

Journalist Monajat's death condoled

From Our Correspondent
SIRAJGANJ, Jan 5: Different organisations have condoled the sad demise of journalist Monajat Uddin. Sirajganj district and Ullapara thana unit of Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity, Zilla Press Club, Belkuchi Press Club, Shahzadpur Press Club, Belkuchi College Teachers' Association, Sirajganj district School Teachers' Association (Quamruzzaman), Tarun Natya Gosthi, Uddipon Natya Gosthi and Shohagpur Samaj Unnayan Sangstha in separate press statements have condoled the death of Monajat Uddin and expressed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

goods recovered, one held in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, Jan 5: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel recovered smuggled Indian goods worth Taka about three lakh and arrested one person from Kaliganj in Jhenidah district recently.

According to reports, acting on secret information, BDR personnel raided some shops and houses in Kaliganj thana and recovered steel goods, pesticides, sarees and other goods worth about Taka three lakh. BDR personnel then arrested Amaresh Shil in this connection. Separate cases were lodged with Kaliganj thana and the arrested was sent to jail. It was reported.



JESSORE: Deputy Commissioner of Jessore district, Mohammad Ali Akhand and noted educationist and pioneer of the Book-Bank movement in the country, Professor Sharif Hossain are seen jointly inaugurating Public Library in Chowgacha thana of the district recently. — Star photo

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer RHD Road Division, Comilla. Corrigendum Notice to Tender Notice No.100/EE (RHD), 1995-96, under Comilla Road Divn.

It is notified for general information to all concerned that tender invited for construction of brick pavement (HBB) at different KM off different roads, in 2 (two) groups, which was circulated vide this office Memo No. 4416 dt. 13-12-95. The following correction have been made in the tender due to unavoidable circumstances.

1. Last date of selling tender will be 15-1-96 instead of 2-1-96.
2. Last date of receive tender will be 16-1-96 instead of 3-1-96.
3. Date of opening of tender will be 18-1-96 instead of 7-1-96.
4. Date of lottery will be 22-1-96 instead of 10-1-96.
5. All other terms & condition will remain unchanged.

This corrigendum notice will be the part of parcel of the tender and will be issued to the contractor free of cost.

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বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম এক্সপ্লোরেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company Limited
(A Subsidiary Company of Petrobangla)

No.123.59.07/96 Dated: 30-12-95
Notice for Enlistment of Supplier

Sealed applications are invited from the bonafide suppliers/manufacturers having their own manufacturing plants/shops for enlistment under various groups of stores with BAPEX for the period of 1-1-96 to 31-12-96.

The prescribed application forms alongwith terms & conditions will be available from Accounts & Finance Division, BAPEX, Ibrahim Mansion (3rd floor), 11, Purana Paltan, Dhaka on payment of Tk. 50/- (Non-refundable) from 18-1-96 to 28-1-96 during office hours.

Applications duly filled in should reach to Material Control Division, BAPEX, HBFC Building (9th floor), 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka within 2.00 PM by 30-1-96 positively.

BAPEX reserves the right to accept/reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons thereof.

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G-42 General Manager (MCD).



JHENIDAH: (From Left to Right) Mohammad Abdul Hai, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jhenidah, Naline Ranjan Basak, TNO, Saikupa, Khalilur Rahman, Chairman, Saikupa Pourashava and M A Bakr Headmaster, Saikupa Pilot High School speaking on the occasion of the cluding ceremony of the Bijoy Mela held at Saikupa Pilot Girls School Premises recently. — Star photo.

Poor progress in preparing voters' ID cards

From Our Correspondent
SIRAJGANJ, Jan 5: Only 65,000 identity cards out of 12,47,000 voters in the district have been completed till mid-December last. It was learnt from a source of District Election Office that M/s Development Planner and Consultants of Dhaka is working in the district to prepare the voters' identity cards. A part of voters in Sirajganj sadar thana, Sirajganj Municipal area, Kazipur, Ullapara and Shahzadpur thanas will receive their identity cards. The works in Tarash, Raiganj, Belkuchi, Chowdhali and Kamarkhanda thanas are yet to be started. The source added.

Serious crisis of irrigational apparatus Farmers will not be able to use over 10 lakh hectares of land

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Jan 5: IRRI-Boro cultivation on 10 lakh hectares of land in 10 districts of Khulna Division has become uncertain following lack of irrigational equipment and increasing inability in navigability in rivers during the current season.

According to a Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) source, 10 lakh hectares of land in Jessore, Jhenidah, Magura, Narail, Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Kushtia, Chuadanga

and Meherpur districts out of total 20 lakh 94 thousand hectares of land, will remain outside the cultivation due to problem in irrigational operations.

According to BADC source, a total of 75 thousand 235 various irrigational equipment are in operation in this zone. Of them, there are 22,567 deep tubewells, 6320 low-lift power pumps, and over one lakh shallow tubewells.

