

Recent tidal surge About 300 km embankment in 3 dists damaged

PATUAKHALI, May 30: About 300 kms of embankment of Water Development Board have been damaged in the three districts of the southern region during the recent high tide and heavy downpour, says UNB.

The districts are Patuakhali, Barguna and Bhola.

Primary report says, about 180 kms long embankment in Patuakhali district, 100 kms in Bhola and two kms in Barguna were damaged during the time.

A large number of sluice gates and regulators were affected and kutchas roads adjacent to the embankments were washed away in the onrush of water. Huge number of trees planted on the embankments were also damaged.

The roads and embankments are needed to be repaired immediately to save the vast standing crops from the intrusion of saline water.

Meanwhile, the erosion by the river Tetulia, Payra, Andharmanik, Kirtonkhola, Sugandha and Sandhya has intensified following the rise in water levels.

Vast areas of char lands in Barisal, Patuakhali and Bhola have already been engulfed by these rivers rendering a large number of people shelterless.

3 Islami Chattra Shibir members arrested

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, May 30: Kushtia police have arrested three Islami Chattra Shibir activists on charge of assaulting police personnel and doing other illegal activities.

Abdul Wahed, former MP and Jannat Amir Kushtia and Prof Farhad Hossain, Secretary of Jannat have however, condemned the police action against those three, accused and said that they were innocent. Among the arrested are Amirul Islam and Rezaul Huq.

IU bans political activities

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, May 30: Authority of Islamic University has banned all types of political activities in the university campus in order to bring congenial academic atmosphere there, recently.

In this connection an order has been issued signed by proctor of the University where it said, all kinds of processions, meetings can not be held as the University classes remain closed and halls remain vacant.

The order also said that violation of this order will be seriously dealt with and offenders will be severely punished.

Chicken pox attacks 1000 in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, May 30: About 1,000 people of the district have been attacked by chicken pox.

The disease has already broken out in 40 unions particularly the adjacent areas of Kushtia town.

Local people said that children are the worst sufferers. Homeo doctors are busy in visiting the houses affected by the disease. Homeo treatment is said to be very effective in curing the disease, affected patients said.

The disease has also spread in Kumarkhali thana where over 20 persons have been attacked with the disease in village Jotmora under Jaduboiria union.

Excessive heat wave prevailing in this part of the country is likely to be the cause of spreading the disease rapidly.

The victims have urged the concerned authorities to take measures to stop spread of the disease.

Youngman held with 20 bottles of banned drug

From Our Correspondent
FARIDPUR, May 30: Police have arrested a young man with twenty-one bottles of phensydil syrup in his possession on May 24 from local Goalchamal bus stand. The name of the arrested youth is Rafique, 25, hailing from Jessore.

A case has been registered with Kotwali police in this connection.

It may be mentioned here that the contraband Indian phensydil syrup is selling almost every corner in the town and its suburb. A large number of unemployed educated youths are reportedly becoming addicted to this drugs largely due to frustration.

Shortage of fry Shrimp cultivators in trouble

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, May 30: Acute shortage and high price of shrimp fry have seriously affected shrimp cultivation in greater Khulna districts.

According to reports, shrimp cultivation is more profitable than the cultivation of other crops in the region. As a result shrimp cultivation is gradually increasing in the district replacing many crop land. The well to do farmers and businessmen of these areas are coming forward to cultivate shrimp hoping more income in the business.

It is reported that a total of three lakh fifty thousand acres of land have been brought under shrimp cultivation during the current season alone. But hundreds of shrimp cultivators throughout the region have been facing short supply of shrimp fry for quite some time. This crisis has already drawn gloomy picture on the already affected export target.

This reason, sources say that less than half the target of shrimp output is expected from the region as most of shrimp culture fields remain half empty in addition to the recent loss in the tidal surge that hit the coastal districts.

It is understood that due to lack of hatchery in the region,

shrimp fry supply has to totally depend on natural production. However, natural way of production takes thrice the time as a hatchery takes. In the meantime, fry produced naturally in the coastal areas have

Crisis of seeds affects crop cultivation plan

SATKHIRA, May 30: Cultivation of aman paddy is being hampered during the current season due to shortage of seeds in five thanas of the district, farmers said, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation has so far distributed aman seeds only in two thanas out of seven.

Only 32 tons of seeds were supplied in the sadar thana instead of 100 tons and 50 tons in Assasuni thana instead 80 tons, the farmers said. The total seed requirement in seven thanas is 540 tons.

