Tk 180 cr FAP project to save Jamalpur likely

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Oct 7: The Jamalpur Priority Project under Flood Action Plan (FAP) 3.1 is likely to be implemented at an estimated cost of Taka 180 crore to save Jamalpur district and its adsources said. joining areas from erosion. flood, water logging and for dredging of the rivers Jamuna and old Brahmaputra. A total of 631000 people of the district will be directly

sources. The execution of the Jamalpur Priority Project of FAP-3.1 started Bahadurabad ghat while different donor agencies, French government and Economic European Commission (EEC), are likely to provide funds for its implementation.

benefited from the FAP pro-

ject, according to official

The FAP organisers while outlining the Jamalpur Priority Project (JPP) said that the disastrous 1987 and 1988 devastating floods in Bangladesh raised considerable international interest in helping the country to find along-term solutions to its flood problem.

At the request of Bangladesh government the World Bank, EEC, French government and different donor agencies later agreed to co-ordinate the preparation of a five year action plan for flood control. The Action Plan was discussed and endorsed by a meeting of

not witnessed such a severe

flood in last 82 years of my

life in our locality", said Abdul

Jabbar of Bilgharia village un-

district on October 3 noon.

ing through their village.

he said.

of flood waters

der sadar thana of Naogaon

along with his family mem-

Jabbar has taken shelter

"I have experienced the

flood of 1966. That was re-

ally devastating, but prevailed

only for two days. Water came

rapidly and receded rapidly,"

experienced a great havoc

this year caused by sudden

floods. All 99 unions of 11

donors held in London in December 1989 and five times in different places in Bangladesh. The JPP is one of the 26 projects taken under this five year FAP, official

The sources said JPP. covering an area of 92,000 hectares in six thanas namely Madarganj, Jamalpur, Sarishabari, Dewanganj, Islampur and Melandah. would protect phenomenal floods, provide irrigation facilities to 66,000 hectares of cultivable development and ensure protection to environment as well as provide socio-economic benefits to the local people.

Besides, three thanas belonging to the north west region namely Phulchhari, Sariakandi and Kazipur should also be considered as being part of the mainland project area since they belong to the same geographical unit.

The JPP, comprising pilot irrigation project on 5000 hectares, 108 km of main irrigation project, 125 km flood control dam, four main project structure, 55 flaming structures, 70 controlling structures, 150 culverts, 50 rehabilitation structures, and 3000 square metre of physical structures, will have massive arrangement for rising, hauling, preservation and transportation of fish re-

The field level execution

of the project started this fiscal year 1995-96 while French government, EEC and donor agencies are to provide

funds for its implementation. The JPP will generate huge employment opportunities which would be filled up by the local people particularly the distressed women and poor people. In the project areas arrangements will be made for cultivation of vegetables and raising poultry farming for the landless

With the implementation of the project, the physical condition of the areas will be developed in the projected areas where massive tree plantation and afforestation activities will be gearedup for protecting ecological balance.

Meanwhile, measures have been taken to protect several important markets, Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills, Jamuna Fertilizer Factory Bahadurabad ghat Jagannathgani ghat, Sirajgani railway, ferry ghat, from the

erosion of the rivers Jamuna. Water Bangladesh Development Board sources said that protection structures would be built in these areas, implementation of the scheme would remove the threat of erosion in the dis-

The main land area of the JPP includes 1,23000 households which are likely to be protected through construction of the embankments under the project. About 50 per cent people of the project area have no

land while some 37 per cent have less then one acre of land to earn their livelihood. The labour force has been estimated around 230000 of whom 22 per cent have work while 48 per cent are underemployed throughout the

A drainage system will be developed in the main land of the project area with the Matardha Chatal rivers acting as main drain connecting a number of secondary natural drains located in the eastern part of the project area.

The fisheries sector will have an important role in the economic context of the Jamalpur Flood Control Action programme. The various water resources will be utilised for fish production.

The site of flood protection embankments is planned in such a way as to project a maximum percentage of the agriculture land, villages and railway lines. However placing of the embankment near the Jamuna river and the old Brahmaputra will have limited risk of bank erosion due to the shifting of the major flood channels and erosion of new channels.

Several foreign water resources have also visited to the JPP areas. The project will conclude during the 1998-99 fiscal year.

Rupesh escapes but how many more are in captivity?

From AKM Zahoorul Huq

KAPTAI (Rangamati), Oct : Rupesh Chakma, a teenage victim of the tribal insurgents, who recently managed to escape from their captivity, having lost his near and dear ones including parents, sought shelter and protection to the appropriate authority.

