

Tk 10 cr irrigation project in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, Apr 5: The Dumki-Laukati Irrigation Project in Sadar thana has been undertaken at an estimated cost of Tk 10 crore, officials said, reports UNB.

The work on the project is expected to begin in the current fiscal year which will be completed within the two years. The projects will cover the extensive areas of Badarpur, Laukati, Lebukhali and Angaria unions of the Sadar thana.

Officials said under the project 18 sluice gates and 38 km embankment with necessary infrastructure will be constructed to facilitate irrigation, water drainage and flood control in the locality.

After implementation of the project at least 6000 acres arable land will be saved from salinity and flood.

Embankment badly needed to save crops

PATUAKHALI, Apr 5: For want of an embankment crops over 5000 acres of land of Lohalia union in sadar thana are being damaged by the flash flood every year, reports UNB.

Local people said, a scheme was taken in the fiscal 1984-85 to construct the much needed embankment around the union but it could not be implemented due to lack of fund.

Local farmers alleged that they time and again urged the Water Development Board to save their crops from flash flood but no steps have yet been taken in this regard.

Local leaders have urged the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to construct the embankment without further delay.

Sharp rise in prices of cement in Chandpur

CHANDPUR, Apr 5: Prices of all kinds of cement in markets in the district registered a sharp rise over a month hampering the construction work, says UNB.

At present, per bag country-made cement is being sold between Tk 250 and 260 instead of its previous price Tk 200 and 205.

The imported cement is being sold between Tk 260 and 270 per bag as against Tk 240 and 245.

The traders said government has increased the price of country-made cement from Tk 198 to Tk 228 per bag. There is no possibility of coming down of the price of cement in the near future, they added.

Taking advantage of the situation, some traders have stocked huge quantity of cement creating artificial crisis in the market.

Due to the price hike of cement construction work in the district is going on a snail's pace, it is learnt.

Some contractors are trying to enhance the estimated budget of their tenders due to the increased cement price.

The price of other construction materials including CI sheet, rod and bamboo are also registered an upward trend.

Villagers said there is severe scarcity of bamboo in the district following want on felling of bamboo and uprooting of its clusters for use in the brickfields.

A piece of medium size bamboo is being sold at Tk 100 instead of Tk 70 to 75. As a result, poor people are facing great problems in building their houses.

Drastic fall in water level in Sitalakhya Narayanganj river port may be forced to close down

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Apr 5: The country's most important inland port, Narayanganj port may be forced to close down its operation as the water level in the river Sitalakhya has drastically fallen threatening navigation of cargo vessels.

According to reports, for the reason of heavy siltation from Munshiganj to Ghorashal including the industrial town of Narayanganj on the bank of the Sitalakhya river, launches and cargo boats are finding increasing difficulties to enter into this area. The river transportation will soon come to a standstill, officials of the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA)

Jute Mills, Kaliganj Cotton Mills and Ghorashal Fertilizer Factory along with 500 other large and small mills were set up on the sides of the river.

The BIWTA said that Sitalakhya river which started from Old Brahmaputra extended up to 65 miles from Tok-Barni to Munshiganj confluence (Meghna-Dhaleswari-Sitalakhya confluence). Out of this 29 miles of river route, from Ghorashal to Tok-Barni, dry up in the dry season and the 36 miles long river from Munshiganj confluence to Ghorashal, are not good for navigation purposes. Out of this 36 miles, the depth of water in the 23 miles from Sitalakhya

depot.

Inland Water Transport Authority said that the percentage of siltation in this river is more than that of other rivers for its pacific nature and due to the conjunction of three rivers at Munshiganj.

It needs annual dredging at the Meghna-Dhaleswari-Sitalakhya conjunction to keep the river navigable. If the areas are not dredged very soon, the Narayanganj Port will be closed, sources said.

