

Rats damage Tk 130cr crops

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Dec 7: Crops worth Taka 130.26 crore are being damaged by rats in ten districts of Khulna Division every year.

A source of Agriculture Extension Department told that seven per cent of the total crops are being damaged by rat-attack.

Eleven lakh fifty-four thousand and ten hectares of land are brought under crop cultivation every year, it is learnt.

A total of 35,44,606 metric tons of paddy is expected out of the cultivation but 2,48,122 metric tons of paddy are destroyed by rats, the source informed.

Ten thousand one hundred seventy-five metric tons of paddy were saved in 1992 by killing rats.

The district authority recently launched a programme for killing rats by announcing incentives and certificates among farmers. During last aman season, 4,40,372 farmers were rewarded for participating in the programme. The authority is also contemplating training to farmers soon for killing rats.

Sources said that rainy season was the best period to kill rats. During the period, they migrate to high lands and reside in rail line, roads, barrage and residences.

Delay in large-scale killing of rats may double the loss of crops, it is apprehended.

Smuggling thru LC detected

Another report says: Benapole Land Port Customs have detected a case of smuggling worth Taka 19,20,000 by opening Letter of Credit (LC) in bank for import of machinery from India recently, according to a source.

The source said that on a tip off, Joint Collector, Benapole Customs, checked the consignment personally and found that only some big nuts and bolts worth a maximum of Taka one lakh were packed in a wooden box addressed to M/s Trade International, 374, Bataly Road, Enayet Bazar, Chittagong.

The consignment reached Benapole Customs on first of November last but neither the importer nor his C&F Agent appeared with documents to take delivery of the consignment even after expiry of one month.

This unusual delay of the consignee to report intensified suspicion of the Customs, added the source. It is learnt the normal rule of submitting bill of entry for release of goods is one week from its arrival.

The L/C was opened with Agrabad Branch of City Bank in Chittagong under the L/C no 04930640 dated 21-10-93.

The Joint Collector Customs, Helaluddin, said that the matter has been intimated to the higher authority immediately and that the City Bank management asked to stop payment on account of L/C money.

The number of deaths from diarrhoea is on increase in various parts of the district.

According to a source of district health office, a total of 20 persons was killed in this disease and 1500 others were attacked in eight thanas of the district during last month.

A report of District Development Coordination Committee indicated that 60 persons were killed by the disease and a total of 6,770 were attacked up to the period ending August last.

In September and October last, number of death was eleven while that of attacked was 1500.

Another report says that the disease has broken out in an epidemic form at many villages including Boro Khudra, Majjali, Kundakandi, Premchara, Dappur, Chandipur, Mothurapur, Khalla Covering, Zohurpur and Bonobille unions of Bagherpur thana in the district.



CHANDPUR: With the advent of winter season, a cutter has started bringing out juice from the date trees to produce "khejurer gur", a delicious food item of the Bangladeshis.

Shortage of minerals in soil in Barguna

From A Correspondent

BARGUNA, Dec 7: Crop production has been decreasing alarmingly due to sharp decline in the minerals in soil in Barguna district, according to agriculture experts.

It is gathered that about 70 per cent land of the region has deficiency of minerals like sulphur, zinc and other necessary minerals which caused adverse effect on soil fertility.

Officials of the local Agricultural Department attributed the mineral deficiency in the region to unrestrained and over use of chemical fertilizer in the land.

Cultivators of the district said, paddy, jute and other crop production has decreased to a great extent due to mineral scarcity in soil. Experts suggested that cultivators should be encouraged to use natural fertilizers in the interest of maintaining fertility of the soil.

Usage of cowdung in the process of cultivation of lands in Barguna district has decreased and production of crops has become inadequate. Cowdung fertilizer is the main materials for raising of permanent crop production without any affect. It makes huge nitrogen in the soil and helps in growth of the plants nicely and

rapidly. But usage of cowdung as fertilizer has shown a gradual decline in the district. Now it is being mostly used as fuel. Almost all the families of the district make dried cake of cowdung and use as fuel due to acute scarcity of fire wood. By burning cowdung for cooking purposes, cultivators are destroying an important natural manure for their soil.

A UNB report adds: Prisoners of the century old Barguna Sub-jail are passing their days in a pitiable condition due to manifold problems including lack of space.

The small sub-jail can not accommodate the increasing number of convicts and under trial prisoners. The jail has an accommodation capacity of 70 male and two female prisoners. But with the increase of crime, the number of inmates has increased manifold.

