

Tragic death of son, father

From Our Correspondent
GAIBANDHA, Dec 19: A father and his son were roasted alive in a recent fire havoc, it was reported.
According to reports, Sabid Ali, 50, and his son Rezaul, 8, were burned to death when a fire broke out from the butt of a bidi and engulfed the entire room.

Bus dacoits loot valuable worth Tk 4 lakh, injure driver

KISHOREGANJ, Dec 19: Dacoits looted valuables worth about Tk four lakh from a minibus on Kishoreganj-Bhairab road near Gazirtek bridge in Bhairab thana last Wednesday night, reports UNB.
Witnesses said, a gang of about 10 dacoits boarded the Kishoreganj-bound minibus in guise of passengers from Gulistan bus stand and forcibly halted it near Gazirtek police outpost.
Another gang of about eight joined them from Gazirtek and looted cash and valuables from the passengers.
They also stabbed the driver of the minibus. A case was filed.

One killed three injured in road mishap in Comilla

COMILLA, Dec 19: One person was killed and three others were injured when a speeding truck hit another standing near Burichang thana headquarters on Saturday last, reports UNB.

Police said Abdul Khaleq, the helper of the parked truck was run over as his vehicle skidded into a roadside ditch after it was rammed by the running truck. He was cleaning the truck lying under it.

A case was filed with Burichang thana.
Another report adds: Dacoits looted cash and kind worth about Tk two lakh from the passengers of baby taxis and rickshaws at Kanderpar, six kilometres off the town on last Saturday night.

Clashes over possession of charlands: 30 killed

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Dec 19: The armed lathials backed by influential jottars and richmen of different villages and charlands of the southern districts, as every year, become active in the areas.

Nearly one hundred people, mostly innocent helpless farmers have been injured and about 20 to 30 people died during different clashes over possession of the disputed khashland or charlands by the armed lathials during last two months.

Not only the armed lathials, sometimes in some areas, the outlawed party men, Sarbaharamen also attack and injure the innocent farmers backed by local influential rich landlord to grab more land illegally.

Many farmers of different areas said, these armed lathials also set houses on fire, ransack, loot and sometimes rape the female members of the farmer families.

Furthermore, dispute over demarcation of districts border lines still exists, which naturally help the landlords to grab lands forging documents and deploying armed lathials.

It is revealed the char areas of that six districts of Barisal, Patuakhali Bhola, Borguna, Jhalokathi and Perojpur under Barisal Division eventually became hot bed of

bloody armed clashes between the peasants and hired lathials during this time of harvesting season every year and it is going unabated.

In some cases, it is alleged, landlords, politically or some how powerful, get support from policemen to take possession of char areas through forged documents where clash becomes inevitable.

It may be mentioned here that there are disputes which still exist over the demarcation lines in between Barisal and other districts of Bhola and Laxmapur districts. This dispute helps the lathials to set reign of terror in border-line char areas.

The land survey directorate, in the meantime, pitched pucca pillars in the charland between the Charveduria Mouza along the borderlines at Gaguria under Mehendiganj thana of Barisal and char Bheduria under sadar thana of Bhola and thus a longtime problem was solved.

Through filing cases, different sorts of problems are being continued in different char areas in the southern districts. According to local sources, so far the cases are not being settled, influential people with their armed musclemen are taking possession of the charlands and reaping the paddy forcibly, sometimes shading blood in

