

*To All Our Valued District Readers and Correspondents*  
 From the National Desk we wish you a very  
**Happy New Year!**  
*Let 1996 bring you joy, good health and prosperity.*

**Wanted alleged criminal held in Jhenidah**

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, Jan 1: Jhenidah thana police arrested a young man and recovered a dagger from him near Priya Cinema Hall recently.

According to police sources, acting on a secret information police rushed to the spot and arrested a wanted person Nazir Hossain while his accomplice, Masud, managed to flee. They were involved in many dacoity, robbery, snatching, toll collection and other anti-social activities in the locality, it was alleged.

The arrested was sent to jail.

**BAU reschedules date for collecting, submitting admission forms**

MYMENSINGH, Jan 1: Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) has rescheduled the date for collecting and submitting the first year admission forms of 1995-96 academic year, reports UNB.

According to the changed schedule, the forms will be distributed till January 10, 1996 instead of December 31 and will be received till January 14, 1996 instead of January 2, said a press release.

The date of written admission test scheduled for January 19 has now been approximately fixed on February 2 and the exact date and time will be properly mentioned in the admit cards to be issued after primary selection.

But, other terms and conditions of admission will remain unchanged.

**73 alleged criminals held in Pabna**

From Our Correspondent PABNA, Jan 1: Pabna police have recovered a total of 63 arms including three foreign-made pistols, 117 rounds of ammunitions and arrested 73 alleged criminals during nine days of their special arms recovery drive from different thanas of the district including Pabna town. The recovery was made from December 21 till December 29.

The arms include: one rifle, 18 pipeguns, 19 shutter-guns, nine SBBL guns, three DBBL guns, 12 pistols of which nine are country-made and three foreign-made revolver.

Jamsheduddin Bhuiyan, Police Superintendent, Pabna, told The Daily Star that the law-enforcing agencies were gradually intensifying their drive and sought co-operation from all in this regard.

**Bus passengers robbed: Valuables worth Tk one lakh looted**

JHENIDAH, Jan 1: Valuables worth over Taka one lakh were looted in a passenger bus dacoity near sadar town on Dhaka-Khulna highway on Friday last, reports UNB.

Passengers said, a gang of armed miscreants numbering about five in the guise of passengers took control of the Khulna-bound bus at Salasvara area and looted the goods including cash Tk 76,000. Later, they decamped with the booty by stopping the bus at Laudia, two kilometres off the town.

A case was registered and police arrested the supervisor and helper of the bus.

**Seeds, fertilizer crisis in Sylhet Div**  
**Slim chance of achieving IRRI-Boro cultivation target**

SYLHET, Jan 1: The target of IRRI-Boro paddy cultivation in Sylhet Division will be hampered seriously during the current season due to different reasons, it is apprehended. Non-availability and high prices of high yielding varieties of seeds, large-scale anomalies in disbursement of agricultural loans and abnormal rise in the prices and scarcity of chemical fertilisers are some of the main causes. Defective system of supply of the irrigational equipment has attributed much to the situation, a number of farmers alleged.

On contact, an official source informed this correspondent that, an intensive programme has been taken up to bring three lakh 25 thousand and 200 hectares of land under boro paddy farming in the four districts of the division during the current season. The districts are, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Habiganj and Sylhet. The total area includes, one lakh 25 thousand 200 hectares under the different local varieties and the rest two lakh hectares under the different High Yielding Varieties.

The source further informed that, the total target of paddy production has been fixed at eight lakh 34 thousand metric tonnes. It includes, one lakh 94 metric tonnes from the local varieties and the rest six lakh 40 thousand metric tonnes from the different High Yielding Varieties.

