

Bumper wheat production likely in Faridpur

FARIDPUR, Apr 3: Farmers of the district are expecting bumper production of wheat this season, reports UNB. They have already started harvesting the crop from the middle of March and at least 40-50 metric tons of wheat are expected to be harvested in the current season, Agriculture Extension sources said. Wheat was cultivated in 18,990 hectares of land. In the last (93-94) rabi season, 35,013 metric tons of wheat were produced in 17,960 hectares of land. According to agricultural experts, low temperature and rain in the months of January and February helped wheat cultivation in the district. Minimum temperature with cold wave from November to March and 116 mm rain in January and February have contributed in better yield of wheat, they said.

Foundation stones of 3 bridges laid in C'nawabganj

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Apr 3: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed laid the foundation stones of three bridges at Rohonpur, Chaudhala and Makarampur in Gomostapur thana of the district on Saturday, reports UNB.

These are: 111 metre bridge over Punarbhaba river at Rohonpur-Bholahat juncture of Kanshat-Shapahar road, 335 metre bridge over Mohananda on Kanshat-Gomostapur-Por-Xsha-Shapahar road and 372 metre Makarampur bridge on Rohonpur-Bholahat road.

The bridges will be constructed by the Roads and Highways Department at a cost of Tk 10 crore and are expected to be opened for traffic by the end of the next year.

With the implementation of these projects people of five thanas of the district will be directly benefited, said an official handout.

Addressing public meetings on the occasion, the minister said despite the hindrances by the opposition, the development programmes of the government started yielding benefits to the people.

He said, the implementation of these development projects is the fulfillment of yet another pledge of the government to the people.

Acute scarcity of drinking water in Moulvibazar

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Apr 3: About 85 per cent subscribers to the town water supply service at Moulvibazar district town has been deprived of water for nearly eight months. Acute scarcity of drinking water has been prevailing in Moulvibazar town as two, out of three deep tubewells remained out of order, causing extreme sufferings to the town dwellers.

Even after eight months passed, there was no initiative to repair or install new tubewells by the authority concerned though, the authority claimed they are trying to their level best to overcome the situation. But all of such activities have been limited to paper works only, it is alleged.

Few shallow tubewells have been installed in the town by the local pourasava to meet the demand of drinking water. But such action of the pourasava is not the proper solution to the problem facing by the town dwellers.

Residents of the town said that shallow tubewells cannot be the substitute of pipe line water supply system, as these

shallow tubewells has been installed on area basis, which could not meet the demand of the majority of the consumers.

It is learnt from the Public Health Engineering Department source that the daily demand of drinking water in the town are ten lakh gallons. But only two lakh gallons have been being supplied through pipe lines since August 1994. There was only three deep tubewells for the pipe line service of water. On August 1994, two of them went out of order and yet to be repaired. The only deep tubewell now provides water to 531 households — 15 per cent of the total subscribers.

Earlier in 1989-90 financial year, a new scheme was taken under the 18 towns water supply and sanitation project. Estimated cost of the scheme was Taka five crore and five lakh, aided by the Dutch government. But the implementation work of the scheme is yet to be started. It is more interesting that, administrative office of the Moulvibazar water supply and sanitation project is located at Manikganj district and its mechanical unit office

at Comilla. Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman laid the foundation stone of the water supply project on February 18, 1995, under the 18 town water supply and sanitation project. But after the laying of foundation stone, no progress has yet been shown.

A source of the local Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) told The Daily Star that there was no allocation for repairing the old deep tubewells as the authority has taken up the new scheme to set up modern water supply system. So there was no initiative to repair old deep tubewells which went out of order.

The PHED official, however, claimed the local PHED trying to solve the recent water crisis by installation of shallow tubewells with the co-operation of the Moulvibazar pourasava.

Town dwellers of Moulvibazar expect that the authorities concerned should take necessary steps to implement the 18 town water supply and sanitation project without any further delay.

Tornado hits Chandpur

CHANDPUR, Apr 3: More than a hundred thatched dwellings and some educational institutions were razed to ground by a devastating tornado here on Friday afternoon, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the tornado accompanied with heavy downpour lashed Faridganj, Hajiganj and Matlab thanas causing extensive damage to standing crops and dwelling houses rendering many people shelterless.

Many trees were uprooted and at least 20 people were injured in several areas in house collapse.

The district administration is yet to ascertain the extent of damage.

