

### Repolling in Kishoreganj today

From Our Correspondent  
**KISHOREGANJ, Mar 6:** Repolling in 248 centres of six constituencies in Kishoreganj district will be held on March 7, official sources said.  
 Of the total, 69 centres are in Kishoreganj-1, 20 in Kishoreganj-2, 47 in Kishoreganj-3, 66 in Kishoreganj-4, in Kishoreganj-5 and 37 in Kishoreganj-7 constituency. Election in these centres could not be held in the face of anti-election protest by the activists of poll-boycotting parties on Feb 15. No poll was held in a single centre out of 69 in Kishoreganj-1 constituency from where Al-haj ABM Zahidul Haque, Deputy Minister for Shipping is contesting.  
 The result of only one seat out of seven was declared officially. Aminuddin Ahmed was declared elected in Kishoreganj-6 constituency who bagged 12,982 votes.

### Fertiliser crisis continues in Barisal Division

From Staff Correspondent  
**BARISAL, Mar 6:** Crisis of different kinds of fertilizers are still prevailing in different markets of six southern districts of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Peropur, Jhalakathi and Barguna under Barisal Division.  
 Crisis of fertilizers and its price hike are due to irregularities in supply line, local sources said.  
 Reports from Patuakhali revealed that urea, potash, SSP, Zipsam and other necessary fertilizers have gone in the hands of some unscrupulous businessmen. In that case, hundreds of peasants could not procure necessary fertilizers for farming.  
 Local people alleged from different districts that many of the appointed fertilizer dealers using their influence selling fertilizers in an exorbitant rate than the fixed rate.

### One killed in road accident in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent  
**SATKHIRA, Mar 6:** One Bijoy Biswas 12, student of class VI Satkhira Government High School was killed and one Madhu 14, student of class VII of the same school was seriously injured in a road accident which occurred near Hagachha on Satkhira-Kaligonj road recently.  
 According to police sources, injured Madhu with the victim Bijoy while going to school, riding a bicycle and reached the place of occurrence, a Kaligonj bound truck (No Jessore TA 02-0297) ran over them. As a result, Bijoy died on the spot and seriously injured Madhu was taken to Satkhira hospital in a critical condition.  
 A case was lodged with Satkhira sadar thana.

### Floating pump goes out of order, farmers deprived of irrigation facility

**COMILA, Mar 6:** Irrigation is being hampered at village Shushunda in Muradnagar thana as the floating pump on the river Gumti has gone out of order, reports UNB.  
 Official sources apprehended that the farmers would be deprived of crops worth Tk 50 lakh as the standing crops on 1,500 acres of land are being dried up.  
 Standing paddy crops are turning yellowish due to want of adequate water.  
 BADC installed the pump for irrigation in the village and leased it at a rent rate of Tk 30,000 for the current season. The pump went out of order in mid-February, but BADC could not repair it due to fund constraint.

### LGED implements rural development projects in Magura

From Our Correspondent  
**MAGURA, Mar 6:** Local Government, Engineering Department (LGED), Magura has taken up an infrastructural development programme under Rural Development Project financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in four thanas including sadar, Sripur, Shalika and Muhammadpur thanas of Magura district in 1995-96 fiscal years, it was learnt from official sources.  
 According to the sources, LGED, Magura will execute four projects under the said programme including construction of fish and meat marketshed, internal road with brick pavement, drains at Satrijtipur bazar under sadar thana, construction of multipurpose shed, open sales platform, internal roads with brick pavement, drains at Radhangar bazar under Sripur thana, construction of fish and meat shed, multipurpose shed, open sales platform at Nohata bazar under Muhammadpur thana.



**HOPELESS WAIT:** About a thousand families, hoping to receive compensation money for acquiring land around Jamuna Bridge site, set up houses to show they had been living in the areas. However, the JMB authority after investigation found that all those claims were false and ordered them to leave immediately. Photos show kutcha houses are being dismantled in Bhuyapur of Tangail district last week. — Star photos by Sk Enamul Haq

## Experts say FAP project in Jamalpur may not serve its purpose

From Meherullah

**JAMALPUR, Mar 6:** The construction work of Flood Action Plan (FAP) 3.1 at Jamalpur has been going on in full-swing at an estimated cost of Taka 180 crore to save Jamalpur district and its adjoining areas from erosion, flood, water logging and for dredging of the river Jamuna.  
 A total of 6,31,000 people of the district will benefit from the project, it is learnt.  
 The execution of the project started from November in the current fiscal year 1995-96 and will end in next June. French government and European Economic Commission (EEC) are likely to provide funds for its implementation.