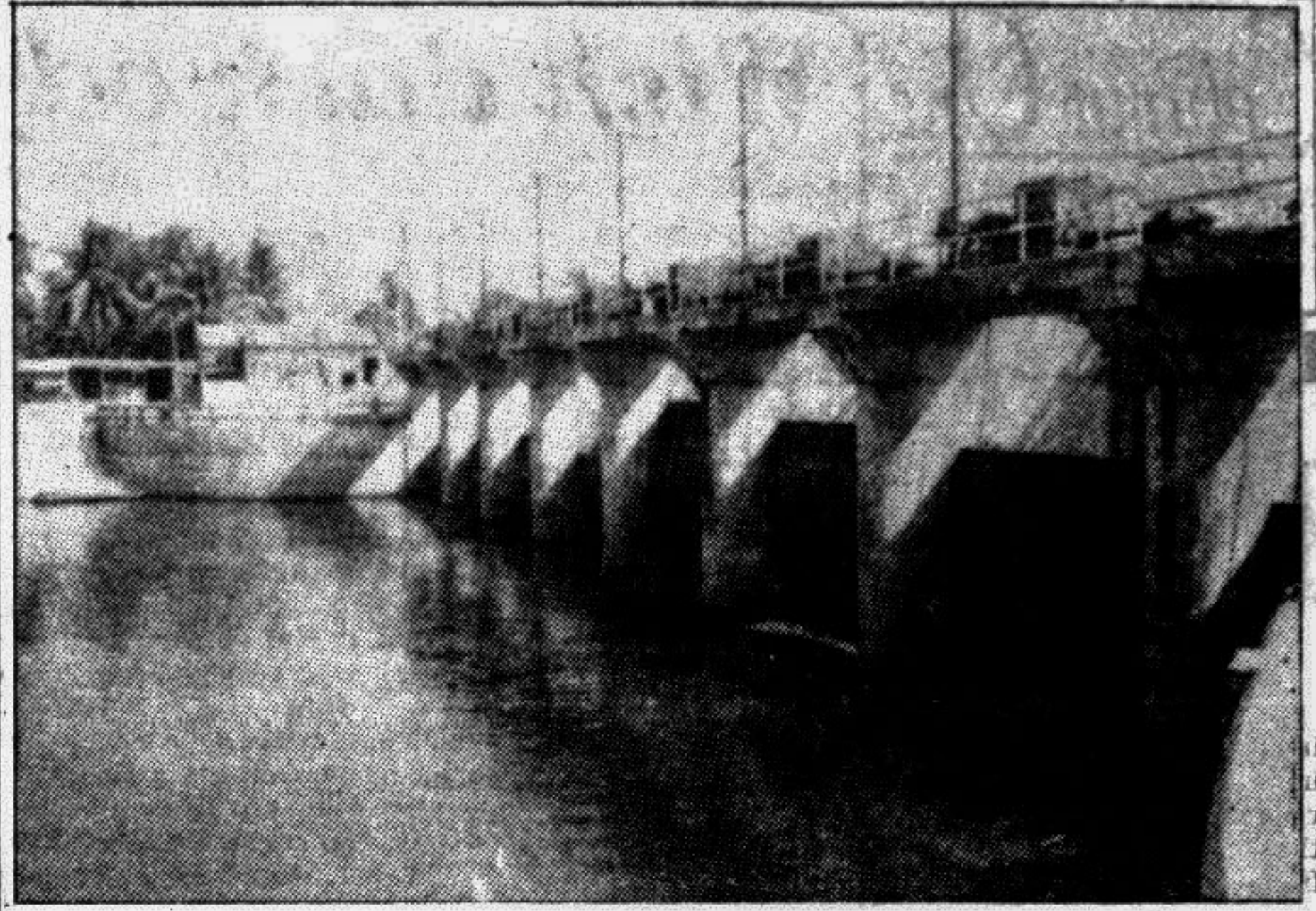
armed clashes with the farmers.

The farmers and poor people living around the char area live in fear of sudden attacks by the lathials.

Places where clashes frequently occur are Charkilla, Char Bijali, Khagarcher, Chaiga, Bishkatali, Charnajari, Kulargaon, Mandhyattar Kushria, Baburchar of Hizla thana, Dakatiachar, Miarchar, Kutubpur, Charveduria, Charpadma, Khalasirchar, of Muladi thana, Gaguria, Medua, Purbakazi, Chatkimara, Kenua, Udayapur, Charkilla, of Mehendiganj thana under Barisal district, while sadar thana area of Bhola including char Sitarampur, Shyampur, Charveduria, Ramdaspur, Charsatyen, Talchar, Charpatila, Char Kurimukri, Char Manika, Char Bastania, Char Kalmi, Majher Char, Char Mangal.

Meantime, according to reports received here, many clashes have already took place over possession of disputed land and repaying of paddy among the farmers, lathials, hired musclemen and the landlords in different places of Barguna, Bhola, Perojpur and Patuakhali districts during last month.