The affected people have urged the concerned authorities to sanction relief materials and grants for their early rehabilitation.

Two renowned artistes awarded

MAIJDÉE COURT, Noakhali, Apr 3: Two renowned drama artistes, Ramendu Majumdar and Ferdousi Mojumdar, were awarded Independence Day Award by a local leading drama organization — Lakshminarayapur Theatre, reports UNB.

They were awarded for their outstanding contribution in the field of drama. The awards were given at a brief ceremony presided over by the president of the theatre organization at the Town Hall last week.

Local MP Md Shajahan was present at the function as chief guest while the Deputy Commissioner of Noakhali Md Mashur Rahman and Chairman of Noakhali Pourashava Rabiul Hosain Khan were present as special guests.

Foundation of health centre laid in Tungipara

TUNGIPARA (Gopalganj), Apr 3: Deputy Minister for Health and Family Planning M Sirajul Haque laid the foundation stone of a family welfare centre here to be built at a cost of Tk 22 lakh, reports UNB.

The centre will be built at village Banshabaria of Tungipara thana to make available health facilities among the local villagers.

Addressing a public meeting on the occasion, he said the government has taken initiative to establish a sub-health and family welfare centres in every union of the country.

Criticising the opposition political parties, he said, they are taking destructive programmes to hinder the present development activities.

Sirajul Haque called upon all to cooperate with the government to continue the on-going development programmes.

The meeting was also addressed by BNP leader Moniruzzaman Pinu, Mostain Billah Tuku and Dr Kaiser Ali Talukder with Sohrab Hossain Talukder in the chair.

Dacoits kill one, loot valuables worth Tk one lakh

JAMALPUR, Apr 3: An employee of the Agriculture Extension Department was killed by a gang of dacoits at his residence in sadar thana in the early hours today, reports UNB.

According to police and hospital sources, a gang of five dacoits entered the residence of Badal, 25 at village Bogali at 2 am. When he tried to resist, the dacoits stabbed him mercilessly in front of his wife. He died on the spot.

The dacoits decamped with valuables worth Tk 1 lakh from the residence. Badal was working at Melandha thana agri office.

The body was sent to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy and a case was filed with the police.

Diarrhoea claims 8, affects 1375 in Borguna

BORGUNA, Apr 3: Diarrhoea claimed eight lives and affected 1,375 other people in the district during the last three months, reports UNB.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf was told this at a review meeting on diarrhoea situation in the district held on Friday.

The health officials and doctors informed the minister that diarrhoea situation has been brought under control in the district as government had taken timely measures in this regard.

The minister asked the health officials and local administration to take necessary steps for publicity of health

education in the field level to prevent diarrhoea, said an official handout.

He also directed the divisional officials to send adequate doctors and health workers to the rural areas to combat the spread of the disease.

Earlier, the minister visited the diarrhoea affected areas as well as diarrhoea prevention camps in different parts of Patuakhali and Borguna district.

He also visited the Patuakhali General Hospital and Borguna Sadar Hospital. State Minister for Water Resources and Flood Control Mosharraf Hossain Shajahan was present.

Dacoity in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 3: A daring dacoity was committed in the house of one Abdul Jabbar Miah of village Sribahar under Golapganj thana Thursday night. Valuables worth about Taka three lakh were looted from the house.

A gang of about 15 miscreants armed with deadly weapons attacked the house in the midnight. They tied up six persons and took away Taka 70 thousand in cash and other valuables including gold ornament, clothes and others from the house.

A case has been registered with the Golapganj thana.

Ex-UP chairman shot dead in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Apr 3: A former chairman of Khalishkali Union Parishad was shot dead by unidentified gunmen at Daluabazar under Tala thana here last night.

Police arrested the incumbent chairman and two members of the Union Parishad for their alleged involvement in the murder of Khan Mokhter Ali, 55.

Rokeya Begum, wife of the victim, lodged a case with Tala thana.

Khulna Mayor opens Fire Service Week

KHULNA, Apr 3: Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Toubar Rahman formally inaugurated the Fire Service and Civil Defence Week '95 of Khulna zone at the divisional headquarters of the department Saturday, reports UNB.

The programmes of the Week include display of fire-fighting equipment, demonstration of fire-fighting vehicles, propaganda, showing slides in cinema halls, inspiring people for precautionary measures against fire incidents, discussion meetings, training for volunteers and fire-fighting display.

