



**MOULVIBAZAR:** (From left to right) M Saifur Rahman, Finance Minister, Al-haj ANM Yousuf, Member Bangladesh Bar Council, Mohammed Fazlul Karim District and Session Judge of Moulvibazar, Abdul Muhit Chowdhury — lawyer, Moulvibazar Bar, Shanti Pada Ghose-General Secretary — District Bar Association and Syeed Anwar Mahmood — President of District Bar Association speaking on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the newly constructed building of the Moulvibazar District Advocate Bar Association recently. —Star photo

**Truck-tempo collision: One killed**

**JHENIDAH, Jan 13:** A traffic mishap at Vatiabazar in Shailakupa thana on Jhenidah-Kushtia road on Tuesday left a man dead and three others injured, reports UNB. Police said the accident occurred when a Kushtia bound truck from Jhenidah collided with a tempo. The dead, who was said to be the tempo passenger, could not be named immediately. But local people identified him as the manager of Shahu Bread Factory of Goraganj in Shailakupa thana.

**Contraband worth over Tk 1 lakh seized in Jhenidah**

**JHENIDAH, Jan 13:** Bangladesh Rifles in a recent raid recovered smuggled Indian goods worth over Taka one lakh from different shops near Chanda cinema hall at Paglakani and other parts in the town, officials said, reports UNB. The contraband items include clothes, sugar, bicycle, cosmetics and spare parts. BDR personnels of Chaudanga 13 battalion conducted the operation.

**Fish output from Bergobindapur baor project declining**

**JESSORE, Jan 13:** Bergobindapur baor, the biggest and most profitable fisheries project of the department in the district has recently become a losing concern following alleged corruption, mismanagement, negligence, malpractice by the administration and improper supervision of local baor management in recent time, said sources. According to information, the baor project has marked unprecedented fall in fish production with sharp decline in stocking of fingerlings during fiscal 1994-95. A statistical report showed that during this fiscal, fish production was only 40.22 tons while the target was 130 tons. It was 70 per cent less than the target. The stock position during the same fiscal shows that fingerlings weighing 5.78 tons were stocked against target of 9.98 tons. According to reports, during fiscal 1991-92, fish production was 120 tons against a target of 125 tons. Stocking

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was 9.52 tons against the target of 9 tons. During 1992-93, the target was achieved 100 per cent. It was 130 tons and the production was the same. The stocking target was met 100 per cent. During 1993-94, fish production was 125 tons while target was 127 tons. Stocking was 13 tons while target was 12.30 tons. Besides, Bergobindapur Baor was taken up for development in first phase of Oxbow Lake Fishery Project funded by World Bank (IDA Credit) in 1986 with a view to boosting fish productions with appropriate restocking of selected species of fingerlings and improving socio-economic condition of fishermen by increased fish production and income. The baor is 217 hectares in area and the adjoining Dainer beel is 40 hectares in area connected to the main project. Dainer beel has been developed as a nursery ground to ensure logistic supply of fingerlings to the baor. The production achieved in 1991 to implement the objectives of the project. A total of 906 metric tons of wheat under food for works programme, allocated by WFP (World Food Programme) was sanctioned during the fiscals from 1991-92 to 1994-95 in order to excavate, re-excavate the ponds and canals and dewater the waterbody, as the case may be. Allegations received from different corners indicate that the figure shown in the production chart of the baor is not accurate and far less than the actual figures. The figure shown in stocking chart was also reportedly not accurate, the allegations added. Witnesses say that during last fiscal, fishing was as good as previous fiscal and there was no shortage apparently. During visit to the project site, local people informed this correspondent that production in the baor has fallen recently.

**Hunt for illegal arms Foreign arms, 22 rounds of bullets recovered**

From Our Correspondent

**MOULVIBAZAR, Jan 13:** In a combined operation conducted by the army, police and BDR, a foreign revolver, six round bullets, two detonators and two fresh grenades were recovered from a cow-shed of Modhu Miah of village Amtal under Kulaura thana Thursday night. According to the Kulaura police, these arms and weapons were found into a abandoned hand bag in the cowshed. No arrest was made in this connection. A case was registered. Besides this, in another drive, police of Katwali thana had recovered 224 rounds of bullets of 303 rifle and three round bullets of SLR in a field near Roysere area on MKJ road on January 10 last. It is mentionable here that, no arms and weapons were recovered except in this two cases in Moulvibazar district. From Sirajganj UNB reports: Police in a special drive recovered an Indian shattergun, 10 rounds of bullet and six ramdaos from near the Kalia-Haripur bridge in sadar thana on Thursday last, reports UNB. Acting on a tip-off, police conducted the operation and recovered the arms and ammunition. A case was filed with sadar thana. Meanwhile, police have so far recovered five revolvers, one sawed-off rifle, three pipeguns, two shatterguns, 30 rounds of bullet and six ramdaos since the country-wide hunt for illegal arms began on December 20 last. In two recent drives, police also recovered 204 bottles of Indian Phensidyle from Shahjadpur and Ullahpara thanas. Two people — Abu Hena, 24, and Abu Taleb, 25, — were detained in this connection. UNB from Jhalakathi adds: One shattergun and two rounds of bullets were recovered from a classroom of Pratap High School in sadar thana on Tuesday last. Acting on a tip, DB police raided the school and recovered the arms and ammunition. But the miscreants who had taken shelter in the school fled the scene sensing police arrival. A case was filed with sadar thana. An another report from Khulna UNB adds: Criminal offences in the district have come down as the hunt for illegal arms stepped up ahead of general elections. Police, however, said the rate of criminal activities during 1995 in the district was not as much as the previous year. They said 1,076 cases, including that of dacoity and murder, were filed during the period. They recovered 47 firearms in 1994 while 87 in 1995.