The sources also informed that the vessels having capacity to carry more than 500 metric tons can not ply in this river during the dry seasons as these require at least 17 feet



NARAYANGANJ: Many cargo ships like the ones in the picture recently taken at the port may not be able to enter the area as water level continue to fall in river Sitalakhya.

Since the Moghul period sailors and traders used to trade using the Narayanganj port, and the commodities like muslin cloth, silk and other handicrafts were also exported. In those days the Goolonda Mail and Narayanganj-Lakhpur Mail were in operation from Narayanganj to Calcutta via 13 routes including Demra, Kanchan, Sharulia, Murapara, Kazirbug, Jamalpur, Ghorashal, Kaliganj, Athlapur, Lakhpur etc. The vegetable of Kapasia and betelleaf (paan) of Rugganj were regularly exported to Calcutta by these ships. Beside, for the navigability of Sitalakhya the Adamjee

Bridge to Ghorashal remains about 4 feet during the dry season which is only suitable for country boats and motor launches. Even the people and cattle can easily cross the river on foot. The river side mills face tremendous difficulties during those days. Only 13 miles portion of river, from Munshiganj confluence to Sitalakhya Bridge are kept navigable (draft about 14 feet) by frequent dredging in the dry season.

The BIWTA is conscious to keep this 13 miles long area navigable in order to continue the supply products of the Adamjee Jute Mills, Silo, Meghna, and Padma Petroleum

of draft. So the industries here have to hire more than one vessel to carry goods. A BIWTA expert on river training informed that due to emergence of 1.5 kilometer long shoal in the river Sitalakhya it takes about 45 minutes more to travel by launch between Narayanganj and Munshiganj, a route for about ten thousand passengers daily.

Unless the authority takes necessary steps to keep the river free from silt, the river route may be closed very shortly and the supply of products of the river side industries will be hampered, the source added.

Success in reducing system loss

NARAYANGANJ, Apr 5: Titas gas Narayanganj Area has achieved a remarkable success in reducing the system loss, reports UNB.

The Area Distribution office, in accordance with the government's decision and order from the authority concerned, started its drive to curtail the system loss under a programme from November 1993 in the district.

Since October '93 this area was facing a system loss of 45.30 per cent while average sale of gas was Tk 4 crore per month, said an official handout on Monday.

The authorities of the newly established Area Distribution office have adopted several steps to curtail more system loss and increase revenue income.

Unified support of the conscious people is urgently needed to stop wastage and stealing of the valuable gas.

Trucks having same number plates seized

JAMALPUR, Apr 5: Police seized two trucks from the town having same number on Tuesday, reports UNB.

According to police, sergeant Matur Rahman found two trucks having the same number of Dhaka Metro N-7240 on Malgudam road of the town.

Blue books of the trucks also contained the same number. According to the blue books the owner of one truck is Abu Taher of Dhaka and another is Abul Kashme of Myemensingh.

Later, police seized both the trucks and arrested the drivers.

A case was filed with the local police and further investigation is on.

Property worth Tk one cr gutted

FENI, Apr 5: Property worth about Tk one crore was gutted in five separate fire incidents in 48 hours at different places of three thanas of the district, reports UNB.

According to police, on March 15, three fire incidents occurred in village Mongolkandi, Tulatoli and Char Elahi of Sonagazi thana. In these fire incidents, 24 families lost their valuables including dwelling houses worth about Tk 18 lakh.

On the next day, fire broke out at village Abdul Nabi of Dagonbhuiyan thana and village Maizbaria in Sadar thana which destroyed property worth Tk 80 lakh of 40 families.



Khondakar Ibrahim Khaled, Managing Director of BKB handed over a cow to a landless woman through bank loan at Kaliakoir under Gazipur district recently. Among others SA Chowdhury, General Manager, Dhaka Division of the bank was also present in the occasion.

Four employees of KPM sacked for taking bribe

From Our Correspondent

CHANDRAGHONA (Rangamati), Apr 5: The authority has sacked 4 including two managers of Karnafuli Paper Mills Ltd (KPM) allegedly for receiving bamboos and taking bribes from the contractors.

