

## Shantibahini men abduct 4 in Rangamati

From CHT Correspondent  
BAGHAICHHARI (Rangamati), July 2: The tribal insurgents abducted four people on Wednesday from Gobachhari in Sazek, a bordering Union of Baghaichhari thana some 300-kilometer from the district headquarters, officials said.

Mohammad Haroon, 35, Abdul Aziz, 32, and Abul Hashem Salimuddin, 29, were abducted. Name of another person was not available.

Salimuddin, who hails from Noakhali, was a managerial staff of a contractor, while the others are from Baghaichhari thana.

Sources said when a group of six people were coming from Hajhipara of Sazek UP, the tribal insurgents blocked them on the road at about 8:00 am and took them away. Out of the six, Fazar Ali and Ali Ahmed were freed at about 11:30 am.

After the abduction, a tense situation was mounting in the locality. Thana Nirbahi Officer of Baghaichhari thana, Hasan Zahangir Alam, convened an emergency meeting of the 'Protection of communal Amity Committee' attended by the local leaders. TNO south Co-operation from all concerned.

## Shishu Ananda Mela concludes in Bhola

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, July 2: The three-day long 'Shishu Ananda Mela-95' concluded recently at Bhola amid much fanfare.

It is the first time in Bhola that such a huge and colorful gathering of children took place. The programme was organised by the Bangladesh Shishu Academy of Bhola.

The 'Ananda Mela' was inaugurated by M A Rashid, Divisional Commissioner, Barisal Division at the Mozammel Haq Town Hall premises of Bhola. Thousands of children attended the Ananda Mela. Mohammad Sikandar Ali Mandal, Deputy Commissioner, Bhola and the chairman, Ananda Mela Organising Committee, Md Jamsed Uddin Bhuyan, Police Super, Bhola, Md Atiar Hossain, ADM, Akhtar Hossain, ADC (General), Bhola and others attended the inaugural session.

The entire area wore a festive look following the colourful decorations and hanging of banners, hoardings all around the Ananda Mela area.

## LGED schemes in Patuakhali

PATUAHALI, July 2: Local Government Engineering Department has taken up schemes to construct Khasherhat toll shade, Bangla bazar hat toll shade and to repair the old office building of Daulatkhana thana parishad in Bhola district during the current year, reports UNB.



SYLHET: The newly elected office-bearers of Sylhet Govt Mohila College students union met Awami League president Sheikh Hasina in the Sylhet Circuit House on Wednesday.

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## Handloom industry faces closure in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, July 2: Due to high prices of yarn, colour, chemicals and other inputs, handloom industry, country's century old traditional, cottage industry is facing closure in Jhenidah district, it is learnt.

According to reports, the number of handloom, industries in six thanas is not less than nine thousand and number of weavers in the district is about 12 thousand, a source said.

For want of capital almost all the weaving industries went out of order in village Helai, Nagar-Chaprail, Anupampur, Aruashulo, Monoharpur, Balidapra, Barobazar and some other villages in Kaliganj thana, Hetampur, Pathanpara, Naupara, Alaphar, Bogura, Ratnat, Shitali, Bhatbaria, Saikupa, Doharo, Hakimpur and some other villages in Saikupa thana and Kotchandpur, Mohespur and Harinakundu thanas of the district facing extinction, sources said.

According to Nowab Ali, 57, an old weaver of Saikupa told that they were engaged in weaving for decades. But facing troubles as the prices of raw materials increased abnormally. He said, they can make 12 pieces of sarees from one bundle of yarn costing Taka at least 650. Further they have to spend another three hundred Taka to purchase dyes and other weaving materials. The saree when finished costs Taka nine hundred which is the actual production cost. Of course, this account excludes daily labour charges, he added. The sarees however, sell not more than Taka 700 for every 12 pieces, meaning they have to lose Tk 250 per 12 pieces of sarees.

Abdul Hamid, 62, another weaver of the same village said that sometimes they can hardly save any capitals as cheaper Indian sarees, lungis and other handloom or powerloom products are smuggled in the country without any bar.

He alleged with agitation

that once their products, like, sarees, lungis, towels, mosquito nets etc were a very popular and they lead happy lives with their limited, but solid income.

Due to price-hike of raw materials and flooding of Indian clothes specially saree they have been losing their good will. They can hardly afford meals even twice a day, Hamid added.

