

2000 shallow tubewells out of order in Khulna

KHULNA, Sept 17: Acute crisis of drinking water has been prevailing in the division causing much suffering to the people, reports UNB.

About 2,000 shallow tubewells went out of order as ground water level went down everywhere in the division.

Meanwhile, in the current fiscal year the number of tubewells sunk in the division was 50 per cent less than the last fiscal year.

In the current fiscal 264 deep tubewells, 674 shallow tubewells and 957 Tara pumps were sunk while 2,251 shallow tubewells were re-sunk in the division.

In the last fiscal, a total of 361 deep tubewells, 1795 shallow tubewells and 1649 Tara pumps were sunk while 3,987 shallow tubewells were re-sunk in the division.

Due to shortage of drinking water supply, people are using contaminated pond and river water for their domestic use causing outbreak of various intestinal and skin diseases.

Local leaders have urged the concerned authorities to take immediate schemes to ensure supply pure water in the division.

2 die in Jhenidah road accident

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 17: Two persons, including a minor boy, were killed and nine others injured in a road accident in front of the Jhenidah Cadet College this morning. The dead were identified as Moqbul Hossain, 40 and Shaifur Rahman, 5. One of the injured, Barik, 40, was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in a critical condition. Others were admitted to the Jhenidah Sadar Hospital. According to eyewitnesses, the accident occurred when a Jhenidah bound tempo hit a truck parked in front of the Cadet College at about 10:30 am.

3rd installation ceremony of RC, Moulvibazar held

For Our Correspondent

MOULVI BAZAR, Sept 17: The 3rd installation ceremony of Rotaract Club (RC) of Moulvibazar Central was held recently at Moulvibazar Poushava auditorium.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Shafiq Uddin Ahmed and Police Super AKM Shamsuddin Ahmed attended the function as chief guest and special guest respectively.

The function was addressed among others by Rotarian Monsuruzzaman, Abdul Momin, Dr Zillul Hoque, Shahadat Hussain and Enamul Karim.

Number of voters decreases in Pirojpur

PIROJPUR, Sept 17: The number of voters in the district has decreased, by more than 1.5 lakh this year, official sources said, reports UNB.

According to district election office, the total number of voters in the district is now 4,93,462. Of them, 2,42,686 are male and 2,50,776 are female.

On the other hand, in the voter list prepared in 1990, the total was 6,50,290 including 3,37,468 male and 3,12,822 female, the sources added.

As the population of the district has increased in the last five years, the number of voters in the latest voter list should also be higher. But it was found 1,56,828 less than the previous list.

In the new list the number of female voters is higher than the male voters in all six thanas of the district.

Obituary

MYMENSINGH, Sept 17: Jatindranath Samajpati, Assistant Professor, Department of Farm Structure, died of massive heart attack at his village home Darial under Barisal district. He was 58, says a press release.

He left behind his mother, wife Bijoya Samajpati, two sons and a large number of relatives, friends, colleagues and students to mourn his death.

Jatindranath Samajpati joined as Senior Lecturer at Agricultural University in 1971 and he was Assistant Professor till his death.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Shah Muhammad Faruk, BAU teachers, students, officers and employees expressed their shock at the sudden demise of Professor Samajpati.

10476 hectares to be brought under cotton cultivation

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 17: Despite scarcity of cotton seeds, Cotton Development Board (CDB) Kushtia Zonal office, has fixed a target of bringing 10,476 hectare land under cotton cultivation in the coming season.

Last year, 1994-95, the target was 9012 hectare and 95 per cent production target was achieved.

Reason behind the cotton seed crisis is the failure of the CDB to purchase cotton from the growers as the board's price was lower than the market price. Board's price was Tk 771.60 per maund while the private ginners purchased it at Taka 990 to Tk 1100 per maund directly from the middlemen or growers.

