

## Help build self-reliant, exploitation-free country

BAOERHAT, Jan 9: Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman called for unity and concerted efforts of all to make the country a self-reliant one in all spheres of national life as well as establish exploitation-free society, reports BSS.

The foreign minister was addressing as chief guest at a public meeting at Ghatatala High School premises under Rampal thana in Bagerhat district

Friday.

He further said that appropriate programmes were being taken for improving the condition of the masses and fulfilling their basic needs. He underscored the need for generating self-employment opportunities as well as transforming country's huge population into human resources in order to ensuring maximum utilisation of the available resources.

## 41.02 lakh acres of fallow land in Rajshahi region

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Jan 9: About 41.02 lakh acres of land under Rajshahi region have been lying uncultivated for a long time.

According to an expert, about three lakh maunds of food grains could be produced on these land yearly if proper measures were taken.

There are one crore 33 lakh and 27 thousand acres of land in Rajshahi region.

Of the total land, about 62.25 lakh acres of land are under cultivation.

Of the total fallow land, about 40,200 acres of land are in Natore, Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts, 20,650 acres are in Pabna and Shariatpur districts, 12,000 acres are in Bogra and Joypurhat areas, 19 thousand 875 acres are in Rangpur, Nilphamari, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat and Gaibandha areas and 48 thousand 790 acres of land are in Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts.

Taka 400 crore can be

earned through cultivation of these fallow lands of Rajshahi region, says an expert.

Diarrhoea, dysentery and other water-borne diseases have taken a serious turn in the district.

Official sources said, Diarrhoea had claimed 15 lives in Shingra and sadar thanas of the district and over 950 people including male, female and children have been attacked by diarrhoea.

An unofficial source disclosed that diarrhoea killed 22 and attacked about 1500 people in six thanas of the district. The thanas are: Baraigram, Gurudaspur, Lalpur, Bagatipara, Shingra and sadar thanas.

About 100 people have been attacked by blood dysentery and over one thousand people have been attacked by dysentery and other water-borne diseases during last two months in six thanas of the district, the official sources disclosed.

The seriously affected areas are: Shingra, Bagatipara and border areas of sadar thana.

According to reports, at least ten people have died of diarrhoea and about 550 people have been attacked by the disease in Shingra.

Mid Mizanur Rahman, Civil Surgeon, Natore told this correspondent that all possible measures were taken to fight the spread of diarrhoea, dysentery and other water-borne diseases.

He further pointed out that 63 medical teams are working in the affected areas of the district.

Children of the poor families are the worst sufferers as the guardians are able to provide expenses for their treatment.

Scarcity of pure drinking water, malnutrition and consumption of adulterated foodstuff were the main reasons for the outbreak of the diseases.

Another report says: Thousands of woman workers of Natore district have been passing hard-days as the wheat

distribution programme has been suspended.

According to Natore Relief and Rehabilitation Office sources, 215 woman-workers took training on different jobs, including sewing from six centres in Natore last year. During training period each of them got 31.25 kg of wheat. But the government has suspended this programme from July last. As a result, the women are passing hard days.

The sadar thana police arrested Istiak Ahmed Heera, VP of Natore N S Govt College Student Union. According to reports, some terrorists led by Heera blasted cocktails at Chalan Beel Office and Water Development Board, Natore office on December 29.

It is learnt that some other cases against Heera are now under trial.

It is also reported that five JCD leaders including Heera were expelled for unconstitutional acts.

## Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice : 26/93-94.
2. Name of Work : Repairing of existing drainage sluice, drainage cum flushing sluice, Surface D/Sluice and Flushing sluices in Polder No. 43/1B, 47/1 and 47/3 under SSSFCDI (IDA Credit No 1870BD) in the Dist Patuakhali during 1993-94.
3. Estimated Cost : Group No.-1-Km 0.00, Rep of D/Sluice No. 1 (4-1.20m dia RCP) in P-47/3, Tk 8,12,883/-  
Group No.-2-Km 3.59, Rep of D/Sluice No 2 (4-0.9m x 0.9m RCP) -do- Tk 3,22,972/-  
Group No.-3-Km 6.49, Rep of D/Sluice No.3 (4-0.9 m dia RCP) -do- Tk 9,65,269/-  
Group No.-4-Km 11.62, Rep of D/Sluice No 4 (2-0.9m dia RCP) -do- Tk 3,49,512/-  
Group No.-5-Km 14.44, Rep of D/Sluice No 5 (2-0.9m dia RCP) -do- Tk 7,97,597/-  
Group No.-6-Km 12.00,13.15.17. 38, Rep of F/Sluice No 4A, 4C and 6 (1-0.9m x 0.9m RCB) = 3 Nos -do- Tk 5,03,257/-  
Group No.-7-Km 8.45, Rep F/Sluice No 3A (1-0.9 x 0.9m x RCB) -do- Tk 2,45,750/-  
Group No.-8-Km 0.99, Rep D/Sluice No. 1 (4-1.20 dia RCP) P-47/1 Tk 6,28,946/-  
Group No.-9-Km 14.20, Rep D/Sluice No. 4 (2-1.20m dia RCP) -do- Tk 6,28,846/-  
Group No.-10-Km 17.50, Rep D/Sluice No. 5 (6-1.20m dia RCP) -do- Tk 18,58,894/-  
Group No.-11-Km 2.80,7.70, -Rep F/Sluice No. 1B and 2(1-0.9m x dia RCP) = 2 Nos -do- Tk 3,80,983/-  
Group No.-12-Km 20.80 & 21.25, Rep of F/Sluice No 5A & 5B (1-0.9 m x dia RCP) -do- Tk 3,41,128/-  
Group No.-13-Km 5.60, Rep of F/Sluice No 1C (1-0.9 x dia RCP) and Km 11.54, Rep D/Sluice No 3 (1-1.52 x 1.82 RCB) -do- Tk 5,87,108/-  
Group No.-14-Km 0.80, Rep of D/Sluice No 9 (1-1.5 x 1.80m RCB) P-43/1B Tk 10,22,709/-  
Group No.-15-Km 2.40, Rep F/Sluice (1-0.90 x 0.90 RCB) and Km 4.20, Rep S/D/S (1-0.9m x 1.20m RCB) -do- Tk 3,39,992/-  
Group No.-16-Km 9.20, Rep D/Sluice No. 1A (1-1.5m x 1.80m) RCB -do- Tk 8,79,224/-  
Group No.-17-Km 74.40, Rep F/Sluice (1-0.9m x 0.9 m RCB) and Km 76.00, Rep F/Sluice (1-0.9m x 0.9m x RCB) -do- P-43/1B Tk 3,55,714/-  
Group No.-18-Km 79.69, Rep S/D/Sluice (1-1.20 x 0.9m RCB) and Km 81.30, Rep F/Sluice (1-0.9 x 0.9m RCB) -do- Tk 4,64,656/-  
Group No.-19-Km 82.50, Rep F/Sluice (1-0.90m x 0.90m RCB) -do- Tk 3,30,164/-  
Group No.-20-Km 84.70, Rep D/Sluice No 7 (2-1.5 x 1.8 RCB) -do- Tk 11,66,496/- only.
4. Earnest Money : 2% (two and half percent) of the estimated cost of the tender or group as normal earnest money and 1% (one) percent of the estimated cost as token earnest money to be submitted by the FD holder with the tender with each group as mentioned in the tender.
5. Date and time of receiving and opening of tenders : Tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O & M Circle, WDB, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, O & M Division-II, WDB, Dhaka/ Barisal/ Barguna and Sub-Divisional Engineer, Jhalakati O & M Sub-Division, WDB, Jhalakati from 17-1-94 to 19-1-94 up to 12-00 Noon and the same will be opened by the respective officers on 19-1-94 at 12-30 hrs in presence of the intending tenderers.
6. Nature of contractors : "B, C and D" Class contractor of BWDB enlisted during 1993-94.
7. Name and address of the office where tender documents and all other information will be available : The office of the undersigned as well as from the Executive Engineer, O & M Division, WDB, Barisal/ Barguna and Sub-Divisional Engineer, Jhalakati O & M Sub-Division, WDB, Jhalakati, Manager, Rupali Bank, Patuakhali, Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka upto 18-1-94.
8. Name and address of the advertiser : Md Nurul Huda Chowdhury, Executive Engineer, Patuakhali O & M Division, WDB, Patuakhali.