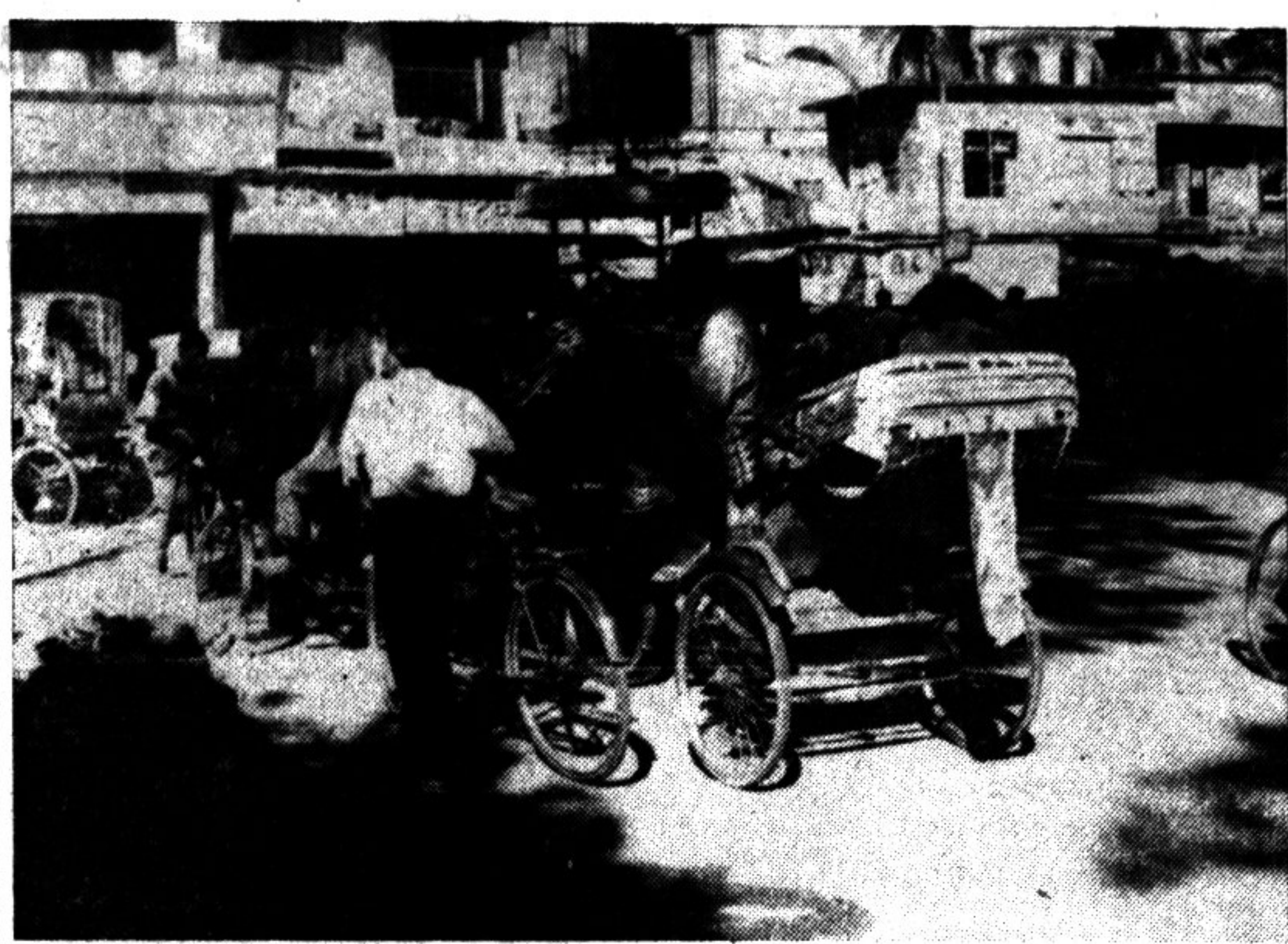
The source said that in the district of Moulvibazar, local varieties of boro paddy will be cultivated on nine thousand hectares of land and High Yielding Varieties of Boro will be on 27 thousand hectares while the total target of production had been fixed at 36 thousand metric tonnes. In the district of Sunamganj, the local varieties of boro will be cultivated on 76 thousand 400 hectares while the High Yielding Varieties will be cultivated on 77 thousand hectares and the total target of paddy production would be three lakh 64 thousand 820 metric tonnes. Sunamganj is the highest Irri-Boro producing district of this region. In the district of Habiganj, the seasons target of boro farming has been fixed at 79,800 hectares including 8,800 hectares of local varieties and 71 thousand hectares under the different High Yielding Varieties. The total target of paddy production has been fixed at two lakh 40 thousand metric tonnes in the district.