If the seed of high grade is not available and supplied by the government at a cheaper rate, cultivators will not be able to grow cotton next year. The country will be deprived of the availability of high grade cotton needed for the textile mills in local currency.

An expert of the CDB said that the government has to change its policy so that it does not face a serious setback in cotton production next year. If this is done, the government will be able to save the foreign currency.

Cotton production has gained its momentum gradually in the country and it is one of the main cash crops. The farmers of south and south-western part as well as northern part of the country have taken it as a boon to

them and they are gradually increasing their area of production.

According to the CDB, 60729 hectares of land was fixed as target for the cultivation of cotton in 1994-95 in the country and production target was one lakh bale. Last year 85 thousand acres were brought under cotton cultivation and production was 75 thousand bales.

Some 4 to 5 lakh bales of cotton are needed for all the Textile Mills of the country. Besides, huge quantity of cotton yarn is imported from abroad every year.

At present, cultivation of cotton has started in 33 districts in the country. These are Kushtia, Jhenidah, Jessore, Magura, Chuadanga, Narail, Meherpur, Rajbari, Satkhira in south western zone while in other parts are Gaibandha, Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Rajshahi, Natore, Noagram, Bogra, Sirajganj, Jairpurhat, Pabna, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Dhaka, Tangail, Gazipur, Narsingdi, Mymensingh, Jamalpur and Sherpur.

The best producing areas for cotton are the Poragpur area of Daulatpur thana district, Jibannagar of Chuadanga district, Ganghi area of Meherpur and Salkupa area of Jhenidah districts, Kesabpur, Monirampur, Chowgacha, Jhikargacha area of Jessore district, Sreepur area of Magura district.

Farmers of these areas are cultivating this cash crop from 2 acres to 30 acres in-

dividually. They are even taking lease of crop fields and producing cotton on commercial basis. In Daulatpur thana farmers are cultivating cotton in relay crop basis with paddy and jute.

While visiting these areas, this correspondent came to know that relay crop cultivation system has given a good result. Harea Ali of village Bilgathua in Daulatpur thana said he has been cultivating cotton in this system for about eight years and last year he got 120 maunds of cotton from 15 bighas of land and earned 90 thousand taka as sale proceeds.

Next year he expects to bring 21 bighas of land under cotton cultivation. Nurun Nabi of the same village said that he earned 35 thousand taka by producing cotton in eight bighas of land. He also said that cotton trees are also sold as fuel wood and he earned 4 thousand taka by selling these fuel wood last year.

Farmers said that cost of production is Taka three thousand per acre and it is sold at Taka eight to nine thousand. If everything goes well 80 maunds of cotton can be produced from one acre of land.

According to experts, 12 lakh acres of land are suitable for cotton cultivation. Out of these, 9 lakh acres can be brought under cotton cultivation very easily. Variety cultivated in our country are CB-1, CB-3, SA-90 and JA-90.

Storm hits 3 thanas in Sirajganj: 2 killed

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 17: Two women were killed and 83 others injured when a storm lashed three thanas of the district on Saturday, official sources said, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Aklima Khatun, 46, and Hafiza Khatun, 16, of village Goprakhi in Belkuchi thana died on the spot when a tree fell on them near Chala bus stand at about 1:30 pm.

At least 1,700 kutcha houses of three thanas — Tarash, Ullapara and Belkuchi — were damaged in the storm that hit the areas at about 1:20 pm and continued for half an hour.

Officials of thana administration said in Tarash 48 people were injured and 700 houses damaged, in Ullapara 15 people were injured and 300 houses damaged and in Belkuchi 20 people were injured and 700 houses damaged.

Among the injured, five were admitted to the Purnimamaghi Health Complex in Ullapara and 20 people were admitted to the Tarash Thana Health Complex.

2 bodies recovered in Satkhira

SATKHIRA, Sept 17: Police recovered two bodies, one from river Chuna in Shyamnagar thana and another from a paddy field at Haroddaha in sadar thana on Thursday last, reports UNB.

