

Upazila roundup

JAMALPUR

Rally demands Ershad's release

Feb 20: Jatiya Party brought out a procession here Monday demanding immediate release of their leader H M Ershad, reports UNB.

The processionists paraded the town chanting various slogans. They also demanded mid-term parliamentary election.

Later a big rally was held in front of the newly inaugurated party office at Station Road with Reza Khan in the chair.

DINAJPUR

Housewife commits suicide

Feb 20: A housewife in Sadar upazila in the district allegedly committed suicide by taking poison Wednesday, reports UNB.

According to family sources, Usha Rani (35), mother of three children and wife of Brendra Nath Roy of village Sundarpur allegedly took poison over a family feud. She was rushed to the general hospital where she died.

A case has been lodged with the police.

Another report says, Jalaluddin, 50, was killed by a speeding truck while he was going riding on a bi-cycle on the road near sub-jail of Birampur on Sunday.

Local people seized the truck (Dha-Metro-7002) but the driver managed to escape.

A case has been filed with Birampur police.

JHENDAH

Villagers round up 2 dacoits with pipe gun

Feb 20: Villagers caught red handed two dacoits with a pipegun and two rounds of bullets from village Anupur in Shalukupa Upazila Sunday, reports UNB.

According to police, a gang of armed dacoits numbering 7 to 10 raided the house of Bashtruddin Khan at midnight. The inmates of the house raised hue and cry and villagers from all directions rushed to the spot, chased the dacoits and caught hold of dacoits Pitul, 23, and Abdur Rahim, 24.

Later, they were handed over to Shalukupa police. A case has been filed in this connection.

CHANDPUR

100 meritorious students get stipends

Feb 20: About 100 meritorious students of the municipality and two unions of the district were awarded 'G M Fazlul Haq Stipends-1992' on Sunday, reports UNB.

The stipends are being given among the meritorious students annually for the last 7 years, says a Press release.

A function was arranged at Tarpurendi High School in this connection. Prof M Abdullah, MP, was the chief guest while Alam Khan, MP, was special guest at the function.

The founder of the stipend G M Fazlul Haq called upon the well-to-do people to come forward to help poor but meritorious students of the area.

COX'S BAZAR

About 2000 refugees cross border daily

Feb 20: The district administration on Tuesday opened two more refugee camps — one at Dechua Palong and another at Damdamia in Teknaf — following arrival of more refugees from Arakan, Myanmar, reports BSS.

There are now seven refugee camps in Cox's Bazar district alone.

District administration sources said 1500 to 2000 Arakan Muslims were crossing into Bangladesh daily through different border points.

Cox's Bazar and Bandarban district administrations have so far enlisted more than 60,000 refugees, but according to local people the figure may be more than one lakh in the two districts.

Cox's Bazar district administration had so far distributed Taka eight lakh in cash, 300 metric tons of rice, 200 metric tons wheat, 130 rolls of polythene, 20 tents and 1400 bundles of C.I. sheets among the refugees of different camps.

Five medical teams have been working round-the-clock in the refugee camps, the sources said.

TANGAIL

UZ takes up 48 projects

Feb 20: Ghatail Upazila has taken up 48 projects under third flood rehabilitation programme of the government in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

Official sources said Taka 26.3 lakh will be spent for implementation of the projects.

Under the programme, eight bridges and culverts will be constructed at a cost of Taka 4.45 lakh while Taka 16.5 lakh will be spent for repairing of fifty primary school buildings. The rest amount will be utilised for other purposes, the source said.

GAIBANDHA

3-day science fair concludes

Feb 20: A three-day science fair was held recently at Gaibandha Government College in observance of the 15th National Science Week, reports BSS.

The Deputy Commissioner, Gaibandha, Abul Bashir Ahmed Chowdhury inaugurated the fair. The function was presided over by Prof Giasuddin Ahmed, Principal, Gaibandha Government College.

Different high schools, colleges, children organisations and science clubs of the district participated in the fair.

