

Storm claims lives of two, injures 150 in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent
SYLHET, May 7: Two children were killed and at least 150 others were injured by the nor-wester that swept over different villages of Companyganj, Jaintapur and Kanaighat thanas in the night following Wednesday and in the early hours of Thursday last. According to late reports received here, more than one thousand *kutcha* houses were damaged and innumerable number of trees were uprooted in the villages. Ten educational institutions were also damaged badly during the storm.

Salma, 9, the only daughter of Jalal Miah of village Nayakhel Dakshin, and Selim, 8, son of Ayub Ali of the same village were killed as their dwelling houses were razed to the ground. The Thana Nirbahi Officer of Jaintapur while visiting some affected areas handed over some cash grant to the members of the victims' families.

In Companyganj thana, more than one thousand *kutcha* houses were damaged totally while the number of partially damaged houses stood at three thousand. At least 25 people were injured as dwelling houses fell on them and trees were uprooted.

Ex-VC of RU sued for alleged misappropriation of university fund

RAJSHAHI, May 7: Former Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University Prof Amanullah Ahmed and 13 others have been sued for alleged misappropriation of university funds in 1991, says UNB.

The accused include former Registrar of the university Omar Farouk, former Treasurer Mofizuddin Ahmed and present Chief Engineer Mozhar Ali.

The Rajshahi anti-corruption bureau filed a case against the 14 persons with Motiher thana on Friday for misappropriating Tk 48 lakh sanctioned for buying books for the university library in 1991.

The bureau took up the case for investigation after Advocate Yahya lodged complaint in 1991.

Land dispute claims one

SATKHIRA, May 7: A young man was killed allegedly by his brother at Noapara in Debhata thana on Wednesday, says UNB.

Villages said Daud Ali, 32, was killed by his brother Keramat following a land dispute. Another young man, Hasan, 20, was also injured during the trouble. He was admitted to Sadar hospital.

The body was also sent to the sadar hospital for autopsy.



SHERPUR: Bricks are transported by traditional means — bullock carts.

Birth rate in Rohingya camps 3 times higher than death rate

From Our Correspondent

NAINGKHIONGCHHARI (Bandarban), May 7: A total of 23,448 Rohingya babies were born in 20 refugee camps in Bandarban and Cox's Bazar districts from December 21, 1991 until May 5, '95 because of polygamy and apathy to birth control, official sources said.

Moreover, more than two thousand Rohingya women have been expecting in the remaining 12 camps. A total of

6,684 Rohingyas of different ages encamped died of various diseases after taking refuge in Bangladesh. The rate of birth is more than three times higher than that of death, an NGO worker who looks after the health and nutrition of the Rohingya babies in Kutupalong Camp in Ukha thana of Cox's Bazar district said requesting not to be named.

Meanwhile, a total of 5685 Rohingya refugees were found

missing till April 30, 1995 during the head court in the camps, said the officials.

The Rohingyas crossed into Bangladesh territory to escape persecution by the Burmese military and were sheltered in 20 makeshift camps in Bandarban and Cox's Bazar following an attack of Lushin force on Rezupara BDR camp in Naingkhiongchhari thana of Bandarban district on December 21, 1991.



SYLHET: Police arrested eleven notorious dacoits in a number of raids in different places on Thursday. One pipegun, one pistol, one airgun, eight rounds of ammunition, 24 rounds of cartridges and some booty were also recovered from their possession.

Mother with her two kids hang themselves

From Our Correspondent

MATIRANGA (Khagrachhari), May 7: A gloom descended when the villagers discovered the body of a mother with her two minor kids hanging from a roof by a rope at Kalapanipara in Matiranga thana of the district on May 3 last.

Chand Banu, 25, with her daughter Manika, 3, and her one year old son, Sakir was found dead hanging from the roof of their house.

Chand Banu, second wife of Mohammad Ali, who was married five years ago, used to live separately in the same village with her two kids as she could not adjust with the first wife of her husband. Mohammad Ali would not pay for her maintenance, neighbours alleged.

The sudden and unnatural demise of an easy-going housewife with her two minor kids has created an agitation among the villagers.

150 lives already claimed Diarrhoea takes serious shape in Noakhali

MAIJDEE COURT (Noakhali), May 7: Diarrhoea that broke out in an epidemic form in the district claimed 150 lives and affected 11,000 in last two months, reports UNB.

Civil Surgeon office sources, however, confirmed 116 deaths adding that 9036 people have been affected during the period.

The disease which broke out in 12 unions of five thanas of the district in last March, now spread over another 8 unions and Noakhali and Chakchil municipal areas. At least 91 medical teams are working in the affected areas.