One of the bodies was identified as Abdur Rahim while the other could not be identified as yet. The bodies bore several cut marks.

The bodies were sent to the local hospital for post mortem. Two separate cases were filed with the police.



SYLHET: M A Mannan, DG, NGO Affairs Bureau speaking at the certificate awarding function of vocational courses jointly organised by LEEDS, a local organisation and Youth Development Department recently. — Star photo

Fishermen in hardship in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Sept 17: More than two thousand fishermen in eight thanas of Faridpur district have been facing manifold problems in carrying out their ancestral profession for want of fund, fishing materials like boats and nets.

According to a statistical report, at least two thousand fishermen are engaged in the age-old profession in Kotwali, Sadarpur, Char Bhadrans, Bhangra, Boalmari, Nagarkanda, Madhukhali and Alifadanga thanas of the district. Now they are passing their days in extreme hardship due to shortage of capital.

In absence of loan from the commercial banks, they are to borrow money from money-lenders at a high rate to finance their business. Talking to a fisherman, Madhab of Luxmipur in sadar thana, it was learnt that they

were not in a position to draw loans from the commercial banks as they do not have sufficient lands to give mortgage to banks. As a result they are deprived of bank loans.

Madhab said due to prolonged drought, almost all the water bodies like canals, ditches, ponds and beels have almost died up.

Many fishermen have changed their profession for their livelihood.

Another fish seller Ramesh said that though the prices of fishes have increased, the fishermen are not really benefitted as they have to purchase daily necessities at an exorbitant prices.

The concerned authority should take necessary steps to disburse loans among the fishermen at a lower rate and also to rehabilitate the fishermen immediately.

15 injured in 3 separate clashes in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 17: Fifteen persons were injured in three separate incidents on Sunday last in the city. The first and the second year students of Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute were locked in a clash leaving five students injured. The clash ensued when some students of first year class teased a girl of second year. One person, Rafique, was admitted into Rajshahi Medical College Hospital with critical injury.

In another incident at Halem Khan two groups of youths fought each other with deadly weapons and cocktails when an arbitration meeting ended in fiasco. Six persons including a minor child were injured in the clash. Shuva, 7, was admitted into Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. Police rushed to the spot and situation bought under control.

Edn for All programme faces set-back

From CHT Correspondent

BANDARBAN, Sept 17: Imparting of primary education in the district has been facing a virtual stand still due to unnecessary delay in according approval for recruitment of teachers by the concerned ministry for the last three years, sources alleged.

A number of 64 government free primary schools, running without any headmasters, have only two assistant teachers, one of whom has been working as headmaster burdening the other to teach students of the school, whereas, another 60 government free primary schools in the district are being run with a single teacher, ridiculing the government slogan, education for all by 2000, sources alleged.

The Local Government Council of Bandarban hill district, vested with the responsibility of administering the primary education, has so far recruited 74 assistant teachers for the government

free primary school in July last since after its functioning on June, 1989.

The recruited teachers have reportedly been trying to be posted at their convenient schools avoiding joining to the school instructed in the appointment letter which created a discontent among the people of the locality, people alleged.

Holding the charge of the Thana Primary Education Officer, the Assistant Thana Primary Education Officer in the six thanas of the district, out of seven, have been looking after the affairs of free primary education in the district. Only Bandarban sadar thana has got a thana primary education officer luckily.

Resolving in a numbers of meetings of the Bandarban Local Government Council the concerned ministry was requested to arrange to post thana primary education officer on emergency basis.

12 get life-term for killing one

BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 17:

Twelve people were sentenced to life-term imprisonment in a sensational murder case, court sources said here today, reports UNB.

The convicted Harun, Saman, Yunus, Kamrul, Habib, Abul Bashar, Darog Ali, Rabu and Abdul Aziz were also fined Tk 1000 each, in default, to suffer one year rigorous imprisonment more.

