

4 people get 14 years RI

From Our Correspondent
MOULVIBAZAR, Sept 12: Four persons were awarded 14 years of Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) and fined Tk one thousand each in default to suffer six months RI more on charge of raping a minor girl.

The judge of Special Tribunal Court No-3, Hrishikesh Saha announced the judgement recently. The convicted persons were Abdus Salam, Faysal Miah, Ayub Khan and Abul Kalam.

The prosecution case was that, the accused persons of Dekapur village under Balaganj thana of Sylhet district, dragged Lovely Rani Das, aged-12 daughter of one Haramohan Das of Yogikuna village under Rajnagar thana of Moulvibazar district from her home at dead of night by breaking the door while she was sleeping. Later she was violated at a near by jungle in the bank of the river Kushiara. As a result she received serious injury.

2 die from snake bite

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SATKHIRA, Sept 12: Two students including one girl were killed by snake bite in two thanas of the district recently.

It is reported that one Bulbul Ahmed, 14, son of Firoza Ahmed of village Pakhmaria under Shyanagar thana while sleeping in his bed room, a poisonous snake entered into the room at dead of night and bite him. He died on the spot. Bulbul was a meritorious student, it is learnt.

In other incident, one Mahmuda Khatun, 10, a student of Class V of Shetpur Government Primary School while sleeping in her bedroom, a snake entered into the room and bite her. Later she died.

One jailed for carrying pistol

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, Sept 12: Alauddin Sardar, District and Sessions Judge, Satkhira convicted one Khokon Ojha of village Kamargate under Diholia thana of Khulna district on charge of possessing illegal arms and sentenced him to suffer rigorous imprisonment for ten years recently.

The prosecution story in brief is that the BDR personnel of Battalion Headquarters check-post while searching a Khulna-bound minibus, caught red-handed and after searching his body recovered a country-made revolver from his possession on August 13, 1994.

A case was lodged with Satkhira sadar thana and after investigation police submitted charge sheet against him. The learned judge, tried the case and found him guilty and awarded the said punishment.



SYLHET: Begum Fatema Chowdhury, MP, distributing loans among destitute women at village Chatal under Khadimnagar of Sylhet sadar thana recently. — Star photo

Farmers showing great interest in cotton seed cultivation

JHENIDAH, Sept 12: Bumper cotton seed production is expected this year in Jhenidah zone, it was learnt.

According to reports, Cotton Development Board (CDB) has taken a target to cultivate cotton seeds on 10,000 hectares of land which covers Mohespur, Jinnahnagar, Napa, Shyampur, Gurudah, Kotchandpur, Dakbangla and Jhenidah sadar, Seikhpura and Sallakupa units in the north districts and Ichhakhada, Satrujtpur, Sreepur, Magura sadar units in Magura district this year. Till August 30 of this year cotton seeds were sown on 7,300 hectares and rest lands would be sown by Bengali month of Ashar, it is expected. From the total land about three lakh maunds of cotton seeds is expected to be produced.

When contacted MA Waseque, Chief Cotton Development Officer (CCDO), CDB, Jhenidah zone informed that during year cotton seeds were produced in 5,200 hectares out of targeted 9,800 hectares as the climate was not favourable.

CCDO further informed that 150 days to 180 days are required for cotton seed cultivation between Bengali month of late Ashar and late Kartik and the sowing period is late Ashar to late Bhadra. In six months of winter crop season a farmer can get at least 10 maunds of cotton seeds from one bigha of land for Taka at least 10,000. But if a farmer cultivates other crops on his land he might not obtain crops worth more than Taka 2,500

From Delwar Kabir

during the period. Talking to Azibar Rahman, a contact grower of CDB of village Mohespur in Sallakupa thana of the district it was learnt that he cultivated cotton seeds on one bigha of land last year and this year he is cultivating the same in one acre. Last year he sold his cotton seeds between Taka 1,000 and 1,200 per maund instead of government rate of Taka 857 per maund, he said. Azibar Rahman further informed that he might increase the land for cotton seed cultivation next year.

