

Diarrhoea claims 32 lives in CHT in last 15 days

From CHT Correspondent

RUMA (Bandarban), Apr 9: Diarrhoea has assumed a serious proportion at the villages of the most inaccessible thana of the district — Ruma taking a toll of 32 lives in this fortnight, doctors and local leaders said.

The water borne disease broke out at Thanapara and Bethelpara hamlets of the most inaccessible thana of the district in epidemic form late last month and the deaths were among 2,000 inmates attacked by it till Sunday yesterday. Most of the victims are children. The thana is inhabited by about 20,000 inmates, including about 10,000 female and children.

The only doctor working in the thana health complex attributed the spread of disease mainly to the use of contaminated water from canals, when contacted this morning over telephone told The Daily Star. Three doctors are posted to Ruma thana health complex, out of whom, two reportedly are absent unauthorisedly.

The civil surgeon of Bandarban hill district admitted the diarrhoeal death of 16 during the fortnight while the union parishad chairman, mouza headman and the village karbaris claimed the death toll at 32.

50-60 diarrhoeal patients are approaching admission in the 10-bedded Ruma thana health complex daily, where scarcity of doctors and medicine are acutely insufficient to meet the requirement, local leaders alleged. More than 200 died of diarrhoea last year in this thana, concerned source said. The suffering people urged the authority to arrange immediate medicare facilities to the hapless inmates of this inaccessible thana.

Two killed, 2 others injured in CHT

From CHT Correspondent

LAMA (Bandarban), Apr 9: Two persons were killed and the other sustained injuries in separate incidents yesterday in Lama thana of the district, concerned sources said.

Khurshida Begam, 35, died instantly and her husband Ali Miah, 40, sustained serious injuries yesterday evening at Madhujhuri in the thana when the passenger-carrying jeep, locally known as 'Chander-gar' turned turtle. Ali was shifted to local thana health complex. Lama thana police quoted the eyewitnesses as saying,

All hail from Lama thana headquarters. The body of Khurshida was handed over to her relatives after autopsy in Bandarban sadar hospital, police said.

Osman Ghani, 25, a wood-cutter of Shang village in the same thana was allegedly killed by his rival in the nearby reserved forest while he was extracting firewood there.

The body of the wood-cutter was handed over to his family by the police after autopsy done in the Bandarban sadar hospital.

The female organ of a school-going girl was severely burnt by acid in the last night when she poured the contents of her pitcher on her organ after responding to call of nature with a view to purify her at her house of Lamamukh village in Lama thana of the district. Lama police said. The small pitaher of Selina Akhtar, 17, a student of class X in Lama Ideal Girls' High School was allegedly filled with acid in place of water by her brother-in-law Nazimuddin Babal in a revenge developed out of family feud, police quoted the father of the victim as saying.

The victim was rushed to Chittagong medical college hospital in a critical condition.

Chandu Miah, the father of the victim lodged a case in this connection with Lama thana police but nobody has yet arrested.

The students of Lama Ideal Girls' High School boycotted their classes today and Lama Chhatra Kalyan Parishad submitted a memorandum to the Thana Nirbahi Officer demanding punishment of the criminal for the barbarous attack.

Training camps on diarrhoeal disease control opens in Jhalakati

JHALAKATI, Apr 9: Two separate training camps on 'Diarrhoea Disease Control' were opened at Nalchiti and Rajapur thana of the district on Monday, reports UNB.

At Nalchiti 122 village doctors and 89 medicine sellers are taking part in the 7-day training while at Rajapur 30 NGO workers and 112 primary teachers are participating in the 5-day camp.

The trainees are being given basic knowledge on use of pure water in every household work, malnutrition, benefit of breast-feeding, primary healthcare, symptoms of diarrhoea disease, preparation of oral saline, diet of the diarrhoea patients and use of various drugs for the patients.

The disease breaks out in the district every year and a large number of people suffer from the waterborne disease.



MUNSHIGANJ: Large-scale tortoise catching has recently been noticed in the rural areas of the district. Hunters like these seen in the picture catch tortoise and sell to the middlemen at the rate of Tk 100 for every kilogram. Small and middle size turtles are available in plenty specially in pond and beel areas of Lauhajung, Rakishal and other villages of the district. The tortoise are exported mainly to Japan, Korea and China.

BSCIC plots in Habiganj lying unused for years

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 9: The industrial Estate set up by the BSCIC at the district headquarters of Habiganj is yet to get any shape due to administrative bottleneck, apathy on the part of investors, and interested industrialists, though the government had already spent about taka one crore during the last 8 years for the purpose. Unnecessary delay in observing the formalities for preparing the projects and sanctioning of loan amounts by bank as well as negligence on the part of the BSCIC officials has worsened the situation, it is alleged.