According to the prosecution, on September 20, 1991, the accused attacked one Kamal Khan at Chillkut Baguwara village in Sadar thana following a previous enmity while he was returning home along with his wife. The accused beat Kamal mercilessly and at one stage stabbed him to death.

A case was filed with Ashuganj thana and CID police submitted a chargesheet against the accused.

Prices of essential commodities up in Barisal Div

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 17: Consumers in general and the people of fixed and low income groups have been facing serious inconveniences due to sharp rise in prices of different essential commodities in different markets of the southern districts under Barisal Division.

All classes of people especially the day labourers and the low income group of people are suffering much due to sudden rise in the price of rice in particular as well as of the other essential commodities.

One commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Sept 17: A widow committed suicide by taking poison recently.

It was reported that the widow, Zobeda Khatun, 49, of village Maheswarpur under Kaligonj thana following family trouble took poison and died on the spot.

Most rivers mark fall

The Brahmaputra recorded rise and fall while the Ganges registered fall at upstream points during the last 24 hours till 9 am Saturday, reports UNB.

A Flood Information Centre bulletin said, all the rivers in the Meghna and south-eastern hill basin excepting the Muhuri at Parshuram marked fall during the period.

The Ganges was flowing 36 cm and 14 cm above danger mark respectively at Pankha and Bhaigyakul. All other rivers of the country were flowing below their respective danger levels.

The Brahmaputra recorded rise at both Noonkhawa and Aricha, while it marked fall at Bahadurabad and Sirajganj ghats. The river remained steady at Chilmari.

Other rivers of the Brahmaputra basin including

the Teesta, the Old Brahmaputra, the Buriganga, the Lakhya, the Turag and the Kaliganga receded further.

The Ganges registered fall at Pankha, Rajshahi, Hardinge Bridge and Goalunda while it recorded slight rise at Bhaigyakul, the bulletin said.

Among the other rivers of the Ganges basin, the Goral, the Kumar the Karotoa, the Punarbhaba and the Mohananda also recorded fall.

All the rivers in the Meghna basin including the Meghna, the Kushiyara, the Manu, the Someswari, the Gumti marked fall at their respective points during the period.

Among the rivers in the south-eastern hill basin, the Muhuri registered rise at Parshuram. Other rivers of this basin marked fall at all points.



CHANDPUR: Prof Md Abdullah MP distributing prizes among the best fish farmers on the occasion of fish fortnight. — Star photo

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Pabna Road Division, Pabna

Notice Inviting Tenders

- Tender Notice No: 6-PRD/1995-96.
- Name of work: Different works at different roads in several location under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1995-96 in 20 (Twenty) groups.
- Chargeable head: As per group list.
- Estimated cost
- Earnest money
- Time allowed for completion of work
- Eligibility of bidders
- Name of offices where tender documents will be sold:
 - Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pabna/Sirajganj/Natore/Rajshahi/Planning & Programming (Road & Bridge) Division, Dhaka.
 - Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-III, Pabna/Ishurdi/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Pabna.
 - Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi.
 - Office of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Pabna Road Circle, Pabna/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (Road & Bridge), Dhaka.
 - Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pabna/Natore/Sirajganj.
- Name of offices where tender will be received
- Last date for selling tender documents: Up to 27-9-95 Eng./12-6-1402 Beng. during office hours.
- Date & time for receiving tenders: 28-9-95 Eng./13-6-1402 Beng. up to 12.30 PM.
- Date & time for opening tenders: 4-10-95 Eng./19-6-1402 Beng. at 12.45 PM.

Statement showing group No, Location of works, estimated cost, earnest money, head of accounts, time allowed for completion of works etc. for different roads in several location under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1995-96 in 20 (Twenty) groups.

