

Hygienic slaughter house absent in Magura

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Jan 9: Due to absence of hygienic slaughter houses in different markets of four thanas in Magura district, meat vendors are slaughtering goats, cows and buffaloes in unhygienic public places, it was learnt.

According to the sources, there are no slaughter houses

in different big markets in the district.

The local people of the market areas in Muhammadpur, Khamarpara, Arpara, Sattayajitpur, Langabandh of the district alleged under the existing arrangement cows, goats and buffaloes are being slaughtered in an unhygienic way posing a threat to public health.

In fact, there is none to check the quality of the meat that is being sold in the market and consumers are often being cheated as they have no choice but to rely on the words of the sellers.

According to the sources, meat shops in different markets of the district have sprung up in a haphazard way without maintaining cleanliness.

Local people urged the concerned authority to set up a slaughter house to ensure sale of safe meat in the area.

Week-long book fair concludes in Jhalokathi

JALOKATHI, Jan 9: A week-long annual book fair concluded at Sadar thana Parishad auditorium of the district on Sunday last, reports UNB.

The fair was arranged to inspire children and juveniles to read books and encourage the creative literary works. Organisers of the fair said.

Balashi river port not yet set up

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Jan 9: Balashi river port, a long felt demand of Gaibandha people, is yet to be implemented since long two decades.

Much have been done for drawing attention of concerned authority through mass procession, hartal, political contact but the expected port could not be set up at Balashi on the western bank of river Brahmaputra and six kilometre off Gaibandha town despite occasional commitments of former heads of state.

Balashi river port under Gaibandha district and Bahadurabad ghat under Jamalpur district may be used as an alternative highway link of Nagarbari and Aricha ghat between northern districts and capital city. Constructing only a few kilometres road from Dewanganj to Bahadurabad ghat under Jamalpur district may create additional highway link with Dhaka as pavement highway connection of northern districts upto Balashi ghat under Gaibandha district is already under operation for heavy traffic. So the concerned authority should focus their attention in this respect that will undoubtedly reduce 50 per cent of traffic jam at Nagarbari and Aricha ghats.

Many of the engine operated country boats have been plying with passengers and cargo at random rate to and from Balashi ghat. Besides,