Meanwhile, at least twenty new police camps have already been set up in different thana areas of Bhola, Patuakhali and Perojpur districts.



Water Resources Minister (Rtd) Major General M Majid-ul Haq recently inaugurated Magura Weir and additional Regulator Project of Bangladesh Water Development Board. The project will provide irrigation facilities to about 9000 hectares of land of Magura and its adjoining areas and will produce an additional yield of 12,500 metric tonnes of food grains worth about Taka 10 crore per annum. Acting-Chairman of BWDB Abdur Rouf Chowdhury and Member Implementation M A Salam were present on the occasion.

26 posts of teachers in govt college lying vacant

From Our Correspondent
FARIDPUR, Dec 19: More than 26 posts of teachers of Sadarpur Government Degree College have been lying vacant since long hampering the education of about 1500 students of the college.

According to the college sources, seven posts of Assistant professors, four posts of associate professors, and seven posts of lecturers have been lying vacant. At present the Department of Management is running without any teacher. Major department like English and Bengali are running with only one teacher each. Besides, six posts of fourth class employees and two posts of third class employees have also been lying vacant. The college authorities, student, and guardians have urged the authorities concerned to take necessary steps to fill up the vacant posts, to ensure normal functioning of the college.

Agri loan of about Tk 1 cr disbursed in Bhola

BHOLA, Dec 19: Various banks have disbursed Tk 1.26 crore loan among 2,459 farmers of the district for aman cultivation during the current year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) disbursed the highest Tk 1.01 crore among 2,019 farmers in seven thanas of the district.

Besides, Agrani Bank distributed Tk 11.91 lakh, Janata Bank Tk 9.94 lakh and Sonali Bank disbursed Tk 3.19 lakh among another 440 farmers, the sources added.

BKB Bhola Regional Manager told UNB that they had achieved their loan disbursement target fixed for the year and the recovery rate was 100 per cent.

He said during the period, Tk 22 lakh was distributed in sadar thana, Tk seven lakh each in Daulatkhan, Borhanuddin and Monpara, Tk 19 lakh in Lalmojon, Tk 32 lakh in Char Fashion and Tk five lakh was distributed in Tajumuddin thana.

Women prisoner ward beset with problems

COMILLA, Dec 19: Women prisoner ward of Comilla Central Jail has been beset with manifold problems including water crisis and space shortage for a long time, reports UNB.

According to local sources, at present, about 50 women prisoners in the ward are living with their babies who either came with their mothers or were born in the jail.

But there is no arrangement for the education of these children who are innocent but compelled to live in jail for their mothers' fault.

According to jail authority, the ward is always filled up by about 60 arrested and imprisoned women with whom 10 to 12 children are compelled to live. Besides, many babies were born in the cell deprived of getting open air of the world.

Moreover, the women prisoners are living in a deplorable condition as all the three pans of toilets were broken down and the water supply is less than its demand.

The women prisoners urged the authorities to provide them with basic amenities in the jail.



SYLHET: Photographer Aftab Ahmed of The Daily Ittefaq, Purnendu Barman and Nishith Purkayastha of Sylhet recipients of the Victory Day Award seen with Barrister Mainul Hossain, Nazrul Kabir, President Sylhet Photographic Society, Abdus Samad Azad, ex-deputy leader of opposition in the parliament, Professor Rafiqul Islam of Dhaka University and Bader Uddin Kamran, Chairman, Sylhet pourashava in the inaugural function of the three-day photographic exhibition "Swadhinata" arranged by the Sylhet Photographic Society (SPS) on December 14 last. — Star photo

The FFs had to face attacks from Sarbaharamen and Pak army

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, Dec 19: Barisal, the Venice of the East was liberated on 8th December, 1971. And the people of Barisal took breath of relief after long 225 days since Barisal was occupied by the Pakistani occupation Army on 27th April, 1971.

On that day the Pak Army through combined operation from land, river and air captured Barisal town a month after attacking the capital Dhaka.