Hamid also informed that long white sheets of cloths smuggled out to India are printed as sarees. The same printed sarees are smuggled back to Bangladesh.

About government loans among the weavers, Abdul Hamid said, almost all the defaulters were not dishonest. There are genuine weavers who repaid the loans in time. To patronise the weavers, interest free and long term bank loan is badly required for the weavers and to protect the traditional weaving industry, he said.



SYLHET: Four hundred dwellings in village Assampara and Chhoylakhal in Gowainghat thana have been engulfed by the river recently.

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## Smuggled goods worth Tk 50 lakh recovered

KHULNA, July 2: Bangladesh Rifles in a raid today recovered smuggled Indian goods worth Tk 50 lakh from a minibus on Jessore-Satkhira highway, reports UNB.

According to official sources, acting on a tip-off, the jawans led by Capt Mokhsurul raided the Jessore bound minibus near Monirampur, about five miles from border areas at 1 am.

The bus was coming from Satkhira loaded with smuggled goods including sarees, three pieces, medicines, screws, bed sheets, drugs and T-shirts.

Later, they seized the bus, the driver managed to escape. The goods were deposited with the Khulna Customs godown.

## Forest guard shot dead in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, July 2: An on-duty forest guard was shot dead by illegal tree fellers at reserve forest of Kalirchhara at Meherghona range of Ramu thana in the district, officials said today, reports UNB.

The guard, Sudhir Dutta died on the spot on June 24 when one of the miscreants opened fire after being chased by forest personnel.

Sudhir, hailed from village Narischa of Rangunia thana in Chittagong district, was appointed in Forest Department recently.

A case has been filed with Ramu Police Station.

Meanwhile, Chittagong Forest Court Magistrate on June 28 sentenced a man to suffer six months simple imprisonment with a fine of Tk 5000, in default, to suffer further two months, on charge of illegal felling of teak timber in reserve forest.

The accused Mustafa Ali of village Napora of Banskhali thana in Chittagong district was arrested on December 22, 1993 while he was felling teak timber at Chumati forest.

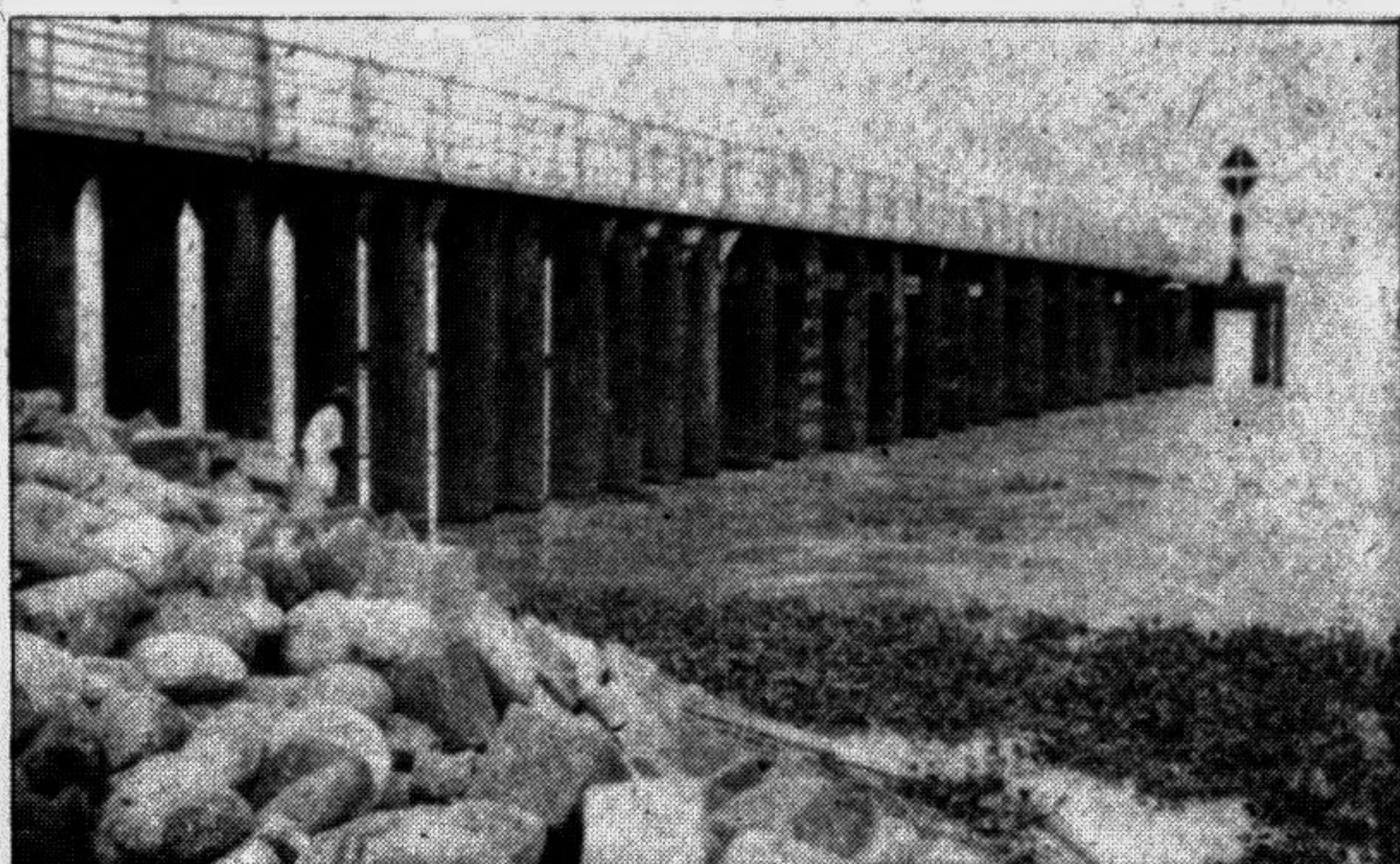
## Five ambulances for health centres in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, July 2: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed Saturday handed over five ambulances for Fatikchhari, Rangunia, Boalkhali, Anwar and Banskhali thana health complexes, reports UNB.

