

More villages in Sirajganj inundated

SIRAJGANJ, July 2: The overall flood situation of the district further deteriorated as 45 more villages in Shahjadpur thana have been inundated in last 24 hours till 10 am today (Tuesday), reports UNB.

Due to heavy pressure of water about 150 feet of Dhatpur flood embankment in the thana was washed away on Monday night inundating the villages in Porjana, Gala, Kajuri, Sonatali and Rupkali unions.

More areas of the district might be submerged as many breaches were developed at almost all the embankments of Jamuna basin due to heavy pressure of rolling water, local people apprehended.

According to Water Development Board, the water level of Jamuna rose by 9 cm in last 24 hours till 6 am today and inundated more low lying areas of Sadar, Belkuchi, Chowhalli, Shahjadpur and Kazipur thanas.

Besides, the water level of river Baral and Numani rose by three feet and flooded at least 15 villages of Tarashi thana.

One sentenced to 12 yrs for keeping illegal arms in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ, July 2: Md. Mazul Ahasan, Additional Session and Special Tribunal Judge, Kishoreganj, in a judgment delivered on June 20 convicted Dulal Mia of village Charkaona in Pakundia thana under Arms Act and sentenced him to suffer 12 years. He was tried in absentia as he went into hiding after he was released on bail.

According to the prosecution, on June 7, 1991, Pakundia police arrested Dulal Mia, a fugitive and later on the basis of his confessional statement recovered one country-made pipe-gun along with one round of ammunition from under the heap of straw of his house.

A case was registered with Pakundia police who after investigation submitted charge-sheet against Dulal Mia.

Tk 3.86 cr Kishoreganj pourea budget announced

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ, July 2: The annual budget of Kishoreganj pourasava for the fiscal year 1996-97 amounting Taka 3.86 crore was announced on June 29.

Al-haj Md Abu Taher Mia, Chairman of the pourasava announced the budget at a function in presence of local elites, journalists and ward commissioners.

Besides the poura chairman, the function was addressed among others by Kazi Shaheen Khan, editor, The Daily Aker Desh, Md Abdul Latif, editor, Weekly Narsunda, Al-haj Hedayet Hossain, a retired District Public Relation Officer and Nasima Begum, chief administrative officer of Kishoreganj pourasava.

In his speech, the poura chairman said the budget money will come from the pourasava's own resources and government grants while it will be spent for road construction, repairing works, improvement of drinking water supply etc.

Gang leader held with huge fake certificates in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, July 2: Police in a drive arrested the leader of an organised criminal gang and recovered a huge quantity of fake certificates and rubber stamps from a colony in the city on Sunday night, reports UNB.

Police following confessional statements of Dudul Sarker and Ashim Chakrabarty, who were arrested earlier on the day, nabbed Dayal Barua from Codak Press at Siraj-ud-Dowla road.

Later, police in another drive at Joynab Colony of Dewan Bazar area recovered more than 50,000 fake certificates from the house of Jabl Ullah. He fled the house sensing the raid.

The recovered documents included HSC and SSC certificates, mark sheets and testimonials of different colleges and schools under Comilla Education Board, and Master's degree and Bachelor degree certificates of Chittagong University and National University.

Police said the gang was involved in this criminal activities for a pretty long time and earned a huge money by selling the fake documents.

They confessed to the police that they used to sell the fake documents at a cost of Tk 10,000 to 50,000 each.

Int'l Day Against Drug Abuse observed in Manikganj

MANIKGANJ, July 2: International Day Against Drug Abuse was observed in the district on June 26.

On the occasion, the Department of Narcotics Control brought out a colourful rally which paraded the main roads of the town. A discussion meeting was also held at the Govt. Devendra College Auditorium with Principal Prof. Hedayet Kabir in the chair. Deputy Commissioner Abdur Razaque was present as chief guest.

Among others, SP Khorshed Alam, ADM Md Ataharul Islam, Prof Md Mozammel Haque, Prof Majibur Rahman, Mohiuddin Ahmed, TNO, Manikganj Sadar, AFM Nurtag Alam Bahar, President, Manikganj Press Club and Abul Kashem, Inspector, Narcotics Department, spoke at the meeting.

'Govt determined to fulfil commitments given to people'

JAMALPUR, July 2: State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana Nurul Islam on Sunday said the present government is determined to fulfill the commitments given to the people, reports UNB.