Pakistani military convoy marched towards Barisal town along the Barisal-Faridpur highway on April 24. On way to Barisal they faced first resistance at Gournadi, some 26 kilometres from Barisal on April 25 morning by a small group of 20 Freedom Fighters armed with 303 rifles. It was the first resistance against Pak military on way to Barisal by the Freedom Fighters where they were locked in a face to face encounter. And in that place FF Syed Abul Hashem, Moktar Ali, Alauddin and Parimal were killed.

At the same time Pak paratroopers were also dropped at Taltali, a place outside the town area where some innocent villagers were killed. Through river routes well equipped Pak Army proceeded towards Barisal on gunboats. At Junahar, near Barisal the army were resisted by the FF on two wooden steamers and a couple of 303 rifles. Unfortunately the steamers were sunk and the resistance broke down.

Capturing Barisal, Pakistani troops setup their headquarters for Barisal zone at the then WAPDA office building in front of Barisal Medical College. Later they made bunkers around the building, torture chambers, jail and armoury camp.

After the fall of Barisal district headquarters Freedom Fighters who were grouped in one. The Freedom Fighters formed separate groups in different places of the district. These small groups of Freedom Fighters had to face both the armed dacoits and the attack from Pakistani army.

Some of the FF groups of the then greater Barisal district were led by Kuddus Mollah at Mehendiganj, Jafar and Majibar Rahman Talukdar at Bakerganj, Jahangir Bahadur at Swarupkanthi, AFM Hemayet Uddin and Haranath Bain (former MP) at Uzirpur, Nizamuddin Ahmed at Gournadi, Benial Dasgupta and Mohiuddin Manik at Banaripara, Arab Ali Mia at Dehergati, Abul Kashem, Majid Khan and Abdul Wahab Khan at Babuganj, Sultan Master, Ratan Sharif and Abdul Mannan at Kotwali, Siddiqur Rahman at Bhola Gazi Mokim Ali at Naichity.

From June to August '71 Comrade Siraj Sikder of Sarbahara party built resistance against Pak army at the Guava

Garden of Swarupkatli.

In August Captain Sahajahan Omar came to Barisal fleeing from the then West Pakistan Army camp and was appointed as the first Sub Sector Commander by the exile Government. He first set up the sub sector headquarters at Dargabari of Barakatha village of Uzirpur thana of Barisal on September 6, 1971 from where operations were conducted against the Pakistani troops. Then many brave youngmen were sent to India for guerilla training from there.

In November after so many face to face encounters between the Pak Army and Freedom Fighters in different places Banaripara was captured by Jahangir Bahadur. Later Swarupkanthi and on 6th December Bakerganj was captured by FFs. During these attacks 10 policemen and Mustaque including some other FFs were killed.

December 8 was the Victory Day for the people of Barisal. In the morning military, civil, razakar, albadars commanders of Barisal were informed about the fall of Bakerganj thana.

They then met at a secret meeting with the peace committee members in the headquarters. There they decided to leave Barisal in the existing curfew hours. They left Barisal towards Dhaka on two steamers, two gunboats and a passenger launch.

Surprisingly air raids by Indian Air Force was conducted in Barisal at 2 pm on that day. Later when the news spread that enemy had left the town people from all walks of life came out on the streets to celebrate the victory. People gathered on the streets and shouted slogans 'Joy Bangla'.

In the afternoon Freedom Fighters from different areas entered the town celebrating victory with the people. As soon as the Freedom Fighters entered the town razakars and albadars started seeking shelters leaving their arms.

Captain Sahajahan Omar with his men reached Barisal from Padri Sibpur in the town.
People of Barisal surrounded the enemy in the WAPDA colony till December 15. On that day Nurul Islam Manjoor, the then civilian chief of the sector 9 asked the military and their alliances to surrender. They surrendered on December 17.

The greater Barisal district was under the 9th sector command during the Liberation War.

After the independence Captain Sahajahan Omar was awarded the title 'Bir Uttam' while 'Bir Pratik' to Mohiuddin Manik for their outstanding and valiant performances in the Liberation War of 1971.