They urged the concerned authorities to supply necessary seeds at fair prices to boost production in the district.

already been consumed by the cultivators which met less than one third of the total demand in these districts.

Meanwhile, due to short supply cost of shrimp fry has sharply increased. One thousand fry cost between Taka 3000 and 3500 in the local markets now as against Taka 2000 and 2500 earlier. This price hike has also contributed to decline in shrimp output expected from the region.

Those who have already invested in shrimp cultivation projects are now in trouble. These businessmen had taken loan from different commercial banks at high rates of interest for the projects. The money they had taken have already been invested in various works like field preparations, building embankments etc.

Many of the cultivators had taken loan in advance on contact who guarantees to buy the lot of the shrimp. Already in trouble, these cultivators are depending on supply of fry from other districts.

In the meantime, many traders worry that marginal cultivators who had taken loan from commercial banks may not be able to repay the loans on time.

Brutal!

PATUAKHALI, May 30: A young mother who fell prey to the greediness and brutality of her husband succumbed at the Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital after 18 days of her fight for death, says UNB.

Hospital and family sources said Farida, 24, a mother of two children of Dhankhali in Kalapara thana, was set on fire by her husband Khokan Mridha as she failed to bring dowry from her parents.

The husband tied her with a wooden post, poured kerosene on her body and set on fire on April 14 this year.

The villagers rushed Farida to the hospital where she succumbed on May 2. It is learnt that the body was buried without informing the police.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 53 lakh seized in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, May 30: The BDR personnel of 20 rifle battalion seized contraband worth Taka over 53 lakh by conducting separate drives at the places of Padmar Char, Mokchedpur, Hariampur, Baro Mile and Gotapara under the district recently, an official handout said, reports BSS.

The Indian items included cattle hides, spare parts of television, radio, sarees, and phensydil syrup, bottles.

4 more Shantibahini men surrender with modern weapons

From CHT Correspondent

BANDARBUN, May 30: The four activists of the autonomy-seeking insurgents of Chittagong Hill Tracts who gave themselves up to the security forces in Ruma of the district Friday evening with arms and ammunitions will be rehabilitated and awarded a cash over Taka 1.5 lakh, officials said.

The surrendering insurgents are Azuram Tripura, Anarum Tripura, Mistaram Tripura and Sam Datta Tripura who crossed into Bangladesh territory from Kantalong camp in Mizoram of India. The surrendered insurgents are from Tripura tribe, the tribe in third position, dominated by the Chakma tribe, out of the 10 tribes accredited by the Parbatya Chattagram Jano Sanghati Samity (PCJSS).

They handed over two M-16 rifles with 392 ammunitions and two SMG's with 464 rounds of bullet. M-16 rifle is a new kind sophisticated automatic fire arms yet to be used by security forces in Bangladesh, the ordinance experts in the army said.

The insurgents who gave themselves up reported to

have been forwarded to Dhaka zone for carrying out guerilla warfare during the ceasefire unilaterally declared by the PCJSS, the umbrella organisation of the warring insurgents, Shantibahini, which is extended till June 16 under certain conditions for the eighteenth time for 22 days more. The truce was declared by the PCJSS unilaterally on August 10, 1992.

More than 50 including a number of high ranking insurgents have surrendered to the security forces deployed for counter-insurgency in the war battered hilly region after declaration of general amnesty in 1992.

Youngman wanted in 11 cases arrested

FENI, May 30: Police today arrested a youngman, wanted in 11 cases, from the Feni railway station, reports UNB.

The accused Swapon Malakar, is said to be an activist of Awami League.

New Bangla daily launched in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