Speaking at a function organised on the occasion the minister said the government is determined to raise the standard of health services for rural masses of the country.

Oli Ahmed said medical treatment is one of the fundamental rights of people. So the government has taken up programme to ensure health for all by the year 2000.

Held at the General Hospital premises, the function was also addressed by local MP Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Syed Mahidul Alam, Director of Health of Chittagong region Osman Ghani Chowdhury and Civil Surgeon A S M Humayun Farooq.



GAIBANDHA: One of the six groynes constructed as a part of FAP project is in operation.

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## First phase of FAP project in Gaibandha completed

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, July 2: Flood Action Plan (FAP) has implemented a large scale programme to check the widespread erosion and divert the water course along Brahmaputra basin in Gaibandha district.

Kamazani project FAP-21 meanwhile completed its first phase, constructing six groynes at Faliarghosh and Dhutichora under Gaibandha Sadar thana on an experimental basis at a cost of Taka about 200 crore.

The programme was implemented under the sponsorship of Germany, French and the Netherlands. Necessary financial and technical assistance were extended by the sponsors.

Under the project, six different types of groyne were constructed with a gap of 200 meters from each other. Three of the groynes erected with one inch gauge steel roll pipe and the other three were built with concrete pillars. Individual models and types of groyne have been introduced to study the longevity and effectiveness. Three main groynes will be used for the purpose of diverting water course from western bank of river Brahmaputra.

According to a river expert, the bottom surface of Brahmaputra is a sandy, and as such every year it grows wider engulfing large chunks from both side of the river. On the other hand, continuous erosion sent huge sand and silts at the bottom of river which later create innumerable shoals at the mid-stream of river during dry season which affect smooth navigation.

Due to the losses of usual depth, during the rainy season

the river Brahmaputra could not hold rushing water which ultimately enters the localities overflowing the banks and creates flood.

With a view to check consecutive floods, a master plan was implemented during the Pakistan regime by constructing the Brahmaputra Flood Control Embankment along the western bank of river Brahmaputra from Kawnia under Rangpur district to Bera under Pabna district.

The project covered Gaibandha, Bogra and Sirajganj. But at present that gigantic embankment is engulfed by the erosion of river Brahmaputra. That embankment was subsequently replaced by subsidiary embankments. Till today replacement of embankment is still in practice. More and more embankments are being constructed at different location along the river bank with a view to check erosion and flood. But no permanent measure is taken in this respect as yet.

Last year, Flood Action Plan (FAP) introduced an experimental project on controlling erosion and flood in Gaibandha district. At the first phase under FAP-21, six groynes were constructed along the western bank of river Brahmaputra at Dhutichora and Faliarghosh with a fund of about Taka 200 crore.

