

Deposit money of 17 candidates forfeited in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 16: Deposit money of 17 candidates in the June 12 Parliamentary elections have been forfeited in Jhenidah district as they failed to get one eighth of the total votes cast. A total of 28 candidates participated in the election for four seats in the district.

According to Election Commission office sources, those who failed to reach the mark are Advocate Abu Taveb (Jamaat), Golam Mustafa (JP), Jahidunnabi-Kalu (Gano Forum), Dr Abdul Wahab (Islami Shashantanta Andolon), Rakibul Hassan (LDF), Akramuddin (Jaker Party), and ZM Akteruzzaman (Independent) from Jhenidah-1 constituency (Salkupa).

Mosharrif Hossain Moshah (JP), Abu Taleb (Zaker Party), Mufti Arif Billah (Islami Oikyo Jote), Tahera Begum Jolly (LDF) and Anwarul Karim Rantu (Freedom Party) from Jhenidah-2 constituency (Jhenidah and Harimakundu) lost their deposit money.

Mohammed Khalekuzzaman Sena Chowdhury (JP), Abdul Mannan (Zaker Party) and Mosharrif Hossain (Gano Forum) from Jhenidah-3 (Moheshpur-Kotchandpur) constituency and Jahidul Islam (JP) and Abdus Salam (LDF) from Jhenidah-4 (Kaliqanj) constituency lost their deposit money.

2 killed in Magura road accidents

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, June 16: Two persons were killed in two separate road accidents on Magura-Jhenidah highway in the district recently.

According to the police, Alam was killed when a Dhaka-bound coach coming from Jessore knocked him down near Ichakhada bazar under Sadar thana of the district on May 31.

Another report says, unidentified man was killed at 'Saitrish' under Sadar thana when a bus fell into a ditch. According to witnesses, the accident occurred as the driver lost the control over steering.

Poll official arrested in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, June 16: Mohammad Ali, assistant presiding officer of Sohagdal high school centre under Swarupkathi thana of Pirojpur district was arrested on the election day from the polling centre.

Witnesses said Mohammad Ali was challenged by the polling agent of Awami League when he allegedly issued more than one ballot papers to some identified people during voting. Later, the members of law enforcing agency arrested him.

Besides, one fake assistant presiding officer Sahidul Islam was also arrested from the Gherghata centre under Nazpur thana of Pirojpur. He was allegedly giving proxy of one Abdul Mannan, who was officially deputed in that centre as assistant presiding officer.

Extension work of hospital buildings not yet completed

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAINAWABGONJ, June 16: Extension of seat capacity from 50 to 100 in Chapainawabgonj sadar hospital has become uncertain. About a year ago all the initial preparations including tender and work order were made for the construction of the buildings. Yet the construction work has not started for some unknown causes.

It is known from the concerned sources, there was a major defect in the blue-print of the present one storeyed building. But in this building, wards, chambers of the doctors and operation theatre were not duly arranged. As a result, doctors, nurse and other officials often face troubles in giving treatment to the patients. In spite of these faults the ground floor was built. Not only that, tender and work order were also made for further extension on this building. Just before starting the construction the defects in the blue print were detected by the engineers of the health department and construction was stopped.

Till then a year has passed, yet a new blue-print with proper arrangements of all the offices of the hospital was not made. It is learnt from a source that meanwhile, the money sanctioned for the purpose has been withdrawn due to uncertain delay of the construction.

Sarbahara Party leader held

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, June 16: A leader of banned Sarbahara Party was arrested with arms from Sonakandi village in Sirpur thana of the district recently, according to police sources.

Sripur police acting on a secret information raided a house of the Sonakandi village and arrested Ashok Kumar, 25, with arms, on June 3.

People deprived of HBFC loan facilities

Acute housing problem in Cox's Bazar

From Abdul Monayem Khan

COX'S BAZAR, June 16: People of the Cox's Bazar and Chokoria pourashavas have been deprived of the house building loan facilities from the House Building Finance Corporation (HBFC) for about 15 years.