From Staff Correspondent

The poor and marginal farmers now have to buy the water from those people at higher rates during the peak season of irrigation. Rise in the prices of fuel will also cause much for the farmers in general. The disbursement of agricultural loans to the farmers is also not at all satisfactory, it was alleged. Though there is sufficient sanction of loans by the different nationalised commercial banks including the Bangladesh Krishi Bank, a section of officials and employees of the bank branches in the remote areas are found less interested in distribution of loans to the farmers, it was alleged. But, a section of local influential do get the loans from the banks easily.

Frequent scarcity and abnormal rise in the prices of different chemical fertilisers has thrown the common farmers into great miseries. The supply of High Yielding Varieties of seeds from the government godowns is quite scanty, it was alleged. Besides, these are not at all available in the BADC offices at fixed prices. But in the open markets, these are found selling at exorbitant prices. It was further learnt that, the very poor stock of the seeds with the common farmers even of the middle class had been exhausted during the repeated floods and other calamities this year in all the four districts.

The entire Sylhet Division is lagging behind in the utilisation of irrigation equipments. The vast tracts of paddy fields in the haor areas of Sunamganj and Habiganj districts are cultivated in indigenous system. Farmers there do not follow the modern system of cultivation. Besides, the government has withdrawn the former system of renting the irrigational equipment to the farmers few years ago.



JHENIDAH: Rickshaw-pullers park their rickshaws or rickshaw vans anywhere they like. The photo shows some rickshaws are kept parked in front the traffic police control island point near Sweet Hotel in the town. — Star photo by Delwar Kabir

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

Office of the Executive Engineer  
 Local Government Engineering Directorate, Rangpur

Memo No. LGED/EE/R-90/Ad/95-96/2821

Dt: 18-12-95

**TENDER NOTICE**  
 No 9/95-96

ছেলে হুঁক মেয়ে হুঁক  
 দুটি সন্তানই যথেষ্ট

Tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911 from LGED enlisted all class & all projects pre-qualified contractors/contractor firms renewed for 1995-96 financial year under Integrated Food Aided Rural Development Project (Growth Centre Connecting Road/FADEP) under Local Government Engineering Directorate. Tender schedule can be purchased on 11-1-96 (28-09-1402BS) during office hours and information regarding the tender can be obtained from the office of the Project Director, FADEP, Mohammadpur Housing & Pisciculture Society, Plot No 50, Block-Ka, Shyamoli, Dhaka and all Thana Engineer's Offices in this district as well as the office of the undersigned. Tenders will be received at the above offices on 13-09-96 (30-09-1402BS) up to 1-00 pm. The tenders will be opened on the same day at 2-00 pm in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

- Prior to purchase of tender schedule, documents of paying renewal fee for 1995-96 of the licence and VAT registration certificate shall have to be produced. No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender.
- Earnest money at the rate 2.5% of the value quoted by the contractor must be deposited with each tender through Pay Order/Bank Draft/Call Deposit from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of the undersigned.
- The contractor shall have to submit work schedule with the tender, otherwise the tender will be treated as cancelled.
- Attested true copies of licence & VAT registration certificate must be submitted with the tender.
- Tender should quote rate for each item in the schedule legibly in figures & words. If found defaulting in any of these, the tender will be treated as cancelled outright.
- VAT will be deducted from the bill of the contractor at the rate prescribed by the National Board of Revenue.
- Detailed information regarding the tender can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
- Paper attached with the tender will be treated as integral part of the tender and each paper shall have to be signed by the contractor.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender.
- Contractor shall have to submit tender with itemwise rate analysis for each item, otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright.
- Tender submitted in Bangladesh Form No 2911 will be treated as first & formal tender. Formal tender shall have to be submitted in case of negotiated rate.
- If any tenderer quotes rate more than 5% below the estimated cost, then he has to deposit BD in excess of 2.50% at the same rate of his underquoting. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