The Mayor emphasising to make people aware about the causes of fire said we can save us from the danger of fire incidents only through precautionary measures, said an official handout.

Irri-Boro cultivation badly affected in Noakhali

From Our Correspondent

NOAKHALI, Apr 3: The Irri-Boro cultivation in six thanas of Noakhali district has been badly affected as the existing irrigation network is not functioning properly due to the water scarcity and the production target will not be achieved.

According to Agriculture Extension Department (AED) official source, the ground water level has fallen abnormally due to the prolonged drought. Seventy-five per cent irrigation pumps have gone out of order due to drying up of rivers, canals, ponds, and beels in the current season.

In Noakhali most of the irrigation projects have to depend on the reserved water, an official said, as underground water of most areas of the district is saline.

The source said 44 thousand 4 hundred and 50 hectares of land in the district were brought under Irri-Boro cultivation but only 27 thousand 5 hundred and 23 hectares of land were cultivated.

The official said that the production target of Aman paddy were not achieved this year due to same reason.

Fire causes Tk 8.4 cr loss in a year in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Apr 3: A total of 953 fire incidents occurred in Chittagong division during the last year and the loss on account of fire was estimated at about Taka 8.44 crore.

Fire services and civil defence department sources told BSS that three persons were burnt alive and nine hundred animals and birds were roasted alive in the fire.

At least hundred people also died in several incidents including landslide, building collapse and road accidents, the sources said.

The causes and number of fire incidents recorded during the period were electric short circuit-320, furnace-183, burning cigarettes-97, friction of mechanism-18, burning ashes and other fire works-21, overheating-28, chemical reaction-14, display of fire-8, arson-18, setting fire to property by unruly mobs-13 and unidentified-114.

The fire destroyed property which included shops-169, kitchen room and dwelling houses-361, ships and auto-

One commits suicide

BHOLA, Apr 3: A man of Charmanika village of Char Fassion thana allegedly committed suicide by cutting his throat with a sharp knife on March 26, reports UNB.

According to police, Nurul Islam, 40, a father of three children, a landless farmer was suffering from extreme poverty which might be the cause of suicide.

Family sources said, for the last few days, Nurul Islam was mentally upset and became imbalance as he could not do anything for livelihood.

Meanwhile, he got a notice from local Krishi Bank for repayment of his loan of Tk 1000 which was not possible to repay for him, the source added. A case was filed with the police.

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Office of the Executive Engineer Barisal PWD Division, Barisal

Tender No. E/M-50 of 1994-95

- Name of work: Renovation and special repairing, re-providing, addition & alteration to the existing E/I in the Medicine Unit-3 (3rd Floor) & Installation of 3-Ton split-system Air-Condition of 5-bedded Himo Dialysis room attached to SBMC & Hospital at Barisal.
- Estimated cost: Tk 3,30,029/00.
- Earnest money: Tk 6,605/00.
- Last date of selling of tender form: On 11.4.95 up to office hours.
- Date of receiving and time of opening: Up to 12:00 Noon of 12.4.95 and will be opened at 12:15 PM on the same day (in presence of contractor, if any).
- Place of selling and receiving of tender: Office of the all Executive Engineer under-PWD Circle, Barisal.
- Eligible of contractor: PWD bonafide Class-I/II approved E/M contractors/ firms having ABC/BC contractory and supervisory licence holder under PWD, PWD Khulna Zone, Khulna respectively.

* All other detailed information may be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours only.

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Re-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 49/IDB/LOAN/MAD/FD/NZ/94-95 Dated: 25/03/95
Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted A-1 & A-2 Contractors of Facilities Department for the reconstructions of one group under the project "Reconstruction/Extension of Madrasa under the loan assistance of Islamic Development Bank (IDB)". All other related information may be seen in the tender documents.

Tender document may be obtained from the zonal offices under Chittagong Circle up to 11/04/95 on all working days during the office hours on cash payment of Tk 400.00 (Four hundred) only (Non-refundable) for each set of tender documents.

Sl./Gr. No.	Thana	District	Name of Institution	Time
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Tender will be received by respective zonal offices on 12/04/95 up to 12:00 Noon (BST) and will be opened on the same date at 12:30 PM (BST) in presence of the Tenderer/Tenderers if there be any.

Before purchasing the tender documents the owner/authorised representative of the firm will have to apply to the concerned officer in the printed pad stating the group number as mentioned in the tender documents.

