

### Three killed in separate road mishaps

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ Feb 10: Three persons were killed and two others injured in the separate road accident in Kishoreganj district last week.

According to the police, two persons were killed on the spot and 20 others sustained injuries when a Kuti-Chowmuhani-bound passenger bus bearing no. Dhaka Metro Cha-8924 skidded off a roadside ditch on Dhaka-Sylhet highway near Jagannathpur rail crossing in Bhairab Thana on Jan 31. The accident occurred as the driver lost control over the steering. One of the dead was identified as Babul (30), helper of the ill-fated bus while the identity of the other could not be known. The injured persons were admitted into Bhairab thana health complex.

In another incident, an unidentified woman, aged about 50 was killed and 50 persons were injured when a passenger bus (Mymensingh Ba-1881) collided head-on with another passenger bus (Tangail Ba-33) on Kishoreganj-Karimganj road at Kaikuria in Karimganj thana on Jan 1.

Of the injured, six were admitted into Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, 27 into Kishoreganj sadar hospital and a into Karimganj hospital. Other injured passengers were released after first aid.

The accident occurred due to heavy fog, police said. Both the vehicles were damaged badly.

Two separate cases were registered with the respective police station in this connection.

### 3 telephone wire lifters caught red-handed

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ Feb 10: Three telephone wire lifters were caught by the villagers and later handed over them to the police on Feb 1. They are Abdur Rashid, Harat Ali and Firoza Begum, all of village Lurmia in Pakundia thana.

Telephone wires worth about Taka 400 were also recovered from their possessions. A huge quantity of telephone wires were lifted from Kishoreganj Pakundia line the previous night, police said. A case was registered with Pakundia police station in this connection.

### Project taken to instal tubewells

From Our Correspondent, KISHOREGANJ Feb 10: The Department of Public Health Engineering has taken up a programme for installation of 424 new shallow tubewells in 10 thanas of Kishoreganj district with the joint financial assistance of the government and the UNICEF during the current financial year.

According to the concerned sources, a total of 59 tubewells will be installed in Karimganj thana, 15 in Tarail, 41 in Pakundia, 87 in Katiadi, 43 in Bhairab, 55 in Austagram, 29 in Nikli, 23 in Mitamoin, 32 in Itna and 40 in Kuliarchar.