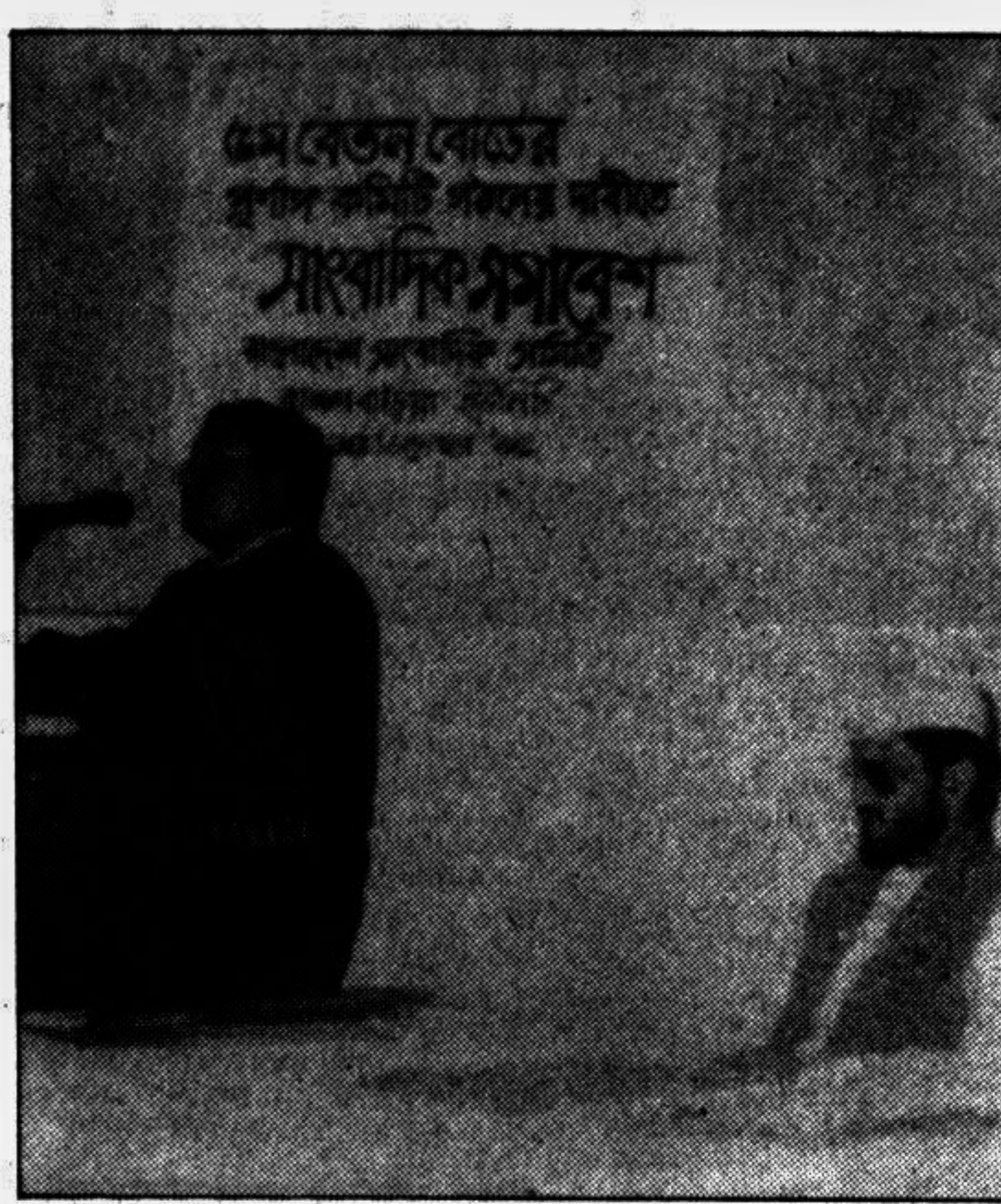
larger boats with jute, paddy and other bulky items on board are being despatched from Balashi ghat toward others river ports including Narayanganj. While talking to a jute trader of Kamaranj bazar two kilometre away of Balashi told this correspondent that it needs three days to reach a jute loaded country boat to Narayanganj due to insecurity in river route especially during night time so all the long routed boats are to be anchored at different ghats before dusk and sail the next morning. As pirates remain active in different midstreams of river Brahmaputra and Jamuna so, merchant's boats do not move during night, he added.

During the rapacious flood of 1988 railway track and bridges in large scale washed away by the surging water and as a result total Rail communication between Teestamuk ghat and Gaibandha collapsed and remained suspended for over three months. During which time Railway authority restored rail link of northern districts with capital city introducing ferry service between Bahadurabad and Balashi for a period of nearly two months. Passengers however availed next connecting train from Gaibandha by travelling six kilometre from Balashi.

During the regime of President Ershad movement of

Balashi river port intensified following series of programme including mass processions, public meetings, hartal etc. In response to the demand of mass people Inland Water Transport Authority (IWTA) set up a pontoon at Balashi ghat just to facilitate movement of passengers and goods as well. With a view to maintaining law and order administration also set up a police out-post at Balashi and the ghat gained popularity day by day. Since then huge engine operated boats, oil barges started anchorage at Balashi. Later, Railway authority used Balashi pontoon for the anchorage of ferry boats.

On the other hand present location of Railway Teestamuk ghat at Fulchari could not work smoothly following heavy siltation in ferry routes and adjacent areas of ghat. Railway authority decided to shift Teestamuk ghat two years back at Balashi constructing six kilometre new track from Trimohoni station. The programme is yet to be implemented for some unknown reason. But Railway ferry service went off since November 25 last due to closure of ferry channel at Kalasana Char and remain suspended for a week. Although the ferry service later restored which is still uncertain. The services might be closed at any time.



BRAHMANBARIA: Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity, Brahmanbaria district unit, recently organised a meeting at local District Council auditorium demanding absorption of two of their members in fifth wage board. Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity, Brahmanbaria district unit President Muhammad Arzoo presided over the meeting. — Star photo

Scarcity of writing papers in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Jan 9: Acute scarcity and high price of all types of writing papers in Jhenidah district town and other parts of the district have been causing much inconveniences to the people, specially the students.

The unscrupulous traders are taking the advantage of the situation and are selling white paper and newsprint at an abnormally high rate, it was alleged. The poor section of people are worst affected and find it extremely difficult to purchase paper for their school and college going children.