It is learnt that 700 prisoners of different courts of the district are usually sent to the jail daily. As a result, the inmates can not sleep at night for want of space and pass their days standing and sitting amid sultry weather and mosquito bite.

The inmates are also suffering from various diseases. The unclean and dilapidated latrine emits bad odour causing serious health hazards.

District roundup

SYLHET

Sylhet div demanded

Dec 7: Lathi processions were brought out in all the districts of greater Sylhet Sunday to press home the demand for an administrative division, reports UNB.

Sylhet Division Implementation Committee and Greater Sylhet Development Action Council organised stick processions in the district towns of Sylhet, Sunamganj, Moulvibazar and Habiganj.

In Sylhet, the procession began at 11 am from the Court Point. Supporters of different political parties and socio-economic organisations took part.

Later, a rally was held at the Ambarkhana Point where Convenor of the Greater Sylhet Development Action Council Advocate Abu Nasar spoke.

FENI

World Disabled Day observed

Dec 7: The World Disabled Day was observed here by different socio-cultural organisations on Friday in a befitting manner, reports UNB.

The UNO Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali declared December 3 as the World Disabled Day last year.

The Feni unit of "Association of Bangladesh Mentally Handicapped Welfare and Education" brought out a colourful rally in the town to mark the day.

SIRAJGANJ

Businessman robbed of Tk 1 lakh

Dec 7: A gang of armed miscreants snatched away cash and valuables worth about taka one lakh at gun point from a businessman in Sahajadpur thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said cloth merchant Lal Mia while on way back home after selling cloth at Shahjadpur market was attacked by the miscreants in broad day light and they looted valuables including cash Taka 45,000.

A case has been registered with Shahjadpur police.

BARISAL

BWDB executes 158 agri uplift projects

Dec 7: Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), has executed 158 agro-development projects in two thanas of Patuakhali district involving Taka 43.53 crore during the period from the 1987-88 fiscal to 1991-92 fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the projects were implemented under the IDA and ADB assistance.

The projects included the construction of 115 kilometres of embankment, 25 closures, 23 sluice gates, 14 bridges, two kilometres of diversion channels, three culverts, 69 flushing inlets, repair of 21 bridges and re-exavation of 58.25 kilometres of canals.

Tk 3.18 crore spent for repair, reconstruction of 161 schools

From Our Correspondent

MAULVIBAZAR, Dec 4: The reconstruction and repairing works of 161 primary schools in six thanas of the district have been completed at a cost of Taka 3 crore 17 lakh and 74 thousand.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Maulvibazar has completed the reconstruction work of 36 primary school buildings and repairing work of another 69 primary school buildings under the "third flood rehabilitation programme" with an expenditure of Taka one crore 89 lakh 25 thousand which was financed by the International Development Agency (IDA).

The LGED source said, reconstruction and repairing work of another 56 primary school buildings have also completed under "general education project" with an expenditure of Taka one crore 28 lakh 49 under financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Sadar thana police of Maulvibazar district arrested two notorious criminals recently.

Of them, one, Tajul Islam

Alias Taj, a member of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Maulvibazar district unit was wanted by the police in eight cases.

The Sub-Inspector of police, Jamaluddin Chowdhury of Maulvibazar sadar thana in a raid arrested one Makbul Miah of village Khalipur under sadar thana recently.

Makbul Miah was absconding for a long time. He was wanted in connection with some cases pending before criminal courts under section 326/379 of Bangladesh PC.

Diarrhoea claims 15, attacks 500

Diarrhoea has broken out in different unions of Maulvibazar sadar thana. According to sources, the disease claimed 15 lives and attacked more than 500 during last three weeks in Akhalkura, Ekatuna, Chadnighat and Monumukh unions.

The victims were identified as Taribunnessa, Asabur Rahman Khan, Balal Ullah and Abbas Ullah of Akhalkura union, Fulbiti, Farida Begum,

Narendra Nath, Gulbibi, Rasheda Begum, Jilu Miah, Fahima Begum and Abu Miah of Monumukh union.

The Civil Surgeon of Maulvibazar said that spread of the water borne disease is now under control. He added that medical teams have been working round the clock in different affected areas.

According to the eye witness, the disease has several uncommon symptoms. The victims are mostly from poorer section and have no means to have modern treatments.