PATUAKHALI

144 demonstration plots taken up

Feb 20: Bangladesh Agriculture Extension Department (BAED) has set up 144 demonstration plots in 6 upazilas of the district, reports UNB.

The objective of the plot was to motivate the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation in respect of various crops during this season.

Official sources said, 88 plots have been set up for boro paddy, 24 plots for mustard, 12 plots for wheat, 12 plots for sweet potatoes, 12 plots for masur dal and 36 plots for other varieties of crops.

RAJSHAHI

Farmers in Naogaon get Tk 2 cr loan

Feb 20: Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank disbursed about Taka 2 crore loan among 2,200 farmers of Naogaon district during the first six months of the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

The bank will distribute a total of Taka 9.81 crore loan to boost agri output through its 22 branches during this period.

Another message adds: A project has been undertaken to construct four primary school buildings at a cost of Taka 12.5 lakh in Puthia Upazila of the district.

According to official sources, two schools will be constructed in Baneswar Union, one each in Belpukuria and Jewpara unions of the upazila.

The construction work will start soon and is expected to be completed by May next.

NAWABGANJ

Call to come forward to serve people

Feb 20: State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan called upon members of all philanthropic organisations to come forward for mitigating the sufferings of the community's less fortunate, reports BSS.

He was speaking at the concluding function of a seven-day-long eye camp jointly organised by the Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown and Bangladesh National Society for Blinds (BNSB) at Boxhangor High School here.

Mr Mannan said, majority of our population living in the rural areas has been suffering from various diseases due to ignorance and illiteracy.

He urged the educated and affluent people of the society to serve them. He stressed the need for female education and sought co-operation of all to help the government in implementation of development programmes.

Presided over by A E Momen the function was addressed by Dr S K Muksud Ali, Member, Planning Commission and Dr Anisur Rahman, a veteran economist.

Later, the Minister visited the Nawabganj Degree College examination centre. He was informed that the administration was conducting the examination peacefully.



SYLHET: On behalf of the Chief of Bangladesh Army, the local army personnel are placing floral wreaths at the mazar of General MAG Osmany on the occasion of 8th death anniversary. —Star Photo

Modern fish processing plant, market Non-cooperation hampering normal market trading

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, Feb 20: The normal activities at the modern wholesale fish market, processing and landing centre, Barisal are yet to be started due to non-cooperation of some people with vested interests.

The centre was constructed at a cost of Taka two crore in July, 1986 on the bank of river Kirtankhola beside the floating dock of IWTA with the financial assistance of Danish Government. The project was implemented under the direct supervision of Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation.

The centre where modern facilities are available was established here with a view to facilitate the fish business of the merchants of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Jhalokathi, Boguna, and Pirojpur districts, a vast area of southern part of our country.

The centre was established on 1.23 acres of land and has an ice mill of 15-ton capacity, cold storage facility for 30 tons, water reservoir for 10,000 gallons, 32 rooms for offices and shops with deep tubewells, 8,957 square feet market with shed and gangway for loading and unloading of fishes.

It is informed that after the completion of the centre, only 20 to 22 fish merchants took offices at the centre. Many other merchants did not agree to come to the market showing lame excuses.

Meanwhile, the BFDC authority in cooperation with the local administration had several meetings with the merchants to encourage them to use the centre for their trade. But the merchants are yet to give any positive response.

According to local administration, in November last the concerned ministry sent letter to solve the problems with the fish merchants but no improvement was visible.

186 fishing trawlers to be distributed

The Bangladesh Fish Cooperative Society Limited has taken up a programme to distribute 186 fishing trawlers

at a cost Taka 112 crore among the fishermen of five southern districts under post-cyclone rehabilitation programme.