The concerned officials of Chittagong zonal office, when contacted, cannot say when it will start again. Meanwhile, house rent has increased manifold at the town over the past few years due to acute shortage of accommodation.

According to official sources, the government initiated the programme of disbursing loans for building one-storied house in 1973 in all the districts through HBFC. Then the rate of interest of the loan was 11 per cent. The programme was taken to help the town dwellers of low income and of middle class. Later in 1977 the government extended the programme to sanction loan at a lower rate of interest of only five per cent for building multi-storied buildings. The loan programme became very popular and a huge number of people took loans.

After a few years most of the loans, however, remained unrealised. As a result, the house building loan programme had to be suspended in 1981 throughout the country. In 1992 through a special decision by the newly elected then government the HBFC restarted the loan programme in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Sylhet, except in Cox's Bazar district.

At present the corporation

did not limit itself in its ordinary project of financing for multi-storied house building, it has expanded its programme in five different loan projects.

These projects include: General loans which can be provided in joint name, group loan that can be enjoyed by more than one people as flat based group loan for building flats on a plot owned by many people, flat and apartment loan project.

It has also started providing loan for constructing small units of 1000 square feet and semi pucca houses.

The zonal office of the HBFC in Chittagong, when contacted, could not give any specific reasons behind the suspension of house building loan programme in Cox's Bazar. The sources, however, said that one of the reasons might be the considerably large number of defaulters in Cox's Bazar district. According to the concerned sources, more than Taka 80 crore loans of the HBFC are now lying unrealised in greater Chittagong district.

The HBFC cannot recover the amount of money by selling the houses of defaulters for their low quality and worse conditions, it was learnt.

The president of Cox's Bazar Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mohammad Ali said in a recent press release that, the problem of residential accommodation in Cox's Bazar town has become acute in the last few years. He hopes that the outstanding loans would be realised and at the same time, the loan pro-

gramme of HBFC would be started again.

At present, a single-unit residential quarter is being let out at a monthly rent of Taka 2,500 on average. In many cases, the house owners realise advance rent from the tenants. As a result, many tenants, especially the fixed income group, find it difficult to pay the rent.

Due to accommodation crisis, a large number of professionals have been living alone in the town leaving their families at village homes. The accommodation crisis both for residential and commercial purposes and rent hike have been attributed to non-availability of land at reasonable prices and lack of investment and government initiatives of house building in this commercial centre, many elite and business leaders said.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation has undertaken some measures for realisation of outstanding loans. Concerned officials said that the corporation was rescheduling the outstanding loans of the defaulters to enable them to pay the loan. By new instalments and was decreasing the rate of interest also on condition of payment of at least four instalments at a time. This has encouraged the defaulters and some have already paid a sufficient amount of loans, HBFC officials said.

Meanwhile, it has also been decided to reduce the rate of interest on loans offered by the HBFC with a view to developing housing in the private sec-

tor. The decision came into effect from last January 1, according to HBFC sources.

HBFC has decided to disburse a total of Tk 5,300 million credit in the current fiscal year. Last year the organisation disbursed credits of Tk 2380 million. According to a report of HBFC, the organisation has invested a total amount of Tk 15642 million as house building loans from July 1972 to May 1995.

With a view to enhancing the loan programmes the approved and paid up capital has been increased to Taka 1100 million and 973 million respectively from the previous capital of Tk 100 million and 98 million.

The corporation used to collect money from Bangladesh Bank, nationalised commercial banks and insurance companies by selling credit certificates with the government guarantee.

Besides the headquarters, the corporation has seven zonal offices and 14 local offices around the country to provide house building loans among the people at thana levels. The corporation is now giving loans of Tk 2 million highest for 4000 square feet area and Tk 1.5 million highest for buildings having 3000 to 4000 square feet area.

For the construction of small unit building, the HBFC is giving Tk 12 lakh in 1000 square feet area for construction of four and more units. It has been providing loans to more than one members of the same family.

