wheat, pulses and tobacco. Mango buds were also badly affected.

KISHOREGANJ

Body of minor boy recovered

Karimganj police recovered the body of a boy named Ujjal, 6, from a bush on the bank of the river Narunda at village Khamar Dehunda Thursday, reports UNB.

According to police, Ujjal son of Fatizur Rahman went with his step mother to her father's house a few days ago from where he had been missing.

Ujjal's mother, the first wife of Fatizur Rahman, was divorced a few months back.

A case has been registered with the police.

BORGUNA

Mosquito menace alarming

Feb 17: Mosquito menace has assumed an alarming proportion here causing untold suffering to the town dwellers, reports UNB.

Normal work at offices, business establishments, schools, colleges and hospitals are being hampered.

The waterbodies filled with hyacinths, kutchra drains, marshy places, kutchra latrines, water pools around tubewells and garbage on roadsides are the ideal breeding centres for mosquitoes.

Silted drains with stagnant water in the town area have not been cleared for long.

The residents of the town alleged that no step has yet been taken by the local municipal authority to start mosquito eradication drive.

RAJSHAHI

Ekushey programme

Feb 17: Different socio-cultural and educational institutions of Rajshahi have chalked out elaborate programme to observe the Ekushey February in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

The programme includes placing of floral wreath at Shaheed Minar at Rajshahi University and Rajshahi Government College premises, private ferry, essay competition, discussions and cultural functions.

FARIDPUR

Indian cough syrup seized

Feb 17: Police seized huge quantity of contraband Indian goods worth Taka two lakh from a Dhaka-bound night coach at Madhukhali bus stand Thursday night, reports BSS.

According to a police source, acting on secret information, Madhukhali thana police raided a passenger coach coming from Jessore on way to Dhaka. Police recovered four bags of contraband Indian phenyls, cough syrup, automobile spare parts and three hundred pieces of Indian saris.

None was arrested in this connection. A case was registered with Madhukhali police.

AGRI-VARSITY

Reception to new VC

Feb 17: Bangladesh Agricultural University Teachers' Association accorded a reception to Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan on his assumption as Vice Chancellor of the university Tuesday, reports UNB.

In his address Prof Khan expressed his desire to run the affairs of the university as per prevalent rules and laws of the institution. He urged all concerned to work unitedly for advancing the mission of the university, said a press release.

Presided over by Prof M Rafiqul Haq Bhuiyan, President of the Association, the function held at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin auditorium was addressed, among others, by Prof Dr Md Nazrul Islam, Z H Bhuiyan, A M Muazzam Hossain, SM Farooq, G A Fakir, Manwar Ahmed, Anwarul Islam, M A Hasnat and Prof M Azizul Haq.

BRAHMANBARIA

Smuggled goods recovered from inter-city train

Feb 17: Bangladesh Rifles seized Indian smuggled goods worth Taka 1.50 lakh from Dhaka bound intercity train on Saturday, reports UNB.

According to BDR, on getting secret information, a contingent of BDR jawans led by Subedg Md Mofizul Islam raided the Paban Express train coming from Sylhet at Brahmanbaria railway station and recovered 480 bottles of Phenyl, 198 pieces of Indian saris and five kilograms of ganja from a luggage van of the train.

The goods were deposited with Akhaura Customs Department. A case has been filed in this connection.

BARISAL

Science Week inaugurated

Feb 17: The 15th National Science and Technology Week was inaugurated on February 15 at the science campus of Brojomohon University College, reports BSS.

Prof Mohammad Hanif, Principal of the college presided over the function while Mr. Nurul Alam Khan, Deputy Commissioner, Barisal was present as chief guest.

A total of 15 educational institutions including three colleges and nine local science clubs participated in the exhibition.

A 6 member committee was formed to run the science week smoothly.

BOGRA

Dacoits in police uniform loot valuables

Feb : Dacoits in police uniform looted valuables worth about Taka 50,000 at gun point from village Oondagram on the outskirts of the district town recently, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, 15 to 16 dacoits broke into the house of Mirza Abdus Salam, assaulted the inmates mercilessly and snatched away valuables including gold ornament, VCP, watch, radio, utensils, clothes and cash.

