

**Teacher killed in road mishap**

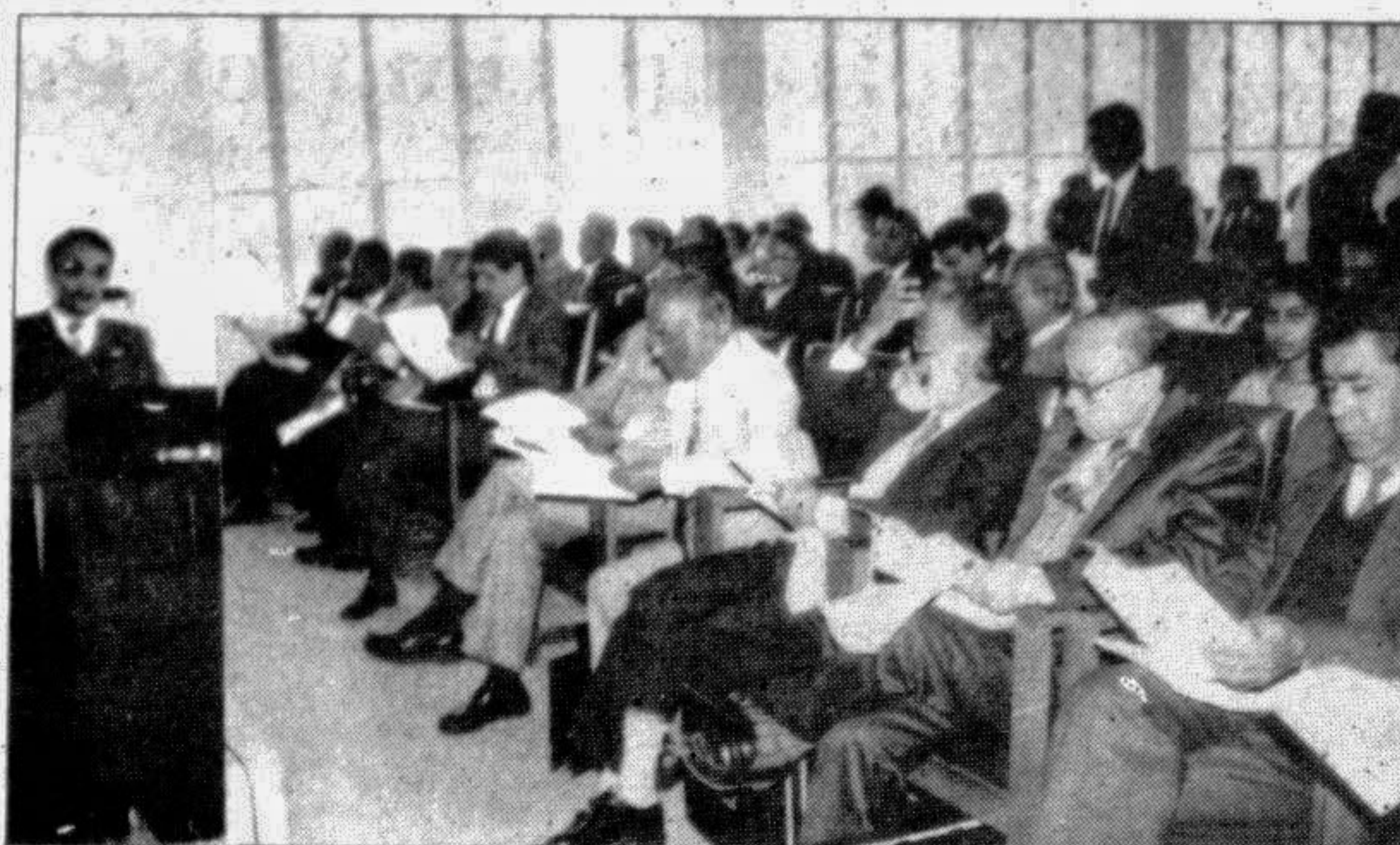
JHENIDAH, Jan 31: A teacher was killed and two others were injured in a road accident near Amtala union of Kaliganj thana on Jhenidah-Jessore road Friday, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Panjab Ali (45), Assistant Headmaster of Barobazar High School.

Witnesses said the Jhenidah bound bus (Rajshahi, BA-1873) lost its control and plunged into a roadside ditch killing Panjab Ali on the spot.

It may be mentioned that all the passengers excepting the two were luckily saved and the injured were released after first aid.

The driver, however, managed to escape from the place and a case has been lodged with the police.