The plan include approach embankments, 18,000 concrete blocks deployment of boulders and netting the block from river bottom. An observatory unit was set up for monitoring activities of groynes like water pressure, scouring rate, current direction etc. in the peak hours of rainy season.

FAP-21 Kamazani project started in October 1994 and was completed in May 1995. Meanwhile, the main stream of river turned to the eastern bank.

Next year FAP-22 will start work of further groyne along eastern bank of river Brahmaputra at Bahadurabad. On success of the plan FAP will build more groynes at different points to channel up the main stream of river flow up to Jamuna bridge location. The main objective of the plan is to drive the water through appropriate channel. One success of the plan vast areas will be saved from erosion and flood, sources said.

## RMP enters fourth year

RAJSHAHI, July 2: The third founding anniversary of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police was observed at the Zila Parishad auditorium on Saturday with much enthusiasm, reports UNB.

The Rajshahi Metropolitan Police was inaugurated on July 1, 1992 by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Addressing on the occasion, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner Modabbur Hossain Chowdhury called upon all to cooperate with police in upholding the law and order situation in the district.

He said, it is not our only duty to uphold the law and order in the district but to take part in the socio-economic uplift in times of need for the greater interest of the nation.

High officials, journalists and local elite were present on the occasion, said an official handout.

## Betel leaf cultivation suffering set-back in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 2: Betel leaf cultivation once profitable in Satkhira district has now been suffering a set-back due to price hike of raw materials, shortage of labourers and default in marketing system.

About 10,000 cultivators in Tala, Assasumi, Kalaroa, Kaligani, Debhata, Sadar, and Shyamnagar thana of the district grow betel leaves on commercial basis.

An unofficial survey revealed that during the last few years, a considerable number of betel leaf garden were not used in Seven thanas of the district following the price hike of raw materials and labour charges.

At least eight thousand

taka are required to cultivate betel leaf in one bigha of land. Besides, additional cost is required to protect the betel leaf fields from diseases and pest attack.

It is apprehended that if the problems in betel leaf cultivation are not removed and necessary assistance are not extended to the growers, the betel leaf cultivation in the district will fall considerably.

At present, prices of bamboo jute sticks, oil cakes, rope and other necessary inputs for betel leaf production have gone up beyond the reach of the poor growers.

Betel leaf cultivators need bank loan for the cultivation. But they are not getting enough help in this regard.



Resident Representative of World Bank in Bangladesh Pierre Landell-Mills speaking at the annual meeting of the Landless Women Association organised by ASA in Netrokona Saturday.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)  
Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet  
Phone No 6339

## Tender Notice No: 128 of Sylhet Road Division, 1994-95

1. Tender Notice No: 128/ Sylhet Road Division, 1994-95.
2. Name of works: Tender for construction of brick masonry Drain at 33rd KM. Charkhai Bazar portion of Sylhet-Satarkandi road under Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet during the year 1994-95.
3. Charge to: 168 (Mtc)
4. Estimated approved by: Superintending Engineer, RHD, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
5. Estimated cost: Tk 1,26,414/-
6. Earnest money: Tk 2,530/-
7. Time allowed: 30 (Thirty) days.
8. Name of offices where this tender will be received: Superintending Engineer, RHD, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet/undersigned.
9. Name of offices where tender document will be sold: Undersigned/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulvibazar/ Sunamgonj/ Habigonj/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Sylhet/Golapgonj/ Biswanath & Mechanical, Sylhet.
10. Last date of selling of tender: 15.7.1995 up to office hours.
11. Last date and time of receiving of the tender: 16.7.1995 at 12.30 PM.
12. Date and time of opening of the tender: 16.7.1995 at 12.45 PM.
13. Eligibility of contractor: Under RHD Department 'A' to 'C' general category contractors & Sylhet Road Circle, 'D' general category and 'E' general category of RHD, Road Division, Sylhet.

Syed Rashidul Hassan  
Executive Engineer (RHD)  
Road Division, Sylhet.

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## Murder, clashes rise in Natore

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, July 2: The law and order situation of the district has deteriorated sharply in the last few days.

Lalpur, Singra, Baraigram and sadar thanas of the district are the regions where law and order situation is at its lowest ebb. Murder and clashes between rival groups have been on rise since June 11.

People have been passing their days amid panic after eight persons were killed in between June 11 and June 26. It is apprehended that another bloody incident may occur at any time.