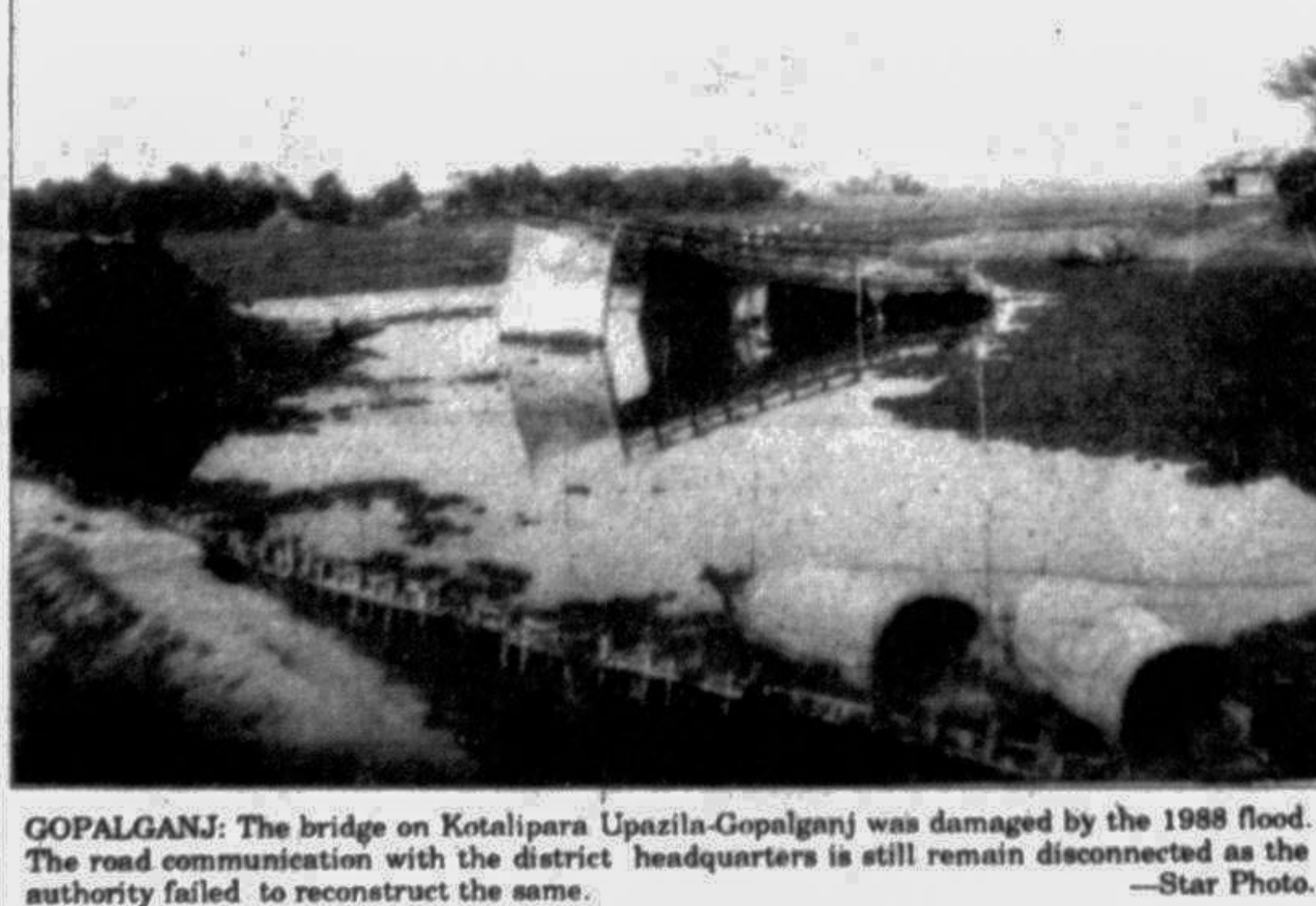
The districts include Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Boguna and Noakhali.

It can be mentioned here that hundreds of fishermen of these areas lost their fishing nets, boats and other fishing equipments during the cyclone of April 29 last.

With a view to rehabilitate the affected fishermen, the cooperative society has taken up the programme to distribute 32 trawlers with engines and fishing nets among the fishermen of Barisal, 62 in Bhola district, 30 in Pirojpur district, 32 in Patuakhali and 32 trawlers will be distributed among the fishermen of Chandpur.