Physicians of different medical teams however said, that adequate preventive measures have been taken up to check the further outbreak of the diarrhoea.

47 FWP underway

Works on 47 schemes under Food for Works Programme are going on in full swing in six thanas of Maulvibazar district.

It is learnt that a total of 1127 metric tons of wheat has been sanctioned for this purpose.

Mango trees under pest attack, production may fall

MOULVIBAZAR, Dec 7: Mango production of the district will face a setback this year if proper action is not taken against widespread of pest attack, reports UNB.

According to growers, pests have attacked the mangroves in a massive scale which are eating up the leaves of the mango trees causing anxiety among them. They alleged that inspite of repeated appeal no preventive steps have yet been taken to combat the menace.

The district is producing a large quantity of mango every year which is quite sufficient to meet the local demand. It is apprehended that if timely preventive steps are not taken to combat the pest menace this year the production will face a shortfall.

The growers have urged the authorities to spray the insecticides on the mango trees without further delay.

Potters seek loan facility
Another report says: Trad-

itional pottery industries in six thanas of the district are on the verge of extinction due to manifold problems like shortage of fund and scarcity of raw materials.

Local potters alleged that they are not getting bank loan to purchase inputs like clay or mud, dice and other necessary ingredients. So they are compelled to take loan at a very exorbitant rate of interest from the local money lenders.

About two thousand families are engaged in this age-old profession without any financial aids and training from the government in the district.

On the other hand, prices of raw materials have increased during last few years, while the demand of the earthen wares is gradually going down in the local market.

Potters said due to lack of transport facilities they are to sell their products at throw away prices to a nearby hat.

They urged the authorities to provide them with necessary bank loans and better marketing facilities to continue their

age old occupation. Meanwhile, cattle diseases that broke out in an epidemic form have so far killed 50 animals in Rajnagar thana of the district, farmers said.

The worst affected unions of the thana are: Pashgaon, Munshibazar unions where at least 1000 cattle are suffering from the disease badly.

The disease known as khura causes infection in jaws and hooves while another disease popularly known as 'gola fula' cripple the animals.

Farmers alleged due to wrong treatment by unqualified veterinary doctors, compounders and filed assistants of Rajnagar Livestock Hospital, many cattle died in these unions.

The farmers also alleged that local livestock department did not take measures to inoculate the cattle since the outbreak of the diseases.

But the filed staff of the department informed that farmers are unwilling to vaccinate their heads of cattle.

TANGAIL

Two killed, 32 others injured in road mishaps

Dec 7: Two persons were killed and thirty-two others were injured in three separate road accidents on Friday, says BSS.

An unidentified person was killed on Nagarpur-Tangail road when a passenger bus fell into a road side ditch. Ten persons received injuries. Four of them were admitted to sadar hospital.

Abdul Motallib (18) was killed near Isapur o Tangail-Mymensingh road. He was crushed under the wheels of a passenger bus.

CHANDPUR

Degree college closed down

Dec 7: Chandpur Purnabazar Degree College has been declared closed for indefinite period from Monday, reports UNB.

College sources said the decision was taken by the authorities following the political unrest in the campus for the last one week.

Businessmen of the Purnabazar area established the college in 1981 and since then no such situation occurred to close the college sine die as virtually the college was free from any political chaos and disturbances, the sources added.

Honey output falls as bees seek safer place

NARAIL, Dec 7: Honey output in the Sundarbans has fallen sharply as the number of honey-combs decreased in the forest, reports UNB.

Veteran honey collectors regretted that random denudation of forest through felling of trees was mainly responsible for considerable decrease in the number of honey-combs which mostly found in the dense forest. They said that bees do not like disturbance.

Local people informed that honey collectors give more emphasis on extraction of honey than on the development of honey-comb and welfare of bees.

As a result, swarms of bees have been crossing the border from the Sundarbans in quest of safer place, local experts said.

According to an estimate, about 5,000 maunds of honey are being produced in the Sundarbans annually.

Apart from being a nutritious food, honey is also used as a basic raw material for pharmaceutical industries.

Experts said, the Sundarbans is abound with wild bees but due to lack of suitable ac-

commodation for building colonies in the forest, a large number of bees have already migrated to the forest of Assam and West Bengal.

Besides, rock bees known for their poisonous sting, usually make their hives at the branches of trees, ceilings of buildings and in garden and groves, are being driven away by the people due to their ignorance.