RAJSHAHI: Prof M Anisur Rahman, VC of RU speaking at a seminar arranged on the occasion of 20th anniversary of Institute of Bangladesh Studies (IBS) held on January 24. — Star photo

**College student beaten to death**

MAGURA, Jan 31: A college student, said to be worker Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal, was beaten to death in the town Saturday night, reports UNB.

The sadar thana police said four youths, including Mahbubuzaman Barun, a student of Adarsha College, and Ataur Rahman went to the house of Ranjit in Natunbazar area and demanded toll from him at about 10 last night.

Neighbours rushed to the house as the inmates raised a hue and cry. They nabbed two of the band and beat them indiscriminately.

Police rushed to the scene and rescued Mahbubuzaman and Ataur from the mob.

The students of Adarsha College brought a procession when the news of death of Mahbub spread to the campus this (Sunday) morning.

**Islamic varsity admission test from Feb 5**

KUSHTIA, Jan 31: First year admission test for the session 1993-94 of the Islamic University will be held from February 5-9, reports UNB.

University sources said that at least 10,133 applications have been received for 720 seats of the honours first year classes.

This year the admission test will be held in 4 units comprising the 12 departments of the university under two faculties.

**Notes on Sirajganj**

**From Our Correspondent**

SIRAJGANJ, Jan 31: A 14-day training course of district Ansar and VDP concluded on January 24 last at Raipur Ansar Camp.

A total of 243 group leaders from 81 unions of the district participated in the course.

On January 10, district Ansar Adjutant A B M Ashraf Haq inaugurated the course which was conducted by Circle Adjutant Zakia Sultana, VDP Officer Musliqur Rahman and officers of 31-Ansar Battalion.

**Ullapara Artists' Assoc formed**

The Association of Commercial Artists was formed in Ullapara thana on January 20 at Maya Studio with A K M Saidur Rahman in the chair.

Among others Aminul Islam, Ali Ahmed, Dipak Kumar Kar and Zahurul Islam Azad spoke on the occasion.

An 11-member executive committee was formed with Tayeb Ali and A K M Saidur Rahman as president and general secretary respectively.

**Workers' conference of Zaker Party**

The workers' conference of Sirajganj district unit of Zaker Party was held on January 20 at the bus terminal.

District convenor Hafiz Ahmed Khan was in the chair.

Zaker Party coordinator of greater Pabna district Assaduzzaman attended the meet as chief guest. Among others Idris Ali and Moulana Abdul Khaleque addressed the conference.

**Death condoled**

Sirajganj district unit of BMA in a condolence meeting have expressed deep shock at the sudden death of Dr Rafiqul Islam Siddiqui, Thana Health and Family Planning Officer, Raiganj.

The victim succumbed to injuries which he received in a road accident.

Among others civil surgeon Dr Mattur Rahman, BMA district secretary Dr Akramuzzaman and Dr Ashrafur Islam spoke in the meeting.

**Commits suicide**

One Babu (25) of village Bahuka in sadar thana committed suicide on January 29, following property dispute.

The victim had a quarrel with his uncle former UP Chairman Rezaul Karim over a property. He committed suicide by taking insecticide.

**IRRI-boro paddy, seasonal crops farming Output target may not be achieved this year**

**From Our Correspondent**

NATORE, Jan 31: The production target of IRRI-boro paddy and other seasonal crops may not be achieved in northern Bengal region this year as artificial crisis of fertilizers and insecticides.

The prices of agri-inputs have gone up for the non-availability of the items.

Farmers of the region are in a fix following the exorbitant prices of urea and other fertilizers.

According to fertilizer sellers, urea from Ghorashal factory is being sold at Taka 300 to Taka 350 per bag in the market, while urea produced in Jamuna Fertilizer Factory is being sold at Taka 320 to Taka 340 and Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) and potash are sold at Taka 385 to Taka 400 and Taka 340 to Taka 350 per bag respectively.

It is learnt that Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADCO) sold Ghorashal Factory produced urea, TSP and potash at Taka 232, Taka 240 and Taka 190 per bag respectively during the 1990-91 and at Taka 275, Taka 400 and Taka 360 per bag respectively during 1991-92 fiscal and at Taka 285, Taka 400 and Taka 340 per bag respectively during 1992-93 fiscal year.

Urea which is most extensively used by farmers have increased by 118, per bag. Urea is not available in most of the markets in this region, said a farmer of Nishchintopur village of Baraigram thana under Natore district.

A local leader pointed out that the artificial crisis is the main cause for this price-hike. Only the agents of the region are responsible for this crisis, he added.

