

**Armed clash leaves nine injured in Barisal**

From Staff Correspondent  
BARISAL, Dec 8: At least nine young men were injured two of them seriously following a clash between two groups of young men armed with lethal weapons at Madrasa Road of Bakerganj thana of Barisal Wednesday morning.

The armed youngmen were locked in clash following previous enmity. Witnesses said, Suman, 18, and Mantu were admitted to Bakerganj thana health complex in critical condition.

**Three women traffickers held**

SATKHIRA, Dec 8: Three women traffickers were arrested on Friday from Kashmiri in Shyamnagar thana of the district, police said, reports UNB.

The traffickers were identified as Mizanur, Rafiqul and Bashir.

The victim Nasima of village Kashmari was picked up by the gang from her village on November 1 last this year and sent her to Barunhat in neighbouring India.

However, local people of Barunhat rescued her from the traffickers and handed over Nasima to her relatives.

Later, police on the basis of statement of Nasima, arrested the women traffickers and sent them to jail hajat.

**One held for carrying arms in Jhenidah**

JHENIDAH, Dec 8: An unidentified young man was arrested from Jhenidah Collectorate Office for carrying arms on Wednesday, police said, reports INB.

Police recovered a pipe gun and two rounds of bullets from his possession. A case was filed in this connection.

Another report says, a Bangladeshi Nationalist Party (BNP) activist, identified as Abdul Hai, 35, was injured when an unidentified gun man shot at him at his village Harahara in Salkakupa thana on Monday.

He was admitted to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

**Drug addiction among youth community in Pabna—300 had to suffer premature deaths in last 10 yrs**

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Dec 8: Drug addiction, specially to Phensidyl, heroin, and addiction to country-made liquor, smoking ganza etc became rampant among large sections of the youth community throughout the district of Pabna — specially in Pabna town, Ishurdi, Bera, Nagarbari ferry ghat areas, Ataikula, Chatmohar, Kashinathpur and Hazirhat areas.

The pernicious habit got a special impetus since the middle of the eighties and during this long period of one decade, at least 300 youth had to suffer premature deaths, over 500 received convictions in different cases for possessing or illegally trading or storing of those illegal and harmful drugs. Many were still rotting in the jails while many others were being hunted by the police.

The items that have created havoc in Pabna district are heroin and Phensidyl. These are very often smuggled from across the border. Often poor women are found to ferry these items as agents of traders who always remain behind the screen and are hardly touched or brought to book by the agencies assigned with the task. Road-side small restaurants, way-side *paan-bidi* shops and even groceries are found to remain engaged in this trade observing secrecy. Even from the fish-market areas of Pabna town, a huge quantity of heroin was recovered recently by the police and Drug Control officials through their joint operation.

Addiction has been growing, according to a recent survey, among the bus, truck and mini-bus drivers, tempo-drivers, rickshaw-pullers, unemployed youth, male and female students, restaurant boys, cinema hall employees, men and women from the lower class communities and also, quite strange it may seem to appear, among a section of educated people having adequate means.

The survey report reveals, at least 5000 boys and girls in Pabna town are addicted to heroin, Phensidyl, ganza, wine and other such pernicious drugs and thus the social peace and harmony, are seriously threatened.

At least 2000 families in

different localities of Pabna town have lost their families and family-relationships too. Very miserable stories are hidden in every locality of Pabna town. There are so pathetic stories that even father of an addicted son, having failed to prevent the boy from this suicidal habit, approached the police authorities to lodge any sort of case against him and put him behind bars. Number of such cases, during the said decade, would be around several hundreds.

There are cases such as

with regard to their future. Trouble of the parents, in such cases, became so acute that could hardly be narrated.