"The tribal insurgents, better known Shantibahini, killed my father and forcibly remarried my mother to one of their supporters. My only sister, Tantani died of illness without any treatment at Mizoram, when we were brought there as hostages," Rupesh alleged while lament-Reaching at Kaptai after

leeing from Mizoram, crossing about 200 kilometre jungie thoroughfare, full of acclivity and declivity, Rupesh while narrating his recent self-relinquished life full of horror to the local journalists said, "I was very happy and living a havenly peaceful life with my parents and sister at Bandukchhari in Zurachhari thana of the district.

The Shantbahinimen force my fawould always ther to work for them. My father would try to avoid those as he was not satisfied with the terrorist activities in the name of working for achieving autonomy, Rupesh said, adding that failing to convince my father, the

Shantibahinimen killed him in 1976. Later, they forcibly remarried my mother to one of their supporters, after a week of my father's assassination, separating me and my sister from her.

Later on, the Shantibahinimen took us to their abode in Mizoram. I was then a mere tender child. They admitted me into the government school at Salt in Mizoram to build me according to their ideology. Alongside conventional education, I was imparted training on firearms, said Rupesh. By this time, my beloved younger sister, Tantani died of illness, uncared, unattended and without any medicine, Rupesh narrated in a sad mood.

In school or outside, Rupesh was there under strict vigilance of the insurgents.

"After the continuous planning of fleeing for years after years, availing the first chance, I escaped knowing certain life risks, who not only killed my near and dear ones but also killed the dreams of my life, Rupesh recollected memory on sorrowful aspect of his life.

Kaptai region authority has provided him initial assistance and assured him to continue assistant in future with possible security, it was

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল

নীলফামারী বিভাগ, নীলফামারী

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

Invited Tender Notice with Sealed Cover from BD Form No 2911.

Name of work

Tender Notice No

PRD 26/1995-96. Construction of 48.78M span

Tope SPS Steel bridge over pre-coust RCC Pile foundation on Chaita Khal at Kathaltali Bazar of Chandukhali-Shubidkhali-Kanki-Kathaltali -Bakergani Road under Patuakhali Road Division during the

year 1995-96. Tk 82,73,699.00

Tk 1,65,474.00

80 (Eighty) days from the date

of work order. "A" to "C" (Special) category.

ctors of RHD Name of offices availability tender

documents

Eligibility of contra-

Estimated cost

Earnest money

Time allowed

Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/Bhola/ Piroj-

pur/Planning & Design Division, Barisal/Planning Division, Dhaka the undersigned and all Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, under Road Division Ratuakhaliduring office hours on all

working days up to 21.10.95.

Name of officers to receiving of bids (with sealed)

The Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone, Barisal.

Superintending Engineer RHD, Barisal Circle,

Barisal Superintending Engineer RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (Road &

Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. Executive Engineer, RHD

Barisal/Bhola/Pirojpur. The undersigned. Up to 12.30 PM, 22-10-95

AD /7.7.1402 BS.

Last date and time of receipt (with sealed)

At 12.45 PM, 22-10-95 Date and time of AD/7-7-1402 BS. opening of bids

(with sealed) Date and time of opening of bids

At 11.00 AM, AD/10-7-1402 BS

Date and time of lottery

26-10-95 At 12.30 PM, AD/11-7-1402 BS.

25-10-95

A K M Reazul Islam Executive Engineer, RHD, . Patuakhali Road Division

Patuakhali.

Executive Engineer, LGED, Habiganj.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer

Local Government Engineering Department, Habiganj

Memo No: LGED/XEN/Habi/IDB-7/95/2325

Date: 27-9-95

TENDER NOTICE NO-07/95-96

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of LGED & prequalified contractors under different projects of Local Government Engineering Department for re-construction of single storied pucca school building under Islamic Development Bank assisted Govt Primary School Construction Project.

Interested contractors can obtain necessary tender documents during normal office hours on all working days up to 21.10.95 from the office of either (i) Executive Engineer, LGED, Dist: Sylhet/ Sunamgani/Moulvibazar (ii) Thana Engineer, LGED, Thana: Madhabpur, Dist: Habigani & the office of the undersigned on cash payment of Tk 300.00 (Three hundred) only (non-refundable) in favour of the tender signed after obtaining written approval from the respective officers for purchase of tender documents on showing documentary evidence of their enlistment. Tenders will be received by the above mentioned offices up to 1.00 hours (PM) on 22.10.95. No tender will be accepted beyond this time and tenders will be opened at 1.30 hours (PM) on the same day in the presence of the tenderers, if any.