There are three agents in northern region operating from Nagarbari, Baghabari and Shirajganj, the leader said.

He also said that appointment of more agents in the region can solve this problem.

Some farmers of Natore, Naogaon, Rajshahi and Pabna complained that they sometimes buy bags which are less than the standard quantity.

Local traders of the region said that they had nothing to do with the weight of fertilizer bags. We sell exactly what we get from agents, they expressed.

There is adequate stock of fertilizers in the godowns of the agents and dealers of the region.

Abnormal low rate of aman paddy and such high price of fertilizer have broken the backbone of small and marginal farmers in this region.

In Natore district, the missing of transformers is greatly hampering the paddy farming.

According to Natore Pally Biddut Samity-1 (PBS-1) at least 2690 transformers were set at Shingra, Bagatipara and



SYLHET: Fatema Chowdhury, MP, giving a cheque of loan to one of the destitute women for making them self-reliant. The money is a part of PM fund for the destitute women. — Star photo

**BKB realises Tk 28cr out of Tk 70cr loan**

BARISAL, Jan 31: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) in Barisal region has realised Tk 27.91 crore outstanding agriculture loan from the farmers of eleven southern districts till January 15 last, reports BSS.

The bank fixed loan recovery target at Tk 70 crore this year, an official source said.

Of the total, Tk 2.59 crore was realised from Barisal district, Tk 2.70 crore from Bholia, Tk 3.16 from Pirojpur, Tk 1.25 crore from Jhalakathi, Tk 2.49 crore from Patuakhali, Tk 1.40 crore from Barguna, Tk 4.84 crore from Faridpur, Tk 1.67 crore from Gopalganj, Tk 2.54 crore from Madaripur, Tk 1.83 crore from Shariatpur and Tk 3.47 crore from Rajbari districts.

The loan was given for the cultivation of aman, boro, wheat, potato, mustard, vegetables, beef-fattening, poultry farming, dairy farming, purchase of draught animals etc, the source added.

The foundation stone of T and T Bhabari at Sheikherhat under Sadar thana of Jhalakathi district was laid Friday by Khondakar Moazzem Hossain, Controller General of Bangladesh.

According to an official source government has sanctioned Tk 5 lakh for the construction of the bhabari here.

The Deputy Commissioner Jhalakathi, Divisional Engineer of Telephone, Barisal Telephone Division were among those present in the function.

The annual general meeting and the election of Patuakhali district Writers' Guild was held at guild office here recently with advocate Ali Asgar, president of the organisation in the chair.

Poet Khondakar Abdul Khaleque, General Secretary of Patuakhali Writers' Guild read out the annual report.

Later the election for the executive committee of the guild was held for the next 3 year-term.

A 23-member executive committee was formed in this election.

**Fishermen require fund**

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 31: Fishermen community of the district have been facing manifold problems to run their aged occupation due to lack of fund, scarcity of fishing materials and price-hike of inputs, reports UNB.

About 65,000 fishermen earn their livelihood by fishing in the rivers, beel, canals and ponds in Itna, Nikli, Mitamain, Austagram, Tarail, Bajitpur, Karimganj, Kuliarchar, Bhairab, Pakundia, Katiadi, Hossainpur and Sadar thanas.

The fishermen said due to shortage of fund they are forced to borrow money from the local money lenders at a very high rate of interest to buy necessary inputs. They also alleged that due to complex procedure they are not getting bank loan in time.

They said, non-professional fishermen are getting the loan and other facilities due to underhand dealing with the bank officials adding that the government funds allotted for the fishermen are being grabbed in the name of fishermen's cooperative societies.

Meanwhile, in most of the cases, the genuine fishermen cannot catch fish even getting lease as the non-professionals are engaged in catching fish by force who take away their nets and fishing equipments. However, Ijaradars in collusion with the local vested groups are giving sub-lease of beels or jalmahals to the fake-fishermen, it is alleged.

The fishermen said they lodged complaints several times but no action has yet been taken by the district administration.

Another report says: Mushroom growth of hotels and restaurants in all the 13 thana headquarters and district town is posing health hazard to the inhabitants of the locality.

The residents alleged that most of the hotels are being run in unhealthy conditions. The foods were prepared and stored in most unhygienic conditions.

They said despite lodging complaints with the district and thana administration no action has been taken yet to keep the hotels and its food clean.

Some dishonest health officials are also involved with the hotel owners and shopkeepers, they alleged.