In different markets of the district per bundle of 12 pieces of white paper is selling between Taka 12 and 12.50. The prices of newsprint is also high.

When contacted a trader of paper informed that prices of all types of paper had shot up abnormally, a few months ago and the prices were not decreasing.

Tender Notice

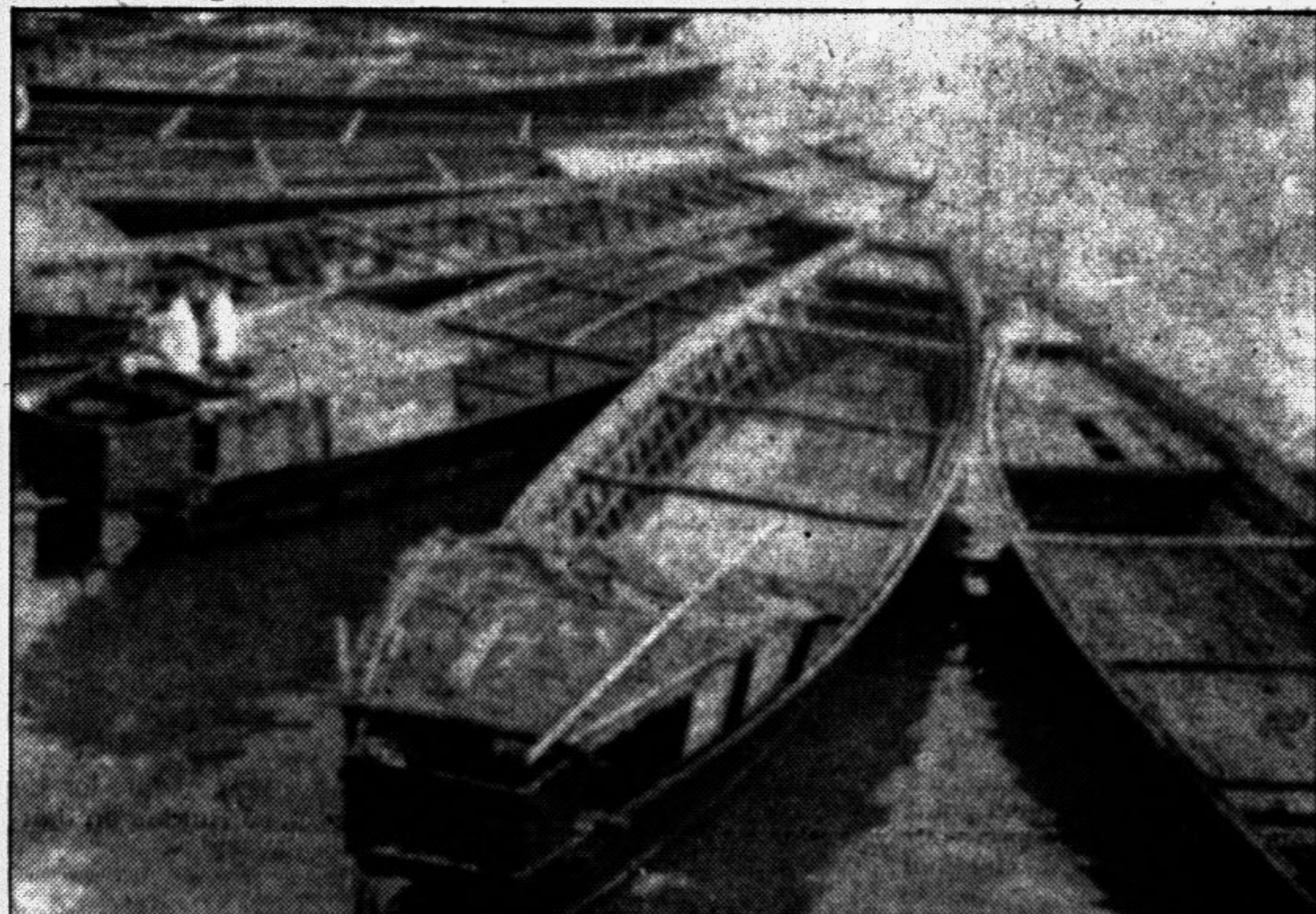
Sealed Tender is hereby invited from A, B & C class enlisted contractors of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority and Bangladesh Power Development Board for work of: 1) Construction of Equipment Room & Toilet in the ground floor of office Building, Making of Brick pavement, Fencing with greel and Construction of Entrance Road of Demra 33/11 KV Sub-Station at Demra under Civil Division, GDPDP, DESA, Dhaka.