Interested tenderer may gather necessary information regarding tender, from the above mentioned offices during normal office hours on all working days. Tenders must be accompanied by all relevant papers and earnest money 2.5% of the total quoted price in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Dist: Habiganj as stated in tender document.

The authority reserves the right to except any tender or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Tender not complying with the stipulated conditions will be treated as non responsive & will be

rejected. Completion time Cost of tender Name of the work Earnest money for work document No 120 300.00 Const of Fatehgazi Govt Primary 2.5% of the total School under Madhabpur Thana. quoted price. Md Khalilur Rahman

Flood victims in Naogaon are virtually starving From Our Correspondent distributed the rice on

RAJSHAHI, Oct 7: "I have Daily Star that almost 90 per cent area of the district have gone under water and more than nine lakh people have been marooned till October

According to the district administration sources, a total of 1,98,000 houses have bers on a high road side pass- been washed away in the district by strong current of flood waters in last one week. People usually build their houses with mud whether it is one storied or two-storied. The mud-made house wall easily become first target of The district of Naogaon flood water and collapse within few days time. At least 1.70,000 families have already been rendered housethanas and the municipal ar- less in the district.

Azizur Rahman Mollah, 43. eas have been submerged in only three days. Only few a solvent farmer of Badalhata village under Manda thana, high lands could escape the took shelter with his family floods. The whole district, and some four thousand comprising 3,449 square kilometers, is, in fact, flood-stricken neighbours on the side of Rajshahi-Naogaon struggling in strong current Highway under the open sky Abul Kalam Azad, the occupying about one and a and half miles long road. He said

Rehabilitation Officer (DRO) that 46, out of 52 houses of

of Nangaon informed The their village had been washed

away within three days.

"The heavy current of flood waters rushed so rapidly and vehemently that the whole village and its surrounding areas had gone three to four feet deep water within only three hours.

Another flood-hit victim, Eskander Ali, 47, added that people were frightened and fled from their houses empty-handed leaving all their property.

Azizur Rahman Mollah said that he left his house leaving there about 15 mounds of paddy in a 'gola' (a bamboomade store house) that collapsed in flood water. I got only a three-quarter of a kilogram of rice on Sunday last in last three days for his fivemember family.

Practically lakhs of people are passing their days and mights here without having

Four gunny bags of rice were allocated for about six thousand flood-affected peo ple of Akbarpur union of Patnitola thana. The Chairman and the members

October 1 but the people gheraowed them demanding more relief. At least they could manage to escape and fled from the area to save themselves from the grip of hunger-stricken angry people, it was learnt from the victims while visiting the ar-

Many people are living on fish which is moderately available now almost everywhere as a huge amount of fish have escaped ponds and beels into the open flood wa-

Boes Ali, 42, a rickshawpuller from Keshabpur village under Manda thana informed that his family was surviving eating fish for the past one week. "I have no work as the roads have been submerged. I have not received any relief. He alleged that many people were in starvation but no one was making enquiries about

The district administration has already distributed 200 metric tons of rice, 200 metric tons of wheat and Taka one lakh in cash among the flood-affected people of the district. The DRO said that another 300 metric tons of rice and Taka two lakh have been allocated. The amount of relief is too little to meet the demand, admit-

ted a government official. Markets have remained almost closed being submerged in flood waters Supply of essential commodities have been severely hindered as all road links have been affected by floods. As a result, crisis of all necessary things have become acute in the district raising their prices. Coarse rice is now sold at Tk 16 per kilogram which was sold at Taka 12 a week ago.

Fish, available in plenty. has become very cheap. One kilogram of katla, ruhi, silver curp etc is selling at between Tk 6 and Tk 12 only. That is why many people are fishing to earn.

Scarcity of drinking water has become very acute as most tubewells have been submerged. People have to drink flood water, it was observed

An official of the District Agriculture Extension Department said that at least 87,000 hectares of croplands have been affected by the floods. Naogaon, comprising three-fourths of the main Barind Tract, is welknown for producing aman paddy every year. Clearly this district will be hard hit this

Azizur Rahman Mollah of Badalhata village said that aman crops of 23 bighas of iand which he owns have been completely damaged.

Sadekur Rahman, former member of Umar Union Parishad under Patnitola thana said that 70 per cent standing aman paddy have been severely damaged in the

Heavy torrential rains dur ing last four days of September and torrential streams of water from the upstreams caused overflow



NAOGON: Finding no other place, a flood-stricken family took shelter on this sunken road. This photo was taken on October 2 at Bilgharia under Naogaon sadar - Star photo thana.

ing of the river Atrai and Chhoto Jamuna.