Experts suggested that honey-combs should be preserved in the Sundarbans for culturing the hives scientifically and the primitive methods of extracting honey through use of fume fire should be strictly prohibited.

Statue recovered

RAJSHAHI, Dec 6: Members of the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) recovered a statue made of touch stone valued at about Taka fifteen lakh at Andhar-cotha of the district yesterday. The BDR personnel led by 20 rifle battalion commandant Major Nasimul Gani Chowdhury seized the four kilogramme weight statue by searching a Chapainawabganj, bound passenger bus.

সংজ্ঞা নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি				
১। নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং	৬ (সংজ্ঞা), কেরী উপ-বিভাগ, বরিশাল/৯০-৯৪ই।			
২। কাজের নাম	বর্ধিত কাজের বিকল্প মোতায়েন।			
৩। প্রকল্পের বোঝা	১। (সংজ্ঞা), দক্ষিণ তালিকাভুক্ত 'এ' হইতে সি সাধারণ শ্রেণী। ২। (সংজ্ঞা), কেরী সার্কেলের তালিকাভুক্ত 'ডি' শ্রেণী। ৩। (সংজ্ঞা), কেরী বিভাগ, বরিশাল কর্তৃক তালিকাভুক্ত 'ক' শ্রেণী। ৪। প্রকৃত শৌহাদাত প্রবাদি ব্যবসায়ী সিডিউল কম করিবার সময় ব-ব লাইসেন্স বা ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এর প্রদানপত্র প্রদর্শন পূর্বক ক্রয় করিতে হইবে।			
৪। নিলাম তফসিল প্রস্তুত হইবে	১। নির্ধারিত প্রকৌশলী (যােত্রিক), সংজ্ঞা, কেরী বিভাগ, বরিশাল। ২। উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী (যােত্রিক), সংজ্ঞা, কেরী উপ-বিভাগ, বরিশাল। (কুমুমত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে)। নিলাম খোলার দিন কোন তফসিল বিক্রয় হইবে নাই। ১৮-১২-৯০ ই। (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে)।			
৫। নিলাম তফসিল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ	১। বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২০০৮ প্রতি সেট ১০/- টাকা এক তফসিলের শর্তাবলীর প্রতি পৃষ্ঠা ২/- টাকা হিসাবে।			
৬। নিলাম তফসিলের মূল্য	১। নির্ধারিত প্রকৌশলী (যােত্রিক), সংজ্ঞা, কেরী বিভাগ, বরিশাল। ২। উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী (যােত্রিক), সংজ্ঞা, কেরী উপ-বিভাগ, বরিশাল।			
৭। নিলাম গ্রহণকারী কর্মকর্তা	১৯-১২-৯০ ই।/০৫-৯-১৪০০ বা, কোম-১২-৩০ মিটিং রুম। ১৯-১২-৯০ ই।/০৫-৯-১৪০০ বা, কোম-১২-৩০ টায়। (আমহী উপস্থিত নিলাম প্রদানকারীর সম্মুখে)			
৮। নিলাম গ্রহণের তারিখ	১৯-১২-৯০ ই। (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে)।			
৯। নিলাম খোলার তারিখ				
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ক্রম নং	সার্ভে রিপোর্ট নং	কাজের বিবরণ	জামানতের টাকা	কাজ শেষ করার অনুমানিত সময়
১।	১৭/৯২-৯০ ই।	১৯৯০-৯৪ অর্ধ বঙ্গের (সংজ্ঞা) কেরী উপ-বিভাগ, বরিশালের অধীন সি এন্ড বি রোড, কেরী প্রকৌশলীর অধীনে ১৭ নং ইটক ১.২১ এক নরমিক ইট এক। টন জালপ সৌরের হওয়ায় একে, এন্, প্রে, এন্স, জয়েট ইত্যাদি নিলাম বিক্রয় হইবে।	উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের উপর ১০% হারে বি ডি/সিডি এর মাধ্যমে নির্ধারিত প্রকৌশলী (যােত্রিক), সংজ্ঞা, কেরী বিভাগ, বরিশালের অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হইবে।	ডেলিভারি ওয়ার্ডার জারির তারিখ হইতে ১৫ (পনের) দিনের মধ্যে জালপ মালদার সরাইতে হইবে।

14 AJM staff dismissed

NARAYANGANJ, Dec 6: Fourteen officers and employees of the Adamjee Jute Mills have been relieved of their services with effect from today for the negligence of duties and inefficiency, reports BSS.

বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম এক্সপ্লোরেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company Ltd.
(A Subsidiary Company of Petrobangla)
Construction Division
HBFC Building (8th Floor)
22, Purnapaltan, Dhaka.
Ref: 124. 01. 31-
Dated: 29. 11. 93

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in the prescribed forms are hereby invited from the 'A' Category enlisted firms of Construction Division, BAPEX for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of works	Estimated cost	Completion of time	Cost of tender papers (Non-refundable)
1.	Construction of one Manager's Bungalow (one-storied building) and one Junior Officer's Quarter (4-storied building) at Rashidpur Gas Field, Habiganj.	Tk. 91,79,785.90	180 days	Tk. 1500/-
2.	Construction of one Bachelor officer's hostel (4-storied building) at Rashidpur Gas Field, Habiganj.	Tk. 1,04,50,457.26	180 days	Tk. 1500/-
3.	Construction of one Semi-pucca store office and one Bachelor Staff Hostel at Rashidpur Gas Field, Habiganj.	Tk. 15,91,448.00	100 days	Tk. 750/-
4.	Construction of one officer's Quarter (4-unit in 2-storied building) and one staff quarter (4-storied building) at Kailashilla Gas Field, Sylhet.	Tk. 98,99,536/-	180 days	Tk. 1500/-
5.	Construction of one 2-storied office-cum-residential building, one 2-storied Inspection Bungalow and one semi-pucca guard barrack at Ashuganj, B' Baria. (Metering facilities site).	Tk. 59,36,218.70	150 days	Tk. 1,000/-
6.	Construction of 4-storied staff Quarter at Ashuganj, B. Baria (Metering facilities site)	Tk. 51,16,343/-	180 days	Tk. 1,000/-
7.	Construction of surface drain, retaining wall and security boundary wall and tree plantation at NGL Plant site, Ashuganj, B' Baria.	Tk. 2,42,70,882.61	180 days	Tk. 3,000/-
8.	Sinking of deep tubewell including supply of pump and construction of pump house at metering facilities site, Ashuganj, B' Baria.	Tk. 9,48,200/-	90 days	Tk. 500/-

Intending firms may obtain Tender schedule from the following offices from 12.12.93 to 19.12.93 during office hours on cash payment (Non-refundable):
 (a) Accounts Division, BAPEX, Ibrahim Mansion (3rd floor), 11, Purnapaltan, Dhaka.
 (b) Zonal Office, BAPEX, West Nasirabad, Chittagong.
 (c) Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
 (d) Project Implementation Unit (PIU), BSB Building, 15th floor, 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka.
 (e) Bakhrabad Gas Systems Ltd, Chapapur, Comilla.
 (f) Jalalabad Gas T & D System Ltd, Ambarkhana, Bara Bazar, Sylhet.
 (g) Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd, Court Road, B' Baria.

Tenders shall be received in the tender box kept in Construction Division, BAPEX, HBFC Building (8th floor), 22, Purnapaltan, Dhaka-1000 and in the above offices in SL No. 'b' to 'g' up to 12:00 Noon on 22.12.93 and shall simultaneously be opened at 12.30 P.M. on the same day in presence of the tenderers (if any one remain present).

Tenders must submit along with their tender earnest money equivalent to 5% of their quoted amount. If the quoted amount is less than the estimate beyond 5%, the tenders must accompany additional earnest money equivalent to 10% of the quoted amount. The earnest money in favour of Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Petrobangla, Dhaka will be in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. Tenders without requisite earnest money shall be summarily rejected.

The sealed tenders must also accompany the following:
 a) Copy of work order of technically similar works completed in a single work order with own supply of materials in the last three years amounting two crore for the works in SL No. 7 and not less than the estimated costs for the other works shown in the tender notice along with completion certificates from an officer of rank not below the Executive Engineer of Govt./Semi-Govt. Organisation. Certificate for completion of any Pvt. work shall not be accepted. Tenders shall be summarily rejected for non compliance of above.
 b) Current Bank solvency certificate along with last two years Bank-statement telling that the firm is capable to invest 40% of the estimated cost of the work at a time for execution of the works if allotted.
 c) Income tax clearance certificate up to 1991-92, up to date Trade licence and VAT Registration certificate.

All the certificates to be submitted along with the tender must be in original or duly attested by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or reject all the tenders without showing any reason without accepting any liability.

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General Manager (Construction)