Local people and businessmen allege that although heavy contingents of police are deployed at the key points of the town, police has so far failed to ensure the safety of the general people.

## 149 arrested in Feni

FENI, July 2: Police detained 149 people from different parts of the district in last one month, reports UNB.

The people have been arrested on various charges, including killing, rape, hijacking, abduction and extortion.

Another report adds: Two people died in separate incidents in Sadar thana recently. Police said one Sirajul Islam, 15, has been killed in lightning at Motobi village while an unidentified day-labourer electrocuted to death at Mizan road in the thana.

On June 11, a college student Abdul Aziz, 16, and his uncle Abdul Gafur, 40, were killed following a dispute over paddy husking at Bipro Belghoria village of sadar thana.

Another person Zillur Rahman, 22, was shot dead by Sharbahara men on June 18. Three persons were shot dead in a clash between two groups in Sologram village of Lalpur thana on June 24.

A minor boy Kajol, 8, was killed and others were seriously injured in a bomb explosion at Ahmedpur Bazar of Baraigram thana on June 25.

A JCD leader Alimul Islam, 28, ex-VP of N/S Government College, was killed on June 26. A case has been filed in this connection accusing five persons including another leader of JCD.

Besides clashes between JCD and BCL workers have become a common scene in the town. According to sources, more than one hundred bombs have been exploded during these clashes. Some shops are also reported to have been set ablaze during the clashes.

A JCD worker Shadhin was seriously injured when some armed men attacked him at Alipur area of the town on June 25. Earlier Iqbal, another JCD worker was seriously injured when some miscreants shot him on June 26, while he was returning after saying Juma prayers. On the same day some unidentified men hurled bomb at Kotoali Mosque.

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী (সেওজ) এর কার্যালয়  
সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ, মৌলভীবাজার  
(দুরালাপনী ৪২২৯)

## ইজারা বিজ্ঞপ্তির ১ম সংশোধনী

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, অত্র কার্যালয়ের যারক নং ৩৯৬/৩ তারিখের ২৮-০৫-৯৫ইং মোতাবেক আহবানকৃত ইজারা বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে নিম্ন ডাকের তারিখ ও সময় ২০-৬-৯৫ইং বোলা ১১-৩০ মিনিট ধার্য করা হইয়াছিল। বর্তমানে অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ উক্ত নিম্ন ডাকের তারিখ ও সময় পরিবর্তন করিয়া আগামী ২০-০৭-৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১-৩০ এর সময় ধার্য করা হইল।

ইহা ছাড়া ইজারা বিজ্ঞপ্তির অন্যান্য সব শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে।

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## পিডব্লিউডি দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

দরপত্র নং-৩/৯৫-৯৬

- ১। নিম্নলিখিত কাজের জন্য সীলসহেদরূপে দরপত্র বাংলাদেশ ফর্ম নং-২৯১১ এর মাধ্যমে যোক্তাদানকারী পিডব্লিউডি তালিকাভুক্তি ও অনুমোদিত ঠিকাদার/কার্যপন্থের নিকট হইতে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র নিম্নলিখিত কার্যালয়ে এবং রংপুর গণপূর্ত সার্কেলের অধীন সকল নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়ে ২৪-৭-৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত গৃহীত হইবে এবং উক্ত দিন বেলা ১২-১৫ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রাদানের সমুখে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেনা বোলা হইবে।
- ২। কাজের নাম : ১৯৯৫-৯৬ইং সালে রংপুর গণপূর্ত বিভাগের অধীনে কাউন্সিলার থানা ভবন সংলগ্ন এসআইকোঃ এর পরগণা ও পানি সরবরাহ ব্যবস্থার দরপত্র।
- ৩। প্রাক্কলিত মূল্য : টাকা ১,৪৩,৪৩২/-
- ৪। বায়নার মূল্য : টাকা ২,৮৬১/-

অন্যান্য বিবরণ ও যাবতীয় শর্তাবলী, সিডিউল ইত্যাদি নিম্নলিখিত কার্যালয় সড়ক ও গণপূর্ত সার্কেল, রংপুরের অধীন সকল নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়ে এবং অত্র বিভাগের অধীন উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত উপ-বিভাগ-১/২, রংপুরের কার্যালয়ে ২৩/৭/৯৫ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময় বিকাল ৫-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত লেখিত ও সন্মত করিতে পারিবেন।

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