

## Upazila roundup

### PABNA

#### 20 dists gradually turning into desert

Feb 22: About 23 rivers and 300 haors in 20 north-western districts of the country are being silted due to destructive effects of the Farakka Barrage, reports UNB.

The rivers are: Goral, Madhumoti, Baleswar, Harin-ghata, Kumar, Rupsa, Bhairab, Chitra, Kaliganga, Panguchi, Betrabati, Kapatakshi, Bogoti, Muktiyari, Khelapata, Betna, Kakshi, Padma, Ichhamoti, Jamuna, Fulzor, Brahmaputra, Dhalleswary and Hurasagar.

The districts where the rivers flow are: Pabna, Sirajganj, Bogra, Natore, Naogaon, Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj, Kurigram Lalmonirhat, Satkhira, Khulna, Bagerhat, Jessore, Narail, Magura, Meherpur, Rangpur, Chuadanga and Rajbari.

The rivers which run through these districts have lost their depth due to silt. As a result, they cannot hold much water in the rainy season and overflow their banks causing flood. Thus thousands of acres of croplands go under water every year.

The silted rivers dry up in winter making water scarce for irrigation in the riparian land. These rivers will be fully silted up gradually turning the entire north-western part of the country into a vast desert, a geologist predicted.

### SYLHET

#### 9 acquitted of murder

From Our Correspondent

Feb 22: Abdul Mukit Majumder, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sunamganj acquitted 9 persons of a sensational murder case recently.

The prosecution case in brief is that, November 7, 1988, Abdus Salam an activist of Islami Chhatra Shibir was killed in broad day light at the upazila headquarters of Chaatak in an armed clash between the Chhatra Sangram Parishad and Islami Chhatra Shibir.

Accordingly, a case in this connection was registered with the Chaatak Police Station against 9 persons who belonged to the Chhatra Sangram Parishad. They are Abul Bashar, Awaad Ali, Shahjahan, Altah Ali, Sabir Ahmed, Jamir Ali, Azizul Haque, Soharab Ali and Shamsul Alam.

Police after investigations submitted charge sheet against the accused persons.

After examining the witnesses and records, the court acquitted all the accused persons.

A P P Faruque Ahmed conducted the prosecution while the defence was led by Advocate Raisuddin Ahmed and Advocate Asifa.

### FENI

#### TK 7.38 lakh for 4 uplift plans

Feb 22: Zila Parishad has sanctioned Taka 7.38 lakh for execution of uplift schemes in 3 upazilas of the district during the current financial year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, Taka 1.55 lakh has been sanctioned for construction of a passenger shed in Samiti Bazar in Chhagalnaya upazila, Taka 3.24 lakh for construction of a box culvert in front of Dakbanglow in Daganbhuiyan upazila, Taka 1.57 lakh for construction of retention wall inside of Rajajindig in the town and Taka 1 lakh for development of the Dakbanglow field in Daganbhuiyan.

Work on the schemes will start soon to be completed within two months.

### JHENIDAH

#### Rally demands withdrawal of case

Feb 22: About 1,000 people of Kalteharanpur union of Sadar upazila brought out a procession in the town Tuesday noon demanding immediate withdrawal of a criminal case against 10 people of the said union, reports UNB.

According to a report, the case was filed with Jhenidah Thana following a bomb blast at the house of the newly elected Chairman, Hafizur Rahman, just after the union parishad election on February 9. Four people were injured including a child and a woman in the blast.

The prosecutors submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner and Police Super in this connection.

### DINAJPUR

#### Cattle worth Tk 2 lakh seized

Feb 22: Bangladesh Rifles seized cattle valued at Taka 2 lakh from Birampur Hat Saturday on suspicion of being smuggled into the country from India, reports UNB.

The seized cows were handed over to the Customs authorities.

Allegations, however, said owners of the cattle had proper documents but the BDR men refused to verify them.