He was addressing a number of meetings in different union parishes in Sarishabari thana.

The State Minister said the present government would do everything possible to maintain law and order in the country which is a precondition to ensure speedy development in every sphere of social life.

Moulana Nurul Islam said terrorism, indiscipline and chaos by any quarter or person would not be tolerated.

He urged the people to guard against such anti-people elements in the interest of the country, said an official hand-out.

Erosion threatens to engulf entire area of an union

From N S M Mahbubur Rahman

CHAPAI NAWABGANJ, July 2: Several hundreds of houses of Alattul union under sadar thana of Nawabganj district has been under threat of erosion of the river Padma. As the water level of the river has begun to increase the erosion has also begun.

During the last one month at least 10 houses including a primary school and a minor boy aged about eight went under water. The corpse of the boy was later recovered.

Last year three villages — Chairasia, Kodai Kati and Balugram of the same union with 6 mosques, 3 primary schools and at least 5 hundred acres of cultivable land have been completely destroyed.

leaving 10 thousand people landless. These people are now jobless and they have been leading an inhuman life.

Enamul Haq, the chairman of the Alattul Union Parishad said Alattul Union, being a remote area, is completely isolated from the light of civilization. In spite of this, once the people of this area were very happy because the land of the area had a high yielding fertility and the only job of the people was agriculture. But as almost all the cultivable lands of the area have gone under water most of the people of Alattul have become jobless.

About the history of the erosion in the area, he said, the erosion began before liberation and the major part of the union has been engulfed by the river Padma. This year too violent erosion is expected to take place after the flood water recedes. He said, neither any step was taken to check the erosion nor any relief was given to the victims. As the source of the union parishad is very limited, the relief works made by them was not sufficient at all, he added.

According to the local observers, if proper step for checking erosion is not taken up immediately the whole of the union is threatened to go under water and the adjacent union like Devnagar would be seriously affected within a few years.

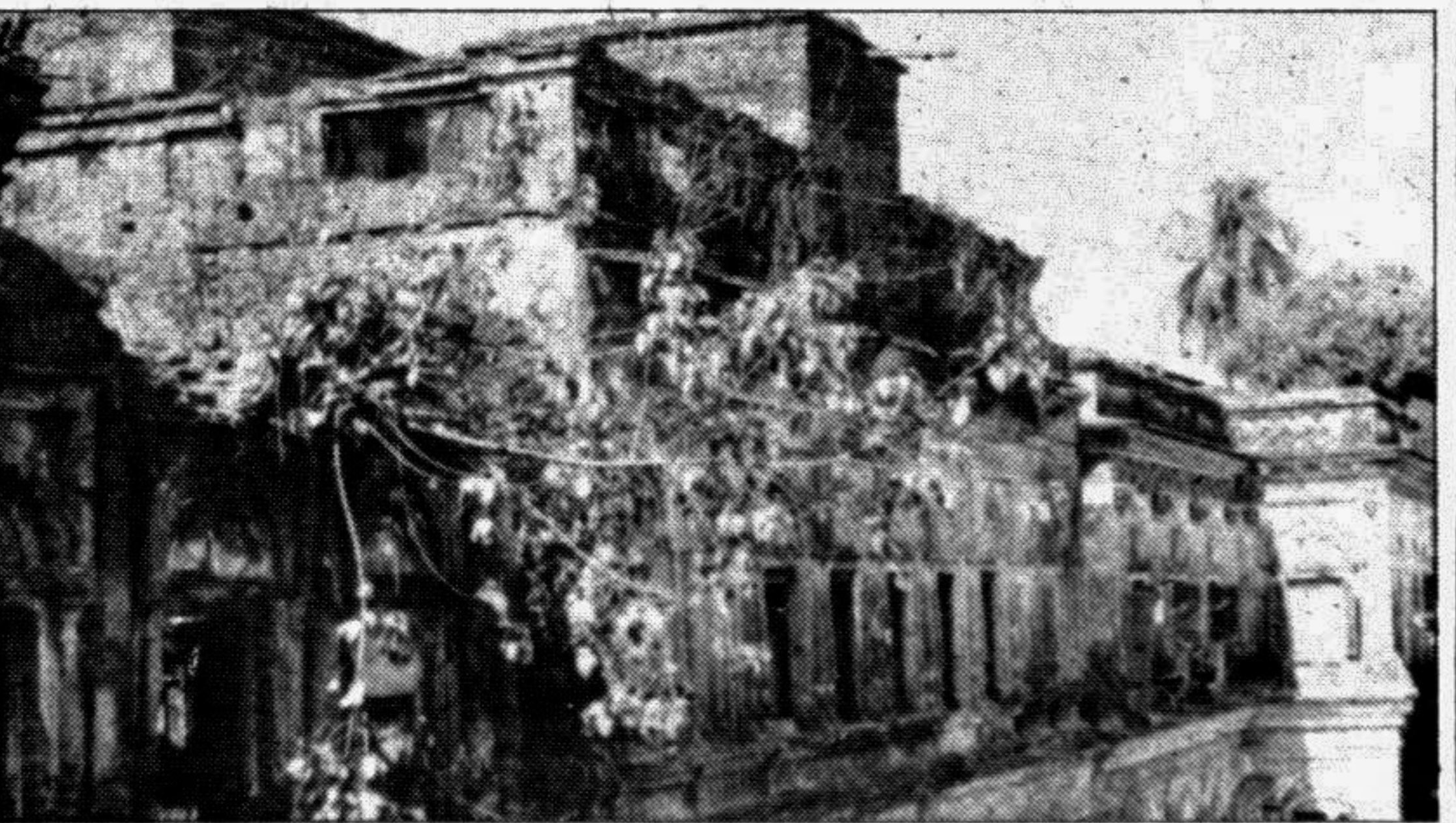
Many century-old buildings condemned long ago still being used for official purposes