About 800 trawlers will be distributed in Chittagong, and Noakhali districts.

It is learnt that this programme would be implemented jointly by the governments of Japan and Bangladesh.



GOPALGANJ: The bridge on Kotalipara Upazila-Gopalganj was damaged by the 1988 flood. The road communication with the district headquarters is still remain disconnected as the authority failed to reconstruct the same. —Star Photo.

Anniversary of Osmany's death observed

From Our Correspondent SYLHET, Feb 20: The 8th Death Anniversary of General MAG Osmany, Supreme Commander of the Liberation War Force was observed in Sylhet, the birthplace of the Bangabir on February 16 with due solemnity. Different organisations and institutions took up various programmes to deserve the day.

The programmes include, Discussion Meeting on the life and works of the late leader, Quran Khani, Milad Mahfil, Majar Jariat, Placing of floral wreaths at the majar and Kangali Bhoj.

Jatyo Janata Party, Osmany Banayan Parishad and Osmany Anuragi Parishad took up a joint programme. Balaganj upazila Osmany Sporting Club arranged a 4-day programme to observe the day.

Bangabir Osmany Smriti Parishad held a Discussion meeting with Mr Shahid Chowdhury convener of the organisation in the chair. Advocate Devotosh Chowdhury, Prof Tofayel Ahmed, Abdul Matin, Manir Uddin Chowdhury, Md Jahurul Haque Chowdhury, Editor, the Daily Sylhet Bani, Mr Muslim Chowdhury, and former Minister Dewan Farid Gazi spoke on the occasion.

Osmany Parishad and Osmany Adarsha Vidya Niketan arranged a joint programme. It include, Visiting the Osmany Museum by the students, Milad Mahfil, Discussion meeting and Majar Jariat. Advocate Nooshad Ahmed Chowdhury presided over the discussion meeting while Colonel (Retd) AR Chowdhury, Assistant Chief of Staff of the Liberation War was present as chief guest.

Jalalabad Juba Forum also arranged a Discussion meeting.

Tk 75 cr PDB bill lying outstanding

PABNA, Feb 20: Electric bills amounting to Taka 75 crore are lying unrealised in 16 northern districts under three revenue circles of Power Development Board (PDB), reports UNB.

According to official sources in Rajshahi, Bogra and Dinajpur circles, the amount is lying with 2,14,308 consumers, mainly the mill owners of industrial units and different establishments.

PDB sources told UNB that illegal use of electricity by some dishonest mill owners, businessmen and dwellers mainly contributed to the system loss which accounted for 36.28 per cent during the current fiscal year.

The illegal use of power without metres and power hooks not only deprive the PDB of a huge revenue but also damage transformers, valuable electrical equipment and cause frequent load-shedding in the area.

It is alleged that some dishonest officers and employees of PDB get their monthly kickback from illegal power users to allow them carry on such anti-people acts.

As a result, power supply remains disrupted for days together causing much trouble to the genuine consumers.

One wanted for forging minister's signature

MAGURA, Feb 20: Police is wanting one Baki Mia of village Berol of Sadar upazila for alleged forgery of signature and seal of the Agriculture, Irrigation and Flood Control Minister, M Majid-ul-Haq, reports UNB.

According to police, Baki Mia applied for a job at Khulna Star Jute Mills recently. The typed application was without signature of the applicant and was recommended with the signature and seal of the said Minister.

The mill authorities had confusion about the applicant's bonafide and sent it to the concerned ministry for the verification.

The ministry confirmed the forgery and asked for filing a case against the applicant.

Ambulance lying out of order for 2 years

MAIJDDEE COURT (Noakhali), Feb 20: The only ambulance of Noakhali General Hospital is lying out of order for about 2 years, reports UNB.

Sufferings of the emergency patients have thus been increased, to a great extent. According to the Civil Surgeon, it could not be set right as spare parts are not available here.

The Health Directorate was requested to replace the ambulance but so far no action has been taken, he added.