JESSORE

Attack on Jubadal leaders protested

Feb 17: Jubadal, youth front of BNP, district unit, brought out a procession in the town Monday protesting the attack on two of the party workers, reports UNB.

The procession was followed by a rally held at Daratana Square with its president Abdus Salam in the chair.

Among others, Faruq, Borhan Uddin, Zakir and Dewar Hossain addressed the meeting.

RANGAMATI

Sports Directorate unit under local parishad

Feb 17: Government on Sunday transferred charges of the Sports Directorate under Ministry of Youth and Sports to the Local Government Parishad of three hill districts, reports UNB.

The decision, to be effective from March 1 this year, was taken to make the Local Government Parishad system more effective and dynamic.

With this, a total of 12 subjects have been transferred to the Local Government Parishad.



AGRI-VARSITY : The Vice-Chancellor BAU, Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan garlanding Mostafa Ali Reza, a Fisheries Graduate with the Karim Memorial Gold Medal for securing highest marks in the examination.

Road condition deplorable, business faces deadlock

From Our Correspondent:

GAIBANDHA, Feb 17: They trade and commerce of the district has been facing a deadlock situation due to disruption of the road communication.

Out of seven upazilas, road link of four upazilas are still lying snapped with the district head quarters for their dilapidated condition. The road links of these upazilas were damaged due to natural calamities and turned deplorable for want of timely renovation.

Many bridges and culverts at different points along the roads collapsed long ago which could not be renovated due to fund constrain.

There are only 20 roads in district. Of them seventy kilometers are metalled and remaining 62 kilometers are haring-bone roads. But a large portion of said roads are not worthy for the vehicular traffic.

In many places large scale potholes and ditches have developed due to long absence of repairing.

Besides, a total of 31 bridges was damaged by the floods.

Moreover, there are innumerable union parishad roads constructed under Food for Works Programme could not serve its purpose for un-planned construction.

The metalled and haring-bone roads were constructed 15 years back which is now turned into a deplorable condition. These are: Sunderganj-Bamondanga, Gaibandha-Ramchandrapur and Gaibandha-Rosulpur roads that could not be renovated as yet. The bricks of said roads are being lifted by the corrupt persons.

Roads and Highway Department undertook a brick laying work in Gaibandha-

Matherhat-Sunderganj road sometimes past but during the tenure of four years the department completed only four-kilometre road.

Laxmipur-Kamarjani and Laxmipur-Shovaganj road link still lying disrupted due to damaging of two bridges at Lengakhali. The people of those areas are facing untold suffering as the concerned authorities yet to undertake reconstruction work of collapsed bridges.

On the otherhand construction of Gaibandha-Nakathat-Gobindaganj could not be started due to negligence of concerned authority.

The concerned authorities remained silent over the issue. The road construction programme should be geared up in the district with a view to creating normalcy of communication as well as the trade and commerce of the district.

Work on 66-Km canal, 8 sluice gates in progress

RAJSHAHI, Feb 16: Work on the construction of 85 primary schools in Greater Rajshahi district has started at a cost of Tk 9.33 crore under the post flood rehabilitation programme, reports UNB.

According to Facilities Department under Ministry of Education, the work is expected to be completed at the end of the current fiscal year.

FARIDPUR, Feb 17: The Local Government Engineering Bureau is to complete about 66 Km canal re-excitation under the Rural Development project-4 in four districts at a cost of Taka 76 lakh during the current dry season, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the districts are Faridpur, Rajbari, Gopalganj

and Madaripur. Meanwhile, re-excitation of 19 canals in the districts has already started while some of them have already been completed under this programme.

Besides, eight regulators and sluice gates will be constructed at a cost of Taka 1.25 crore under small scale water resources scheme of the LGEB in Madaripur, Rajbari and Faridpur districts during the period.

With the works over by April next, about 19,650 acres of land will get irrigation facilities to produce 59,000 tons of additional foodgrains annually, the source added.

A report from Jessore says Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam stressed the need for appropriate survey and planning of canal excavation and re-excitation considering its long term benefit.

Addressing a meeting on excavation and re-excitation of canals in the district recently the Minister said the Canal Digging Programme would be successful in practical if contour of the canal bed was maintained properly during excavation.