**Schedule of Work**

Serial No	Thana	Description of work & location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Price of schedule	Time limit for implementation of work	Contractors/contractor firms eligible to purchase schedule
1.	Badarganj	Reconstruction of 2.50x1.667 M RCC Box Culvert at 50 M chainage on Madhupur-Shyampur GCCR Road.	1,97,065/-	2.50%	300/-	60 days	LGED enlisted all class & all projects pre-qualified contractors/contractor firms
2.	"	Reconstruction of 2x3.50x2.30M RCC Box Culvert at 900 M chainage on the same road.	5,25,379/-	"	300/-	90 days	"
3.	"	Reconstruction of 2.50x1.667M RCC Box Culvert at 1500 M chainage on the same road.	1,97,065/-	"	300/-	60 days	"
4.	"	a) Reconstruction of 0.60 M dia pipe Culvert at 4000 M chainage on the same road. b) Reconstruction of 2.5x1.667 M RCC Box Culvert at 4850 M chainage on the same road.	31,212/- 1,97,065/-	"	300/-	60 days	"
5.	"	Reconstruction of 2.5x1.667 M RCC Box Culvert at 6800 M chainage on the same road.	1,97,065/-	"	300/-	60 days	"
6.	Pirganj	Construction of 2.5x2.5 M RCC Box Culvert at 200 M chainage on Pirganj-Shanherhat GCCR road.	3,24,000/-	"	300/-	60 days	"
7.	"	Construction of 2.5x1.667 M RCC Box Culvert at 500 M chainage on the same road.	2,04,641/-	"	300/-	30 days	"
8.	"	a) Construction of 0.80 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 230 M chainage on the same road. b) Construction of 0.90 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 1110M chainage on the same road. c) Construction of 0.90 M dia Pipe Culvert at 1260 M chainage on the same road. d) Construction of 0.90 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 2403M chainage on the same road. e) Construction of 0.90 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 2985M chainage on the same road. f) Construction of 0.90 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 4322 M chainage on the same road.	47,730/- 64,291/- 64,291/- 64,291/- 65,201/- 65,201/-	"	300/-	30 days	"
9.	Pirganj	Construction of 2x3.5x2.33 M RCC Box Culvert at 3325M chainage on the same road.	5,36,619/-	"	300/-	90 days	"
10.	"	Construction of 2.5x1.667 M RCC Box Culvert at 6233 M chainage on the same road.	2,04,641/-	"	300/-	60 days	"
11.	Pirgachha	Construction of 2.50x1.667 M RCC Box Culvert at 1500 M chainage on Pirgachha-Chowdhurani GCCR road.	1,89,351/-	"	300/-	60 days	"
12.	"	Construction of 2.5x1.667 M RCC Box Culvert at 2500 M chainage on the same road.	1,89,351/-	"	300/-	60 days	"
13.	"	Construction of 2.5x1.667 M RCC Box Culvert at 3400 M chainage on the same road.	1,89,351/-	"	300/-	60 days	"
14.	Taraganj	a) Construction of 0.90 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 300 M chainage on Thana Health Complex-Burirhat GCCR Road. b) Construction of 0.90 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 700 M chainage on the same road. c) Construction of 0.90 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 1100 M chainage on the same road. d) Construction of 0.90 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 3800 M chainage on the same road. e) Construction of 0.90 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 4950 M chainage on the same road. f) Construction of 0.90 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 5300 M chainage on the same road. g) Construction of 0.90 M dia RCC Pipe Culvert at 4400 M chainage on the same road.	52,005/- 52,005/- 52,005/- 52,005/- 52,005/- 52,005/- 37,895/-	"	300/-	75 days	"
15.	Taraganj	Construction of 2.5x2.00 M RCC Box Culvert at 1700 M chainage on Thana Health Complex-Burirhat GCCR road.	2,40,852/-	"	300/-	75 days	"
16.	"	Construction of 2.5x2.00 M RCC Box Culvert at 1900M chainage on the same road.	2,40,852/-	"	300/-	75 days	"
17.	"	Construction of 2.5x2.00 M RCC Box Culvert at 2780 M chainage on the same road.	2,40,852/-	"	300/-	75 days	"
18.	"	Construction of 2.50x2.50 M RCC Box Culvert at 3100 M chainage on the same road.	2,86,904/-	"	300/-	75 days	"
19.	"	Construction of 2.50x2.50 M RCC Box Culvert at 3470 M chainage on the same road.	2,86,904/-	"	300/-	75 days	"

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Executive Engineer  
 LGED, Rangpur.