Another reports adds: The body of a minor girl, identified as Monira, 6, daughter of Motahar Hossain was recovered from a drain in the satellite town Tuesday evening.

Family sources said, the victim was missing from 3 pm on the same day. A case has been filed with the local police.

### KURIGRAM

#### Executives of local Sangbadik Samity

From Our Correspondent

Feb 22: The election of the executive committee of Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity (Journalist Association), Kurigram Zila Unit was held recently at the local public library premises with elderly Mojibor Rahman, District Correspondent of the Dainik Janata and BTV in the chair.

The office bearers of the executive committee of the association were: President - Habibulla Khan (The Bangladesh Observer), Vice-President A K M Shaful Islam Santoo (Sphuling and Gonokatha), Secretary-Rabindra Nath Roy (Sangbad), Joint Secretary - Harun-Or-Rashid (Millat), Literary and Cultural Secretary - Raju Rahman (Rupali), Publicity Secretary - Sahabuddin (Banglar Bani and Gonokatha), Treasurer-Majibur Rahman (Dainik Janata and BTV).

Executive Members - Habibur Rahman, Tofail Hossain (Ittefaq and New Nation), Sajjad Hossain (Sangram) and Rowshan Ara Hossain (Dainik Shakti).

### GAIBANDHA

#### PHE takes pure water supply programme

From Our Correspondent

Feb 22: Public Health Engineering Department has undertaken a programme in five northern districts for supplying of pure drinking water in remote areas in this current fiscal year.

The programme will be implemented under the financial assistance of UNICEF. The districts are: Rangpur, Kurigram, Nilphamari, Gaibandha and Lalmonirhat.

Under this programme, 3,410 fresh hand operated tubewells will be installed and other 2,280 old tubewells will be re-sunk during the period.

On implementation of the programme, pure drinking water supply position would improve in remote village areas.

### MAULVIBAZAR

#### Freshers' reception held

From Our Correspondent

Feb 22: A freshers' reception at Maulvibazar women's College was held at College campus recently with Acting Principal of the college, M A Khalique in the chair.

Professor M A Aziz, Chairman of Comilla Education Board attended the function as chief guest.

The function was addressed among other by lecturers M A Rokib and Miss Monori Dey, Arif Hussain, Deputy Commissioner and student representatives.

The function was followed by a cultural function.

### CHANDPUR

#### Storm kills one, damages rabi crops

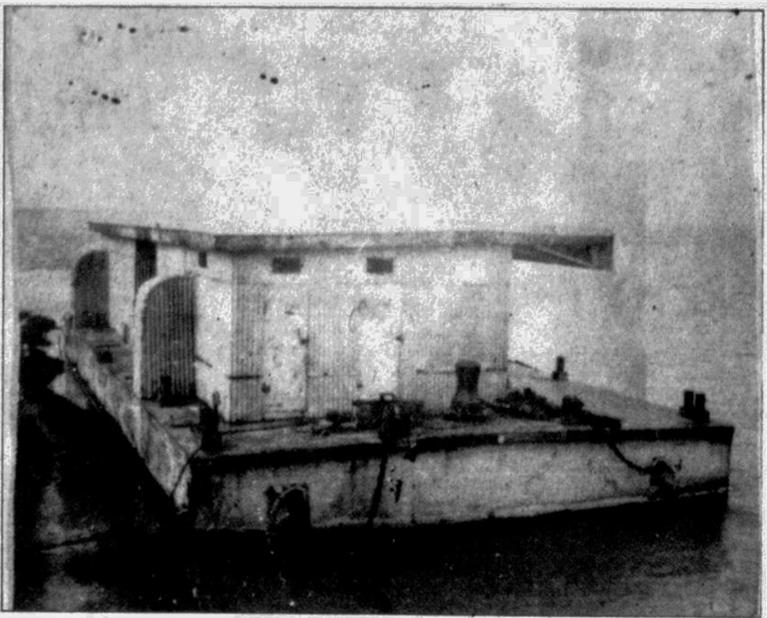
From Our Correspondent

Feb 22: A child named Kalu was killed by storm that lashed the district recently.