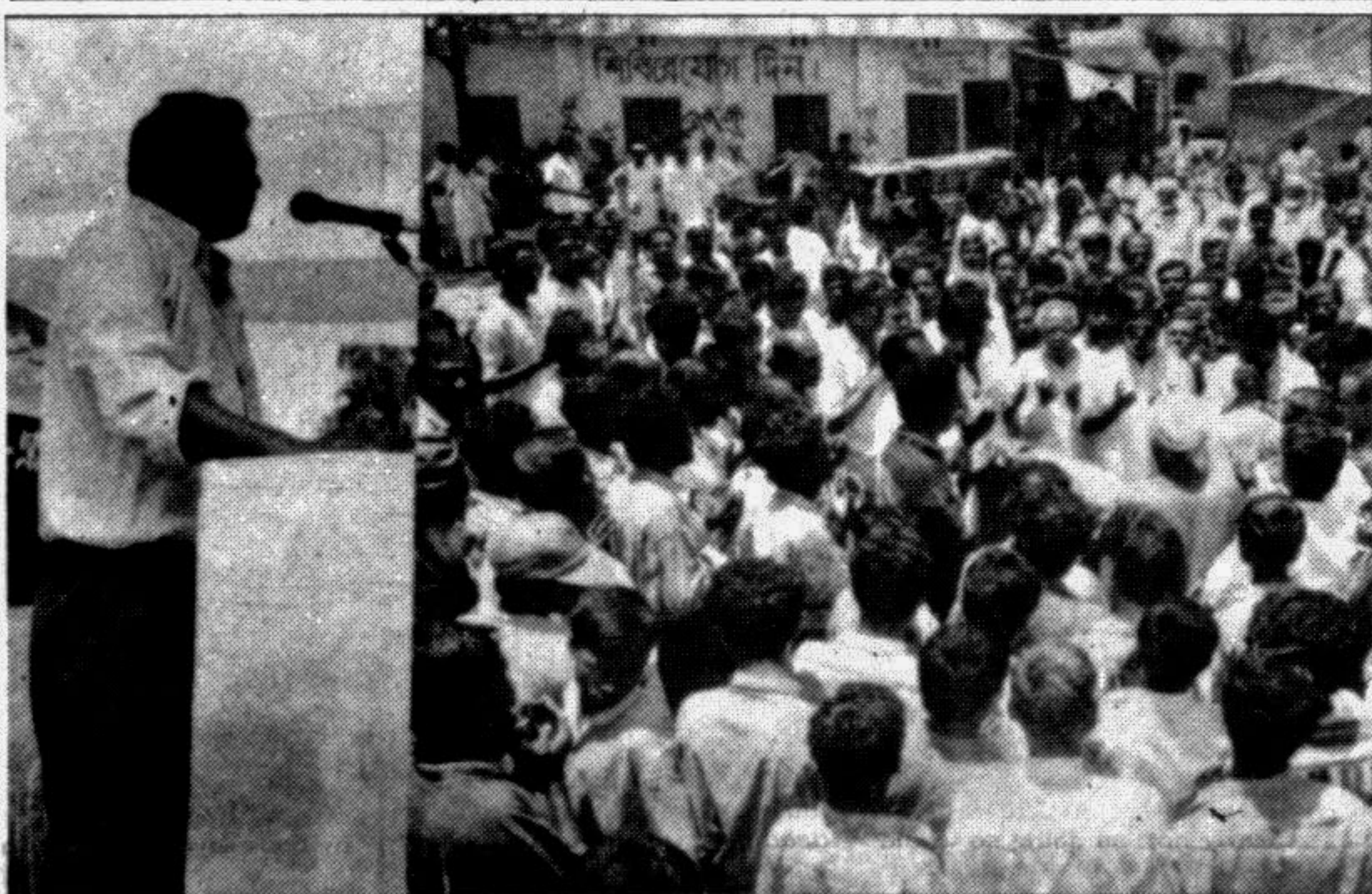
FARIDPUR, May 30: The Publication ceremony of the 'Dainik Ganasanghati' a Bengali daily was held here at the local Press Club on May 25 last.

KM Nurul Huda, Deputy Commissioner, Faridpur was the chief guest while Fazlur Rahman Police Super and Ahmedur Rahman T.N.O, Sadar were the special guests at the function presided over by Syed Ashrafur Azam Abdur Rob, publisher.

Syed Emamul Azam Abdur Rob, Editor of the daily and President of the Press Club in his address of welcome assured the neutral role to be played by the daily and said that the daily would serve objective news.

Among others Ali Shikder, district correspondent of the Bangladesh Times, Munshi Harun-ar-Rashid, staff correspondent of the New Nation and district correspondent of UNB, Moderes Ali Essa, General Secretary of the district BNP.

The speakers highly appreciated the venture taken by the publisher and others concerned for publishing the daily which is a need of the district. They expressed hopes that the daily would project the problems and social ills of the country.



RANGPUR: President of Gulshan thana, AL, Tipu Munshi speaking at the foundation laying ceremony of Bangabandhu Memorial Hospital in Mohiganj recently. The hospital is being built at a cost of Tk 30 lakh.

Poverty, price hike, natural havocs mark life in Barguna

BARGUNA, May 30: The living standard of the people of the district is rapidly declining due to various problems and negligence by the authorities to solve these problems, reports UNB.

People are badly affected due to absence of employment opportunities, lack of initiative to set up industrial units, sharp decline in crop production, price hike, high rate of

interest of agricultural loans, bad communication and shortage of educational and medical facilities.