Arms recovered, one held in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 19: Police in separate drives recovered two foreign made revolvers and arrested a youngman from Shahjapur thana yesterday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police rummaged through a ditch near LSD godown in Shahjapur thana and recovered a revolver in the morning.



BARISAL: Freedom Fighters of Sector nine (from L to R) Mohiuddin Manik, Beer Pratik (Rtd), Major Sahajahan Omar, Beer Uttam, Sub-Sector Commander, Sector nine and Samar Das, Music Director, Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra. — Star photo

Armed gang loots trawler

From Staff Correspondent.

BARISAL, Dec 18: A trawler, FB Sonia, carrying merchandise goods was attacked and looted by a gang of armed dacoits at Kaliarkhal near Charduan village under Patharghata thana of Barguna district at around 10 am yesterday.

Witnesses said, the trawler on its way to the Bay of Bengal was attacked by a gang of armed dacoits, about 10 in number.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Department
Moulvibazar-3200

Tender Notice

No. LGED/Moulvibazar/IDB/ Dated: 7-12-95

I. Tender Notice-17/95-96

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

Interested contractors can obtain necessary tender documents during normal office hours on all working days up to 26-12-95 from the office of either (i) Executive Engineer, LGED, District-Moulvibazar (ii) Thana-Engineer, LGED, Thana-Sadar/Kamalganj, Dist-Moulvibazar and the office of the undersigned, on cash payment of Tk. 550/- (Taka five hundred fifty) only (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 enlistment. Tenders will be received by the above mentioned offices up to 12-00 hours on 27-12-95. No tender will be accepted beyond this time, and tenders will be opened at 12-30 hours 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. Tenders must be accompanied by all relevant papers and earnest money at 2.5% (Two point five per cent) of the total quoted price in favour of the Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, Dist-Moulvibazar as stated in Tender Document.

The authority reserves the right to accept 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, and will be rejected.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Document	Comp. Time for Work (Days)
1	2	3	4	5
Kamalganj				
01.	Const. of Gobindapur Govt. P.ry. School (3rd Call)	2.5% of the total quoted price	300.00	120

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Moulvibazar

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
LGED, Kushtia

Memo. No. XEN/LGED/KUSH/95/2233 Dated: 10-12-95

Tender Notice
No: 05/95-96

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan No: 1215-BAN (SF) from the Asian Development Bank in various currencies towards the cost of Rural Development Project-18: Infrastructure greater Khulna, Jessore and Kushtia district. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the following works:

Code No.	Name of Work	Completion Time	Cost of Tender Document	Class of Contractor
KU6F0 2BX66	Const. of 2.5x2.5 RCC Box culvert on Shomspur-Sengram road at Ch. 4398m.	90 days	500.00	A, B & C
KU6F0 1BX67	Const. of 3.5x3.5 RCC Box culvert on Jobuboura-Pantihat road at Ch. 103.62m.	90 days	500.00	A, B & C
KU6F03BX68	Const. of 6.00m span Girder Bridge of Mirpur-Poradah-Bottail road at Ch. 351m.	90 days	500.00	A, B & C

2. The Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Kushtia. Now invites sealed tenders in prescribed form for construction of the works mentioned above from prequalified contractors Class A/B/C under this Project.

3. Tenderers may obtain further information on the Tender Form and inspect the tender documents at the offices of the undersigned as well as the Project Director, Rural Development Project 18, 3/1, Block-B, Lalmatia, Dhaka-1207, the Executive Engineer, LGED, Chuadanga/Meherpur/Jhenidah/Magura/Jessore and Thana Engineer, LGED, Kumarkhali/Mirpur/Khoksha and office of the DC, Kushtia.

4. A complete set of tender document may be purchased by interested eligible tenderers upon payment of non-refundable fee mentioned from the Offices mentioned in para 3 only on or before 30th December, 1995 during office hours.

5. All tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of 2.5% (two point five per cent) of the total tender price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Kushtia.

6. The tenders will be received at the office mentioned above on 31st. December, 1995 before 12.30 pm and the tenders will be opened at the same office at 1.00 pm on the same date.

7. The undersigned shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by tenderers in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders, including costs and expenses related to visits to the site.

Executive Engineer
LGED, Kushtia.

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