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## One killed in clash over charland

SIRAJGANJ, Jan 9: One person was killed and at least 30 others were injured in a clash between two rival groups over capturing charland in Chargirish Union of Kaptai thana Saturday night, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash erupted when the supporters of Farid Sarkar, President of the Natuarpur union BNP, attacked the supporters of Fazlul Huq Dudu, President of the Chargirish union Awami League, at the Bhetuya Jagannathpur village of settlers.

During the attack, the supporters of Fazlul Huq, a settler for 20 years, got hold of one of their rivals, Zuhurul Islam, 45, and beat him mercilessly.

## Absence of civic amenities

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Jan 9: Nawabganj pourashava has been beset with various problems causing inconveniences to the dwellers, says UNB.

The dilapidated condition of roads, lack of proper drainage system, inadequate water supply and absence of utility service made the civic life miserable.

One fourth of the total roads of the pourashava is metalled and remaining portions are kutcha. Due to lack of proper maintenance and repair, cracks and potholes have developed at many points. The situation turns worse during the rainy season.

Many drains filled with garbage and stagnant water are the ideal breeding centres of mosquitoes.

Due to shortage of dustbins dwellers are forced to dump their garbage in the drains blocking the normal water outlet.

The street lights are quite insufficient and many roads have no electric light at all. As a result, many areas of the town plunge into darkness after sundown giving rise to the anti-social activities.

Water supply is also irregular causing suffering to the dwellers. Only 15 per cent of the town population has been provided with water supply.

Moreover, there are allegations that the water supplied by the authorities is not safe to drink. Dwellers alleged that the harmful substances and mud are found in the water most of time.

The increasing number of pyc-dogs are also posing a threat to the town-dwellers. These dogs are found in meat, fish, milk and molasses markets and in front of hotel and restaurants.



SYLHET: Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of the "Hason festival" arranged on the 140th birth anniversary of mystic poet Hason Raja at Sunamganj town on Tuesday.

## United steps needed for uplift

CHITTAGONG, Jan 9: Fisheries and Live Stock Minister Abdullah Al-Noman said here on Friday that national prosperity could not be achieved without a consensus on common issues and united efforts of all irrespective of difference of opinion, reports BSS.

He said, there had been qualitative changes in politics and today's politics aim at welfare of the people.

Addressing as the chief guest the installation ceremony of office bearers of Chakaria Samity in Chittagong at Nasirabad Government High School premises here, the minister said, the question of national interest and prosperity should always remain above political ideals and when we can accept this proposition as a logical one then we can accomplish many uphill tasks.

He said, the present government had given priority to development sector to ensure that people are benefitted. Industrial, educational and the overall economic policies are

framed in such a way that they benefit the people, he added.

Noman pointed out that politics of rivalry dimmed the prospect of politics of service to the people and as such political leaders should shun the politics that does not ensure welfare of people.

The minister commended the people of Chakaria residing in Chittagong city had come under one banner with the prime objective of seeking solution to many problems of Chakaria which is rich in natural resources. He said, government is giving increasing attention to shrimp and salt production in Chakaria and some concrete steps have been taken in this direction. Granting of loans to shrimp project owners, electrification of shrimp projects and developing Chakaria thana headquarters into a pourashava are some of the steps in the right direction.

Noman also said that massive afforestation plan, programme was going on in the coastal and hilly areas of Chakaria and he sought cooperation of the people to preserve the newly raised forest.

The function, presided over by samity President Azazur Rahman, was also addressed by General Secretary Alhaj Anwar Hussain, Lion Akramuddin Ahmad, CDA Chairman Lt Col (Retd) Ziauddin, journalist Nazir Ahmed and Dr Jamal Uddin Ahmed.

Another BSS report adds: Speakers at a discussion held here Saturday said, the prime objective of the religion was to ensure welfare of the people.

They underlined the importance of strengthening the amity and fraternity among all religions for building up a violence free society.