About two hundred kancha houses and tinsheds were damaged by severe storm.

It is reported that standing rabi crops particularly potato, wheat, chilli, betel leaf on about two thousand acres of land were damaged.

The badly affected upazilas are - Faridganj, Hatmechar, Matlab, Sharasti, Munsirhat under Chandpur upazila was badly damaged. Many shops and houses in the market were blown away.



DAULATDIAGHAT: This pontoon is lying out of order for about three months. The authority did not place another one for the ghat. As a result, the passengers are suffering much. —Star photo

## Tk 8.50 cr for development of 87 roads in N-dists

PABNA, Feb 22: About Tk 8.50 crore has been sanctioned for construction and repair of 87 roads in 16 northern district of Rajshahi division this fiscal year, reports UNB.

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

Of the total roads, 27 will be repaired and constructed in Greater Pabna district at a cost of Tk 3.68 crore, 20 in Greater Rajshahi at a cost of Tk 1.85 crore, 11 in Greater Bogra at a cost of Taka 97 lakh, 23 in Greater Rangpur at a cost of Taka 1.58 crore and 6 in Greater Dinajpur at a cost of Taka 42 lakh.

While talking to UNB the Executive Engineer of Roads and Highways Department, Pabna Circle said construction is in full swing and will be completed by June next.

When completed, road communication problems in the northern districts will ease to a great extent, he added.

#### 20,000 tons of wheat for 128 projects

The local administration sanctioned about 20,000 metric tons of wheat worth about Taka 12 crore against 128 projects under Food for Works Programme in 9 upazilas during the current fiscal year.

According to local administration sources, of the total allocation, 808 metric tons have been earmarked for 14 projects in Sadar, 397 metric tons for 8 projects in Atghoria, 410 metric tons for 6 projects in Chalmohar, 118 metric tons for 9 projects in Vangura, 219 metric tons for 2 projects in Faridpur, 614 metric tons for 9 projects in Santhia, 549 metric tons for 14 projects in Bera, 581 metric tons for 12 projects in Sujannagar upazila, 431 metric tons for 10 projects in Ishurdi upazila and 15,496 metric tons

for three Water Development Board projects in Pabna, Santhia and Bera upazilas.

The projects to be completed by June next include construction and reconstruction of roads, canal digging, excavation and re-excavation of drainage.

#### Tk 5 cr drugs seized, 212 sellers held

A huge quantity of drugs and narcotics were recovered from different places of the district and 212 drug sellers taken to custody during the last year.

According to official sources, the recovered drugs worth Taka 5 crore included 750 grams of heroin, 193 kilograms of ganja, 417 plants of ganja, 20 litres of country liquor, 154 litres of tart, 12 kgs of vhang, two bottles of phensidyle and 15 kg other varieties of drugs.

The number of departmental cases filed during the period rose to 139.

## 64,000 children not getting edn facility

PATUAKHALI, Feb 22: The number of child labourers in the district has now swelled to about 64 thousand, reports UNB.

A statistics report said, children of the age group between six and ten years belong to poor class of the society and most of them are living below poverty line deprived of their primary education and are engaged in various trades and professions to eke out a miserable existence.

According to local education office, there are about 252 lakh children aged 6-10 years in the district. Of them, 1.38 lakh are studying in government primary schools and 49,872 children in various classes of non government primary schools in 6 upazilas of the district.

Sources said, rest 63,894 children of school-going age are deprived of their primary education due to poverty.

According to official sources, there are 802 primary schools, of them, 576 are government primary schools and 226 registered non government primary schools in the district.

As per government provisions, district government schools should have 2633 teachers against sanctioned posts. But presently these schools have only 2589 teachers and 44 posts remained vacant for a long time.