These addicts include, as has already been mentioned earlier, the school and college-going girls too in two different ways. When they find that a section of boys do it, they feel there might be some charm in it and hence they get attracted and gradually become addicted without caring for their future health and life. There are others, it was gathered from a teacher of a local college, that out of frustrated love

between the Police Super and the said department leading to virtual suspension of the anti-narcotic, anti-liquor drive in the district as the Department itself had no force for which they were completely dependent on the Police Superintendent.

The advantage of this inter-departmental squabbles was quite safely utilised by the criminals, drug smugglers, hoarders, stockists and traders. So the situation could reach such a wide dimension. The authorities of the Department, even in presence of police often had to face armed resistance too and at least one such incident occurred very recently within the Barobazar area.

The areas adjoining the cinema halls, the bus stands and terminals, ferry ghats, railway stations, hats and bazars, surrounding areas of colleges, schools including the women's colleges and the girls' schools etc are believed to be the depots of sale, storing and use of these drugs. Addicts are often found to be teasing

Police have, however, recently become active and have been quite sincerely working in cooperation with the Anti-narcotics Department, it was disclosed by the Deputy Director of the Department while talking to The Daily Star over telephone. This has been yielding quite favourable results. Already, the Deputy Director said, a good number of offenders have been brought to book since the new Superintendent of Police took over in early October. Jamshed Uddin Bhuiyan, the new Police Super, told The Daily Star that vigorous drive would be launched soon.

Social resistance against these drug-addicts, drug-traders, stockists and smugglers is, however, absent in Pabna. Neither the political parties, or the NGOs, nor any socio-cultural organisation have yet come out with any programme to resist this highly anti-social practice which has been eating into the vitals of the youth community and jeopardising the social values immensely to the utter detriment of the society as a whole. The moral values have been disappearing, house-to-

house theft of small and big nature has become almost a daily affair.

While talking to this correspondent at least five housewives from different localities of Pabna town told that every night thefts were being committed — either in the evening or at dead of night in so many houses. Besides, thefts by breaking windows are also not rare. Since the thieves and miscreants are armed, none braves to lodge complaints with the police. These are being mostly done by the drug-addicts in every *mahalla*, the

housewives added. It has also been alleged that the addicts have also built up a network even from inside the local jail for making heroin, ganza and even liquor available to them inside the jail. A section of dishonest employees of the jail are involved in this practice, it was further alleged.

Pabna also needs a hospital for undertaking treatment of the drug-addicts in view of the widespread and alarming situation prevailing due to rampant growth of addiction.



PABNA: Bags containing bottles of Phensidyl syrup recovered by the Anti-Narcotics and Drug Control Department along with the help of police force recently. — Star photo

**Materials worth Tk 50 lakh missing from PWD godown**

From Our Correspondent  
SIRAJGANJ, Dec 8: Materials worth about Tk 50 lakh have been stolen mysteriously from the godown of Sirajganj Public Works Department (PWD). The incident was detected on September 12 last but no steps of recovery were taken even within three months.

It was learnt that electrical equipment were stolen from the sealed godown of PWD. The lock of the doors were properly sealed yet the materials were missing mysteriously. After opening the godown store keeper Shahzhan Ali and SDE Resbahuddin found the materials missing.

Needs be mentioned that in the past, SDE Resbahuddin was accused of misappropriating goods from PWD godown when he was posted here as storekeeper.

According to the decision of the then authority, he is paying Tk 1500 every month from his salary as compensation by which Tk 70 thousand have been realised. After his retirement, he will have to pay Tk 2 lakh from post retirement benefits.

The PWD authority have lodged a case with Sirajganj Sadar police. The night guard of the godown could not say anything about the recent theft.



PABNA: A group of youngmen smoking heroin near Pabna Shaheed Aminuddin Law College west of Rupkatha Cinema Hall. — Star photo

addicted son or sons have stolen away money and other valuables — including household utensils, and sold out in nominal price to satisfy his or their addiction. Assaults and murder attempts were also reported within the family.