### 25pc schools in Sherpur have no buildings

## Despite all odds primary education programme successfully implemented

From Ratan Chowdhury

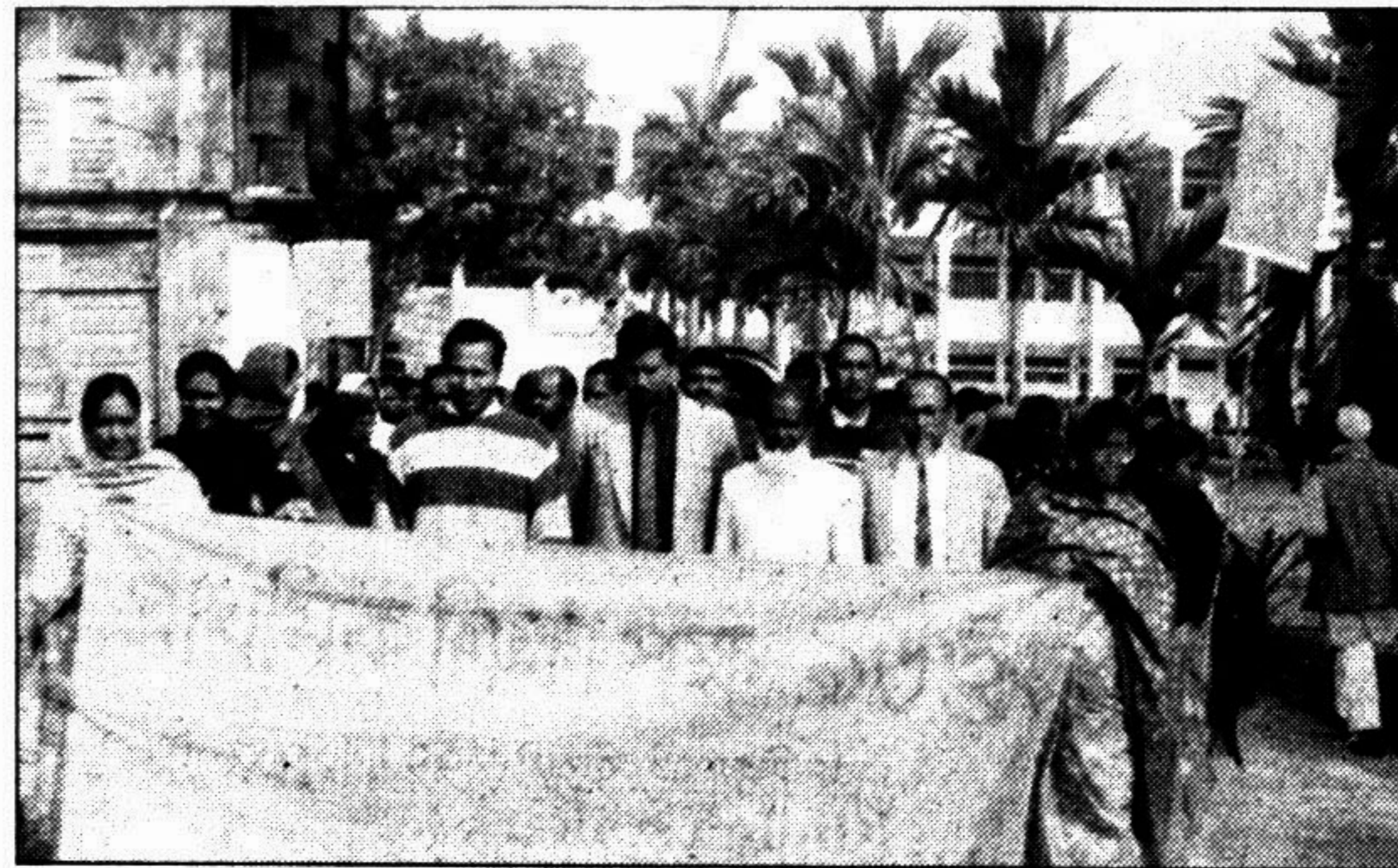
SHERPUR, Feb 10: Despite acute shortage of necessary assistance compulsory primary education department of Sherpur district has achieved tremendous success during last two years.

About 50 per cent government primary schools in five thanas of the district are facing difficulties to accommodate the rising number of students. Most of the schools are in dilapidated condition. The shortage of teachers and furniture have made the situation worse.

The sadar thana education officer Md. Ataur Rahman told to The Daily Star over one lakh students are studying in 119 government primary schools, 53 non-government primary schools, 21 non-registered primary schools, 52 madrasahs, 238 schools initiated by NGOs and one kindergarten school under sadar thana of the district.

Besides, schools which have been damaged by the natural calamities during last 5 years have not yet been repaired. A good number of schools are holding classes under open sky or buildings which may collapse at any moment. Construction work of some government primary schools were handed over to the Facilities Department and Local Government Engineering Department but the contractors left them half done for want of fund.

Twenty five per cent of the schools have no buildings at all and another 25 per cent schools are either kutcha or dilapidated. Few of the schools have no roofs. Fifty per cent students sit either on mats or on bricks due to lack of benches. In some schools there is not a single chair for the teachers



SHERPUR: A colourful rally was brought out by the district primary education department to mark the primary education fortnight. (Compulsory Primary Education - 1996).

to sit on. Moreover, supply of necessary appliances including blackboards, chalk, dusters is too inadequate. 75 per cent of the schools have no playgrounds.

According to a report on the progress of the increasing number of students during the last three years period indicates that enrollment rate rose to an average by 87 per cent where as it was 47 per cent in 1992.

The number of students in five thanas of the district stood at about 2.5 lakh more. The number of new students, 6 to 10 years of age stands at one lakh.

When contacted, the district Primary Education Officer, Md Anwarul Islam in-

formed this correspondent that primary education programme here has been a success story.

It's activities were most impressive and noteworthy, he expressed. Maximum young teachers and staff of the departments go to villages to organise social movement against illiteracy and paves way for mass acceptance of the family education in a drive to ensure the forthcoming future.

The role of NGO's is very vital to motivate and mould public opinion in favour of compulsory primary education. Md. Anwarul Islam said, women teacher are also very effective. They go round from house to house to motivate new students and add to in-

crease the strength of compulsory primary education. This is on any accounts a great plus point in implementation of government doctrine regarding mass education. The women teachers also motivate the illiterate family to control birth rate and bring to also out socio-economic development of the unprivileged rural areas.