JCD activist stabbed in Khulna

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, June 16: Abdul Halim, a JCD activist and a student of Khalishpur Mohsin College was severely stabbed by some unknown young men at Khalishpur BIDD road on Friday evening.

Police said his condition was critical. The incident has sparked off tension in the industrial town.

Bumper production of 'Binamug-2'

MYMENSINGH, June 16: The hybrid summer crop Mug named 'Binamug-2', evolved by the BINA, yielded bumper production at some 50 exhibition plots in the Rabi season, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Extension cultivated the crop in 25 thana exhibition plots of the southern region of the country. The districts are: Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Madaripur, Rangpur, Noakhali, Cox's Bazar, Khulna and Magura.

The exhibition plots in these districts were visited recently by Barisal Agricultural Extension Department's SMS Sudhir Ranjan Shil, Babuganj thana agricultural officer Nikhil Ranjan Mondol, SMO Firoz Ahmed, block supervisor Alamgir Mian and scientific officers Niaz Pasha and Jahangir Kabir.

All the visitors expressed their satisfaction for the bumper production of 'Binamug-2'.

A good number of farmers of different districts expressed their interest to cultivate the high yielding variety crop, they said.

Construction of market begins in Magura

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, June 16: Sripur Public Library authority in Magura district has taken up a programme to construct a super market in the public library premises, official source said.

According to the sources, Jatiya Grantho Kendra (JGK) has sanctioned Taka 30,000 for the implementation of the project. The work of the super market has already been started.

Discussion on 'Women in Development'

PATUAKHALI, June 16: A discussion meeting on 'Women in Development' was held here on Monday, reports UNB. Women Affairs Directorate of the district organized the discussion with its Deputy Director (DD) Md Saydur Rahman in the chair.

Deputy Director of Youth Development Ali Ashan, Golam Mohiuddin Faruk (TFPO), CO-DAC manager M A Khaleq, District Information Officer Bajlur Rahman, organizer of Shishu Academy Abdur Razzaq, Golam Kabir, Prof Shirin Sultana and FPAB Project Officer M Akhteruzzaman also spoke in the meeting.

The speakers highlighted the role and activities of the womenfolk in the development of the socio-economic condition of the country.

They also assured all possible assistance from the government side to improve the condition of the distressed women of the society.



WOMEN AT WORK: Landless women are employed in earthworks at a project in Tangail. —Star photo

A river faces death

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAI NAWABGONJ, June 16: The ornament of Chapai Nawabgonj 'Rupashi Mahananda' which was once well known for its strong current and fresh water has now become nearly a dead river.

The river which was once a blessing for Chapai Nawabgonj has become a curse for its all devouring nature during the flood.

Originating from the Himalayas the Mahananda entered into Bangladesh through Tangai of Gomastapur thana under Nawabgonj district.

Flowing through Chapai Nawabgonj it connects with the Padma at Godagari thana under Rajshahi district. During the last two decades it lost its normal flow and has turned into a canal.

In the dry seasons the river-bed turns to a marsh land. As a result, thousands of acres of land on both banks of the river remain uncultivated as irrigation is hampered due to scarcity of water.

On the other hand, a separate scene is found in the rainy season.

Over flowing of water on both sides of the river reach vast areas of the locality, damages crops and houses, erodes villages and brings untold miseries. During the floods in the last two decades, vast areas of Mohanpur, Char Mohanpur, Poragaon, Namo Rajarampur, Nimgachi, Namo Nim Gachi with innumerable houses, thousands of acres of cultivable lands, mosques, madrasahs, educational institutions were eroded.

In the rainy seasons the river cannot get hold of the flood water as the depth of the river has almost been filled up due to lack of current.