CHUADANGA, July 2: Many buildings in the town established in the early 18th century have become unfit for use and some dilapidated ones may collapse at any time, reports UNB.

Chuadanga have been made sub-division in

although a traffic outpost is housed in the abandoned building. There are 10 shops on the ground floor of the building. The shopkeepers are continuing their business at the risk of their life.

The estate of Madinipur Zamindary Co Ltd



Condition of the Jamindar Bari at Nagorpur thana of Tangail district. —Star photo

1869 comprising four police stations namely Sadar, Alamdanga, Jibamagar and Damurhuda. It was upgraded into district on February 24, 1984.

The town, situated on the bank of river Mathabhangha, was a hinterland of Calcutta. The sub-division used to supply jute to Calcutta through the Mathabhangha, a tributary of the Padma.

The century old buildings of late Anwar Bihari, Hazaribabu, S N Fokler, B N Bangla old

established as a regional land revenue collection office at Amjhupha was famous for Neel Kuthi, where Robert Clive and his associates including Mir Zafar Ali Khan held secret meetings to overthrow the young Nawab Shaj-ud-Dowla.

The cyclonic storm of the recent past damaged a portion of four storied old abandoned building belonging to Ganaram Babu of Alamdanga.

A large building belonging to M H Joarder



The century old Jamindar Bari at Nagarpur thana of Tangail district. —Star photo

hospital building, railway godown and other old buildings including Shaasthya Nibashi at Kadarganj may collapse at any day.

Local people said the age-old buildings of Maturam Agarwala at Barabazar of the town may collapse at any time causing fatal accident. The two-storied building has been damaged for want of repair and maintenance.

Doors and windows, a portion of walls and roof of the second floor stand condemned

and his brother of Masjidpara is now in a dilapidated condition.

A mosque built during the Moghal period at Mosjidpara bears historic testimony in its architectural design. The mosque remains in good shape but for want of renovation and maintenance it is now in a pitiable condition.

Two-storied V J High School building established during the reign of Queen Victoria still remains in good condition due to repair and maintenance by FWD.

In Jamalpur, Sherpur districts

210 housewives killed in five years for dowry

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, July 2: Two hundred and ten housewives have been killed during the last five years in 12 police stations of Jamalpur and Sherpur districts. This has been disclosed by different marriage register offices, police stations control room and judicial thanas of the districts recently.

The main causes of such killings have been identified as dispute over demand for dowry in 210 cases, 72 housewives were murdered by their husbands and 82 by in-laws. On the other hand, 30 husbands have been killed to dowry dispute.

Police sources confirmed the cases against most of the killings. A good number of convicts have so far been awarded either life or long term prison sentences. A number of incident, however, remained out of judicial action for non-filing of cases by the concerned parties. Causes of peoples indifference to move to the court were identified as huge monetary involvement and lengthy judiciary process, which sometimes makes the victims bankrupt. It is learnt that many such cases are settled through village arbitration.