The authorities were able to sanction plots to only three interested parties.

The government acquired 15 acres of land at Dhulla khal for establishing an Industrial Estate of Bangladesh small and

Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) in 1987. An amount of 21 lakh 95,500 were spent for the purpose. Later earth work in the project area was done with an expenditure of Taka 40 lakh, in phases. The BSCIC authorities later built an office building spending Taka 11 lakh 32 thousand, an overhead water Tank of 25,000 gallon capacity spending an amount of Taka 8 lakh 12 thousand, sank a deep tubewell at a cost of Taka 8 lakh 25,000 installed electricity line at a cost of Taka 6 lakh 44,000 inside the estate area during the last few years.

Official sources informed that, there are as many as 66 plots in 4 grades in the proposed industrial estate. It includes eighteen 'A' grade plots having 9000 square feet area each costing Taka 1,86,750, and sixteen 'B' grade plots having 6,000 square feet each costing Taka one lakh 14, 500, while ten 'C' grade plots having 45,000 square feet costing Taka 93,500. The 22 special grade plots have also been kept in the state. The rate or area of these plots are yet to be finalised by the authorities, the source informed.

A good number of people have shown their interest in setting up small and cottage industry in the estate. But, due to the complex system of plot and loan sanction and other administrative bottleneck they get disappointed, it is alleged. Authorities should take effective measures to start the estate by sanctioning plots and loans to the genuine and interested investors, it is widely felt.

Alleviating poverty: Women on the move

From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, Apr 9: The women who passed their time by gossiping here and there now are taking training to alleviate poverty from their families.

Rahima, Aklima, Sobeda and a few other colleagues informed that now all of them can tailor blouse, pettycoat, trouser, kamij and childrens' clothings. They can stitch the same.

Advanced Centre for Courses in Engineering and Social Sciences (ACCESS) has arranged venue, training and training materials for such women at the Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) project at Kaliganj town of Jhenidah district.

Hosne Ara Khanam, trainer of the project said 20 women including five divorced are taking training here. After completion of 60 days training all of the trainees will be provided with a sewing machine on credit basis from BRDB to alleviate poverty. The women will work in their locality. Earlier, those who had taken training from her have been able to earn money. All of the women are helping their husbands or guardians. Further they are no longer burden to the society, Hosne Ara informed.

Hosne Ara further informed that 20 members of Arpara Utara Mahila Bittahin Samabaya Samity, Khamarpara Purbapara, Arpara Dakkhin, Arpara Madhyapara, Barobazar Dakkhin, Barobazar Uttarapara Bittahin Mahila Samabaya Samity are now taking training from her. Everybody is sincere and punctual about their training, Hosne Ara said.

M. Harunur Rashid, Executive Director, ACCESS informed that their Magura project is also running smoothly and a good number of women were benefitted from the project.

Khalidur Rahman Deputy Director and Manik Lal Das, Senior Assistant Director, BRDB Jhenidah Zone told that their project was started in January 1993. Jhenidah sadar, Saikupa, Harinakundu, Kaliganj, Kotchandpur and Mohespur thanas of Jhenidah district and Magura sadar, Sreepur, Mohammadpur and Saikupa thanas of Magura district were brought under the project. 986 villages of Jhenidah district and 719 villages of Magura district were included with the project. 18,608 female members were enlisted in 808 Mahila Bittahin Samabaya Samity (MBSS) and 2,590 male members of 111 Bittahin Samabaya Samity (BSS) in the

zone. According to sources, BRDB took a target to form 1,000 new societies including 86 existing societies in Jhenidah and Magura districts by December 1997. By December 1995 they were able to form 919 new societies including 81 existing societies. They have collected 23,223 members including 21,198 new members out of target of 25,000 by December 1995. members of 468 Mahila Bittahin Samabaya Samity.

Sources also informed, since January 1993 till December last year BRDB authorities has disbursed Taka 1,07,10,000 among 2,564 members of 120 BSS and Taka 3,75,95,000 among 11,724 female members of MBSS.

The amount of money to be realised was Taka 2,73,55,000 and the recovery was hundred per cent, it was learnt. Sources

JHENIDAH: Some distressed women are taking training class on poverty alleviation at Kotchandpur thana training and development centre.



JHENIDAH: Some trainees are taking training on sewing and embroidery at Kaliganj.

stead of 1997. During the period Taka 19,72 lakh was collected as share against its target of Taka 10.08 lakh. Further, sources said, their savings stands at Taka 63.64 lakh out of target of 28.74 lakh by December last year.