Lawyers were also often approached by the guardians of such addicted wards, to start any sort of case against the boy, or boys and send them to custody. They were even ready to pay money as was necessary for this purpose.

Stories are also not rare when, failing to restrain the young husband from drug addiction, the helpless wife also resorted to the practice of using drugs herself with the frustrated idea that both would die. Instances also are there that falling to stop her husband from drug addiction, the wife sought divorce and consequently, the helpless children fell in untold miseries

also, a section of girls are getting attracted to this habit. Failure in examinations, bad societies, *mastan*-dominated atmosphere are also some other factors which have been contributing to the alarming increase in this dangerous practice. Parents and other well-wishers of such addicted boys and girls also pass their nights and days amid fear since these addicts soon get linked with armed gangsters and hence their security of life and property might be at stake.

Role of the law-enforcing agencies during the last four years was said to be virtually absent since the Department of Narcotics, Liquor and Drug Control of Pabna got no cooperation from the then Superintendent of Police in launching their drive. The Department was compelled to lodge written complaints with the higher authorities concerned during the last year. Open conflict grew

**Fund constraints stall groyne construction**

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 8: A Tk 52-crore project of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) at Simla in Sadar thana could not be implemented even after five years due to fund constraints.

It was learnt that the Sirajganj Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Division of BWDB took up a scheme to construct an 800-feet groyne at Simla in 1990 to resist continuous erosion by Jamuna. On repeated public demand, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also committed to implement the project.

At the first phase Tk 10 lakh was sanctioned and one lakh cubic feet of concrete blocks were prepared. In the second phase, 1.30 lakh cubic feet of concrete blocks were constructed. No funds were sanctioned later on.

Due to shortage of fund, the concrete blocks could not be dumped. When contacted, a source of local BWDB office told that sanction of required fund is needed to complete the works of the undertaken project.



RAJSHAH UNIVERSITY: Female students of RU protesting the unscheduled winter vacation of the university on December 2 last. — Star photo

**4000 cases filed against defaulting loanees in Sirajganj**

From Our Correspondent  
SIRAJGANJ, Dec 8: The scheduled banks have issued about four thousand certificate cases against the defaulting agricultural loanees of the district.

It is learnt from different sources that Janata, Sonali, Agrani and Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RKUB) had disbursed Tk 5,59,95,000 as agricultural loans. The loans could not be realised in due time. RKUB alone has lodged 181 cases with Artha Rin court and 1,183 certificate cases against the defaulting farmers.

**Industrial wastes causing severe environmental pollution**

NATORE, Dec 8: The poisonous elements of industrial wastes are causing serious environmental pollution in the surrounding areas of the district town, reports UNB.

A statistical report of the Environment Department says, the wastes of the three large scale industrial units of the district have been polluting the environment. The wastes coming out from the three industries, two sugar mills and a distillery, are causing health hazards to the people. The water of the river Narad has also been polluted by the industrial wastes.

**Rival political activists clash in Mymensingh, 50 injured**

MYMENSINGH, Dec 8: At least 50 people were injured in a clash between the rival political activists in and around the rail station ground in Gafargaon thana Wednesday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash ensued when Awami League activists tried to hold a reception meeting violating section 144 imposed as both AL and JCD had called programmes at the ground at the same day and same time.

Several hand bombs were exploded in the clash marking chasing and counter chasing for three hours. Police lobbed tear gas shells and fired rubber bullets. Police also arrested nine people from the spot.

A special squad of police was sent from district headquarters to the spot. The section 144, however, continued.

**11 alleged dacoits held in Satkhira**

SATKHIRA, Dec 8: Police arrested 11 people and recovered two country-made pistols and some ammunition when they were going to commit a dacoity at a village at Shyamnagar thana with a micro-bus on Monday night, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police put barricade at Howlabhang bridge and caught them red-handed.