According to another source, all these irrigational

machines were sunk nearly eight to 10 years ago. Due to lack of proper servicing, most of them have been inoperative. Low-lift pumps have also lost their use due to persistent fall in the underground water level of these rivers. The cumulative effects of all these have adversely affected the irrigational system in this zone.

Besides, price hike of spare parts of these tubewells and non-availability of fuel and other inputs, have worsened the situation.

Brickfield owners using timber despite ban

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Jan 5: Increasing number of brickfields have become a threat to the environment of Cox's Bazar district as thousands of immature trees are being used as firewood in these fields.

At least 40,000 acres of land are being used in brick manufacturing purposes in Cox's Bazar and adjacent districts, according to a survey conducted by a non-government body.

It was learnt that, innumerable brickfields have polluted the environment alarmingly and in this case the neighbouring farmers are the worst sufferers.

A good number of fruit-bearing trees are also being burnt for manufacturing bricks. Crop output in nearby land has also been decreased due to the adverse effect of brickfields. In areas, two or three crops were produced every season. But now it has become impossible to grow crops as fertility of land has been declining gradually in the surrounding areas of brickfields.

As a result, farmers are sustaining heavy loss and finding no other alternative are compelled to mortgage their lands to the brickfield owners.

Besides, defying government ban, every day a huge quantity of timber from reserve forest area is being brought to the brickfield areas of Cox's Bazar sadar, Chokoria, Ramu, Ukha and Teknaf thanas, where shortage of firewood is prevailing.

Brickfield owners said they are compelled to use wood in manufacturing bricks as they can not procure coal at a reasonable price.

They alleged that the price of coal imported by government is very high. So to keep brick prices stable, they use wood which is cheaper than coal.

On the other hand, high cost of firewood has been causing immense problems to the common people who use it in cooking.

Rampant use of firewood despite government ban in the nearly 120 brickfields of Chokoria thana under the district is going on unabated hastening the process of deforestation.

Brickfield owners are using trees as fuel despite availabil-

ity of coal in the depots. local people alleged.

Besides bamboos are also being used as fuel for burning bricks in all the 400 brickfields of the district while age-old pine trees, mango and other fruit bearing trees are being felled down.

On the other hand, date trees are being chopped down indiscriminately to feed the brickfields affecting production of molasses, they added.

Meanwhile, the environmentalists have expressed grave concern over the increasing felling of trees which is affecting the ecological balance in the district.

The government in July 1989 imposed ban on using firewood in brickfields to

Bumper aman production expected in Barisal

BARISAL, Jan 5 Bumper aman is expected in all 11 southern districts under Barisal Agriculture Zone (BAZ) during the current season as climate and rainfall were favourable for the production of this crops, reports BSS.

According to an official source, a total of 7,32,776 hectares were brought under aman cultivation in this region this year.

Of the total 2,19,890 hectares were brought under upashi variety and the rest under local variety.

The production target was fixed at 19,78,581 metric tons of paddy.

A total of 765 demonstration plots were set up by the Agriculture Extension Department in these districts to educate the farmers about modern methods of cultivation, the source said.

Of the total, 1,16,500 hectares were cultivated in Barisal district, 70,250 hectares in Pirojpur, 46,720 hectares in Jhalakati, 2,02,500 hectares in Patuakhali, 1,02,190 hectares in Barguna, 1,55,695 hectares in Bhola, 7,423 hectares in Faridpur, 2,564 hectares in Madaripur, 1,894 hectares in Gopalganj, 20,845 hectares in Rajbari and 6,195 hectares in Shariatpur districts.



AGRI UNIVERSITY (Mymensingh): Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Shah Muhammad Farouk is seen with the meritorious students who were awarded gold medal and prizes recently for the best performance from the Begum Shitabjan Memorial Trust of the Bangladesh Agricultural University. The trust was set up by late Professor Dr. Ashraf Haque after the name of his mother Begum Shitabjan. — BAU photo

Travellers of Chapai Nawabganj badly need intercity train service

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAI NAWABGANJ, Jan 5: No intercity train comes to Chapai Nawabganj, a very important locality in the northern area of Bangladesh. As a result, passengers travelling long distances suffer miserably and the railway compartment is being deprived of revenue worth crores of taka.

Chapai Nawabganj is a very populated area. Every day a great number of people travel the capital city and other districts for their trade purposes and other business. As a result overcrowding in trains and buses has become a very serious problem. People from remote corners of Chapai Nawabganj go to Rajshahi to catch intercity trains. People of Chapai Nawabganj who travel by intercity trains from Rajshahi to other districts and from other districts to Rajshahi often take shelter in the hotels and in the houses of their relatives. It was learnt from hotel sources of Rajshahi that when intercity trains runs in Rajshahi the number of the boarders from Chapai Nawabganj are much higher than those of other districts. If these intercity trains are extended to Chapai Nawabganj, the suffering of the innumerable passengers of the district can be relieved

and the railway may earn revenue from here. Previously various efforts were made to make the authority realise this but those efforts came of no use. It was reported from a reliable railway source that the extension of inter-city trains to Chapai Nawabganj is not possible due to the problem of engine shunting at Amnura junction. But it is a lame excuse, said experienced sources.