Those who were fired on March 28 are Manager, Serazul Islam Miah, Deputy Manager Eaqub AH, supervisors, Mohammad Muquid and Monowar Ahmed. All the accused were serving in KPM's bamboo receiving centre, locally known as bamboo yard at Kaptai, officials said.

According to sources, about six months ago, a quantity of 1,207 tons of bamboo valued about Tk 12.7 lakh was found short in the stock at bamboo yard. On a tip, an enquiry team was constituted by the authority to find out the reason of shortage.

The enquiry team, also stated in the statement that the accused taking bribes from the suppliers showed the receipt of bamboos of a quantity of 1,207 tons valued about Tk 12.70 lakh which were neither physically received nor consumed for producing paper. Facing strong opposition from the leaders of the Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA) of KPM compounded with some other mysterious reason, taking of any appropriate action against the liable incumbents was delayed for about six months enabling the guilty officials to serve who have misappropriated the corporation's revenue through purchasing raw materials, sources added.

KPM, the largest industrial unit of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation, BCIC, manned by 6,200 workers, employees and officers consumes bamboo, firewood and pulp wood for manufacturing paper. It started consuming green jute, kenaf and/or hohor as raw materials for manufacturing paper since July, 1994. It has a continued scandal of misappropriation based on bamboo, firewood, paper and labourers, an officer from the administrative branch said requesting not be named.

The mills, has produced 20,000 tons paper of different types in the nine months of the current financial year against a target of 36,000 tons, an executive officer of KPM said, adding that it can hardly manufacture another 6,000 tons in the next three months.

"Mismanagement, adoption of random corruption as well as appetite of the officers and leaders of the CBA to make black money will deprive the mills from achieving the target production with a quantity of 10,000.00 tons of paper causing adverse affect on the prevailing unthinkable paper-crisis in the country," he pointed out with utmost dissatisfaction.

"About 500 workers and employees, sheltered by the CBA and a section of dishonest officers have been drawing their salaries and allowances keeping them fully aloof from duties.

"We are doing our best to popularise family planning programmes"

SHARIATPUR, Apr 5: Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Uddin Yusuf said his ministry has taken up various projects at a cost of several hundred crore taka to make the family planning programme a success by increasing consciousness among the people, reports UNB.

The minister was addressing a meeting at Muktarpur in Naria thana of the district Tuesday organised on the occasion of inauguration of the newly constructed building of union health and family welfare centre.

"Prosperity of a nation depends upon its development of human resources and progress in health management," he said adding the government had appointed an MBBS doctor, a health assistant, a family welfare assistant, nurses and other health workers in every union to ensure health services in the country.

He mentioned that a satellite clinic has also been running in every ward for nurturing health of mother and child, said an official handout.

Presided over by district BNP president Samiuddin Ahmed Masud Chowdhury, the meeting was addressed, among others, by noted industrialist and district BNP vice-president Iskandar Ali, BNP central leader and former student leader Jamal Sharif Hiri and student leader Moniruzzaman Monir.

Secret police raid, arms, ammunition recovered

CHITTAGONG, Apr 5: Chandganj police acting on secret information recovered several arms and ammunition from a residence at Khaja road here recently and arrested one person in this connection, reports BSS.

According to a police press release police raided a house and recovered two light guns, one SBML, one LMG magazine ten crud-bombs, one dagger and one cartridge from the house.

One Answar was arrested from the house in this connection, the press release said adding that several cases were filed against the arrested person.

Large-scale extraction of hard rocks in CHT

From Our Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Apr 5: Continuous extraction of hard rock resources through blasting, drilling and unscientific methods has been destroying the forest hills in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region threatening the ecological balance of the country, local leaders, social workers and the environmentalists alleged.

Considerable quantities of rock, locally known as boulder are required for river bank protection, river training as well as for concrete and pavement work and for construction of different bridges and their approaches. Besides, rocks are also required in Clinker factories for making cement.