The affected unions are: Charbata, Chahabbar, Charwapa, Anderchar, Charnatua, Sundarpur, Kadirhanif, Kaladarap, Char Amanulla, Nateswar, Sonaimuri, Gopalpur, Aleyapur, Amishapara and Rajganj of Begumganj thana, Char Ishwar and Charking of Hatiya thana, Musapur and Char Elahi of Companiganj thana and Kadra of Senbag thana.

Official sources admitted that the diarrhoea situation is yet to be controlled adding

that eight temporary diarrhoea camps have been set up in sadar and Senbag thanas to combat the menace.

But local people alleged that the medical teams were not functioning properly in rural and coastal areas adding that shortage of doctors, medical assistants, medicines, lack of proper supervision and

Diarrhoea claims 4 in Ctg Div

CHITTAGONG, May 7: Diarrhoea claimed four lives and attacked 483 people in different districts of the division during the last 24 hours, officials here said Saturday, reports UNB.

They said three people died in Lakshmipur and one at Fatikchhari thana in Chittagong district.

The water-borne disease afflicted 72 people in Lakshmipur, 176 in Noakhali, 214 in Chittagong and 21 in Maulvibazar districts.

The death toll from diarrhoea in these districts over the week stood at 55.

negligence of duty have aggravated the situation.

More than 100 diarrhoea patients have been admitted to Noakhali General Hospital where there are only 8 beds in the diarrhoea ward.

Everyday hundreds of disappointed diarrhoea patients are going back from the hospital without treatment though hospital sources claimed that at least 1500 people were given treatment so far.

Hot spell and scarcity of drinking water have further aggravated the situation particularly in the coastal areas.

Sadar thana is one of the most affected areas, where acute scarcity of drinking water has been prevailing. District administration and Public Health Engineering Department are yet to take any step to sink deep and shallow tubewells to ensure supply of drinking water.

The affected people urged the concerned authority to take necessary steps to combat the diarrhoea situation effectively.



SYLHET: A children's rally campaigning for 'Education for All' was brought out at Amtail union of Moulvibazar district recently. The programme was organised by FIVDB. — Star photo

Invasion of malaria: 10 die in 72 hours

From Our Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, May 7: Killer disease malaria taking a serious turn in the hilly district has claimed 10 lives in last 72 hours ending Saturday night, reports UNB.

It has infected 1000 more during the period.

Health officials in Khagrachhari feared the situation may deteriorate during the ensuing monsoon.

Sources said death toll from malaria crossed over 50 in April. Of them 16 deaths were reported in Dighinala sadar hospital alone. Last month, more than 5,000 were attacked by malaria in eight thanas of the district.

Panchhari, Dighinala,

Mahachhari, Merong, Maichhari, Ramgarh, Salban are the most affected areas of the district.

Children and old are the most affected by the Anopheles mosquitoes with cerebral malaria being the most fatal.

Lack of treatment facilities including blood test in health centres of the area has worsened the situation, local people complained.

District Civil Surgeon Dr Farid Uddin told UNB that there is enough stock of medicine. He, however, said the inadequacy of doctors is creating problems in some of the places.

Timber worth Tk 12 lakh seized in CHT

From A K M Zahoorul Huq

KAPTAI (Rangamati), May 7: The members of the Armed Forces of Kaptai region have recovered 2,500 cubic feet of valuable timber worth about Taka twelve lakh on different occasions in the last two months while on normal patrol.

The timber of different valuable species including deak, gamar, silkora etc, were said to have been illegally extracted from the reserved forests of Chittagong Hill Tracts Forest South Division and Rangamati Jhoom Control

Forest Division, officials said. The timbers were recovered from Bandukchhari of Belaichhari thana and Wagga Manza of Kaptai thana in Rangamati hill district. The smugglers were also nabbed.

The pilferage of forest products from the government reserved forests are going on unabated and the forest department officials who were supposed to protect them, appeared to be inactive, said Belal Chowdhury, the President of Kaptai Thana BNP unit.

Housewife killed

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, May 7: A housewife was killed in the hands of opponent group as a sequel to a land dispute at village Shelbrash under Dharampasha thana of Sunamganj district on last Tuesday.

On the day of incident, the rival groups had a sitting in the house of Kalim Uddin. At one stage, the opponent group swooped on Fulbanu, 40, with sharp weapons. The victim met her tragic end of life on way to the hospital.

A case has been registered with the police. Post-mortem on the body was done in the Sunamganj sadar hospital. No arrest has yet been reported.