Tajibar Rahman, another cotton seed farmer of the same village informed that he has been cultivating cotton seeds for the last eight years as a contact grower. Tajibar further informed that last year only six farmers were involved with cotton seed cultivation in their village and the same was produced with cotton seed cultivation in their village and the same was produced in six acres but this year at least ten farmers are cultivating cotton seeds in 25 acres of land at village Mohespur.

Another cotton seed farmer Abdul Alim of village Chandipur of the district inform his correspondent that he was a contact grower and was engaged in cotton seed production for the last eight years. Last year he cultivated cotton seeds on only two acres of land and earned Taka 25 thousand as net profit. Following last year's profit he has been cultivating the same on five acres of land

an expecting about 100 maunds of cotton seeds worth Taka about one lakh.

Abdul Hai, Cotton Unit Officer (CUO), CDB, Sallakupa said, cotton seed farming is a very profitable crop in winter season which might be cultivated after harvesting of paddy. CUO also informed that last year the number of cotton seed farmers were 2,400 and 700 hectares of land was used. But in this season the number of farmers increased to 3,000.

MA Waseque, CCDO of CDB agrees that the farmers have been benefited by cultivating cotton seeds, while at the same time, cotton seeds are playing a key role to remove our edible oil deficiency as at least 20,000 maunds of oil is being produced from the cotton seeds in Jhenidah zone every year. Talking to Tabibar Rahman Mia, who have engaged himself as the zinner and established zinning mills at Kotchandpur thana headquarter Silvi Zinning Mills the also informed that they purchase the cotton seeds from the farmers from the fields just after harvesting at the rate of Taka 1,000 to Taka 1,200 per maund while the government has fixed the rate at Taka 857 per maund.

Rahman further informed that at village Kagmari in Kotchandpur thana at least 200 acres of land is used for cotton seed cultivation and the farmers of the village are keenly interested to cultivate cotton instead of other crops as it is least risky at the same like most profitable, he added.

Tempo driver slapped, 5 receive serious injuries

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Sept 12: Five persons sustained injuries in a clash over the issue of beating a tempo-driver at Sadullapur recently. Movement of vehicles on Gaibandha-Sadullapur road remain suspended.

According to report, Mita Enterprise, a Tempo was proceeding toward Naldanga through Sadullapur. When the vehicle was passing through Sadullapur one Biplob surprisingly blew a slap to the Tempo driver as a consequence of some past enmity. The matter soon reached others fellows, of the tempo driver. There soon ensued chasing and counter chasing between two rival supporters which ultimately turned to a clash using lethal weapons, in which five persons received serious injuries. One Abu Taiyab was admitted in the local health complex in critical condition.

Jute output target not achieved in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Sept 12: The target of jute production in the district has not been achieved owing to drought and flood this year.

According to official sources, jute was cultivated this year on a total of 20,112 hectares of land of which native variety was cultivated on 263 hectares and Tossa on 19,849 hectares. But continuous spell of drought followed by excessive rainfall and floods destroyed jute plants on 8,351 hectares completely resulting in the loss of 83,510 bales of jute.

'Follow ideals of Prophet'

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 12: Realisation of ideals of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM) in all spheres of life can assure social justice, human rights and peace replacing oppression and anarchy in this world now.

This was observed by the speakers in a discussion meeting on "Prophetic Ideals of Rasulullah (SM)" held recently at the Zilla Parishad auditorium in the city. Rajshahi Majlis organised the programme.

The speakers found that the great Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM) always inspired people on doing innocent and honest works and at the same time abstaining from wrongs and misdeeds. This attitude of man can only ascertain welfare of the people, they said, and urged the Muslim community to unitedly stand for the ideals and help one another in this regard.

The speakers added that Hazrat Muhammad (SM) was the greatest of all human beings under all considerations, but more important thing was that he was a prophet. And the demand of prophecy (Nabuat or Risalat) is that a believer must obey and follow all his ideals and activities in each and every sphere of life.

They said. The speakers also observed that the downfall of the Muslim community all over the world had resulted from deviation of the Muslims from the path of Hazrat Muhammad (SM) which splitted the community into hundreds of factions based on ethnic, linguistic, geographical and many other identities. This not only favoured others to dominate over them but the community itself has been locked in internal conflicts destroying each other, they said.