Moreover, all section of teachers, staff, local leaders and managing committees are discharging their duties regularly. It is informed by the guardians.

Besides, abnormal high price of paper and other materials coupled with chronic poverty continue to hinder guardians sending their children to school.

### One convicted for possessing contraband drugs

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ Feb 10: Md. Shahidullah, Additional District and Special Tribunal Judge, Kishoreganj in a judgement delivered recently convicted one Nadim Hossain and sentenced him to suffer rigorous imprisonment for one year with a fine of Taka 1000 on charge of keeping contraband medicines. He was tried in absentia as he had been absconding.

According to the prosecution, on Jan 24, 1994, Sub-inspector Shahidullah of Austagram police station challenged Nadim while he was passing through the Austagram bazar with a carton in his hands. The accused then tried to flee away, but he was later caught. The police recovered seven bottles of BG Posh and three bottles of DEXORANGE syrup from his possession.

A case was registered with Austagram police who after investigation submitted charge-sheet against him.

### Aman procurement drive fails in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ Feb 10: The Aman procurement drive has totally failed in Kishoreganj district during the current season.

Though the procurement drive began on November 18, not a single kilogram of aman paddy or rice has been procured in the district. According to an official source, 1000 metric tons of paddy was fixed for buying from the farmers directly and 1000 metric tons of rice through the mill-owners during the current procurement season. A total of nine purchasing centres were set up in the district to make the procurement drive a success. These are - Kishoreganj sad, Hossainpur, Pakundia, Katiadi, Karimganj Tarail, Sarachar, Kuliarchar and Bhairab.

As the prices of paddy and rice in open market is higher than the procurement rate, the government has failed to procure from the open market. Paddy and rice are being sold in the open market at Taka 8 and 12 per kilogram respectively while the government rate of per kilogram paddy is Taka 7 and per kilogram rice is Taka 11, it is learnt.

### 3 alleged dacoits held

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ Feb 10: Three alleged bus dacoits were arrested by the Bhairab police from Shamvapour area on Feb 4.

Acting on a tip-off, a police party led by Rafiqul Alam Mia, officer-in-charge, Bhairab thana raided the den of the dacoits and arrested Md. Ali, Hossain and Hanif.

They were involved in many bus dacoities on different highways like Dhaka-Sylhet and Dhaka-Kishoreganj, police said.

### 11 posts of thana edn officers lying vacant

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ Feb 10: A total of 11 posts of thana Education Officers have been lying vacant hampering departmental works including Compulsory Primary Education and Food for Education Programmes in Kishoreganj district for long.

There are 13 thanas in Kishoreganj district. The 11 thanas which are running without Education Officers are - Kishoreganj sadar, Karimganj, Hossainpur, Katiadi, Bajitpur, Kuliarchar, Bhairab, Austagram, Itna, Mitamoin and Nikli.

Of them, Karimganj thana Education Officer has been put under suspension on charge of misappropriation of government money which to other posts have been vacant due to transfer.

Besides, 12 posts of Assistant Education officers have also been lying vacant in the district of the vacant posts, 2 each in Karimganj and Pakundia and one each in Tarail.

## Flood protection embankment in Moulvibazar under attack

From R K Goswami

MOULVIBAZAR, Feb 10: People of Moulvibazar are fearing that the district town and its adjacent areas may again be inundated by floods of the Monu river as different elements engaged in work to damage the Monu river flood protection embankments from Sayerpur to Shahbandar areas.

A quarter of opportunists have been encroaching the embankment for house building. Secondly rats have taken shelter on the embankment for growing up human habitation and thirdly some lease holders of Monu river are reportedly cutting the embankment for easy running of their trucks.

During the visit of this correspondent at some areas of the left bank of Monu river, many huts have been built and in some places slums have been erected on the flood protection embankments. These huts were also being rented to the homeless people and these people are living with their families in the said huts and slums.

Rats are also taking shel-



MOULVIBAZAR: A view of illegal occupation by local people on the Monu river flood protection embankment.

ter in the embankment with human habitation causing serious threat to the flood protection embankment.

In the Shantibag area of the town, some people have been constructing boundary walls for their residence by encroaching the Moulvibazar town flood protection embankment of the Monu river.