A statistics show that cases of divorce are on the increase in the district. Out of 1500

Minor boy killed in road accident

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, July 2: A minor boy was killed in a road accident at Katiadi thana headquarters recently.

The victim was identified as Sabuj Mia, 7, son of Elach Mia of Kamarakona village in Katiadi thana. According to the police, the Kargaonbound coaster bearing No. Dhaka Metro Ja-04-0508 ran over Sabuj Mia at 9:45 am while he was crossing the road. He died instantly.

cases of divorce over dowry disputes 505 took place within one year of marriage, seven hundred and twelve in two years of marriage and rest 299 in three years of marriage.

A survey on the incidents of divorce cases showed that because of dowry dispute 80 per cent of them occurred among the low income groups.

The survey also shows that female child is considered to be a burden in a poor family. So parents intend to get rid of this burden any how by giving them away through early marriage with commitment of dowry beyond their capacity.

Although there exists anti-dowry law in the country and transaction of dowry is a punishable offence under this law, 80 per cent of poor families fix dowry openly in forms of cash or kinds sometimes parents turned to begging in fulfillment of their commitments.

Seed crisis hits seedling production

NETRAKONA, July 2: The transplanted aman seedling production is being hampered for want of high yielding variety seeds in the 10 thanas of the district, reports UNB.

The thanas are: Sadar, Atpara, Madan, Khaliazuri, Mohanganj, Barhatta, Kalmakanda, Purbadhala, Kendua and Durgapur.

It is apprehended that the farmers would be deprived of the higher transplanted aman production this season as there is no BR-II seeds at the local seed centres at present.

The Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation supplied only 45 metric tons of the BR-II variety transplanted aman seeds for the Netrakona Seed Selling Centre at the beginning of the season.

According to the farmers, government steps to close a good number of seed centres and reduce the seed supply to the districts in comparison with the previous years are the main cause of seed crisis here.

The farmers of the district are facing hardships due to recurrent floodings that damaged standing crops including transplanted aman seeds during the last few years. They have no abilities to buy the T-aman seeds at high prices.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BIRRI) has already been released a new rice variety BR-30 for the aman season. Though BR-30 is available in the area but the farmers are reluctant to cultivate the new innovated seeds due to its low yield.

Tk 9.52 cr pourea budget declared in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, July 2: The annual budget of Jhenidah pourasava amounting to Taka nine crore fifty-two lakh has been announced last Monday.

Anisur Rahman Khoka, Chairman, Jhenidah Pourasava announced the budget at a press conference at his office. The poura commissioners were also present on the occasion.

A total of Taka eight crore sixty lakh has been allocated for the development sectors. The poura chairman said, this money will be spent for the construction of a central bus terminal, drains, roads, two over bridges, two bridges over river Nabaganga and beautification of Jhenidah town.

Anti-drug Day observed in Khulna city

KHULNA, July 2: The Anti-drug Day was observed in the city amidst various programmes on June 26, reports UNB.

Narcotics Control Department drew up elaborate programmes to mark the day. The programmes included rally, discussion, cultural function and art exhibition.

A discussion meeting was held at Zia Hall with Deputy Commissioner Ifekhar Ahmed in the chair. Divisional Commissioner KM Nazmul Alam was the chief guest at the function.

19 found guilty of murdering one in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, July 2: Rajshahi District and Additional Sessions Judge Maftul Islam yesterday awarded 10 years jail term and monetary fines to 19 people including a union parishad chairman for murder.

According to the proceedings, some people ordered by Puthia Union Parishad Chairman K M Shaful Islam, forcibly took three people of Kandra village under Puthia Union of Puthia thana on March 20 evening of 1992 from their residences away to nearby Karbala Maidan. There they beat them on an allegation of theft. Eight days later, Afsar Ali succumbed to his injuries in Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Musammat Fuljhari, widow of Afsar Ali filed a case in Puthia thana against nine people. After investigation police submitted chargesheet against the people including those nine persons on charge of murdering Ali. The court found 19 out of 20 accused guilty as per evidence and sentenced each of them of 10 years jail term and monetary fines of Tk 5000. The court acquitted Ajar Ali.