ling structures, 150 culverts and 50 rehabilitation structures.  
 The plan will generate employment opportunities to about 631,000 local people particularly the distressed women and the poor. In the project areas, arrangement will be made for cultivation of vegetables and poultry farming for the landless people.  
 With the implementation of the project, the physical condition of the area, will be developed to a great extent and massive tree planting and afforestation programme will be taken up to maintain ecological balance.  
 Meanwhile, measures have

up in a disaster situation for the locals.  
 The FAP organisers while outlining the Jamalpur Priority Project (JPP) said that the disastrous 1987 and 1988 floods in Bangladesh raised considerable international interest in helping the country to find a long-term solution to its floods problem.  
 At the request of Bangladesh government the World Bank later agreed to co-ordinate the preparation of a five-year action plan for flood control. The action plan was discussed and endorsed by a meeting of donors held in London in December 1989.

About 80 per cent people of the project area have no land while some 20 per cent have less than one hectare of land to earn their livelihood. The labour force has been estimated around 230000 of whom 22 per cent have work while 48 per cent are underemployed throughout the year.  
 The Chief Engineer further informed, a drainage system will be developed in the main land of the project area with the Madardha Chatral rivers acting as the main drain connecting a number of secondary natural drains located in the eastern part of the project area.



Earth filling work of the FAP's embankment construction project progressing fast. — Star photos



Excavation work is in progress next to the embankment to facilitate the planned fisheries project. — Star photo



About 2 crore concrete stones have been readied for the embankment. — Star photo

The project, covering an area of 92,000 hectares of land of Islampur, Melandah, Madariganj, Dewanganj and Sarishabari thanas, will protect from flooding of the areas and provide irrigation facilities to 66,000 hectares of crop land and generate fisheries development projects.  
 The thanas of Phulchhari in Gaibandha district, Sariakandi in Bogra district and Kazipur in Sirajganj district would ultimately be included in the project, according to the official sources.  
 The project includes: Pilot Irrigation Project on 5,000 hectares of land, 108 kilometers of grain irrigation project, 125km long control dam, four main project structures, 55 project structures, 70 control-

been taken up to protect several important markets, Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills, Jamuna Fertilizer Factory, Bahadurabadhat, Jagannathganj ferry ghat, several educational institutions, crops land, home stead and government offices.  
 The Chief Engineer of Flood Action Plan (FAP), 3.1 at Jamalpur told this correspondent that protection structures would be built in the above mentioned areas. Implementation of the scheme would remove the threat of erosion in the district, he added.  
 The main land area of the project includes 1230000 households which are likely to be protected through construction of the embankments under the project.

The fisheries sector, the Chief Engineer said, will have an important role in the economic context of Jamalpur Flood Control Action Programme. The various water resources will be utilised for fish production.  
 A total of 6,000 metric tons of fish were expected to be caught from various beels this season, but the target may not be achieved due to various reasons.  
 Fishermen alleged that the fry were released just before the unprecedented flood which ravaged the northern region during August-November period.  
 It is alleged that the fish fry were released during the floodings and no sufficient measure was taken afterwards for stock-checking.  
 Releasing the fry during the rainy season is mysterious, according to some NGOs involved in checking. They alleged corruption and irregularities in the implementation of the project.

## Diseases spreading in epidemic form Tk 208cr fisheries project faces serious problems

**NATORE, Mar 6:** The Tk 208-crore third fisheries project is facing serious problems due to outbreak of fish diseases in an epidemic form in 16 northern districts, according to an UNB report.  
 Fish fry lost their immunity after the flood and the flood plains are affected by various toxic substances and germs in the post-flood season.  
 Ulcer, skin and bacterial diseases caused by argulus, psittacin, costinodactylogrus, saprolegnia, trichodina and chloidentella germs have spread in an epidemic form in the region.  
 Besides, viral diseases like abdominal dropsy, haemorrhagic septicaemia, pancreatic necrosis, furunculosis, saprolegnia infection and whirling diseases started spreading during the last winter season.  
 As a result, the fishermen are bound to sell fish at nomi-