**Present pace of shoal development may cause ultimate death of Brahmaputra**

From Our Correspondent

**JAMALPUR, Jan 13:** The Brahmaputra river is turning into a canal due to rapid siltation. It lost its original current from its source of the eastern Himalayas down to its mouth. The river is 1,830 miles long streaming through Dibrugarh, Gauhati and Meghalaya and pours into Bangladesh from the western side at the Garo Hills. From Dewanganj, Nalitambari, Jamalpur town to Mymensingh to Bhairab Bazar where the river meets Meghna it has created thousands of shoals and sand banks on its way. On the soggy shoals farmers grow paddy, wheat, ground nut and pulses, beans and pumpkins. People cross the Brahmaputra walking these days. A brisk business is being carried out digging sand and dumping those on the bank for sale. Cultivators plant transplanted boro on the sand banks. Frogs croak in the evening and at night jackals howl and break the silence of the hour. M A Jalil, a day labourer of Nandina Bazar area, under Jamalpur sadar thana said he along with other colleagues come down to Brahmaputra everyday to dig sand which provides them means of living. He earns Taka 55 a day, he said. All along Dewanganj, Nalitambari, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Islampur, Nandina, Begunbari, Nurundi, Riazpur, Biddaganj, and Mymensingh Brahmaputra is drying up and leaving chars (shoals). Lifting his hands from the ankle-deep water at Shambhuganj Bridge side Abdul Kalam, a local farmer said, "We do not blame any one for our misfortune of not having water in Brahmaputra. In reply to a question why Brahmaputra is running dry, an engineer of Water Development Board (WDB), Mymensingh, said the seven-tenth century earthquake has caused this river to adopt a major change. Centuries ago the river was flowing through Bahadurabad ghat as Jamuna-Brahmaputra. There were torrential stream. But due to severe earthquake its course had been diverted and it ran through Mymensingh-Shambhuganj. Numerous haors, baors, oxbow lakes, depressions have been formed due to the earthquake, besides due to creation of several barrages in its upper streams the natural water flow has been interrupted. There is tremendous siltation all along the length of the river and dredging is very expensive, the WDB official



**JAMALPUR:** Engine boats waiting to carry passengers at Bahadurabad ghat as ferry services at the ghat remained suspended. —Star photo by Meherullah.



Goods meant for transportation across Jamuna left at the Bahadurabad train station. Ferry services at Bahadurabad ghat remain suspended causing untold sufferings.

(b) water control, (c) hydro-electricity of this country. Many programmes were initiated during the post-liberation period. Many meetings among technical committees of both the countries had been arranged. Efforts were made to revive the old contract. But no effective measures were taken in case of Brahmaputra. In 1977 a bilateral water development treaty was signed with India. It was said in the agreement that Bangladesh would get 34,500 cusecs of water during its lean period. After 1988 the treaty agreements disappeared: we had our initiatives, but the Indian side showed no interest. However, 18,000 cusecs of water was flowing. Early this year there was another water treaty signed with India. The technical committee members of both the countries had talks on this issue. Efforts are underway to restore the old water treaty and make it permanent. The present picture of the Brahmaputra river is very grave. Ferry services of Ghendi, Jamalpur-Sherpur and Shanandabari still remain suspended.

**Young girl commits suicide**

**From Staff Correspondent**  
**SYLHET, Jan 13:** A sixteen year girl committed suicide by hanging herself at village Nij Dhaka Dakshin under Lakshmanabond union of Golapganj thana Thursday. The victim, daughter of Gons Miah passed SSC examination last year. The cause of the incident could not be ascertained. An UD case has been lodged.

**Sylhet bar Assoc body formed**

**From Staff Correspondent**  
**SYLHET, Jan 13:** Advocate Abu Salman Chowdhury and Advocate Abdul Hai Khan were elected president and general secretary respectively in the annual election of Sylhet Bar Association held on Thursday last. Four hundred forty-six voters out of 631 expressed their franchise in the election. Forty-two contested for 19 posts. The elected office-bearers include vice-president Abdul Mannan joint-secretary: Nausab Ahmed Chowdhury library secretary: Surajit Bhattacharya, Social welfare secretary: Belayet Hossain, election commissioner Ibne Ali Mohammad Luthful Kibria Assistant secretary: Ashoke Purakayastha, Auditor: Mas Abdullah Chowdhury and Abdul Mukhtar and nine members.