The speakers urged the Muslims to be the real followers of the great Prophet (SM) for the welfare of their own and the mankind as a whole in this world and the after world as well.

Presided over by A K Shamsul Haque, President of Rajshahi Majlis and the Additional Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi the discussion meeting was addressed, among others, by A F M Yahia Chowdhury, Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi, Sadruddin Ahmed, Professor in English of Rajshahi University and Maolana Muhammad Jamaluddin, Associate Professor in Islamic Studies of Rajshahi University.

149 dev projects implemented in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 12: One hundred forty nine development projects have been implemented in Kushtia sadar thana during 1994-95 at a cost of Taka 35 lakh. Out of those 22 projects were related to agriculture, irrigation, canal and pipe culvert costing Taka 9 lakh 57 thousand one hundred sixty nine.

74 schemes were related to communication, construction of roads and pipe culvert costing Taka 14 lakh 46 thousand three hundred sixty four. 31 schemes were related to sanitation, sanitary latrine and tubewell costing Taka 8 lakh 26 thousand 7 hundred forty four.

22 schemes were related to education, repair of educational institutions, furniture, logistics for games and sports costing Taka 2,68,830.

5 lakh people will be benefited in 14 unions of sadar thana due to implementation of 149 projects.

Country-made wine recovered

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Sept 12: The staff led by Shah Jahan Talukdar, Inspector of Narcotics and Liquor, Satkhira circle recovered 10 litres of country-made wine from the house of Abdus Samad sardar of village Hajipur under Sadar thana recently.

In another drive, they also recovered two litres of country-made wine from the house of Muhammad Ali of village Waria under the same thana on the same day. Launching another drive, they recovered three ganja plants from the field of Padmashakra of the same thana.

Three separate cases were lodged with Satkhira thana in these connections.



RANGPUR: Nurul Huda Sultan, an eminent social worker and industrialist of the district is seen talking with some journalists at the Rangpur Press Club. He donated taka 10,000 to the club fund recently. — Star photo

**Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Road Division, Nilphamari.
Notice Inviting Tender**

Scaled tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited.

1. Tender Notice No : 4/EE/NRD/1995-96
2. Name of work : Construction of flexible pavement, providing premixed bituminous surfacing work, construction of RCC box culvert and road embankment/Bridge approaches protective work at different location of different roads under Road Division, Nilphamari, during the year 1995-96. In 8 (Eight) groups.
3. Estimated cost : As per group list
4. Earnest money : As per group list
5. Time allowed for completion of work : As per group list
6. Eligibility of contractor : As per group list
7. Name of offices where tender document will be sold : Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Nilphamari/ Dinajpur/ Thakurgaon/Planning Division (Roads & Bridges), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna Dhaka/Planning and Design Division, Rangpur/Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Nilphamari/Saidpur. Addl Chief Engineer (RHD), Rangpur Zone, Rangpur, Superintendent Engineer (RHD), Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle Dinajpur/ Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Nilphamari/Dinajpur/ Thakurgaon.
8. Name of offices where tender will be received : Same as above.
9. Last date for selling documents : Up to 8.10.95 at office hours.
10. Last date & time for receiving tender : At 12.30 PM on 9.10.95
11. Date & time of opening of tender box : At 12.45 PM on 9.10.95
12. Date & time for opening of tender : At 11.00 AM on 15.10.95 (Office room of the undersigned).
13. Date & time of lottery (if necessary) : At 10.30 AM on 18.10.95

Group List

Name of work: Construction of flexible pavement, providing premixed bituminous surfacing work, construction of RCC box culvert and road embankment/Bridge approaches protective work at different location of different roads under Road Division, Nilphamari during the year 1995-96. In 8 (Eight) groups.

Tender Notice No.4/EE/NRD/1995-96.