mal prices.  
 Government had started the ambitious project costing about Tk 208 crore in 1991 with the financial assistance from UNDP, IDA, ODA and the World Bank to meet protein deficiency in the region.  
 Under the project, a total of 410 metric tons of fish fry were released in beels, haors and ponds of the region in August-September period of last year.  
 Of the total 50 mts fry were released in Chalan Beel and Haldi beel in Manda and Uthral beel, and 20 mts in Monsur beel in Naogaon district, 60 mts each in Barabell in Pabna and Suti beel in Rajshahi districts, 30 mts in Bashbaria beel in Chapainawabganj, 20 mts each in Barobell in Rangpur, Dasherhat Chara beel in Kurigram, Ashurar beel

in Nawabganj and Birampur Beel in Dinajpur, 50 mts in the beels managed by NPBS in Gaibandha.  
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### Ctg GOC addresses Bome tribes assured of all cooperation

**BANDARBAN, Mar 6:** Chittagong Area Commander and GOC of 24 Infantry Division Maj Gen Azizur Rahman assured the Bome tribes of all kinds of cooperation, reports UNB.  
 He was addressing the grand rally of Bomes, which means friends, at tribals residential school premises at Ruma, 60 kms from the district town on Tuesday.  
 Criticising the activities of so-called Shantibahini, Gen Aziz told the conference that there is only one Bome involved with the Shantibahini. "Return him to the mainstream," he urged.  
**One dies from attack of typhoid**  
**PABNA, Mar 6:** At least three people died and over 200 were attacked by typhoid and kala-azar in three thanas of the district during last two weeks, reports UNB.  
 Official sources, however, admitted one death and 32 attacked by the diseases

### Cattle trader robbed of Tk 10,000

From Our Correspondent  
**JHENIDAH, Mar 6:** Lutfar Rahman, 23, a cow trader was robbed of Taka 10 thousand at village Bhatol in Saikupa thana of the district recently.  
 According to reports, Lutfar was returning home from a local hat after selling cows. At about 9pm when he reached near his village, some unknown persons attacked him with lethal weapons and robbed the money. He was rushed to Saikupa thana Health complex with injuries.  
 No case was filed with police so far, it was reported.

### One stabbed to death

From Our Correspondent  
**KISHOREGANJ, Mar 6:** Ali Ahmed, 55, ex-chairman of Dewghar union in Austagram thana was stabbed to death by miscreants on Feb 28 night.  
 According to the police, the victim was returning home from Austagram bazar along with his two relatives at 9 pm. When they reached near Kastur Masjid Jam Ferry Ghat, they came under the attack.  
 The miscreants first tied all of them up and then started stabbing Ali Ahmed indiscriminately resulting in his instantaneous death. The cause behind the murder was attributed to be the previous enmity, police said.  
 A case was registered with Austagram police station in this connection. None has so far been arrested.

### Housewife allegedly beaten to death

**PABNA, Mar 6:** A housewife was allegedly beaten to death by her husband for dowry at Pipradogachht village in sadar thana of the district on Friday, reports UNB.  
 The victim was identified as Anwarul Hossain, wife of one Shamsuddin and mother of two daughters.

## 40 pc vehicles in Satkhira do not have fitness certificate

From Our Correspondent

**SATKHIRA, Mar 6:** About forty per cent vehicles of Satkhira district do not have any fitness certificates. As a result, government is losing huge revenue income and on the other hand, road accidents are gradually increasing.  
 There are allegations that when defected, owners of vehicles manage fitness certificates from Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) offering illegal gratification. The motor vehicle inspector is the proper authority in this matter.  
 According to source, at least 450 buses, trucks, mini buses and micro buses ply on eight routes under Satkhira district of these 180 do not have fitness certificates. These motor vehicles are plying on roads without fitness certifi-

cate in total disregard of the rules.  
 The traffic department of Satkhira district has meanwhile geared up its drive against violators of traffic rules. Over 100 motor bikes were recently prosecuted for not having necessary documents while plying on the roads.  
 Knowledgeable sources believe, actions and some arrangements are immediately necessary for improving traffic system. People should be imparted training on why traffic rules are needed in a civilised country like ours.  
 Satkhira district headquarters needs motor, bike stand, truck stand, passenger sheds, more rickshaw stands and cycle stands in order to put traffic system in order.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
 Office of the Executive Engineer  
 LGED, Khulna  
 Memo No. LGED/RDP-18/Khulna/96/2083 Date: 19-02-96