The Tender Schedule shall be obtained from Offices of the (i) Addl. Chief Engineer (P&D), GDPDP, DESA, Gulshan, Dhaka, (ii) Superintending Engineer (E&I), GDPDP, DESA, Gulshan, Dhaka and (iii) Rupali Bank Foreign Exchange Branch, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka, subject to prior permission up to 23/01/96 at a cost of Tk 100/= (Taka one hundred) only per set (non-refundable). Proprietorship Affidavit, valid licence and other relevant documents should be shown at the time of purchasing tender schedule.

The Tender will be received till 12.00 Noon of 24/01/96 at the Offices of (i) Addl. Chief Engineer (P&D) GDPDP, DESA, Gulshan, Dhaka, (ii) Superintending Engineer (E&I) GDPDP, DESA, Gulshan, Dhaka, (iii) Director (P&D), DESA, Biddutt Bhaban (2nd Floor), 1, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka and Office of the undersigned and shall be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of the Tenderers (if any).

The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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GAIBANDHA: A portion of Balashi ghat where some large engine boats are waiting for loading passengers and cargo items. — Star photo

Soil fertility declining in Magura

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Jan 9: Land fertility in Magura district is declining alarmingly due to absence of sulphur, zinc and other salts in the soil and excessive use of chemical fertilizers.

According to sources, farmers in four thanas of the district do not know proper use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

It was informed, at least three per cent of green and animal elements are needed during cultivation but only 1.5 to two per cent are used. Agriculture Extension Department (AED) sources informed that five tons of manure are required to maintain normal fertility of one hectare of land. But at present manure is not used at all.

Najimuddin, a social worker of Magura sadar thana, said that poor village

women are using cow dung for cooking purpose with little or no knowledge to what harm they are doing to cultivation.

A Majid, a marginal farmer of Nabogram village of the district said, manure could not be used in fields due to lack of fuel for cooking.

N Islam, Agriculture Extension Officer, said, some time back farmers used to leave waste portion of their crops on their lands after the harvesting period. As a result, land got green manure from the rotten portion of the left overs. But now a days they do not leave any portion of their crops. Poor and marginal farmers now collect waste portion after harvesting to be used as roofing materials or as fuel for cooking.

Besides, rampant use of chemical fertilizers and pes-

ticides are also affecting fertility of soil.

Furthermore, tubewell and vegetables contain the remaining of pesticides. After rainfall the wastages of chemical fertilizer and pesticides pollute the ponds and water bodies affecting normal production of fish fry.

It was gathered from a source that in 1982 about three lakh tons of chemical fertilizer and about 2,500 tons of pesticides were used in this area. At present about 15 lakh tons of chemical fertilizer and 5,000 tons of pesticides are used in the same land.

According to the AED, there is no soil test programme due to lack of necessary machine for testing soil. As a result ignorant poor and marginal farmers use chemical fertilizer in their lands according to their wish.

58,000 hectares to be brought under rabi cultivation in Magura

MAGURA, Jan 9: About 58 thousand hectares of land will be brought under rabi cultivation during the current season in Magura district, it was learnt.

According to a report from Agriculture Extension Department (AED), four thanas of Magura sadar, Sripur, Muhammadpur and Shalikhia are targeted to cultivate boro, wheat, mustard, potatoes, sugarcane lentil, pea, gram, vegetables, khesari, sweet potatoes, Bhutta and green nut in a total of 58,565 hectares of land.

Sources said, 16300 hectares of land would be brought under boro, 7100 hectares under wheat, 7613 hectares under mustard, 211 hectares under potatoes, 405 hectares under sugarcane, 11232 hectares under lentil, 9006 hectares under gram, 908 hectares under vegetables, 3500 hectares under keshari, 250 hectares under

sweet potatoes, 802 hectares under pea 111 hectares under butta and 30 hectares under green nut.

It was learnt that 10,000 kg boro seeds, 17,000 kg wheat seeds, 70 kg vegetable seeds were distributed among the cultivators.