Agriculture sector has already been affected adversely. Frequent natural calamities like flood, drought, storms and river erosion caused sharp decline in agricultural production during the last few years. Besides, fodder scarcity has hit hard the cattle population in the district.

The district, once famous for producing surplus food, now experiencing severe food shortage. Most of the families except for a few solvent ones are facing crisis.

The industrial sector remained neglected as the concerned authorities are not taking any step to set up any industrial unit here despite the availability of huge raw materials.

One the other hand, due to frequent power failure and load shedding the prospects for industrialisation in both the rural and urban areas have been affected.

The number of child labourers has been increasing alarmingly in five thanas of the district during recent period due to poverty of marginal, landless and poor farmers.

The marginal and landless

farmers affected by recurrent floodings, drought, cyclone and other natural calamities are becoming destitute and their children are compelled to turn labourers for bare survival.

Local elite urged the concerned authorities to take immediate measures to solve these multifarious problems for upgrading the living standard of the people.

Six more die from diarrhoeal attack in Feni

FENI, May 30: Diarrhoea claimed at least six lives and affected 1432 people in four thanas of the district in a week, according to officials, reports UNB.

Non-governmental sources claimed a bigger toll from the water-borne disease and complained about inadequate supply of medicines.

Some 98 people have been affected with diarrhoeal disease in 24 hours, 70 of them in the tidal surge ravaged two unions of Sonagazi thana — Chardarbesh and Charchandia.

Admitting the outbreak of the disease in the area the Civil Surgeon said the main problem was to purify the water from salinity caused by recent surge from the Bay.

534 female students unable to receive stipend money in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, May 30: Five hundred and thirty-four female students of 22 secondary schools could not receive their stipend recently.

According to sources, the female students of class six living outside pourasabha area are entitled to receive Tk twenty-five per month and the female students of class nine are entitled a monthly stipend of Tk sixty per month. They are also entitled to receive Tk 250 at a time for purchasing books. From January to June this year the allocated money was sent to Janata Bank for the female students of class six. The amount for the female students of class nine was by mistake deposited in the account of Bhatia High School in Sailkupa thana instead of their respective schools. As a result Bhatia High School authority refunded the amount.

Talking to one of the school headmasters it was learnt that

they had requested the authorities to revise the system of forwarding the allocated money but the authorities did not take any measure. As a result 22 high school authorities yet did not see the amounts deposited to their respective school accounts.

When contacted the manager of Janata Bank (JB), Sailkupa branch said that they had requested the education department to reorganised this system of allocating the stipend money but nothing positive has so far happened. As a result they were compelled to return the money amounting Tk 3,72,000.00.

Water level rises in Padma, Jamuna, huge areas devoured

MANIKGANJ, May 30: Some 800 people in four thanas of Manikganj and neighbouring Tangail districts lost their homesteads due to erosion by the river Padma and Jamuna in 24 hours, reports UNB.

Official sources said nearly 300 people in Doulatpur thana and 90 in Shibbalaya thana of Manikganj and 230 in Nagarpur thana of Tangail lost their homesteads due to erosion by the river Jamuna during the period.

Witnesses said Jafarganj Bazar in Shibbalaya thana was threatened.

Contraband worth Tk 7 lakh seized

SATKHIRA, May 30: The law enforcing agency personnel seized smuggled goods worth about Taka seven lakh from various parts of the district recently, reports BSS.

The goods included Indian cows, clothes, phensydil syrup bottles, watches, cosmetics, steel utensils, imitation ornaments, machinery parts etc.

None, however, was arrested.



FARIDPUR: Professor Md. Afsaruddin Sheikh, Principal of Govt. Sarada Sundari Mahila College inaugurated the indoor games competition arranged by the college students union recently.

Plan to cultivate summer vegetables in southern dists

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, May 30: The district Agriculture Extension Department has taken an ambitious plan to cultivate summer vegetables on 63 thousand hectares of land in 10 southern districts this season.

According to Agriculture Extension Department (AED) sources, they had taken the plan to cultivate vegetables in seven thousand hectares of land in Jhenidah district, ten thousand hectares in Jessore district, four thousand hectares in Khulna district, four thousand hectares in Chuadanga district, three thousand hectares in Satkhira district, three thousand hectares in Kushtia district, ten thousand hectares in Magura district,

ten thousand hectares in Narail district, one thousand hectare in Bagerhat district and one thousand hectare of land in Meherpur district this season.

About 4,82,500 metric tons of vegetables is expected to be produced in these 10 southern districts, the sources added.