The ratio of current in the Mahananda in the dry season and the rainy season is 1:27. In the current season three-fourth of the river-bed has dried up. According to a survey report made by BIWTC in 1990, the deepest area of the Mahananda was the Khalghat area which is situated on the north-east corner of Nawabgonj town. In 1990 the depth of the river here was 50 feet which is now less than 15 feet. The river is being filled up very rapidly. BIWTC officials said. If this goes on the Mahananda will exist no more after a few years, apprehend many experts. It is to be noted that two more rivers of the district have already vanished. These two rivers the Padma and the Pagla were the tributaries of the mighty Padma.

Experienced sources ap-



BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

The Managing Director, Zia Fertilizer Company Limited, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria invites sealed tender for procurement of Instrument Tube Fittings against Tender No CM/I&CES/164/96. The tender should be dropped along with 1% Earnest Money within 10-7-96 up to 11.30 AM at Zia Fertilizer Co. Ltd. Ashuganj, B'baria or at Purchase Division, BCIC (16th Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and will be opened simultaneously at both places just after closing the tender. Tender schedule containing all terms and conditions may be purchased on payment of Tk 400/- (Taka four hundred) only at Zia Fertilizer Co. Ltd. Ashuganj, B'baria, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (2nd Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong. No tender documents shall be sold on the date of opening.

BCIC-576-10/6/96
DFP-13434-13/6

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Notice of Tender

Military Engineer Services

Notice No 600/15/11/1995-96/E-6 Dated: 10th June, 1996

1. Applications are hereby invited by AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Dte, Dhaka Cantonment within 07 (Seven) days from the publication of this notice to issue tender documents for the following works:

- Construction of 1x6 'E' type qtr (2nd, 3rd & 4th floor) over existing 1st floor incl internal/external services with boundary wall for MES offfs at Shaheed Mannan Line Dhaka Cantt.
 - Construction of 1x20 men SM Bk type accn (1st floor) over existing SM Bk type accn incl internal/external services for MES Staff at Quadirabad Cantt.
2. Contractors borne on the approved list of MES of category 'C' and 'D' may apply for tender documents. Enlistment Index No., Class, VAT Registration No., Name of proprietor, Permanent/Temporary address and Telephone No (if any) must be shown clearly in their applications. Incomplete application will not be accepted.

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D Works
Wks Dte, E in C's Branch
Dhaka Cantt

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Project Director

Integrated Fisheries and Agricultural Development Supplementary Project

Road No 94, House No 3/A, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212

Ref No IFADEP-SP-2/2/95-96/334

Dated: 8-6-96

(25-2-140/HS)

Appointment Notice

Applications in plain paper are invited from bonafide Bangladeshi male and female candidates possessing the undermentioned qualification & experience for appointment to undermentioned posts at Integrated Fisheries and Agricultural Development Supplementary Project under the Directorate of Fisheries.

Serial No	Name of post	Number of post	Pay scale	Educational qualification and experience
1	Sub-Assistant Engineer	2(two)	1725-3725/=	The candidate must be Diploma Engineer (Civil) examination passed from any approved Polytechnic Institute. The candidate should possess experience in construction of building, road, barrage, etc.
2	Clerk-cum-Typist	1(one)	1200-2335/=	A) HSC passed candidates having experience in office works will be preferred. B) Should possess certificate of having typing speed of 20 & 30 WPM in Bengali & English respectively from any approved institute.
3	MLSS	3(three)	900-1530/=	Should be Class VIII passed.