The original enlistment book will have to be produced at the time of purchasing the tender documents. Each tender must accompany a Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh for an amount of Tk @ 2.5% (Two and half per cent) of the quoted amount in favour of the respective zonal Executive Engineer.

Tender (s) will have to quote itemwise rate with detail analysis and this rate will include all types of Taxes and VAT.
The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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KISHOREGANJ. Sved Nurul Awal, a folk singer, rendering songs at the inaugural function of a Krishi melia organised by the Karimganj thana Agriculture Extension Department here recently. — Star photo

Opposition trying to complicate fertiliser crisis thru' hartal: Saifur

MOULVIBAZAR Apr 3: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman asked the opposition parties, not to obstruct the movement of fertilizer and food grains in the name of hartal and siege, reports UNB.

He regretted that the opposition parties were trying to complicate the artificial fertilizer crisis through their "anti-people" programmes like hartal, siege and so on.

The Minister was inaugurating a new branch of Bangladesh Krishi Bank at Sherpur in the district on Saturday.

For the last four years, the present government had been

trying hard for the economic emancipation of the people through various development-oriented programmes, he observed.

Saifur Rahman mentioned that in the current financial year Tk 4,000 crore had been allocated for the development of education alone.

He said 10 thousand primary schools had been brought under the epoch-making food for education programme of the government. All primary schools of the country would be brought under the education expansion cum poverty alleviation programme of the government, the Minister added.

Speaking on the occasion, Advocate Ebadur Rahman, MP, said he joined the BNP only to detach himself from the "anti-people hartal and siege programmes of the opposition".

Presidium member of the Ganotantrik Party Gulzer Ahmed also formally announced in the meeting his joining the ruling party.

Later in the day, addressing a public meeting at Bhagerhat in Rajanagar thana, the Finance Minister stressed the need for bringing discipline and responsibility in national politics.

"Indisciplined and self-seeking politics would bring no good for the nation and the people," he said.

10 houses gutted in Rangpur

RANGPUR, Apr 3: Dwelling houses of 10 families were gutted in a fire at village Bagpur in Gnagachapa thana of the district on Saturday night, reports UNB.

The fire originating from a kitchen of one Abdul Jabbar soon engulfed the adjacent houses and charred the dwellings rendering the 10 families shelterless, witnesses said.

The neighbouring villagers rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control after a few hours frantic efforts.

Training course on road maintenance

TANGAIL, Apr 3: A three-day long training course on road maintenance and plantation for labour contracting society (LCS) concluded recently at Modhupur thana complex auditorium, reports BSS.

The course was sponsored by rural development project-14 (RDP-14) of LGED.

A total of 30 workers including 24 women took part in this course under five trainers.



RANGPUR: A team of Dhaka Down Town Rotary Club members is seen along with the school children at Dahagram and Angorpota enclave during their visit there to motivate people on national immunisation programme recently. — Star photo

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Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Perojpur

Notice of RHD Inviting Quotation

- Quotation Notice No. 6 PRD/1994-95.
- Name of work: Carriage of ferry for different ferry ghat of Perojpur Road Division from different ferry ghat of Satkhira/Jessore/Barisal Road Division under Perojpur Road Division during 1994-95.
- Estimated cost: Quoted rate.
- Earnest money: 2% (Two per cent) quoted rate.
- Time allowed: 15 (fifteen) days.
- Name of offices where tender documents will be available: Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Perojpur/Barisal/Patuakhali/Bhola/Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Perojpur/Kawkhali during office hours on all working days. No tender will be sold on the opening date of tender.
- Name of offices where tender bids will be received: Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Barisal/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Perojpur/Barisal/Patuakhali/Bhola.
- Last date and time of receipt of tender: Up to 12-4-95/29-12-1401 at 12-30 PM.
- Date and time of opening of tender: At 16-4-95/3-1-1402 at 12-45 PM.
- Eligibility of contractor: (RHD) enlisted contractor according to their financial power/importer/dealer.

Description of work:

- Balaka: From Kaliganj Ferry Ghat to Kocha Ferry Ghat of Satkhira road Divn.
- Anupama: From Narail Ferry Ghat to Kocha Ferry Ghat of Jessore Road Division.
- Saikat: Sikarpur Ferry Ghat to Beakutia Ferry Ghat of Barisal Road Division.

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