Organised by Sufiatha Gobeshana and Manab Kalyan Kendra, Chittagong, the discussion was held at the Buddhist Foundation auditorium with Dr Mamtazuddin Patwary in the chair in observance of its first founding anniversary of the Kendra.



MYMENSINGH: Rainhana Faruque, wife of VC of BAU and President of Mahila Sangha of the university speaking at its installation ceremony recently.

## District roundup

COMMILLA

### Teachers urged to play strong role in nation building

Jan 9: Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia called upon the teachers' community to play strong role in nation building activities, reports UNB.

Teachers are great sons of the soils and architects of the future generation, the minister told the primary school and madrasah teachers' conference here on Thursday.

The conference was organised on the occasion of the Education Fortnight.

In a remark to the madrasah teachers, Rafiqul Islam said, "It is their prime responsibility to build students' character and enlighten the life of the people through Islamic education."

He also urged them to reach the message of the holy Quran to the people with utmost sincerity.

Later, the minister distributed some copies of the holy Quran, donated by the Saudi government, among the madrasah teachers.

SHERPUR

### Office-bearers of Press Club

Jan 9: Nalita Bari Press Club election was held recently, reports BSS.

The elected office-bearers are president Shushil Roy, Vice-president Khandaker Salauddin, general secretary Idris Ali, Assistant General Secretary Bhupal Sarker.

The new committee included seven members. The election was conducted by Pravat Chandra Pal, Vice-Principal Shaheed Nazmul Smriti college Nalita Bari.

Another report says: Sher-e-Bangla football competition '94 zone KHA, will start at Sherpur Shaheed Darga Al Poura Park playground on Wednesday (Jan-12).

A total of eight teams will participate in this competition. They are from Sherpur, Jamalpur, Tangail, Kishoreganj, Netrakona, Mymensingh, Gazipur, and Manikganj.

Sherpur district sports association has completed the preliminary preparation. This zonal competition of the Sher-e-Bangla football championship is being held in Sherpur for the first time.

BARISAL

### 1.01 lakh students under Food for Edn Programme

Jan 9: At least 1,01,500 students of 482 government and non-government primary schools of six districts in Barisal division have been brought under Food for Education Programme (FEP) in the current academic session, reports UNB.

About 39,900 families will be benefited from the programme. A family with one student has been getting 15 kilograms of wheat while a family with two or more students 30 kilograms, sources said.

Mentionable that, 17,740 boys and girls from Barisal, Jhalakathi, Bhola, Barguna, Patuakhali and Pirojpur districts appeared in the primary scholarship examination in 1993.

About 187 talent pool and 724 general scholarships allotted for these districts of the division this year.

JAMALPUR

### Follow ideals of Bangabandhu

Jan 9: Awami League leaders at a discussion meeting here on Tuesday urged all to follow the ideals of "Bangabandhu" Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to make the society free from all kinds of exploitations, reports UNB.

Addressing the discussion at the local Shaheed Minar on the occasion of the 46th founding anniversary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) they called for strengthening the movement to ensure trial of the killers of "Bangabandhu" family members.

Organised by BCL town unit, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Mirza Azam MP, district "Awami League" President Advocate Motiur Rahman, Advocate Baki Billah, MA Jalil, Faruk Ahmed Chowdhury, Mizanur Rahman Mizan, Narayan Chandra Pal Rana and Nayeef Rahman. BCL district unit President Tariq Malek presided.

The Awami League leaders at the meeting recalled the long-struggling tradition of Chhatra League in different national movements.

The anniversary was also observed in all thanas of the district holding seminars and cultural functions.

CHANDPUR

### Card phone introduced

Jan 9: Card phone system has been introduced at the district head Post Office from January 1, reports UNB.

The Post Master said, people are enjoying card phone facilities and the response was quite satisfactory.

People can phone within the country through this card phone system but they cannot contact abroad.

Local people urged the government to introduce overseas phone service at this card phone booth as soon as possible.

RAJBARI

### Tk 7.38 crore loan for farmers

The Rajbari Krishi Bank has taken up a programme to disburse loan of Taka 7.38 crore among the farmers to boost agri production during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the farmers will be able to purchase bullocks and other agricultural inputs, develop pisciculture and betel leaf farming with the loan.