From West Market Ferryghat to Shahbandar area, slums has been built at large scale.

Some owners of huts and slums on the flood protection embankment said that they were permitted by the Water Development Board (WDB), Moulvibazar office to construct huts and slums. They also added that they are lease holders of the respective portion of embankments.

When contacted with the WDB officials, a Sub-Assistant Engineer denied that the flood protection embankment was never being lease-out to any quarter and there are no scope of such leasing. The engineer added that the WDB authority are quite aware about the illegal human habitation and encroachment.

On the flood protection embankment. He also informed this correspondent that the WDB authority has taken a decision to evict the huts and slum dwellers from the embankment and a written proposal has already been submitted to the Deputy Commissioner of Moulvibazar. It is waiting for approval of the Deputy Commissioner.

It may be mentioned here that after the implementation of the Kawadighi Haor based Monu River Irrigation Project (MRIP) in 1983, two thanas of the district including Moulvibazar district town had fallen into the trap of floods as expected side effects of the project on human habitation was not considered during the implementation of the MRIP.

As a result in 1984, the following year of the implementation of the MRIP, large portion of Moulvibazar sadar and Rajnagar thanas including the district headquarters went under eight to ten feet of flood water of the river

Monu, and this flood claimed more than 50 lives.

However, after that flood, the WDB had implemented different schemes of cores of Taka to construct high embankments on both sides of the Monu river. Besides this, large scale allocation of money are being made for treatment of the embankment every year.

These embankments are very important to protect the rural and urban areas from inundation. But due to negligence of the concerned authorities, all the flood protection embankments are now under large scale encroachment.

Another report says, the reconstruction work of the Moulvibazar town flood protection RCC wall has been facing obstruction from a quarter of opportunists, who are seeking compensation for alleged damaging of their buildings during the reconstruction work.

Local people and the WDB officials said that, the said buildings, for which compensation money is being sought, were already damaged during the flood of 1984 and after that floods when the bricks wall was constructed nobody reportedly asked for

compensation.

A section officer of the WDB Moulvibazar circle explained that there are no proposal or allocation for any compensation under the current reconstruction scheme. The WDB has failed to continue the work which has already been started. The old bricks wall has been removed in different points to replace the new RCC wall and there is no question of damaging of any area by building during the replacement. He, however, added that, under the pressure of such people, who are seeking compensation, the WDB has arranged discussion meetings with the Moulvibazar pourashava and the concerned people. The poura authority requested WDB authority to help this compensation seekers. After request from this meetings, the authority submitted a proposal of compensation.

An Executive Engineer of WDB, during discussion with some newsmen, warned that if the compensation money yet to be allocated, the Moulvibazar town and its adjacent areas may be inundated by the Monu river flood because the reconstruction work of RCC wall is still abandoned.



M A Bari, President, Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West is installing a tubewell for safe drinking of water for the village inhabitants in their RVC village of Biprabartha of Gazipur district recently.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Facilities Department Kurigram Zone, Kurigram

## Tender Notice

No. EE/FD/KZ/95-96(07) Dt: 30-01-96

Sealed tenders through Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from A1 & A2 class contractors of Facilities Department for construction of boundary wall of PTI, Kurigram under 'General Education Project'.

- Estimated cost : Taka 11,45,457/00
- Last date of purchasing tender document : 25-02-96 (up to office hours)
- Date & time of receiving tender document : 26-02-96 (up to 12-00 Noon)
- Date & time of opening tender : 26-02-96 (at 12-30 PM)
- Offices where tender document will be available and received : Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Kurigram/Rangpur/Panchagarh/Dinajpur/Bogra/Pabna/Naogaon/Rajshahi Zone office & Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Lalmonirhat district office.
- Earnest money : Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any nationalised/scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Kurigram Zone, Kurigram should be deposited with each tender.
- Price of tender document per set : Taka 750/= (seven hundred fifty) only in cash (non-refundable).
- Prescribed time limit for completion of work : 3 (three) months.
- Prior to purchasing the tender document, contractors' enlistment registration book & original copy of VAT registration certificate should be produced.
- Those who have not deposited 'renewal fee' for 1995-96 financial year, can not purchase tender document.
- Income Tax/VAT will be deducted as per usual Govt. rules.
- If the quoted rate is more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost, the tender will be rejected outright.