The meeting decided to re-excite seven derelict canals of Chowgacha, Keshabpur, Shursha, Bagharpara, Jhikargacha, Monirampur and Sadar upazilas of the district.

Another report from Faridpur adds: Police seized Indian contraband goods worth Taka 2 lakh from the interdistrict night coach here on Thursday.

Acting on secret information, the Officer In-Charge of Madhukhali Thana searched the night coach (No Dhaka Cha-4136) belonging to Chitra Paribahan which was on way to Dhaka from Jessore.



NAWABGANJ : The Ratanti Kali Puja was held on the occasion of Magh Chaturdashi at the Zamindarbari of Matapur under the upazila recently. The local devotees use to perform this puja every year for about 200 years.

Bullock shortage hampers cultivation in Dinajpur

DINAJPUR, Feb 17: Acute shortage of cattle has been hampering cultivation in the district for a considerable period, reports UNB.

According to informed sources, 60 to 70 per cent of the cultivators do not have bullock nor can they afford to buy bullock at the price prevailing at present.

As a result cultivable lands are left fallow or tilled inadequately causing loss of production.

Sometimes they dig their lands with spades and draw the harrows themselves. Many of them even use milch cows to cultivate the lands resulting in the gradual fall in the production of milk.

A bullock is at present sold in the market between Taka

8,000 and 10,000. A survey conducted locally shows that various diseases take a heavy toll of cattlehead and greedy cobblers poison cows to death for their skin.

Slaughtering of animals has also increased to a great extent as consumption of beef has become widespread due to scarcity of fish in the market.

The recent flood also claimed a heavy toll of cattlehead in the district, the survey said.

Pottery on decay

The local pottery industry has been on the decay due to price hike of clay, dyes and other necessary inputs.

Most of the once famous potters of Kotwali, Birol, Kaharole Khanshama, Birganj,

Bochaganj, Phulbari, Hirampur, Hakimpur and Nawabganj have been forced to give up their ancestral profession, local people said.

About 20,000 families of the district were engaged in this trade. Most of them were by birth potters and hence do not possess any other training to earn their livelihood.

Extensive use of aluminium utensils has aggravated the situation, fringing down the demand for earthen wares in the markets.

The producers have been facing innumerable problems including marketing facilities and fund constraints.

The potters' community urged the authorities for soft term loan to enable them pursue their age-old vocation.

Krira Sangstha to take step to promote sports

BANDARBAN, Feb 17: The Krira Sangstha will take all possible steps for promotion of sports in the district, reports UNB.

Ataur Rahman Majumder, the Deputy Commissioner of Bandarban hill district said while inaugurating the construction of the gallery of Bandarban Stadium Saturday.

The projects for the construction of the gallery involves an estimated expenditure of Taka 30 lakh.

The General Secretary of Bandarban District Sports Association, the local government officers and elite of the town were present at the inaugural function.

Fertility of farm land on decline

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, Feb 17: Fertility of agricultural land in the district is declining rapidly due to rampant use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Besides, agricultural production has been adversely affected by the mineral deficiency of the soil.

Agriculturists said that shortage of minerals like sulphur and zinc in soil caused decline in paddy production.

The use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in crop lands are the main causes of the decrease of soil fertility. Mineral deficiency has affected about 60 per cent crop land in the district.

District agriculture officials said, use of cowdung is essential for keeping pace in land productivity. But it is not used proportionately due to the fact that the number of cattlehead has decreased. The increased use of cowdung as domestic fuel in rural areas, is also responsible.

UNB adds: The anti-smuggling squad raided three markets in the district but recovered no contraband.

Local leaders, however, said smuggling was going on unabated and a section of dishonest businessmen and merchants invented new ways to hoodwink the law men.