### Tender Notice

No: 19/95-96

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan [No: 1215-BAN (SF)] from the Asian Development Bank in various currencies towards the cost of Rural Development Project-18; Infrastructure greater Khulna, Jessore & Kushtia district. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the following works:

Code No	Name of Work	Completion Time	Cost of Tender Document	Class of Contractor
KH6G01SH97a	Const. of 3 Nos Multipurpose shed at Hatbatihat G. C.	90 days	Tk. 300.00	A, B & C
KH6G01DR77b	Const. of drain at Hatbatihat G. C.			
KH6G01SH88a	Const. of 3 Nos Multipurpose shed at Khutakhali (Bajua) G. C.	90 days	Tk. 300.00	A, B & C
KH6G02SP88b	Const. of 4 Nos Open Sales Platform at Khutakhali (Bajua) G. C.			
KH6G02TW88c	Sinking of 2 Nos Tubewell at Khutakhali (Bajua) G. C.	90 days	Tk. 300.00	A, B & C
KH6G02GP88d	Const. of 10 Nos Garbage Pit at Khutakhali (Bajua) G. C.			
KH6G02EF89	Site Improvement by earth work at Khutakhali (Bajua) G. C. (LCS)	45 days	Tk. 300.00	A, B & C
KH6G04SP90a	Const. of 3 Nos Open Sales Platform at Jamirahat G. C.	90 days	Tk. 300.00	A, B & C
KH6G04TW90b	Sinking of 2 Nos Tubewell at Jamirahat G. C.			
KH6G04HB90c	Const. of internal road with brick pavement (HBB) at Jamirahat G. C.	90 days	Tk. 300.00	A, B & C
KH6G04GP90d	Const. of 3 Nos Garbage Pit at Jamirahat G. C.			
KH6G04DR90e	Const. of drain at Jamirahat G. C.	45 days	Tk. 300.00	A, B & C
KH6G05SH91	Const. of 2 Nos Fish & Meat Shed at Alaipurhat G. C.			
KH6G05SH92a	Const. of 2 Nos Multipurpose Shed at Alaipurhat G. C.	90 days	Tk. 300.00	A, B & C
KH6G05SP92b	Const. of 2 Nos Sales Platform at Jamirahat G. C.			
KH6G05PA92c	Const. of paved area at Alaipur G. C.	90 days	Tk. 300.00	A, B & C
KH6G05GP92d	Const. of 3 Nos Garbage Pit at Jamirahat G. C.			
KH6G05DR92e	Const. of drain at Jamirahat G. C.	90 days	Tk. 300.00	A, B & C
KH6G03SH93a	Const. of 1 No Multipurpose Shed at Ghugrakatihat G. C.			
KH6G03TW93b	Sinking of 2 Nos Tubewell at Ghugrakatihat G. C.	90 days	Tk. 300.00	A, B & C
KH6G03PA93c	Const. of paved area at Ghugrakati G. C.			
KH6G03DR93d	Const. of drain at Ghugrakati G. C.			

2. The Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Khulna, now invites sealed tender in prescribed form for construction and completion of the works mentioned above from prequalified contractors of above mentioned class under this project.  
 3. Tenderers may obtain further information on the Tender form and inspect the tender documents at this office of the undersigned as well as the Project Director, Rural Development Project-18, 3/1, Block-B, Lalmitia, Dhaka-1207, Police Commissioner, KMP, Khulna, Deputy Commissioner, Khulna, Superintendent of Police, Khulna, the Executive Engineer, LGED, Satkhira/Bagerhat, Janata Bank, Rupsha Strand Road branch, Khulna and Thana Engineer, LGED, Batiaghata, Rupsha, Dacope, Fultala & Koyra, Khulna.  
 4. A complete set of tender document may be purchased by interested eligible tenderers upon payment of non-refundable fee mentioned above from the offices mentioned in para 3 only on or before 18th March, 1996 during office hours.  
 5. All tenders must be accompanied by Tender Security of 2.5% (two point five per cent) of the total tender price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Khulna.  
 6. The tenders will be received at the offices mentioned above on 19th March, 1996 before 12-30 PM and the tenders will be opened at the same offices at 1:00 PM on the same date.

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