**Rival groups clash over harvesting of paddy in Barguna**

From Staff Correspondent  
BARISAL, Dec 8: At least ten persons were injured two of them seriously when two groups of armed people, one led by About Aziz and the other led by Abdul Majid were locked in a clash over harvesting paddy in a disputed land at Chankhali village under sadar thana of Barguna district Wednesday last.

Witnesses said, when Abdul Aziz went to reap paddy from a disputed land with his men Abdul Majid resisted them with his men thus clash began.

**Office of the Project Manager  
Project Implementation Unit (PIU)  
Secondary Towns Integrated Flood Protection Project  
Moulvibazar Pourashava  
Moulvibazar**

**Tender Notice**

MEMO NO. STIEPP/MOUL/POUR/T-01/309 Date: 4-12-95

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh have received a Credit from Asian Development Bank under ADB Loan No. 1202-BAN (SF) towards the cost of the Secondary Towns Integrated Flood Protection Project for 05 (five) Pourashava and 1 (one) City Corporation namely Khulna City Corporation, Dinajpur, Panchagar, Kurigram, Habiganj and Moulvibazar Pourashava. The undersigned, Project Manager, Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Moulvibazar Pourashava intends to take up under the same Loan different types of works as shown below during the year 1995-96 implementation programme.

Sealed tenders for implementation of the works are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from the enlisted pre-qualified contractors of Secondary Towns Integrated Flood Protection Project, Local Govt. Engineering Department (LGED), 7/16, Lalmatia, Block 'B', Dhaka-1207. Renewed for 1995-96.

Interested pre-qualified contractors can obtain the necessary tender documents during normal office hours on all working days up to 24-12-1995 from the Office of either 1. The Project Director, Secondary Towns Integrated Flood Protection Project, LGED, 7/16, Lalmatia, Block 'B', Dhaka-1207 or 2. The Project Manager, PIU of Moulvibazar Pourashava, or 3. Executive Engineer, LGED, District Moulvibazar on cash payment as shown below in the list of works (Non-refundable) in favour of the undersigned after obtaining written approval from the respective officers for purchase of tender documents on showing documentary evidence of their pre-qualification. The tender will be received by the above mentioned offices up to 12:00 Noon on 26-12-95. No tender will be received beyond this time, and tenders will be opened at 12:30 PM on the same day in presence of the tenderers, if any.

Interested tenderers may gather necessary information regarding tender and work from the above mentioned offices during normal office hours on all working days. The tender must be accompanied by all relevant papers and Earnest Money @2.50% (Two point five per cent) of the total quoted price in favour of the Project Manager, PIU, Moulvibazar Pourashava as stated in tender documents.

Both Income Tax and Value Added Tax (VAT) in respect of cash payment will have to be paid by the contractors as per prevailing rules and regulation of the Govt. of Bangladesh, participating tenderers shall have to submit 'VAT Registration Certificate' along with the tenders, otherwise the tender will be liable to reject.

Before starting the all civil works construction materials (i.e brick, cement, sand concrete etc.) will be tested from the LGED, Laboratory of local District nearby. If the test result is not satisfactory the contractor will not be allowed to start the work.

The Authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all the tenders without assigning reasons thereof. Tenders not complying with the stipulated conditions will be treated as non-responsive and will be rejected.