**Tender Notice**

1. Quotations are hereby invited from traders/suppliers/manufacturers by Army Headquarters, Military Training Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment for 6 types of stationery items.

2. Tender schedule with detailed specification will be available on payment of Tk 50.00 (non-refundable) from 0900 hours to 1100 hours on 23 January 1996 in Army Headquarters Reception Room.

3. Sealed tenders will be received in Tender Box placed in Army Headquarters Reception Room up to 10.00 hours on 03 February 1996 and will be opened at 1100 hours on the same day in the presence of all the tenderers present (if any).

**President**  
Purchase Committee  
ISPR/Sena/96/39 Military Training Directorate  
DFP-527-8/1 Army Headquarters  
G-85 Dhaka Cantonment

**DESA Tender Notice**

Tender No HVL/3.86/942 dt 27.12.95 sealed tenders Form No T-1 are hereby invited from the enlisted A and B class contractors having valid Electrical ABC licence for electrification of Naogaon village and adjacent area of Rupganj Thana of O&M Division, Siddhirganj under HV Lines Division, DESA, Dhaka, Road No 135, House No 47, Gulshan, Dhaka. The tender document will be available up to 28.1.96 in the office of the (1) Addl. Chief Engineer (P&D), DESA, Dhaka (ii) Suptd Engineer (E&I), GDPDP, DESA, Dhaka (iii) The City Bank Ltd., Gulshan Branch, Dhaka at the cost of Tk 150/- (one hundred fifty) only each set (Non-refundable) in the shape of Bank Draft in favour of Addl. Director, RAO, DESA, Dhaka with written permission from respective office & the undersigned. The tender will be received up to 12.00 Noon of 29.1.96 along with 2.5% (two point five per cent) Earnest money of the quoted amount in the shape of Bank Draft in favour of Addl. Director, RAO, DESA, Dhaka in the office of (i) Addl Chief Engineer (P&D), DESA, Dhaka (ii) Suptd Engineer (E&I), GDPDP, DESA, Dhaka (iii) Director (P&D), DESA, Dhaka and (iv) Executive Engineer, HV Lines Division, DESA, Dhaka. The tender will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM (in presence of the tenderers, if any).

**Executive Engineer**  
HV Lines Division  
DESA, Dhaka.

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**Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh**  
Kurmitola, Dhaka

**Tender Notice**

"গাছ লাগান, গাছের পরিচর্যা করুন এবং পরিবেশ বাঁচান"-প্রধানমন্ত্রী  
বিমান বন্দরকে পরিষ্কার রাখুন

CD-1/10/95-96

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited for the work as noted below from CAAB enlisted 'C' & above Class Contractor (Civil) having experience of similar nature of work by the undersigned on 28-01-1996 up to 12-00 Noon and shall be opened at 12-30 PM on the same day in presence of the contractors, if any. Tender paper & other terms & conditions may be available in the office of the Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka, Cash Section, CAAB, HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka & Executive Engineer, Civil Division-I, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka during the office hours on all working days. No tender paper will be sold on the date of opening of the tender. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or part without assigning any reason thereof.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of tender form (non-refundable)
1.	0/M of 1995-96 (SH: Repairing of sofa set of VIP Lounge of PTB) at ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka.	Tk 1,18,671/-	Tk 2,970/-	Tk 250/-

**Executive Engineer**  
Civil Division-I  
CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.

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**Tender Notice**

Sealed local tenders are hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board for the procurement of materials for the following:

The expenditure will be booked against PDP (East/West) 1995-96 or C&M Revenue budget.

Sl No	Tender No	Description of Materials	Cost of Tender Document	Date of Opening & Receiving of Tender
1.	Pur-239/96	5 mm dia High Tensile steel wire-250 MT.	Tk 1,000/-	28-1-96

A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by interested bidders up to 27-1-96 on submission of written application and upon payment of Non-refundable fee of Taka mentioned above against tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director, Purchase, Power Development Board, Dhaka.

2½% (Two and half per cent) Bid Bond of the offered price shall be submitted with tender. Tender will be received up to 11-00 AM and will be opened at 11-30 AM on the same date as mentioned above in presence of the intending bidders or their representatives, if any. No tender shall be sent by post and no Telex/Fax offer will be acceptable.

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**Director, Purchase**  
PDB, Dhaka.

**BCIC International Tender Notice**

বিসিআইসি'র পূর্ণাঙ্গ শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Sylhet Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamganj invites in Two Envelope system sealed tender for supply of Rotor Knives for Pallmann Cutter against Tender No 395 on C&F Chittagong basis under any suitable credit. Tender schedule available at Tk 100/- per set from (a) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka (b) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (c) SPPM Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamganj. Tender along with 1% earnest money will be received up to 11.00 AM on 12.2.96 and thereafter opened technical offer. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

BCIC 16-4/1/96  
DFP-422-8/1  
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**Golam Mostofa**  
Manager (Purchase)  
For Managing Director