Patients from rural areas are now taken to the hospital on shoulders or by carts for treatment.

Power supply erratic at Kushtia

KUSHTIA, Feb 20: Frequent power failure and load shedding have become a regular feature here causing much inconveniences to the town dwellers, reports UNB.

The town plunges into darkness almost every night paralysing normal life and production in mills, factories and other business establishments. Electricity run irrigation facilities in the irrigable crop lands are also affected at the sowing stage.

Besides, fluctuation of voltage has been causing damages to valuable electronic gadgets.

People are unable to crush their paddy and wheat due to power disruption while most of the traders are reportedly

using it as a pretext to increase the prices of different daily essentials.

Meanwhile, resident students of the local Government College brought out a procession in the town recently protesting against frequent power failure.

They gheraoed the offices and residences of the Engineer and Executive Engineer of Power Development Board and demanded regular supply of electricity.

The annual installation ceremony of Kushtia Junior Chamber (Jaycees) was held here recently at Kushtia Zila Parishad Hall.

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Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Workshop Division, Baya, Rajshahi

Roads & Highways Department Tender Notice
(Sealed tender in Form No. 2908 is invited)

- Tender Notice No. : 59/91-92.
- Name of work : Work of supplying spare parts for overhauling of 75-horsepower Hydromaster engine at different ferry ghats under Bogra (R&H) Ferry Maintenance Sub-Division.
- Estimated amount : Tk 97,000/=
- Earnest money : Tk 4,850/=
- Time limit : 10 (ten) days.
- Eligibility to submit tender : (R&H) Department's 'A' to 'C' class enlisted contractor, (R&H) Mechanical Ferry Circle, Dhaka's 'D' General and (R&H) Mechanical Division, Rajshahi's 'E' general class enlisted contractor, Executive Engineer, (R&H) Workshop Division, Rajshahi / Sub-Divisional Engineer, (R&H) Ferry Maintenance Sub-Division, Bogra/ Assistant Engineer, (R&H) Workshop Sub-Division, Rajshahi.
- Offices the tender can be had at : A) Superintending Engineer, (R&H) Mechanical Ferry Circle, Dhaka. B) Executive Engineer, (R&H) Workshop Division, Rajshahi.
- Offices to receive the tender : 27-02-92/14-11-98BS up to 12-00 Noon.
- Last date & time of receiving the tender : 27-02-92/14-11-98BS at 12-30 PM.
- Date & time of opening tender : 27-02-92/14-11-98BS at 12-30 PM.

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Notice of RHD Inviting Tenders

- Tender Notice No. : 139/EE. RRD of 1991-92.
- Name of Work : Construction of Toe wall & R.C.C drain at 7th KM of Ghagra-Chandraghona-Bangladesh-Bangladesh Rd. (Raikhali-Banghalia portion) during the year 1991-92 under Rangamati Road Division of CHT Road Circle, Rangamati.
- Estimated Cost : Tk. 2,05,176/=
- Earnest money : Tk 4,110/=
- Time allowed : 60 (sixty) days from the date of issue of work order. From 'A' to 'E' Classes of enlisted Contractor of RHD general category.
- Eligibility of Contractor : RHD, Road Division, Rangamati/Bandarban/CHT, Workshop Division, Rangamati & Road Sub-Division-I/II/III & 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Rangamati under this Division up to 24-2-92.
- Name of office of availability of tender documents : The Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, CHT Zone, Chittagong/ the Superintending Engineer, RHD, CHT Road Circle, Rangamati & the Executive Engineer, RHD, Rangamati Road Division.
- Name of Office of receive Tender Bids : RHD, CHT Zone, Chittagong/ the Superintending Engineer, RHD, CHT Road Circle, Rangamati & the Executive Engineer, RHD, Rangamati Road Division.
- Last date of receipt of tender : Up to 12-30 PM on 25-2-92.
- Date & time of opening Bids : At 12-45 PM on 25-2-92.

Sealed tenders in B.D. Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted Contractors of RHD under general category for the above mentioned works.

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