According to them, it is very easy to link Rajshahi and Nawabganj rail lines through a small project. Although it may seem to be expensive but it will be a permanent source of income for the railway.

515 bottles of Phensidyl recovered

BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 5: Police seized 515 bottles of Phensidyl syrup from a private car at Ashuganj ferry ghat last week, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police recently raided the car and recovered the phensidyl, smuggled from India, worth about Tk 1.50 lakh.

A case was filed with the police.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department Rangpur Zone. Tender Notice

Tender Notice No: 15/EE/FD/Rang/95-96

Dated: 28.12.95

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911 from the A1 class contractors of Facilities Department for re-construction of the undermentioned urban govt primary schools under Gaibandha Municipal Corporation under this zone under "General Education" project during 1995-96 financial year.

Group 'A' list :-

Group No	Name of district	Name of thana	Name of school	Estimated cost (Taka)	Prescribed time limit for completion of work	Remarks
2	Gaibandha	Sadar	Munshipara Govt Primary School	16,07,178/-	5 (five) months	
3	Gaibandha	Sadar	Munshipara Govt Primary School	16,07,178/-	5 (five) months	
a)	Last date and time of selling of tender :					14.1.96 up to office hours.
b)	Date and time of receiving of tender :					15.1.96 up to 12.00 Noon.
c)	Date and time of opening of tender box :					15.1.96 at 12.15 PM.
d)	Price per set of tender document :					Tk 750/- (Seven hundred and fifty) only in cash (non-refundable).
e)	Earnest money :					Earnest money @ 2% (two per cent) of estimated cost in Bank Draft/Pay Order from any nationalised/scheduled bank must be submitted with the tender in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur.
f)	Place of selling & receiving tender :					Head Office, Facilities Department, Shiksha Bhaban, Dhaka, Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rangpur/ Rajshahi/ Dinajpur/ Panchagar/ Comilla/ Bogra/ Pabna/ Naogaon Zone offices and office of the Assistant Engineer of the district concerned.

1. Contractors shall have to produce registration book of their enlistment and original copy of VAT registration prior to purchasing tender.
2. Those who have not paid "Renewed fees" for 1995-96 financial year, cannot purchase the tender document.
3. If, according to the evaluation report of the selected school, any site change or vertical expansion of the school or horizontal expansion of the class room is required later on, then the next programme should be taken up as per instruction of this office and the contractor concerned cannot claim any additional financial benefit for this.
4. Tender will be treated as cancelled outright if the quoted amount is more than 5% below the estimated cost.
5. Income tax & VAT will be deducted from the bill as per existing govt rules.
6. Other terms & conditions will be mentioned in the tender document.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

Md. Zulfikar Ali Haidar
Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
Rangpur Zone.

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Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Local sealed tenders are invited by Bangladesh Power Development Board from renowned Local/Foreign Manufacturers or Suppliers for the procurement of equipment/materials under Greater Khulna Power Distribution Project, Phase-II for the following items:

SL No	Tender No & Date	Description of equipment/materials	Quantity	Cost of tender document	Tender receiving & opening date
1.	Pur-236/95 dated 24.12.95	Group-A	105 Nos		
a)		11KV Lightning Arrester			
b)		Drop out Cut out Fuse	900 Nos		
		Group-B	16 KM		
a)		ACSR "DOG"			
b)		ACSR "RABBIT"	15 KM		
		Group-C	360 Nos	Tk. 500/-	30.01.96
a)		11KV Disc Insulator with fittings			
b)		11KV Pin Insulator with fittings	350 Nos		
		Group-D	150 Nos		
a)		11 M Pole (Steel SPC)			
		Group-E	38 Nos		
a)		MCCB (400A) Complete panels			
b)		MCCB (200A) Complete Panels	32 Nos		

A complete set of tender document may be purchased by the interested bidders up to 29.01.96 on submission of written application and upon payment of Non-refundable fee for Taka mentioned above in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director, Purchase, PDB, Dhaka.

2.5% Bid Bond of the offered price shall be submitted with the tender.

Tender will be received up to 11.00 AM and will be opened at 11.30 AM in the prescribed date as mentioned above in presence of the intending bidder or their representative if any. No tender shall be sent by post or sold on the opening day. Offer send by Post/Telex/Fax will not be acceptable.

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S J Rashid
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PDB, Dhaka