Fake SSC candidate arrested

KISHOREGANJ, May 7: A fake SSC candidate was arrested at Azimuddin High School centre for appearing in the Geography examination on behalf of another candidate Saturday, reports UNB.

Arrested Abdul Aziz, 22, of Pitoganj village in Hussainpur thana appeared for one Borhanuddin (Roll No-669815), police said.

A case was filed with sadar thana. The accused will be produced before court Sunday.

190 kgs of ganja seized

CHITTAGONG, May 7: A special team of the Directorate of Narcotics Control (DNC) here in a raid seized 145 kgs of ganja from a village Kashiapara under Panchalish thana here, recently, reports BSS.

According to a DNC press release, one person was arrested in this connection while two others managed to flee away in the raid.

In another drive the team also seized 45 kg of ganja and arrested two persons from Madarbari under Doublemooring thana on Monday last, the press release said adding that departmental cases were filed against the arrested persons.



SYLHET: Professor Golam Kibria, Principal, Sylhet M A G Osmany Medical College speaking at a discussion on 'water supply and sanitation development' in the slum areas of the town arranged by Sylhet pourashava with the assistance of Engineering (DPHE) and UNICEF on Wednesday last.

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Comilla Road Division, Comilla Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No : 161/EE, RHD, Road Divn., Comilla of 1994-95
2. Name of work : Construction of RCC box culvert 2x6.09 Metre span, 6.09 metre height at 9th KM of Panni-Matlab-Baburhat Road, Gap No. 9/1, under Road Division, Comilla, for the year 1994-95. Ch. 266-Dep.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 32,76,892/=
4. Earnest money : Tk 65,538/= in BD/TC/Pratirakha Sanchaya Patras/5-year Bangladesh Sanchaya Patras/Bonus Sanchaya Patras in favour of EE RHD Road Divn., Comilla.
5. Name of office where tender bids will be received : Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Comilla/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, (R&B), Dhaka & office of the undersigned Office of the undersigned/EE RHD, Road Div. B Bara/Noakhali/Chandpur/Lakshmipur/Planning & Design Divn. Comilla/Planning Divn. (R&B), Dhaka & SDE's office, under this Divn.
6. Name of office of availability of tender bids : 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
7. Time allowed : 17-5-95 during office hours.
8. Last date of selling tender bids : At 12-30 PM of 18-5-95.
9. Last date of receipt of tender bids : At 12-45 PM of 22-5-95.
10. Date & time of opening of tender bids : A to C special category contractor of RHD.
11. Eligibility of contractor : Gyasuddin Ahmed
Executive Engineer, RHD
Comilla Road Divn. Comilla

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Bid Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত
পরিশোধ করুন

Bangladesh Power Development Board has decided to carry out "Consumer Census and Filling up of Computer Input Codes and Pole Numbering of Rajshahi Electric Supply Unit" under jurisdiction of the Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle, Power Dev. Board, Rajshahi. It has further been decided to employ pre-qualified local Consulting Firms of Bangladesh Power Dev. Board for the purpose. Sealed Bid proposals are, therefore, invited from pre-qualified local Consulting Firms for carrying out the project "Consumer Census & Filling up of Computer Input Codes & Pole Numbering" in Rajshahi Electric Supply Unit under the jurisdiction of the Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle, Power Dev. Board, Rajshahi.

The intending Consulting Firms shall submit the following proposals in separate sealed envelopes to the Superintending Engineer, Operation and Maintenance Circle, Power Dev. Board, Rajshahi at his office at Rajshahi.

- One Technical Proposal in 5 (five) copies.
- One Financial Proposal in 2 (two) copies.

The envelopes shall be properly addressed and marked with the name of project and proposal.

Offers will be received up to 11-00 AM on 31-5-95 in the office of the Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle, Power Development Board, Rajshahi and will be opened on the same day at 12-00 Noon in presence of Bidders, if any. The technical offers only will be opened during the time.

The intending Consulting Firms must furnish along with the offers an earnest money of Tk. 30,000.00 (Taka thirty thousand) only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of Deputy Director, Regional Accounting Office, Power Dev. Board, Rajshahi, otherwise the offer will be declared informal.

Bid Document will be available from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle, Power Dev. Board, Rajshahi and the General Manager, Commercial Operation, Power Dev. Board, Dhaka on submission of written application up to 30-5-95 during office hours on payment of Tk. 500.00 (Non-refundable) in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in the name of Deputy Director, Regional Accounting Office, Power Dev. Board, Rajshahi.

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Operation & Maintenance Circle
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