

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

BAGERHAT, 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 Gilatala 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.

## 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 (4-0.9m 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 (2-1.20 m 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 (1-0.9 X 0.9 RCB) and Km 4.20, Rep S/D (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 (1-0.9m 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) per cent 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, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka upto 18-1-94. Md Nurul Huda Chowdhury, Executive Engineer, Patuakhali O & M Division, WDB, Patuakhali.

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## National

# 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 mounds 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 Shirajganj districts, 12,000 acres are in Bogra and Joypurbar 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.

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.

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.

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.

## 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 soil and architects of the future generation, the minister told the primary school and madrasa teachers' conference here on Thursday.

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

In remark to the madrasa 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 madrasa 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 Shabir Sarker.

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

Another report says: Sher-e-Bangla football competition '94 zone KHA, will start at Sherpur Shaheed Darga Ali 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, says UNB.

Mentionable that, 17,740 boys and girls from Barisal, Jhalakathi, Bhabla, 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 Paul Rana and Nayed 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.

Some 171 people were nabbed on charges of smuggling and 1,226 cases were filed with the police during the period.

### 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 agriculture production during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the farmers will be able to purchase bullocks and other agri 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 Dizendu 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 major candidates visited different wards of the city and exchanged views with the residents.

BNP nominated candidate Mizanur Rahman Minu visited L