**Two women traffickers arrested**

SATKHIRA, Jan 31: Bangladesh Rifles arrested two women traffickers from Kadamtola bazar in sadar thana and rescued four women on Saturday, reports UNB.

The arrested traffickers were identified as Akbar of sadar thana and Hajirunnissa of Sarsha thana of Jessore district.

They rescued Nurjahan (22) of Digarkanda thana of Mymensingh district, Saleha (20) of Tangail, Feroza (20) of Gopalganj, Marium (14) of Faridpur and Lipi (13) of Lalmonirhat.

The BDR managed to arrest the two women traffickers while they were proceeding with the victims towards Indian border.

The victims said they were being taken to India and Pakistan with promise of good jobs there.

**Erosion devours houses, crop lands in Jhalokathi**

**From Staff Correspondent**

BARISAL, Jan 31: The erosion of Sandhya river has engulfed vast tracts of crop land and many dwelling houses shops and commercial establishments in Jhalokathi district rendering hundreds of people homeless and shelterless.

According to a source from Jhalakathi, erosion is going on in Nanduhar, Kuniari, North Kaurikhara, South Kaurikhara, Gonman, Jalabari, Rajbari and Pathalipara villages of the district.

North and South Kaurikhara, Jalabari, Rajbari and Pathalipara villages are the most affected areas.

Recently dwelling houses including more than ten kathas of fruit garden of Md Sahjahan Mistry and Kaback Mistry of the village South Kaurikhara have already been engulfed by the erosion.

About three hundred dwelling houses and hundreds acres of crop lands of these areas have already been eroded, the sources said. The newly built government primary school of Pathalipara is now on the verge of erosion.

**Problems hamper treatment**

Another report says: The 31-bedded Kaurkhal hospital of Kaurkhal under Peropur district is best with manifold problems for a longtime.

A source from Peropur stated that patients coming from remote areas of Kaurkhal thana to this hospital for treatment are being deprived of necessary medicare due to shortage of doctor, necessary pathological examinations, X-ray facilities, medicines.

There are seven posts of doctors of whom four are lying vacant. The rest three doctors, remain almost busy with their private practice, it is alleged.

The X-ray machine now lying idle due to absence of operator. No major or serious operations is being performed in the hospital due to absence of blood bank and necessary surgical apparatus in the hospital.



Syed Jamaluddin Haider (2nd from left) Sr VP of DCCI presiding over a meeting of the people of Feni recently with a view to establishing a 100-bed diabetic hospital at Feni. Whip Mahbul Alam Tara MP (left) was also present at the meeting.

**Khulna City Corporation polls Unofficial results of elected commissioners**

**From Staff Correspondent**

Khulna, Jan 31: Following are the unofficial results of the elections to 31 ward commissioner posts under the Khulna City Corporation held Sunday:

Ward No - 1: Moniruzzaman Mia (BNP)  
 Ward No - 2: Sheikh Yunus Ali (AL)  
 Ward No - 3: Abdus Salam (JP)  
 Ward No - 4: Sheikh Majnu Mia (Independent)  
 Ward No - 5: Kamruzzaman (Independent)  
 Ward No - 6: Lutfur Rahman (AL)  
 Ward No - 7: Sheikh Shahidul Islam (Ind)  
 Ward No - 8: Mohammad Shah Alam (Ind)  
 Ward No - 9: Kazi Sarwarul Alam (Ind)  
 Ward No - 10: Sheikh Khairuzzaman (BNP)  
 Ward No - 11: Mia Mujibur Rahman (Ind)  
 Ward No - 12: A B M Habibur Rahman (Jamaat)  
 Ward No - 13: Sheikh Shahinul Islam (BNP)  
 Ward No - 14: Sheikh Kamal Hossain (Jamaat)  
 Ward No - 15: Mohammad Moslemuddin Khan (Ind)  
 Ward No - 16: Sheikh Abdul Karim (AL)  
 Ward No - 17: Sheikh Hafizur Rahman (JP)  
 Ward No - 18: Sheikh Anwarul Quadir Khokon (BNP)  
 Ward No - 19: Sheikh Mohammad Nurul Islam (AL)  
 Ward No - 20: Sheikh Mohammad Gausul Azam (BNP)  
 Ward No - 21: Ershad Sikder (JP)  
 Ward No - 22: S M Shaiful Alam Mona (BNP)  
 Ward No - 23: Hasibul Haque Babla (JP)  
 Ward No - 24: Asaduzzaman Litu (JP)  
 Ward No - 25: Ikhtiaruddin Babu (JP)  
 Ward No - 26: Mahmood Alam Babu (BNP)  
 Ward No - 27: Mohammad Moniruzzaman Mamun (BNP)  
 Ward No - 28: Mottibur Rahman Lulu (JP)  
 Ward No - 29: Moniruzzaman Monil (BNP)  
 Ward No - 30: S M Mozaffar Rashidi Reza (AL)  
 Ward No - 31: Mohammad Hossain Mukta (Ind)

Total: BNP - 9; JP - 7, AL - 5; Jamaat - 2; Independent - 8.