All other information and terms & conditions regarding the tender will be available in the tender document.

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

Md. Harunur Rashid  
Executive Engineer  
Facilities Department  
Kurigram Zone, Kurigram.

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### Bangladesh Water Development Board Office of the Executive Engineer Saikupa O & M Division Saikupa, Jhenaidah.

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## Tender Notice

No. 18 & 19/1995-96.

- Name of work : Protective work of Kumarkhali Town Protection Scheme under Saikupa O & M Division, BWDB, Saikupa, Jhenaidah during the year 1995-96.  
RD. 2095.21 M. to 2148.66M=53.45M.  
Tender No. (18) Manufacturing of CC Block (Structural work).  
Tender No. (19) Placement of CC Blocks for Bank revetment work. (Other works).
- Estimated Cost : Tender No. (18) Group No. 18/A-21,50,645/-  
Group No. 18/B-21,50,645/-  
Tender No. (19) Group No. 19/A-3,46,970/-  
Group No. 19/B-3,46,970/-
- Earnest money : 2% of the Estimated Amount.
- Time allowed for : Tender No. 18 (Group-18/A, 18/B=75 days).  
Tender No. 19 (Group-19/A, 19/B=45 days).  
26-2-96 during Bank/Office hours.
- Last date and time for selling tender documents : A) Reaving of Tender: 25-2-96, 26-2-96, during Office hours and 27-2-96 up to 12-00 Noon.  
B) Opening of Tender: 27-2-96 at 12-30 hours.
- Date & Time : Tender No-18: 750/- Per set/Per Group.  
Tender No-19: 400/- Per set/Per Group.
- Class of Contractor : Tender No-18 "A" & "B" Class under BWDB for the year 1994-95.  
Tender No. 19 "D" Class under BWDB for the year 1994-95.
- Place of selling Tender documents : Tender No. 18.  
Sonali Bank, Saikupa branch, Saikupa/Kushtia Main branch, Kushtia/Magura Main branch, Magura/Jhenaidah Main branch/Jhenaidah/Chuadanga branch Chuadanga/Amla branch, Amla/Bheramara branch, Bheramara/Golchamat branch, Faridpur/WAPDA Building branch, Motijheel C/A Dhaka/Boyra branch, Khulna office of the deputy Director, Regional Accounts Centre (RAC) BWDB, Kushtia/Faridpur.  
Tender No. 19.  
Above places accept Boyra Branch, Khulna.
- Place of receiving of Tender : Tender No. 18  
Office of the Superintending Engineer O&M Circle, BWDB Khulna/Faridpur/Dhaka Office of the Executive Engineer, O&M Division, BWDB Magura/Jhenaidah/Chuadanga/Amla/Kushtia/Bheramara (Pump house) Saikupa/Dhaka Division-2.  
Tender No. 19.  
Above places except O & M Circle BWDB, Dhaka/Khulna.  
Executive Engineer, Saikupa O&M Division, Saikupa, Jhenaidah, Ph. 0451-216/21, Ph. 041-262/21.
- Address of the Advertiser : Sk. Abdul Momin  
Executive Engineer  
Saikupa O&M Division, WDB,  
Saikupa, Jhenaidah.

Any information regarding the above tenders may be obtained from office of the undersigned during office hours.

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**Directorate General  
Defence Purchase  
Ministry of Defence  
New Airport Road  
Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215**

### Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in local and foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/ dealers/ indentors (not necessarily enlisted with DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Air Force:

Sl No	Description of items	Selling date	Opening date	Currency
a.	Deviation Calibrator Qty-02 Ea	19-2-96 to 02-3-96	03-3-96	Foreign
b.	Dual Channel Analog Oscilloscope Qty-06 Ea			
c.	Thermal Paper (Facsimile Paper) Qty-30 Roll			
d.	Knife Survival (Small) Qty-500 Ea			Local/ Foreign
e.	Fire Men's Belt Qty-28 Ea			
f.	Boot Fire men Qty-13 Pairs			
g.	Cloth Drill Khaki Qty-15000 MTR			
h.	Printed Circuit Board Qty-10 set	17-2-96 to 28-2-96	29-2-96	Local

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications will be available on payment in respective value (Non-refundable) on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs. The tender will be opened on the specified date at 1000 hrs in presence of the bidders (if present).

Squadron Leader  
For Director General

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