Moreover, the loan will be utilised for small agro-based trading of the farmers, the sources said, adding the landless farmers are given loan for income generating schemes.

It may be mentioned here that the bank through its 13 branches has already disbursed an amount of Taka three crore among the farmers in the past six months.

GAIBANDHA

### Valuables worth Tk 2 lakh gutted

Jan 9: Twelve houses and valuables of six families worth about Taka two lakh were burnt to ashes in a devastating fire at Haripur village in Palashbari thana, says UNB.

The fire originated from the house of one Emajuddin and engulfed the adjacent areas on the night of December 7.

On hearing the hue and cry, the villagers rushed to the spot but failed to bring the fire under control which was extinguished automatically after destroying the houses.

The affected families have been passing their days in great hardships.

They urged the government to sanction grants for their early rehabilitation.

SIRAJGANJ

### One killed by miscreants

Jan 9: A man was allegedly killed by a gang of miscreants at Perrowhali village of Tarash thana on Monday, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Mokbul Hossain, a day-labourer of the village.

Police said, Mokbul was attacked and killed by the armed miscreants while he was sleeping in his bedroom at midnight.

The alleged gang leader Dhirendra Lal was caught red-handed by the villagers who later handed over him to the police.

RAJSHAHI

### RCC elections campaign continues

Jan 9: Candidates for the post of mayor and ward commissioners of the Rajshahi City Corporation recently continued "meet the people programme" as part of their election campaign, reports BSS.

The mayor candidates visited different wards of the city and exchanged views with the residents.

BNP nominated candidate Mizanur Rahman Minu visited Laxmipur, Bhatapara, Sweeper Colony, Kumarpara and Mohaldarpara, and exchanged views with the people of the locality.

Advocate Kabir Hossain, MP, and the Samik Dal, the Jubo Dal, the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and other leaders also visited Raninagar and Talaimari areas of the city today, and appealed to the voters to cast vote in favour of the BNP nominated candidate, Mizanur Rahman Minu.

NARSINGDI

### Dacoits held with arms, ammunition

Jan 9: Police have arrested three alleged dacoits with some arms and ammunition from Nagariakandi village in sadar thana recently, reports UNB.

Police, following confessional statements of some dacoits, raided a house at the village and nabbed Salam, Kamal and Manna with a revolver, 23 rounds of ammunition and 8 tolas of gold.

## National Broadcasting Authority (Radio) Maintenance Section Administrative Building Sher-E-Bangla Nagar Dhaka-1207.

### Tender Notice

Tender No. & Date	Description of stores to be supplied	Cost of Tender documents (Non-refundable)	Earnest Money	Terms of delivery	Last date for submission of Tender
No. MES/3/2181/93 Dated: 30-12-93	Portable Tape Recorder	Tk. 750/- (Tk. Seven hundred fifty only)	1% of the quoted total value.	"Free Delivery"	16-01-94

The above tender will be received by the undersigned up to 11 AM on the date mentioned above and will be opened on the same day at 11:30 AM in presence of Tenderers if any.

Tender documents may be collected from the undersigned during office hours on all working days on production of a treasury challan depositing Tk. 750/- (Taka Seven hundred fifty) only as cost of tender schedule under the Head "40-Broadcasting, Information & Publication (Aa-34) Ka Radio-Miscellaneous Receipt 1993-94".

No Tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of Tender.

This authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or its parts or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

No tender documents will be sold or accepted by post.

Mahbubur Rahman  
Senior Engineer  
(Maintenance)  
for Director General.

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## Goods worth Tk 2.86 cr seized last year

BAHMANBARIA, Jan 9: Bangladesh Rifles, 32 battalion in the district seized smuggled goods worth about Taka 2.86 crore in the last year, says UNB.

BDR sources said, goods worth about Taka 2.74 crore were seized while entering into the country and goods worth about Taka 11.58 lakh were seized while being smuggled out of the country.

The goods include Indian sarees, blouse pieces, cosmetics, sugar, salt, spares, utensils, luxury and imitation goods, timber, cows, onion, pulses, old clothes, VCPs etc.

The goods were deposited with the local customs officials. Some 171 people were nabbed on charges of smuggling and 1,226 cases were filed with the police during the period.