Talking to some experts it was learnt that distributed seeds will not fulfil the demand.

According to the AED sources, it was expected that about 12822 metric tons (mts) of boro paddy, 11742 mts of wheat, 4792 mts of mustard, 75 mts of potatoes, 3,000 mts of sugar cane, 7000 mts of lentil, 6312 mts of gram, 13937 mts of vegetables, 27000 mts of keshari, 800 mts of sweet potatoes, 247 mts of green nut, 7 mts of pea and 342 mts of butta would be produced from the said areas in four thanas of the district.

Number of polling centres increased in Comilla

COMILLA, Jan 9: The number of polling centres has been increased in 12 constituencies of the district to conduct next general elections smoothly, reports UNB.

According to official sources, 997 polling booths and 4,965 polling booths have been established for this year's election.

The numbers, during the 1991 election, were 171 and 4,000 respectively in these constituencies.

The number of centres for the voters of 12 constituencies are as follows: 73 centres in Comilla-1 (Homna) constituency, 127 in Comilla-2, 110 in Comilla-3, 95 in Comilla-4, 89 for Comilla-5, 65 in Comilla-6, 73 in Comilla-7, 80 in Comilla-8, 87 each in Comilla-9 and 10, 61 in Comilla-11 and 75 in Comilla-12 constituency.

A total of 20, 37, 776 voters will cast their votes from these centres. Of them, 10, 03, 523 are males and 10, 34, 253 females.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Manager (E.E.) RHD 1991, CDRRP, Part-B, Noakhali.

Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed Tender in BD Form No. 2911 is hereby invited for the work as shown below:

- Tender Notice : PM (EE), RHD, CDRRP, 09 of 1995-96.
- Name of work : Earthwork in widening of road embankment at Ist KM (Ch. 0+050 to 0+450) of Noakhali-Sonapur-Khasherhat road under 1991, CDRRP, Part-B, Noakhali during the year 1995-96.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 4,83,790/-
- Earnest Money : Tk. 9,676/- in BD/TC/Pratirakhya Sonchay Patra to be submitted in favour of PM (EE), RHD, CDRRP, Part-B, Noakhali.
- Time for completion of work : 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of Work Order.
- Eligibility of Contractor : 'A' to 'E' General category of RHD, 'C' General category of Ctg./Comilla Zone, 'D' General category of Ctg./Noakhali Road Circle & 'E' General category of Noakhali/Ctg./Laxmipur/Feni Road Division excluding the contractor already engaged in CDRRP, Part-A.
- Availability of Tender documents for purchase : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Noakhali/Laxmipur/Feni/Chittagong/Dhaka Planning Divn. (R&B) Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/PM (EE), RHD, CDRRP, Noakhali/SDE, RHD, CDRRP, Sub-Division-I, on all working days except Friday and Govt. holidays.
- Name of office in which Tender will be received : 1) SE, RHD, Road Circle, Noakhali & Addl. Project Director, RHD, CDRRP, Part-B, Noakhali. 2) Project Manager (EE), RHD, CDRRP, Part-B, Noakhali.
- Last date of selling of Tender : Up to 5.00 PM on 22-01-96
- Date of receiving of Tender : Up to 12.00 Noon on 23-01-96
- Time for opening of Tender : 12.45 PM on 23-01-96

All Ahmed Choudhury
Project Manager (EE), RHD, CC
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Noakhali.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet. Notice Inviting Quotation No. 71/1995-96

1. Tenders in sealed covers in the BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the approved and eligible Special Class I & Class-I building enlisted contractors of PWD, approved Class-II building enlisted contractors under PWD Zone, Chittagong, approved Class-III building enlisted contractors under PWD Circle, Sylhet and approved Class-IV building enlisted contractors under Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received by the undersigned as well as the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sunamganj/Moulvibazar/Habiganj under PWD Circle, Sylhet on 21-1-96 up to 12-00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present at the time of opening.

Name of work	Estimated cost in Taka	Earnest money in Taka	Time allowed
Essential maintenance & repairs to Auditorium Bldg. of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College (Stopping roof leakage) during the year 1995-96.	1,97,585/-	3,955/-	45 (Forty five) days.