Poulder dams and flood protection dams broke down at Tilakpur, Amtali, BDR camp and Sultanpur points under the sadar thana. Narayanpur point under Bodalgachi thana, Kunjaban point under Mohadevpur thana, Balubazar and Narayanpur points under

Manda thana. Choto Chandpur point under Patnitola thana and some other six points resulting in river waters rushing to the surrounding areas.

Thousands of hens and ducks, goats and sheeps and cattle have been drifted away by the strong current of flood

waters Eight person, died of drowning till October 2, ac cording to officials.

Meanwhile, some organised gangs of dacoits have become active in some flood affected areas and have been committing theft and dacoities in the houses left by the flood-affected people. They are taking away household valuables and tins. Three such incidences have been reported in Patnitola thana recently.

The whole district of Naogaon has been virtually ditched from rest of the country as road communication has remained completely suspended in all directions. Naogaon-Rajshahi road is under three to five feet water till writing of this report. Naogaon-Shantahar road

has also been sunken in most parts. Road communications between the thanas and the headquarters have also been completely disrupted. Boats are now the only means to move from one place to an other, but there is shortage of boats too That is why marooned people could not be rescued, said an official of the district administration. It has become very difficult to reach

Flood victims everywhere alleged that the government

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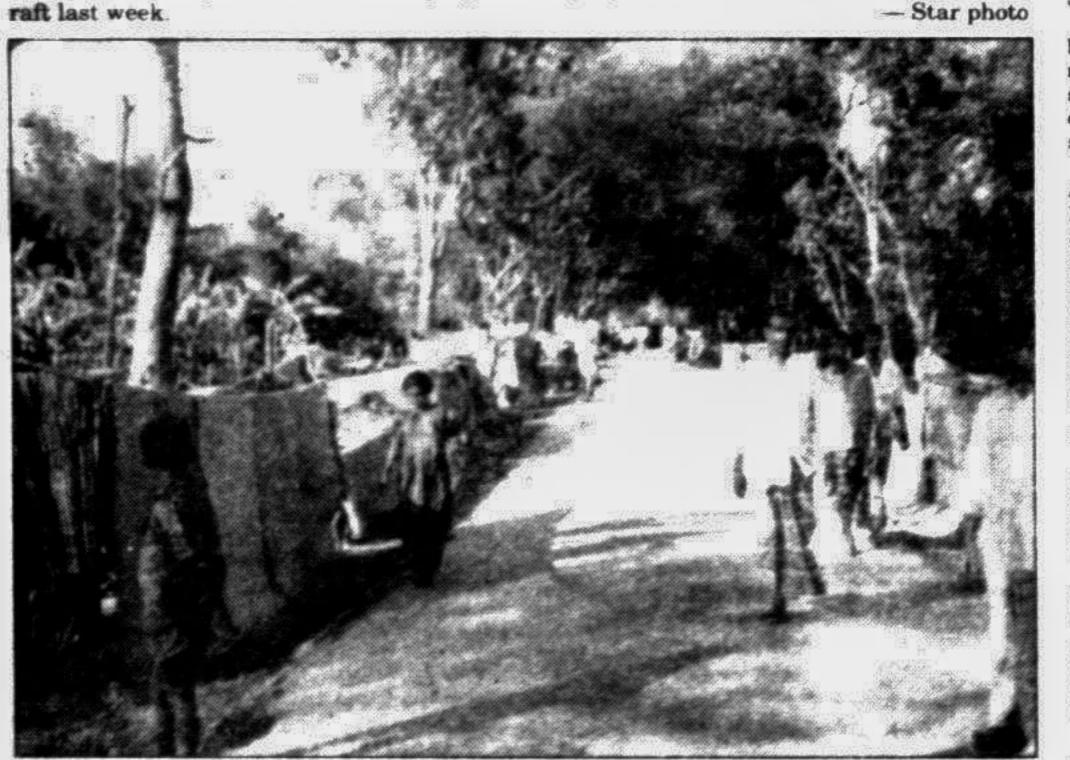
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ties or NGOs have made enquiries about their conditions. Sufficient amount of relief

officials nor the political par-

materials in the form of food. money, fuel, medicine and tents should be supplied without delay to the floodstricken people of Naogaon, as well as extensive post flood rehabilitation programme should be started. suggest experienced sources.

NAOGAON: The entire area of Chakpati village of Naogaon sadar thana went under flood-water. The photo shows some people are trying hard to lift a sunken rickshaw on a



NAOGAON: More than four thousand flood-stricken people took shelter on this road near Manda Ferry ghat of the district. The government did not yet open any shelter centre for them it was alleged. They have been badly suffering from shortage of food. Star photo