Between June and December 1995 Bangladesh Rural Development Board has disbursed Taka 44,91,000 among 1,317 members of 76 Bittahin Samabaya Samity and Taka 2,24,19,000 among 7,959

Massive plan to develop agri sector in CHT

BANDARBAN, Apr 9: The government has taken up a massive Tk 49 crore programme for development of agriculture sector in the three hill districts, official sources said, reports UNB.

According to the sources, the work on the programme in the field level will continue till the year 2000 beginning from next fiscal year (1996-97).

An official of Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation said the amount would be spent for development of agriculture and the men behind in Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachhari districts.

The programme will include processing of high-yielding seeds, construction of irrigation infrastructures, selling of irrigation equipments in fair prices, training and technical support and preservation of waters by building embankments.

Under the comprehensive agriculture development programme, poor farmers in the three hill districts will also be given assistance for self-income generating schemes.

With the implementation of the programme both tribal and non-tribal people will be benefited, said the local officials of BADC.

Without applying any modern technology tribal people till now have continued their traditional cultivation on hill-top which is called 'Jhum'.

Out of seven six thanas in Gaibandha have no fire stations

GAIBANDHA, Apr 9: Six out of seven thanas of the district have no fire station causing loss of life and properties in fire incidents every year, reports UNB.

The lone fire station is situated in the district headquarters while there is no fire station at Gobindaganj, Polashbari, Sadullapur, Sundarganj, Fulchhari and Shaghatana thanas.

Fire fighters from the district town cannot move to the remote areas due to bad condition of roads, local people said.

According to them, in most cases fire fighters reach the spot too late or after the fire extinguished by the local people.

Tk 128 cr plan to construct rural roads in greater Rajshahi region

RAJSHAH, Apr 9: The government has taken up a Tk 128 crore programme to construct 372 kilometre rural roads in 25 thanas of greater Rajshahi district under Barind Rural Road Development Project, reports UNB.

Primarily Tk 20 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of 132 kilometre road in 20 thanas of Rajshahi, Naogaon and Chapainawabganj districts.

The entire project is expected to be completed by 1999.

Of them, 14.55 kilometres road will be constructed in Bagha thana, 13.86 km in Charghat, 16.21 km in Paba, 27 km in Tanore, 14 km in Godagari, 17 km in Durgapur, 7.50 km in Puthia, 20.30 km in both Mohanpur and Baghmara, 19 km in Mohadebpur, 15 km in Dhamurhat, 16 km in Manda, 14.81 km in Badalgachi, 9.5 km in Porsha, 19.91 km in Gomostapur and 14.82 km in Nachal.

When completed the road communication within the areas will be improved to a great extent.

Fire incidents destroy property worth crores of taka every yr

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Apr 9: Properties worth taka at least 2.40 crore gutted in 402 separate fire incidents during last four years in Jhenidah district, according to official sources.

According to reports, in 1992 117 fire incidents took place in Jhenidah sadar, Saikupa, Harinakundu, Kaliganj, Kotchandpur and Mohespur thanas and properties worth Taka at least 42,79,050 was gutted. Fire Service and Civil Defence (FS&CD), Jhenidah station rescued properties worth Taka 53,62,300 from bite of the fire. They attended many road accidents of whom one person was killed.

In 1993, FS&CD sources said, properties worth Taka 55,87,000 were gutted and authorities rescued properties worth Taka 60,29,500 from the fire in 88 different incidents. During the year authorities attended 23 road accidents in the district of them seven persons died.

The following year properties worth Taka 32,86,800 were gutted in 89 fire incidents and FS&CD saved properties worth Taka 48,95,000. They attended 21 road accidents where three people were killed.

In 1995 in 108 fire incidents took place in the district and properties worth Taka 38,83,210 were gutted. During the year authorities attended 35 road accidents and

of them 13 persons were killed. They were also able to save properties worth Taka 69,02,236.00.

Sources said, fire incidents mainly take place between December and April every year. It mainly originates from straw-made kitchens, cowsheds, open ovens, burnt and thrown bidis or cigarettes, hand crackers and short circuit of electricity. Due to carelessness of rural women, a good number of fire incidents occur from the kitchens or cowsheds. Further children's game with fire is one of the major causes.

A high official of Fire Service and Civil Defence, told that fire incidents can be checked if the common people were alerted. To grow awareness among the people FS&CD distributes posters and leaflets, demonstrates fire control methods and checks electric wires. In addition newspapers, radio, Television and other electronic medias can play vital roles. Authorities admitted that the actual number of fire incidents might be 20 per cent to 25 per cent more than their records as a good number of fire incidents were not reported to them in time due to communication gap.