Group No	Name of work with location	Head of A/C	Estimated cost (in Tk)	Earnest money (in Tk)	Time allowed for completion of work	Eligibility of contractors	Remarks
1	Construction of flexible pavement at 1st & 2nd (p) km of Domar-Chilahati-Voulaganj (Dimla-Gomnari portion) Road	266 DVE	Tk 21,55,154/-	Tk 43,103/-	40 days	"A" to "D" general category contractor under (RHD)	Separate tender with separate earnest money to be submitted for each groups.
2	Providing bituminous surfacing work at 40th (p) km of Rangpur-Saidpur road.	168 RBF	Tk 5,49,456/-	Tk 10,989/-	20 days	"A" to "E" general category contractor under (RHD).	
3	Providing protective work of road embankment at 2nd, 7th & 11th km of Saidpur-Nilphamari road	168 RBF	Tk 1,15,733/-	Tk 2,315/-	15 days	—do—	
4	Construction retaining wall for protection at 2nd km culvert of Saidpur-Parbatipur Road	168 RBF	Tk 3,07,844/-	Tk 6,157/-	30 days	—do—	
5	Construction of cross drain at 2nd km bridge approach of Jaldhaka-Tunirhat road	168 RBF	Tk 2,95,356/-	Tk 5,907/-	25 days	—do—	
6	Construction of 152m span RCC box culvert at 8th km of Dimla Dalia Road	266 DEV	Tk 3,40,716/-	Tk 6,814/-	50 days	'A' to 'D' special category contractor under (RHD).	
7	Providing protective work of Armo pipe culvert at 1st km of Domar-Chilahati-Voulaganj (Boragari-Chilahati portion) road.	168 RBF (Flood)	Tk 2,25,818/-	Tk 4,516/-	20 days.	"A" to "E" general category contractor under (RHD)	
8	Construction of cross drain at 10th km bridge approaches of Nilphamari-Kishoregonj (Tengonmari-Kishoregonj portion) road.	266 DVE	Tk 1,14,331/-	Tk 2,287/-	25 days	—do—	

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Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet, Phone No 6339

**Tender Notice
No 24 of Sylhet Road Divn 1995-96.**

1. Tender Notice No : 24 of Sylhet Road Division, 1995-96.
2. Name of works : Tender for bituminous carpeting and seal coat and bituminous repairing by carpeting work on different km of different roads under Road Division, Sylhet in 4 (four) groups during the year 1995-96.
3. Charge to : 168-RBF
4. Whom estimate approve : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
5. Estimated cost : As per group list.
6. Earnest money : —do—
7. Time allowed : —do—
8. Name of offices where this tender will be received : Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Sylhet/Monitoring & Evaluation, Dhaka/ undersigned/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulvibazar/ Sunamganj/Hobiganj.
9. Name of offices where tender documents will be sold : Undersigned/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulvibazar/Sunamganj/Hobiganj/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning & Programming Division, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Sylhet/Golapganj/Biswanath & Mechanical Sub-Division, Sylhet.
10. Last date of selling of tender : 26.09.1995 up to office hours
11. Last date and time of receiving the tender : 27.09.1995 at 12.30 PM.
12. Date and time of opening the tender : 01.10.1995 at 12.45 PM.
13. Eligibility of contractor : As per group list.

Group list of the work of bituminous carpeting, repairing by carpeting method and seal coat work on different km of different Roads, under Sylhet Road Division, during 1995-96 in 4 (Four) groups.

Group No	Name of works and location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor
1 (One)	Repairing, carpeting work at 1st km & 2nd km (P) of Hajrath Shah Jalal (R) bridge approach.	Tk 22,47,136/-	Tk 44,943/-	45 (Forty-five) days	Under RHD, Department 'A' to 'C' general category contractor & Sylhet Road Circle, 'D' general category contractors.
2 (Two)	—do— 2nd Km (P) —do—	Tk 21,36,133/-	Tk 42,723/-	—do—	—do—
3 (Three)	—do— 1st km (P), 2nd Km (P) of Sylhet-Fenchuganj Road.	Tk 15,59,283/-	Tk 31,186/-	35 (Thirty-five) days.	—do—
4 (Four)	—do— 2nd km (P), 3rd km (P) of Sylhet-Sutarkandi Road.	Tk 15,31,605/-	Tk 30,632/-	—do—	—do—

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