As such, children who have been admitted to different primary schools are also being deprived of proper education owing to shortage of teachers.

#### Sunken launch salvaged

RANGAMATI, Feb 22: M L Akhtar, the passenger launch which sank in the Kaptai Lake following bomb blast on February 2 has been salvaged on Friday, reports UNB.

The blast by tribal terrorists left 15 people killed and 12 others injured.

The salvaged launch was brought to Rangamati from Baghatchari Upazila on Saturday for repair.

A crane and a sea truck belonging to Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation took three days to salvage the launch and brought it to Rangamati covering a hundred kilometres of waterway.

## New Jalmahal Policy hits fishermen

GAZIPUR, Feb 22: The new "Jalmahal Policy" is forcing over 7,000 fishermen of 5 upazilas to lead a subhuman life, reports UNB.

According to government statistics, there are 12,684 fishermen in the district earning their bread from fishing in 19 rivers, 133 canals and 32 beels stretching over an area of 1500 square kilometres.

Many of these waterbodies were open for fishing until the new Jalmahal Policy came into effect. Now all these waterbodies are leased out preventing fishermen from catching fish and thus forcing them to abandon their ancestral profession.

In the newly framed policy, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) has been entitled to lease out the waterbodies of an area of 20 acres or above while the Upazila Nirbahi Officers were given the power to lease out below 20 acres.

The fishermen alleged that the Nirbahi Officers of the district leased out the waterbodies to influential quarters instead of genuine fishermen.

## 4 cows burnt alive, goods gutted in fire

GAIBANDHA, Feb 22: Four cows were burnt alive and another was seriously injured when a fire broke out at a cowshed of the former union parishad member Nuruzzaman of village Maddha Analerat of Sadar upazila Monday night, reports UNB.

The fire originated from a fire pot emitting smoke to drive out mosquitoes. The cowshed was totally damaged.

The loss was estimated at Taka 20,000.

Meanwhile, property worth Taka 2.50 lakh were gutted in two fire incidents in Sadullapur and Gabindaganj upazilas recently.

Eleven families were rendered homeless as 17 houses were damaged at village Tarabajit of the Sadullapur upazila.

## Acid thrown on school girl for refusal of love

NETRAKONA, Feb 22: A teen age school girl, Nahid Akhtar, received burn injuries on her parts following throwing of acid by a group of youngmen at Netrakona town on refusal of love, reports BSS.

Nahid, a student of class nine, was attacked by the youngmen when she was returning home along with her grandmother on Monday evening from a relative's house at East Colonypara of the town.

The victim, whose body was severely burnt by the acid, was later rushed to Netrakona Sadar Hospital.

SP, Netrakona visited the hospital to see the victim.

A case has been lodged with the local police station. None was arrested so far.

## 25 hurt in clash over earth filling

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 22: At least 25 people were injured, two of them seriously in a class on Thursday between two rival groups over earth filling in the BSCIC Industrial Area inaugurated by the Prime Minister here on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The clash ensued between the people of Shialkhol and Raghonathpur villages on one side and those of Khudro Shialkhol and Diarbaidyanath villages on the other both in

Sadar upazila of the district. Each group want to have the work to the exclusion of the other and resorted to clash equipped with lethal weapons to over power each other.

Seriously injured Shukur Ali and Lutfar Rahman were sent to the Hospital.

Police arrested Islam, 20, and Hazrat Ali, 32, from the spot.

As tension prevails in the area police forces were deployed by the authority to maintain the law and order.

### Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No. : 12/1991-92.
2. Name of work : Construction of 225'-0" long RCC Bridge over Shaniajan River on Doani-Barakhata Project Road in Hatibandha Upazila, Dist. Lalmonirhat under FDR Scheme during 1991-92.
3. Estimated cost : Taka 1,30,35,772/-.
4. Earnest money : @ 2-1/2% (Two and half per cent) of estimated cost.
5. Eligibility of contractor : 'A' Class Contractors of BWDB, during 1991-92.
6. Place where the tender document can be purchased : Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Dhaka/Sonali Bank, Main Branch, Rangpur/Rupali Bank, Dalia Branch, Dalia, Nilphamari/Office of the Executive Engineer, Nilphamari WD Division, Nilphamari and Sub-Divisional Engineer, Lalmonirhat WD Sub-Division, Lalmonirhat up to 27.2.92/14.11.98 B. Receiving 29-2.92/16-11-98B, 1-3-92/17-11-98B during office hours and on 2-3-92/18-11-98B up to 12-00 hours and opening on 2.3.92/18.11.98B at 12-30 PM in the office of the Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, BWDB, 156/157, Rupali Sadan (3rd. floor), Motjheel C/A, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, Quality Control Divn., BWDB, Rangpur/ Executive Engineer, Nilphamari WD Division, Nilphamari, Sub-Divisional Engineer, Lalmonirhat WD Sub-Division, Lalmonirhat and Executive Engineer, Teesta Construction Division, BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari.
7. Date, time & place for receiving and opening tenders : Executive Engineer, Teesta Construction Division, BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari, Phone-561 (Digital).
8. Address of the advertiser : PANI-550/91-92 DFP (G) 2455-17/2

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### Notice Inviting Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from the approved Special Class-I & Class-I electrical contractor of PWD holding ABC Licence from Licencing Board for Work "Prodg and Installation of 100 KVA Pole Mounted Transformer & PEI plant for serve connection of Admn. Block, water pump and overhead line of 200-bedded Hospital at Faridpur" and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Rajbari, Kushtia & Magura of PWD Circle, Jessore in their respective Offices up to 12-00 Noon of 4-3-92. The estimated cost of the work is Tk 6,94,826/00 only and the earnest money Tk. 13,697/= in Bank Draft (CD, SDR, PO. etc.) of any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh, Treasury challan, Pratrakha Sanchaya Patra, 5 yrs. BD Sanchaya Patra and Bonus Sanchaya Patra must accompany each tender duly endorsed to the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Faridpur otherwise his/their tender shall be declared informal. No tender form schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. will be sold after 2-3-92. The tender papers, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. may be obtained from any of the Divisions under PWD Circle, Jessore.

Details may be seen from the Office of the undersigned during office hours.

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Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)  
Khagrachari Road Division - 2  
Khagrachari

### R&H Department Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No. : 31/EE/KRD-2/1991-92
2. Name of work : Work of constructing hill side 'U' shape pucca drain at 10th KM of Dighinala-Sajek Road under Khagrachari Road Division-2 during 1991-192 financial year.
3. Name of offices the tender to be had at : Executive Engineer, (R&H), Khagrachari Road Division-1/2 Khagrachari and Sub-Divisional Engineer, (R&H), Khagrachari/Dighinala Road Sub-Division, under Khagrachari Road Division-2
4. Name of offices to receive the tender : 1) Executive Engineer, (R&H), Road Division-2, Khagrachari  
2) Superintending Engineer, (R&H), Road Circle, Khagrachari  
3) Additional Chief Engineer, (R&H), Chittagong Hill Tracts Zone, 1673 Zakir Hossain Road, Nasirabad, Chittagong.
5. Date & last time of receiving tender : 27-02-92/14-11-98 BS up to 12.30 minutes
6. Date of opening tender : 27-02-92/14-11-98 BS at 12.45 minutes
7. Last date of selling tender : 26-02-92/13-11-98 BS during office hours.
8. Group list of work :

Sl No.	Site of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Prescribed time	Required eligibility of contractor
1.	10th KM of Dighinala-Sajek Road	Tk 4,42,790/=	Tk 8,866/=	60 (Sixty) days from the date of issuing work order	R&H enlisted 'A' to 'E' general class contractors

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