The waggas Narayangiri, Doluchhari, Borachhari, Silchhari, Rampahar, Sitapahar, Archhari, Chitmaram, Kalmichhari and growth of Rangamati district, Roanchhari, Saingkhongchhari, Ruma, Altikdaon in Bandarban district as well as some other places in Khagrachhari, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar district sand stones are available abundantly which attract the unscrupulous extractors as revealed from a recent survey.

The rocks in those are weathered to a great extent. The weathering is most pronounced on the surface of the rocks outcrop and lessens significantly inwards. Therefore, without drilling or blasting the base rock beneath the weathered surface can not be removed, which compelled the unscrupulous extractors for drilling and blasting said Mohammad Ghulam Habib, the conservator of forest, Rangamati Forest Circle while conducting the survey.

As the boulders obtainable from Chittagong Hill Tracts, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar region are economically attractive, the illegal extractors have been operating about 150 quarries in this belt, said a forest official adding that fifteen tons of boulders on an average from each quarry have already

been collected through blasting with the advent of winter. Winter season is suitable for collecting boulders.

These weathered boulders are being extracted illegally by extractors using small popping blasts in each boulder and further broke the blasted fragments by hand. Besides, these boulders are mainly supplied to Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) for coastal area protection work at the rate of about 7000 tons of stones per annum.

The stones used to be collected from Assam till 1930 are subsequently being collected from the Chittagong Hill Tracts mainly from Kaptai, Bandarban and Lama areas, said the additional Chief Engineer (Civil) of Chittagong Dry Dock and HSS Works in a brief discussion during the survey. Rock from Lama of Bandarban district might be the best, he said.

Collection of rock through blasting is strictly prohibited in the hill tends areas for maintaining ecological balance and prevailing insurgency.

The violators are not only destroying forest hills and ecology but also depriving the government of huge amount of the royalty of the boulders with the connivance of the forest officials. Anil Chandra Chakma, Chairman of Chandraghona Union Parishad said. Boulders are being collected from the both sides' hills of Rangamati-Kaptai road unabated illegally and slacked on road site for truck loading very regularly.

Forest officials from forest guards to Divisional Forest officers and other law enforcers move on the road every day. Mysteriously, rather the illegal extractors nor the illicit produces were looked on, Anil added.

Bribing the forest check and toll station officials, who are engaged on each and every vital routes to combat transit and pilferage of forest and natural products, the boulder-traders smuggle out 50 to 60 thousand cubic feet of boulder from hill track region to outside against a permit one to two. Thousand cubic feet issued from the Deputy Commissioner, it is alleged. This is a very common practice of both traders and the forest officials, the sources further alleged.

Instead of imparting boulders from the neighbouring country, India and Bhutan with hard-earned foreign currency for the construction of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Project, the government could extract boulders from this belt, said Khalid Reza of Kaptai, a social worker, who suggests proper and maximum integration of country's resources.

Showing a laboratory report on examination and testing of rock samples from Kaptai and Bandarban by Sandberg, consulting, inspecting and testing engineers, 40 Grosvenor Gardner, London, he said, Sandberg tested and found suitable the local boulders for use in Jamuna Bridge Project. Khalid Reza quoted Shaful Alam, the then vice chairman of Jamuna Bridge Project as saying.

Ignoring the importance of utilizing the country's resources, the then autocratic government decided to import boulder from India and Bhutan for the reason best known to them, Reza added.

3 inter-district robbers held

MAJDEE COURT (Noakhali), Apr 5: Police arrested three inter-district dacoits and recovered a pipe gun with some bullets in Begumganj thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, police conducted a raid at Chaumuhani town area and nabbed one Shawpan with a pipe gun and some bullets.

On the basis of his confessional statement police also arrested two of his accomplices Dulal and Bashur from the area.

A case has been filed with the local police.

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