Gr. No.	Name of Road	Name of work with location	Head of A/C	Estimated cost (Tk)	Earnest money (Tk)	Time allowed	Eligibility of bidders
I	Abdul Hamid Road	Widening by flexible pavt. and improvement of existing pavement at 2nd (p) & 3rd (p) KM	266 C A	16,70,689/-	33,414/-	45 days	'A' to 'D' general category of RHD
II	-do-	Widening by flexible pavt. and improvement of existing pavement at 2nd (p) & 3rd (p) KM	-do-	24,82,042/-	49,641/-	60 days	-do-
III	-do-	Widening by flexible pavt. and improvement of existing pavement at 3rd (p) & 4th (p) KM	-do-	24,78,141/-	49,563/-	60 days	-do-
IV	-do-	Repairing & seal coat at 8th (p) KM	-do-	4,81,441/-	9,629/-	15 days	'A' to 'E' general category of RHD
V	Nagarbari Ferry Ghat	Restoration of damaged pavt. by Flexible pavt. at Nagarbari Ferry Ghat	168 RBF	17,62,059/-	35,242/-	45 days	'A' to 'D' general category of RHD
VI	-do-	Repairing, carpeting & seal coat at Nagarbari Ghat	-do-	14,03,291/-	28,068/-	35 days	-do-
VII	-do-	Repairing, carpeting & seal coat at Nagarbari Ghat	-do-	7,59,373/-	15,188/-	20 days	'A' to 'E' general category of RHD
VIII	Kashinathpur-Kazirhat Road	Repairing, carpeting & seal coat at 1st KM & 2nd (p) KM	266 CA	24,97,138/-	49,943/-	60 days	'A' to 'D' general category of RHD
IX	-do-	Repairing, carpeting & seal coat at 2nd (p), 3rd & 4th (p) KM	-do-	24,98,842/-	49,977/-	60 days	-do-
X	Madhup-Santhia-Bera Road	Repairing, carpeting & seal coat at 7th (p) & 8th (p) KM	-do-	8,88,516/-	17,771/-	20 days	'A' to 'D' general category of RHD
XI	Pabna-Sujanagar Road	Repairing, carpeting & seal coat at 8th (p) & 9th (p) KM	-do-	10,67,697/-	21,354/-	25 days	-do-
XII	Chinakhora-Sujanagar Road	Repairing, carpeting & seal coat at 10th (p), 11th & 12th (p) KM	-do-	21,54,533/-	43,091/-	40 days	-do-
XIII	Tebunia-Althoria-Chatmohar-Bhangura-Faridpur-Baghabari Road	Repairing, carpeting & seal coat at 3rd (p) & 4th (p) KM	168 RBF (FDR)	8,83,723/-	17,675/-	20 days	-do-
XIV	-do-	Repairing, carpeting & seal coat at 5th (p) & 6th (p) KM	266 CA	8,83,723/-	17,675/-	20 days	-do-
XV	-do-	Earth work at Bridge approaching at 32nd KM (Boral river at Bhangura) Pabna end.	266 CA	24,95,176/-	49,904/-	60 days	-do-
XVI	Pabna-Paksey Road	Repairing & seal coat at 20th, 21st & 23rd KM	-do-	11,53,360/-	22,068/-	20 days	-do-
XVII	Pabna-Ishurdi Road	Repairing, carpeting & seal coat at 25th (p) & 26th (p) KM	168 RBF	10,70,306/-	21,407/-	20 days	-do-
XVIII	Barwasheer-Charghat-Bagha-Lalpur-Ishurdi Road	Repairing, carpeting & seal coat at 1st (p) & 2nd (p) KM	266 CA	7,13,537/-	14,271/-	20 days	'A' to 'E' general category of RHD
XIX	-do-	Repairing & seal coat at 2nd (p) & 3rd (p) KM	-do-	2,62,127/-	5,243/-	15 days	-do-
XX	-do-	Widening by flexible pavement at 6th (p) KM	-do-	8,84,649/-	17,693/-	25 days	'A' to 'D' general category of RHD