Sources also said most of the fire incidents of Mohespur thana of the district are attended by Chuadanga district FS&CD station.



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North Patenga, Post Box No. 35, Chittagong-4000, Bangladesh

Dated : 1st April, 1996

International Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/agents for supply of the following materials on C&F Chittagong basis as per specifications, terms and conditions mentioned in the schedules of relevant tender documents:

Tender No	Description of Materials	Cost of Tender Schedule Per Set	Last Date for Purchasing of Tender Schedule	Opening Date of Tender	
ER/PUR/FP-06/96	Oil Colouring Dye (to be used for identification of Motor Gasoline)	Tk. 100/-	05-05-96	06-05-96	
Tender No.	Description of Materials	Cost of Tender Schedule Per Set	Last Date for Purchasing of Tender Schedule	Opening Date of Technical Offer	Opening Date of Commercial Offer
ER/PUR/FP-07/96	Various Brass Tube Fittings	Tk. 200/-	05-05-96	07-05-96	25-05-96
ER/PUR/FP-08/96	Flexible Hoses	Tk. 200/-	05-05-96	08-05-96	22-05-96
ER/PUR/FP-09/96	Solid State Annunciator with accessories	Tk. 200/-	08-05-96	14-05-96	01-06-96
ER/PUR/FP-10/96	Various Instrument Spares	Tk. 100/-	08-05-96	11-05-96	01-06-96

Tender documents may be obtained from (i) Asst. Accounts Officer (Cash) of Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong or (ii) Manager, Liaison Office, Eastern Refinery Limited, 338, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka on payment of the cost of Tender Schedule in Taka or equivalent currency (non-refundable).

The tenders must be dropped in the tender box kept in the Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong, Bangladesh as per date & time mentioned in the tender documents.

Eastern Refinery Limited authority reserves the right not to accept the lowest or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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Munshiganj Pourashava Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II

Project Implementation Unit (PIU) Infrastructure Implementation Section (IIS)

Dated: 01-04-1996.E

Re-Tender Notice No-24/1995-96

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from Asian Development Bank under ADB Loan No. 1376 BAN (SF) towards the cost of the Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II for 21 (Twenty-one) Pourashavas, namely Bagerhat, Barisal, Brahmanbaria, Chandpur, Chapainawabganj, Comilla, Faridpur, Jamalpur, Jessore, Jhenidah, Madaripur, Magura, Munshiganj, Natore, Noakhali, Rajbari, Rangamati, Sirajganj, Tangail and Thakurgaon. The undersigned intends to take up under the same loan different types of works as shown below under the 1995-96 implementation programme. Sealed tenders for implementation of the works are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from the first class contractors of Munshiganj Pourashava and pre-qualified contractors of all the projects under LGED.

Interested contractors can obtain necessary tender documents during normal office hours on all working days up to 20th April 1996, from the office of either (i) the Project Director, Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II, 7/16, Lalmatia, Block-B, Dhaka-1207, or (ii) XEN, LGED, District Munshiganj and head of IIS, PIU, Munshiganj Pourashava, or (iii) Municipal Engineer (XEN/AE), ESFOS, PIU, Munshiganj Pourashava, or (iv) DC-office, Munshiganj on cash payment of Tk 1500/- (Taka one thousand five hundred) only (non-refundable) after obtaining written approval from the respective officers for purchase of Tender Documents on showing documentary evidence of their contractor's licence. Tenders will be received by the above mentioned offices up to 12:00 Noon on 21st April 1996. No tender will be accepted beyond this time, and tenders will be opened at 12:30 pm on the same day in presence of the tenderers, if any.

Interested tenders may gather necessary information regarding tender and work from the above mentioned offices during normal office hours on all working days. Tenders must be accompanied by all relevant papers and earnest money at 2.0% (two point zero per cent) of the total quoted price in favour of the undersigned.

VAT registration certificate must be enclosed along with the bid. Both income tax & VAT in respect of each payment will have to be paid by the contractor as per prevailing rules and regulations of Government of Bangladesh.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Tenders not complying with the stipulated conditions will be treated as non-responsive, and will be rejected.

Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II 1995-96 Implementation Programme

Sl No	Name of work	Earnest money (Tk)	Cost of tender document (Tk)	Completion time for work (days)
1	2	3	4	5
01.	Development of Khaleast Road from Horoganga College to Jubee Khal and Khaleast Road to Munshiganj Kutcha Bazar.	2% of the total quoted price	1500/-	60 days

Executive Engineer
LGED, Dist: Munshiganj and head of IIS, PIU
Munshiganj Pourashava.

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