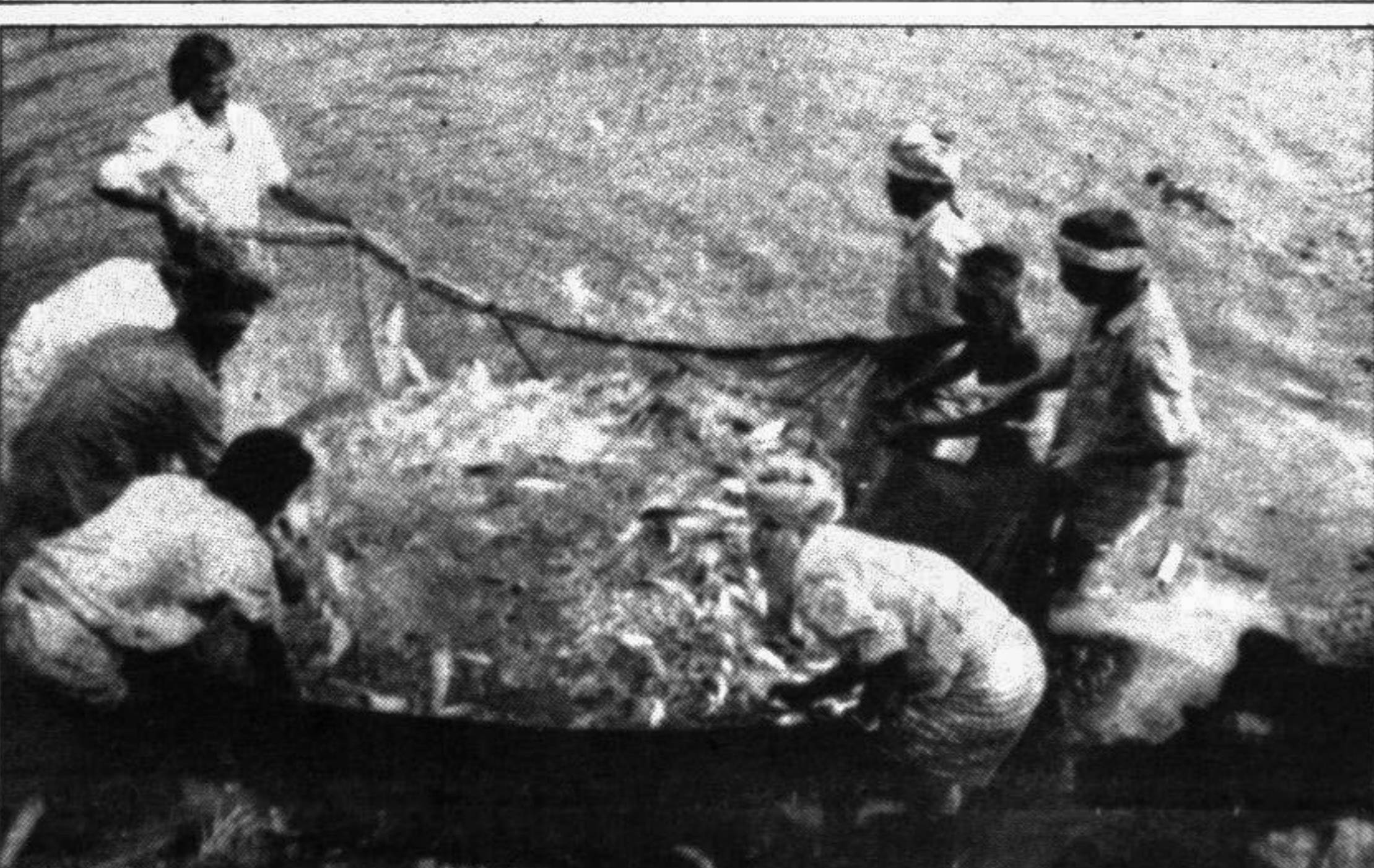
Terms & conditions

- Candidate should state distinctly (a) Name, (b) Father's/husband's name, (c) Permanent address, (d) Present address, (e) Nationality, (f) Date of birth, (g) Educational qualification, (h) Experience (if any), (i) Religion, (j) District of domicile in the application.
- Certificates of educational qualification & experience (if any) along with 3 (three) copies of passport size recent photograph should be attested by 1st class gazetted officer and attached with the application.
- Character & nationality certificate issued by 1st class gazetted officer & respective union parishad/pourasabha chairman should be submitted.
- Employees of Govt or Semi-govt organisation may also apply through proper channel. But application recommended by the authority should reach this office by the prescribed date.
- Age of the candidate should be between 18 and 30 years on 26-6-96.
- Candidate should superscribe the name of post in distinct letters on the envelope. Incomplete & erroneous application will be treated as cancelled.
- Last date of receiving the application is 26-6-96. Application must reach, by the said date, to the Project Director, Integrated Fisheries and Agricultural Development Supplementary Project, Road No. 94, House No. 3/A, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212. No application will be received after the prescribed date.
- Number of posts may decrease or increase.