2. Contract documents consisting of BD Form No. 2911, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, PWD Division Sunamganj/Moulvibazar/Habiganj under PWD Circle, Sylhet & Sub-Divisional Engineer, I/II/III/EM of Sylhet PWD Division on payment of usual charges of Tk. 425/- (Taka four hundred twenty five) only Non-refundable per set of schedule, terms & conditions and per copy of BD Form No. 2911. Tender form may be purchased by the intending contractor himself or by his authorised representative on production of upto date renewed book of registration & other requisite papers of his eligibility with signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor on any day during the office hours up to 20-1-96.

Md. Isa Haque
Executive Engineer
Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet.
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Facilities Department, Ministry of Education Dhaka Zone, 17 Outer Circular Road, Razarbagh, Dhaka

Tender Notice

Notice No:08/FD/DZ/PRY/UNNAYAN/1995-96. Dated 23-12-95

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of Facilities Department & eligible contractors of Foreign countries (World Bank Member countries only) for the re-construction and repair works of the Selected Govt. Pry. Schools of different thanas of Dhaka Zone under the project 'Re-Construction & Repair of Govt. Pry. Schools.'

Gr. No.	Description/Name of work	Estimated amount (Taka)	Earnest money (Taka)	Completion times(days)	Category of enlistment
01.	Samajik Shikha Kendra Govt Pry School, Ramna thana, Dhaka	Tk:4,93,000/=	2% (Two)	60 (Sixty) days	A-1/A-2.
02.	Ganaktoly Horizon Govt Pry School at Lalbagh Thana, Dhaka	Tk:4,93,000/=	2% (Two)	60 (Sixty) days	A-1/A-2.
03.	Islamia Samiti Govt Pry School at Tejgaon Thana, Dhaka	Tk:4,93,000/=	2% (Two)	60 (Sixty) days	A-1/A-2.
04.	Baunia Govt Pry School at Mirpur Thana, Dhaka	Tk:4,93,000/=	2% (Two)	60 (Sixty) days	A-1/A-2.
05.	Shohat Govt Pry School at Mirpur Thana, Dhaka	Tk:4,93,000/=	2% (Two)	60 (Sixty) days	A-1/A-2.
06.	Dhanmondi 2 No. Boys & Girls Pry School, Dhanmondi, Dhaka	Tk:4,93,000/=	2% (Two)	60 (Sixty) days	A-1/A-2.
07.	Mohammedpur Govt Pry School, Mohammedpur, Dhaka	Tk:4,93,000/=	2% (Two)	60 (Sixty) days	A-1/A-2.

Tender schedule and all connected papers may be obtained from the office of the undersigned at 17 Outer Circular Road, Razarbagh, Dhaka, office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Mymensingh/Faridpur/Tangail/Narayanganj/Narsingdi/Savar/Kishoregonj/Madaripur Zone and office of the Senior Assit. Secretary, Ministry of Education, Room No. 1825, 18th Floor, Building No.06, Bangladesh Secretariate, Dhaka up to 16-1-96 on all working days during office hours on cash payment of Tk 400/00 (Taka four hundred) only (non-refundable) for each set of tender documents and relevant papers.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned at 17 Outer Circular Road, Rajarbagh, Dhaka, Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Mymensingh/Faridpur/Tangail/Narayanganj/Narshindi/Savar/Kishoregonj/Madaripur Zone and office of the Senior Assit. Secretary, Ministry of Education, Room No. 1825, 18th Floor, Building No. 06, Bangladesh Secretariat Dhaka on 18-1-96 up to 1:00 PM and will be opened on the same date at 1:15 PM in presence of the tenderer if thereby any. No tender will be entertained after the expiry of the receiving time as mentioned in the notice.

Each tender must accompany a Bank Draft/Pay Order from any nationalised/scheduled bank of Bangladesh for an amount @ 2% (Two) percent of the estimated amount for each group as Earnest Money in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Dhaka Zone Dhaka.

- Instruction to Tenderer:**
- Before purchasing tender documents contractors shall have to produce enlistment Registration Book (Up to date renewed).
 - Contractor shall have to produce the Value Added Tax (VAT) Registration Certificate before purchasing the tender documents.
 - Value Added Tax (VAT) and Income Tax (IT) will be deducted as per Govt. Rule.
 - More less than 5% (Five) per cent of estimated cost tender will be rejected.
- The tender committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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