**Cold wave paralyzes life in Sirajganj**

From Our Correspondent SIRAJGANJ, Jan 1: Extreme cold wave paralyzed normal life in the district.

Cold wave and breeze from northern hill regions have created deadlock in everyday lives of the people here. About 50 thousand homeless people living on the sides of WDB embankment are the worst sufferers. People living in remote charlands of riverine Kazipur, Sadar, Bolkuchi and Chowhali thanas badly need winter clothing.

Meanwhile, the Red Crescent Society here have sanctioned 200 blankets for the district which is too small an amount to meet the demand.

**Trawler sinks in Bay: Seven missing**

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Jan 1: At least seven fishermen were missing as a fishing trawler sank amid heavy current in the Bay of Bengal, some 60 kilometres from the beach last Wednesday night.

Two fishermen, Nurun Mia and Alamgir Hossain from the ill-fated fishing trawler FB Kohinoor were later rescued by the fishermen of another trawler FB Kodek-20 who reached Barana Friday evening and informed about the incident to their proprietor.

**Five killed in road mishap**

TANGAIL, Jan 1: Five persons were killed and 25 injured in a bus accident early yesterday morning near Baniapara on Tangail-Jamalpur road, report BSS.

The accident occurred when the bus lost its control due to heavy fog and fell into the nearby ditch, police said. The injured persons were taken to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital and Ghatail Health Complex. Of the injured, six are stated to be in critical condition.

UNB adds from Chandpur: A bus passenger died and the helper sustained serious injuries after falling down from the rooftops of the running vehicle on Comilla-Chandpur road last Thursday afternoon.

**Six killed, 25 observe token strike**

From Our Correspondent PABNA, Jan 1: Over 100 Adivasis (tribals), men, women and children of village Marmi under ishurdi thana of Pabna district, last Wednesday observed mass token hunger strike in Pabna Poura Milanayatan Mukta-mancha since morning 8 till 6 in the evening.

They demanded their right to live in their village homes, recovery of their lands illegally grabbed by influential village touts, re-investigation through C.I.D of murder cases of two Adivasis named Louis and Shyamal and withdrawal of all civil and criminal cases started against them by said influential quarters in collusion with ishurdi thana police.

The Adivasis earlier submitted memorandums to Deputy Commissioner and Police Superintendent, Pabna early in November but to no response, they alleged.

**Raid conducted to stop use of firewood in brick fields**

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, Jan 1: District Administration has conducted a raid on the brick field owners of Kumarkhali thana to stop use of fuel wood in their brick fields on the first phase of its action.

Rabiul Alam, First Class Magistrate, Kushtia in a raid recently imposed fine of Taka eight thousand against two brickfield owners and Taka two thousand against one owner.

**Arms recovery drive: 10 held, with 9 cocktails**

From Our Correspondent SIRAJGANJ, Jan 1: As a part of countryside arms recovery operation, police have recovered nine cocktails, 'kritch', daggers and arrested 10 alleged absconding accused persons from different parts of Shahzadpur and Kazipur thanas in last four days.

In Shahzadpur municipal area, cocktails and 'kritch' were recovered and four persons were rounded up. In Kazipur, 15 bottles of phenisidyl syrup were recovered and six persons were arrested.

**Gazipur PWD Division Tender Notice**  
 No 72/95-96

Sealed tenders are invited in BD Form No 2911 for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below:

- Name of work : Site improvement of the Sreepur Thana Campus in the Dist of Gazipur, during the year 1995-96.
- Estimated cost : Tk 6,83,367/-
- Earnest money : Tk 13,668/-
- Time allowed : 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Price of tender : Tk 425/- per set and spot level schedule plan 100/-
- Place of : Office of the undersigned including all Executive Engineers offices under Savar PWD Circle, Dhaka.
- Last date of : During office hours up to 14.1.96.
- Date of : Up to 12.00 Noon of 15.1.96 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM.
- Eligibility of : a) Category applicable as per financial limit of contractor/firm to compete in the tender  
b) The intending tenderers must have VAT registration.  
c) Attested copy of VAT registration certificate is to be enclosed along with the tender.
- Lottery : If more than one tenders receive having same rates stood lowest selection will be made by lottery to be held on 22.1.96 at 2.30 PM in office of the undersigned in presence of intending tenderers who like to be present.

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