Secondary Towns Integrated Flood Protection Project 1995-96 Implementation Programme, Moulvibazar Pourashava, Moulvibazar					
Package No.	Group	Name of the project	Earnest money	Cost of tender document	Completion time of work.
01.	A	Construction of main drain Do-D1-D2-D5-D6 under drainage system 'D' from ch.0+00 to 0+184=184M	2.50% of total quoted amount	Tk 300/00	90 days
02.	B	-Do- -Do- From ch.0+184 to 0+470.50=286.50M	-Do-	Tk 500/00	90 days
03.	C	Construction of tertiary drain D1-D-3 under drainage system 'D' from ch.0+00 to 0+250=250M	-Do-	Tk 300/00	60 days
04.	A	Construction of Tertiary drain H1-H2 under drainage system 'H' from ch.0+00 to 0+200=200M	-Do-	Tk 300/00	90 days
05.	B	-Do- -Do- From ch.0+200+0+427=227M	-Do-	Tk 300/00	90 days
06.	C	-Do- -Do- from ch 0+427 to 0+522.50 =95.50M	-Do-	Tk 300/00	60 days
07.		Construction of tertiary drain 1 & 2 of length 143.00 M& 187.00M respectively	-Do-	Tk 300/00	75 days
08.		Construction of Main Drain Ho-H1-H3 under drainage system 'H' from ch.0+564.50 to 914.00=349.50M	-Do-	Tk 500/00	90 days

**Binendra Ch. Roy**  
Project Manager  
&  
Executive Engineer  
Moulvibazar Pourashava  
Moulvibazar.

**Tender Notice**

1. Tender notice number : 9/1995-96.

2. Name of works : Re-sectioning of embankment, const. of Flushing Sluice, construction of Flushing Pipe Inlet, construction of Pipe Culvert, construction of Division Box, repairing of 3 Nos. Tin-shed Barrack, repairing of SDE's Resident, repairing of boundary wall and repairing of internal CC Road of Colony at Galachipa of Patuakhali District under SRP in Polder No. 55/1 during 1995-96.

3. Estimated cost :

- A) Re-sectioning of embankment, Total Group-46 Nos.
  - i) Lowest-2,91,917/-
  - ii) Highest-9,38,554/-
- B) Construction of Flushing Sluice-Total Group-6 Nos.
  - i) Lowest-9,86,181/-
  - ii) Highest -24,09,392/-
- C) Construction of Pipe Culvert- Total Group-15 Nos.
  - i) Lowest-1,43,376/-
  - ii) Highest -2,45,092/-
- D) Construction of Pipe Inlet-Total Group-2 Nos. Group No 68, Tk 4,06,899/- Group No. 69, Tk 2,71,266/-
- E) Division Box-1 Group Group No. 70, Tk 2,79,454/-
- F) Rep. of 3 Nos. Tin-shed Barrack 1 Group Group No. 71, Tk 5,04,925/-
- G) Rep. of SDE's Resident-1 Group Group No. 72, Tk. 49,985/-
- H) Rep. of boundary wall-1 Group Group No. 73, Tk. 1,64,808/-
- I) Rep. of C.C. Road at Galachipa-1 Group Group No. 74, Tk. 99,454/-

4. Earnest money : For every group 2.50% (Two and half per cent) of estimated cost of the tender as normal earnest money and 1% (One per cent) of the earnest money by the FD holder with the tender as mentioned in the tender.

5. Date and time of receiving and opening of the tender : Tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O & M Circle, WDB, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division-II, WDB, Dhaka/Barisal O&M Division/Barguna O&M Division from 18.12.95 to 29.12.95 and up to 12:00 Noon of 20.12.95 and tender will be opened by the respective officers on 20.12.95 at 12:30 pm in presence of the intending tenderers.

6. Nature of contractor : 'A, B, C and D' class contractor of BWDB during 1994-95.

7. Name and address of the office where tender documents and other information will be available : The office of the undersigned as well as from the office of the Deputy Director/RAC Chief, RAC, BWDB, Dhaka/Deputy Director/RAC Chief, RAC, BWDB, Barisal/RAC Chief, RAC, BWDB Patuakhali/Manager, Rupali Bank, Patuakhali, Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel C/Area, Dhaka/Manager, Sonali Bank, Sagardi Branch, Barisal up to 19.12.95.

8. Name and address of the advertiser : Md. Gulzer Hossain Executive Engineer, Patuakhali O & M Division, WDB, Patuakhali.

**Md. Gulzer Hossain**  
Executive Engineer  
Patuakhali O&M Division  
WDB, Patuakhali

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