**Train services most irregular**

**From Our Correspondent**

it is alleged.

Gatifications are collected from the smugglers instead of sending them to the railway police station, it is also alleged. All the third class compartments both in local and express trains, have been made second class compartments but the amenities are not enhanced. Waiting rooms in most of the stations have no sitting arrangements for upper class passengers. The waiting rooms in almost all the stations of this section are in a pitiable state and remain dirty. Most of the time these are found under lock and key.

The trains running on these routes do not maintain any timetable and usually arrive and depart late often by two to five hours. As a result, the passengers particularly those who have to attend schools, colleges and offices are bewildered with utter helplessness. It is alleged that the authorities have failed to take appropriate measure so far despite repeated representations by the members of the public.

It is further alleged that some corrupt railway employees are allowing passengers to travel without ticket after taking illegal gratification from them and thus depriving the government of revenue.

There is no permanent arrangement to clean the platform of the stations. There is no shed at the platforms in some stations on these lines. The passengers have to wait for hours together for the trains under the scorching heat of the sun or in the rains. There are no waiting rooms for the second class passengers in almost all the stations. Besides, in the absence of power supply in the compartments anti-social elements carry on their heinous activities.

It is also alleged that booking counters start functioning just a few minutes before the arrival of the train. As a result many passengers fail to purchase tickets in time causing loss to the railway authority. There is no separate compartment for the women passengers who can hardly board the train in the rush of male passengers.

Besides, some people are found carrying their goods, particularly fish, gunny bags, cloths etc in the passengers compartments instead of putting the same in luggage vans.

On the other hand, shortage of railway sleepers and ballasts, nut-bolts, stones, partly damaged bridges and culverts, single rail lines and corrupt railway administration, old rail tracks, stopping of passengers trains by the smugglers for pulling chains, overcrowding of passengers in the compartments etc are some of the reasons which cause the undue delay of trains.

It is alleged that ticket checkers are too inadequate to cope with the rising passengers travelling in the shuttle trains.

The passengers in these sections expect the authority concerned to do the needful to mitigate the sufferings of the people.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
 Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)  
 Noakhali Road Division, Noakhali

**Tender Notice No: E/N/122 & 123 of 1993-94**

Scaled tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from bonafide enlisted contractors of RHD, under general category according to their financial limit of power.

The tenders will be received by the Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD), Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Comilla Road Circle, Comilla/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka & by the undersigned up to 12-30 PM on 08.02.94 & will be opened at 12-45 PM on the same day in their respective chamber in front of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present.

Tender forms/schedule of items of work & the set of addl. terms & conditions etc. can be seen in the office of the Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD), Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Comilla Road Circle, Comilla/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Noakhali/Comilla/Planning (Roads & Bridges) Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Planning & Design Division, Comilla & Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Noakhali/Ramganj/Lakshimpur/1st line workshop under this Division during office hours. Tender forms, schedule of items of work & addl. terms of conditions etc. will be available for purchase from the office of the Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Noakhali/Comilla/Planning (Roads & Bridges) Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Planning & Design Division, Comilla & Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Noakhali/Ramganj/Lakshimpur/1st line workshop during office hours.

No tender form will be sold on the date fixed for receiving of tender.

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<b>TENDER NOTICE NO. E/N/122 OF 1993-94</b>						
1.	Earth work in widening the road embankment with carried earth at 6th and 7th kilometre (town portion) of Begumganj-Majidee Road under Noakhali Road Division for the year 1993-94.	Tk. 21,45,365.00	Tk. 42,910.00	08.02.94	60 (Sixty) days	"A" to "C" Class general category enlisted contractors of RHD, only.
<b>TENDER NOTICE NO. E/N/123 OF 1993-94</b>						
2.	Earth work in widening the road embankment with earth arranged by contractor at 11th (Part) Km. of Begumganj-Matabi-Raipur Road under Noakhali Road Division for the year 1993-94.	Tk. 7,71,019.00	Tk. 15,420.00	08.02.94	45 (Forty-five) days	-Do- -Do- "A" to "D" Class.

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