Md Montaz Hossain Mia
Project Director

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Fishermen in Tangail now showing more interest in pisciculture as they get training and supervision under a project. —Star photo

Election '96

Major parties except Jamaat gain more seats in Rajshahi Div

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, June 16: Three major political parties — BNP, AL and JP — have strengthened their position in Rajshahi division gaining more seats in the parliamentary elections held on Wednesday compared to those in the 1991 elections.

On the other hand, Jamaat-e-Islami got one seat this time as against seven in the division in the 1991 polls. There are 72 seats in Jatiya Sangsad for 16 districts of Rajshahi division. According to unofficial results of 71 constituencies here announced so far, BNP bagged 31 seats while JP, AL and JI got 21, 18 and one seats respectively. Elections have been postponed in Sirajganj-7 constituency where AL candidate Dr Majharul Islam got 50,265 votes and BNP candidate Hasibur Rahman Swapan got 48,223 votes. Repolling will be held in three centres where 2,067 voters will cast votes.

In 1991 election, out of total 72 seats in this division, BNP captured 27 seats, while AL bagged 17 seats, JP got 18 seats, JI got seven seats and NAP and CPB got one and two seats respectively.

This time, in most seats of this region, BNP and JP candidates have faced strong battle with their Adversaries.

BNP got the highest num-

ber of seats from Rajshahi. Boga, Joypurhat and Panchagarh districts; AL have done better in greater Pabna, Dinajpur and Thakurgaon districts while JP in greater Rajshahi district.

According to districtwise study, out of four seats in Natore, AL bagged two seats while BNP and Jamaat got the remaining seats each in 1991 election. This time, BNP bagged three seats while AL got the remaining seat.

In Naogaon, out of six seats, BNP, AL and JI got three, two and one seats respectively in 1991 election. This time, BNP bagged all the six seats.

In Chapainawabgonj, out of three seats, BNP got two seats and Jamaat got the remaining seat in 1991 election. This time all the three seats went to BNP.

In Rajshahi, out of five seats, BNP bagged three seats and AL and JP captured the remaining seats each in 1991 election. This time, BNP bagged all the seven seats.

BNP candidates were re-elected in all the two seats of Joypurhat.

BNP and CPB bagged the two seats of Panchagarh each in 1991. This time, BNP cap-

tured all the two seats.

In Pabna, out of five seats, BNP bagged three seats and Jamaat got the remaining seats in 1991 election. But this time, AL bagged four seats while BNP got one seat.

In Sirajganj, out of seven seats, BNP bagged six seats and AL got the remaining seat in 1991. But this time, AL bagged five seats and leading in one seat while BNP got one seat.

JP candidates were re-elected in all the six seats of Rangpur.

In 1991 election, AL got all the four seats of Nilphamari. But this time, AL lost all these seats. Three seats went to JP and Jamaat got one seat — the only seat in the division.

JP candidates were re-elected in all the three seats in Lalmonirhat and all five seats in Gaibandha.

In Kurigram, out of four seats, JP bagged three seats and AL got the remaining seat in 1991 election. This time, JP captured all the four seats.

In Dinajpur, out of six seats, AL bagged five seats and Jamaat got the remaining seat in 1991. This time, AL got five seats and BNP bagged the remaining seat.

AL candidates were re-



Professor Md Afsaruddin Sheikh, Principal of Govt Saroda Sundari Mahila College giving speech at an inaugural function of a three-day long indoor game competition '96 of the college at the college premises recently. —Star photo