The punished are K M Shaful Islam, Abdul Khaleque, Shafulgur Rahman, Abdul Jabbar, Rabi Mondal, Mohammad Faku, Mosharrar Hossain, Abdur Rahman, Mohammad Siraj, Asad, Anil, Dulal, Moharram, Moqbul, Abul, Azimuddin, Akbar Ali and Mohammad Islam.

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### Notification

#### TRAVEL GRANT FOR HIGHER STUDIES ABROAD

Applications are invited from the Bangladeshi students for sanction of one way travel grant from the Sweden-Bangladesh Trust Fund (Subject to the availability of fund) who secured admission in the foreign universities for under-graduate/graduate/post-graduate courses in the prescribed manner mentioned below.

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Prescribed application for travel grant

- Name (in block letters) : Bangla English
- Father/husband's name & occupation
- Date of birth
- Present occupation of the applicant (please mention the occupation before joining the foreign education institution/University)
- Father/Guardian's designation (if any) & address of the office
- Local mailing address
- Permanent address : Village/Mauza, Thana, District
- Yearly income of father/guardian
- Educational Qualification

Examination passed	Year	Division/class obtained	Major subjects	Average marks obtained

- Name & address of the institution where the applicant has got permission for admission/ got admitted/is studying
- a. Field of study/subject  
b. Course duration  
c. Level (Post-graduate/graduate/under-graduate)  
d. Academic year/session/semester of studies
- Description of the financial assistance for the study abroad  
a. Total expenses for the academic year  
b. Description of scholarship awarded (if any)  
c. Own source  
d. Other source
- State whether the applicant has received travel grant previously, (if received, State Government Order Number & Date)  
a. Academic year  
b. Field of study/subject  
c. Name of the educational institution/university  
d. Address of the educational institution/university
- Telephone number (for emergency contact) : a. Dhaka :  
b. Other district :

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Applicants signature \_\_\_\_\_

The following documents/information should be enclosed along with the application form :

- An attested copy of recent passport size photograph.
- Attested photocopies of certificates & mark sheets of all examination passed.
- Reason for break of study, if any.
- Attested photocopy of letter of admission from the concerned educational institute. In case of admission in the USA, attested photocopy of 1-20 form shall also be enclosed.
- If received any fellowship offer from the concerned institution or financial assistance from any other source, copies of the award letter to be attached.
- Certificate/document of annual income of the applicant/guardian (Where the applicant/guardian is in service, income certificate from the Head of the Organisation will be acceptable. If the applicant/guardian is not in service, income certificate from the concerned Union Parishad Chairman or a gazetted officer will be accepted).

Requirements/conditions for the travel grant

- Those applicants who have received offer of admission from institutions abroad within the period 1.10.1995 to 30.9.1996 will be eligible to apply.
- Upon intimation by ERD approved applicants in order to draw the travel grant money would need to submit attested photocopy of passport including visa of the applicant, original airline ticket, regular studentship certificate from the concerned institution abroad & an authorization by the candidate to a nominated person, who will draw the grant money & in case of authorization, applicant needs to attest the signature & a photograph of the authorized person who will draw the travel grant money on his behalf.
- Application of a student with third class/division shall not be considered.
- In case of failure to show any valid reason for any break of study, applications shall not be considered.
- Applicant & after approval documents to draw the travel grant money submitted without due requirements shall not be considered.
- Any applicant who has availed the travel grant money earlier shall not be eligible to apply for the second time.
- The last date to submit the application is 30th September, 1996. Application should reach the undersigned including all enclosure within the above mentioned time. No application will be received after the deadline.

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### BCIC Re-Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিফটনে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির দ্রষ্টব্য

Fresh sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Managing Director, CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong from the BCIC & CUFL enlisted construction contractors for the "Repair and Maintenance work of Bagging Godown and other maintenance work at Bagging" CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong at an estimated cost of Tk. 4,13,179.10.

Tender documents may be obtained from the Office of the Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and from the Accounts Department of CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong up to 16.7.96 on payment of Tk. 300/- (Non-refundable) on all working days.

No tender paper will be sold on the date of opening of the tender.

Tender will be received up to 11.00 AM on 17.7.96 simultaneously in the Office of the Addl. Chief Engineer (Civil), CUFL, Rangadia, Ctg. Sr. General Manager (Const.), BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and will be opened immediately after closing in presence of the bidders if any.

BCIC enlisted contractors shall have to deposit 2% of the quoted value as earnest money alongwith tender in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft drawn on any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong.

Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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