Office of The Project Manager

Project Implementation Unit (PIU)

Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project (Phase 1)

Mymensingh Pourashava

Mymensingh

Tender Notice

Tender Notice No.: 08/1991-92

Date: 16-2-92

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from Asian Development Bank under ADB Loan No. 1059 BAN (SF) towards the cost of the Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project (Phase 1) for 10 (Ten) Pourashavas, namely Sylhet, Mymensingh, Rangpur, Bogra, Kushtia, Pabna, Bhola, Barguna, Feni and Cox's Bazar. The undersigned Project Manager, Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Mymensingh Pourashava, intends to take up under the same loan different types of works as shown below under the 1991-1992 implementation programme. Sealed tenders for implementation of the works are hereby invited in Bangladesh 2911 Form from only those contractors pre-qualified for the Project by the office of the Project Director, Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project (Phase 1), Local Government Engi Bureau (LGE), 4/5, Lalmatia, Block B, Dhaka-1207.

Interested pre-qualified contractors can obtain necessary tender documents during normal office hours on all working days up to 2nd March, 1992, from the office of either (i) the Project Director, Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project (Phase 1), LGE, 4/5, Lalmatia, Block B, Dhaka-1207, or (ii) Project Manager, PIU, of Mymensingh Pourashava, or (iii) Executive Engineer, LGE, District Mymensingh, on cash payment of money at 0.25% of the estimated cost (non-refundable) in favour of the undersigned after obtaining written approval from the respective Officers for purchase of Tender Documents on showing documentary evidence of their pre-qualification. Tenders will be received by the above mentioned offices up to 12:00 Noon on 3-3-92. No tender will be accepted beyond this time, and tenders will be opened at 12:30 P.M. on the same day in presence of the tenderers, if any.

Rate shall have to be quoted for each item of schedule individually by the contractor.

Interested tenderers may gather necessary information regarding tender and work from the above mentioned offices during normal office hours on all working days. Tenders must be accompanied by all relevant papers and Earnest Money at 2.5% (Two point five per cent) of the estimated cost of the work in favour of Project Manager, PIU, Mymensingh Pourashava as stated in Tender Document.

The Authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Tenders not complying with the stipulated conditions will be treated as non-responsive, and will be rejected.

Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project (Phase 1)
1991-92 Implementation Programme

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Tk.)	Earnest Money (Tk.)	Cost of Tender document (Tk.)	Completion time for work (days)
1.	Alia Madrasa road (reconstruction)	6,27,000.00	15,675.00	1,568.00	45 days
2.	Bipin Sen road	9,02,412.00	22,561.00	2,257.00	45 days
3.	Ananda Mohon Avenue	8,74,331.00	21,859.00	2,186.00	45 days
4.	Keshore Boundary road	19,75,000.00	49,375.00	4,938.00	45 days
5.	Doladia road	7,20,000.00	18,000.00	1,800.00	45 days
6.	Senbari road	13,75,000.00	34,375.00	3,438.00	45days
7.	Brahmapally road	12,65,000.00	31,625.00	3,163.00	45 days
8.	Daulat Munshi road	9,30,000.00	23,250.00	2,325.00	45 days
9.	Mymensingh rail road	2,82,000.00	7,050.00	705.00	45 days
10.	Golgonda High School road	9,70,000.00	24,250.00	2,425.00	45 days
11.	Bagmara Medical road	93,512.00	2,338.00	234.00	45 days
12.	Zila Parishad High School road	2,85,000.00	7,125.00	713.00	45 days
13.	Umed Ali road	1,35,000.00	3,375.00	338.00	45 days
14.	Balashpur road	10,50,000.00	26,250.00	2,625.00	45 days
15.	Single pit latrine 100 nos.	2,04,600.00	5,115.00	512.00	60 days
16.	Double pit latrine 100 nos.	2,74,600.00	6,865.00	687.00	60 days
17.	Culverts on Golgonda High School road 5 nos.	1,60,000.00	4,000.00	400.00	45 days
18.	Culvert on Balashpur road 1 no.	32,000.00	800.00	80.00	45 days
19.	Culvert on Doladia road 1 no.	32,000.00	800.00	80.00	45 days
20.	Culvert on Alia Madrasa road 1 no.	32,000.00	800.00	80.00	45 days
21.	Culvert on Gazia Bari road 1 no.	32,000.00	800.00	80.00	45 days
22.	R.C.C. Dustbins in different places in 7 nos				
	Wards of Pourashava 75 nos.	3,13,000.00	7,825.00	783.00	45 days

Tk. 1,25,64,455/-

(Taka one hundred twenty five lac sixty four thousand four hundred fifty five) only.

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