The AED sources also informed that they had taken another plan to cultivate a traditional oil seed namely 'Sesamum' which is locally known as 'Til' on 15,300 hectares of land in ten southern districts this season. About 16,000 metric tons of Sesamum oil is expected to be produced in these districts, the sources hoped.

Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research Tender for Purchase of Vehicle

Sealed quotations are invited by Leather Research Institute BCSIR, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka, from local distributors selected by vehicle manufacturing companies for purchase of one new Car and one new Microbus. Tender documents may be purchased from the Cashier of Council Secretariat on cash payment (non-refundable) upto 2-6-95 during office hours. Before purchasing tender documents prior permission is required to be obtained from Superintending Engineer.

Tender documents will be received in the tender box kept in the office of the Institute/Supdt Engineer upto 10-6-95 before 12.00 Noon which will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of tenderer/ representative (if any). Earnest money at the rate of 2.5% of quoted value must be submitted alongwith tender in the form of Pay Order/DD issued from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of BCSIR.

The Council authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject without assigning any reason.

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Notice Invitation Tender of RHD

Tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 in sealed cover.

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| 1. Tender Notice No | 55/JRD of 1994-95. |
| 2. Name of work | Providing seal coat with repairing pot holes at 6th (part) KM, 9th (part) KM, 11th (part) KM and 13th (part) KM of Digpaith-Sharishabari Road under Jamalpur Road Division during the year 1994-95. |
| 3. Estimated cost | Tk 4,01,085/- |
| 4. Earnest money | Tk 8,022/- |
| 5. Time allowed | 12 (Twelve) days. |
| 6. Eligibility of contractor | RHD, general category contractor as per financial capacity and territorial jurisdiction. |
| 7. Last date for selling of tender documents | On 7-6-95 (During office hours). |
| 8. Last date and time for receiving tenders | On 8-6-95 up to 12.30 PM. |
| 9. Date and time for opening of tenders | On 12-6-95 at 11.00 AM. |
| 10. Date and time of lottery | On 13-6-95 at 11.00 AM. |
| 11. Name of offices where tender documents will be sold | Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jamalpur/Mymensingh/Tangail/Kishoregonj/Netrokona/Planning Division (Road & Bridge) Dhaka/Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-I/II/1st Line Workshop, Jamalpur/Sherpur. |
| 12. Name of offices where tender will be received | Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jamalpur & Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Sherpur. |

N.B. All tenders will be opened at a time in the offices of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Jamalpur Road Division, Jamalpur on the due date & time fixed for opening after collecting all tenders (if any) from all tender receiving offices in sealed condition.

Mohammed Bayazid
Executive Engineer, RHD
(Current Charge)
Jamalpur Road Division
Jamalpur

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Road mishaps increasing in hilly roads

From CHT Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, May 30: The reckless driving and over loading the old and wornout buses, trucks and passenger-carrying jeeps violating the traffic rules in all the routes of the district claimed three lives and injured five hundred in the last three months, police and hospital sources said.

Thirty six passengers of a bus were injured, six critically on May 25 when the driver lost control on steering of the bus bearing number Feni BA-09 and fell from a bridge into a ditch on Feni-Khagrachhari road near Jaliapara in Ramgarh thana of the district. The in-

jured were identified as Ali Akkas, 30, Omar Farooq 16, Baahchu Miah, 15, Abul Kashem 32, Md. Quasem, 38, Md. Mustafa, 32, Shaheda Akter, 25, Abdul Barek, 27, Khaleq Mollah, 55, Shabana, 55, Nantu Miah, 35, Abdul Wadud, 55, Hasan Ali, 55, Rabul, 12, Jahangir, 15, Harunur Rashid, 13, Bangali Mong, 35, Bengu Miah, 55, Shah Alam, 10, Amena Khatun, 9, Dulal Miah, 32, Hosneara, 40, Saiful, 9, Priti Rani, 45, Halima Khatun, 50 and Abdul Latif 35.

The six critically injured passengers were sent to Matiranga and Khagrachhari hospitals.

The others were given first-aid at Jaliapara Islamic Mission Health Centre and Guimara Army hospital.

The driver and the assistant of the bus fled immediately after the accident.

The control of traffic on the plying transports on Khagrachhari-Ramgarh-Feni, Khagrachhari-Nazirhat-Chittagong, Tabalchhari-Taidong - Mohalehkhari-Khagrachhari, Khagrachhari-Dighinala and Khagrachhari-Mohalehkhari-Rang routes appeared to be absent for the reason best known to the authority observers alleged.