

Elephant herd attack on villagers

KHAGRACHHARI, July 24: People of remote areas of Rangarh and Manikchhari thanas are facing attacks by wild elephants from the forest areas in almost every midnight, reports UNB.

Local people said these wild elephants have been attacking their thatched houses and crops and uprooted many trees in the last few months. Two people of Rangarh thana were also reportedly killed and several hundreds of thatched houses and crops on a vast tract of land were damaged by these elephants.

Union Parishad Chairman of Rangarh Mujibur Rahman said in the last week, these wild elephants smashed some 22 kutcha houses and damaged crops of 60 distressed families. In Rangarh thana, the areas which came under the attacks are Kaladeba, Iamku, Hatirleda, Sonaidanga, Garir Rasta, Khagrabil, Patachhora and Nanachondo para.

From Jan-May Malaria claims 40 lives in Bandarban

BANDARBAN, July 24: Malaria that broke out in the hill district since January this year claimed so far 40 lives and attacked 21,000 till May, official sources said, reports UNB.

Unofficial sources, however, claimed that the disease claimed 150 lives and attacked 70,000 others till June.

Civil Surgeon office sources, however, said the actual figure of the dead and attacked in the month of June could not be gathered.

Besides, they said people who died or being treated in private clinics, NGO, health complexes were not included in the official figure.

People of the affected areas have been passing their days in great anxiety as necessary medicines and physicians for the treatment of the fatal disease were not sufficient in the district.

Memoranda to DC, SP

'Stop police harassment'

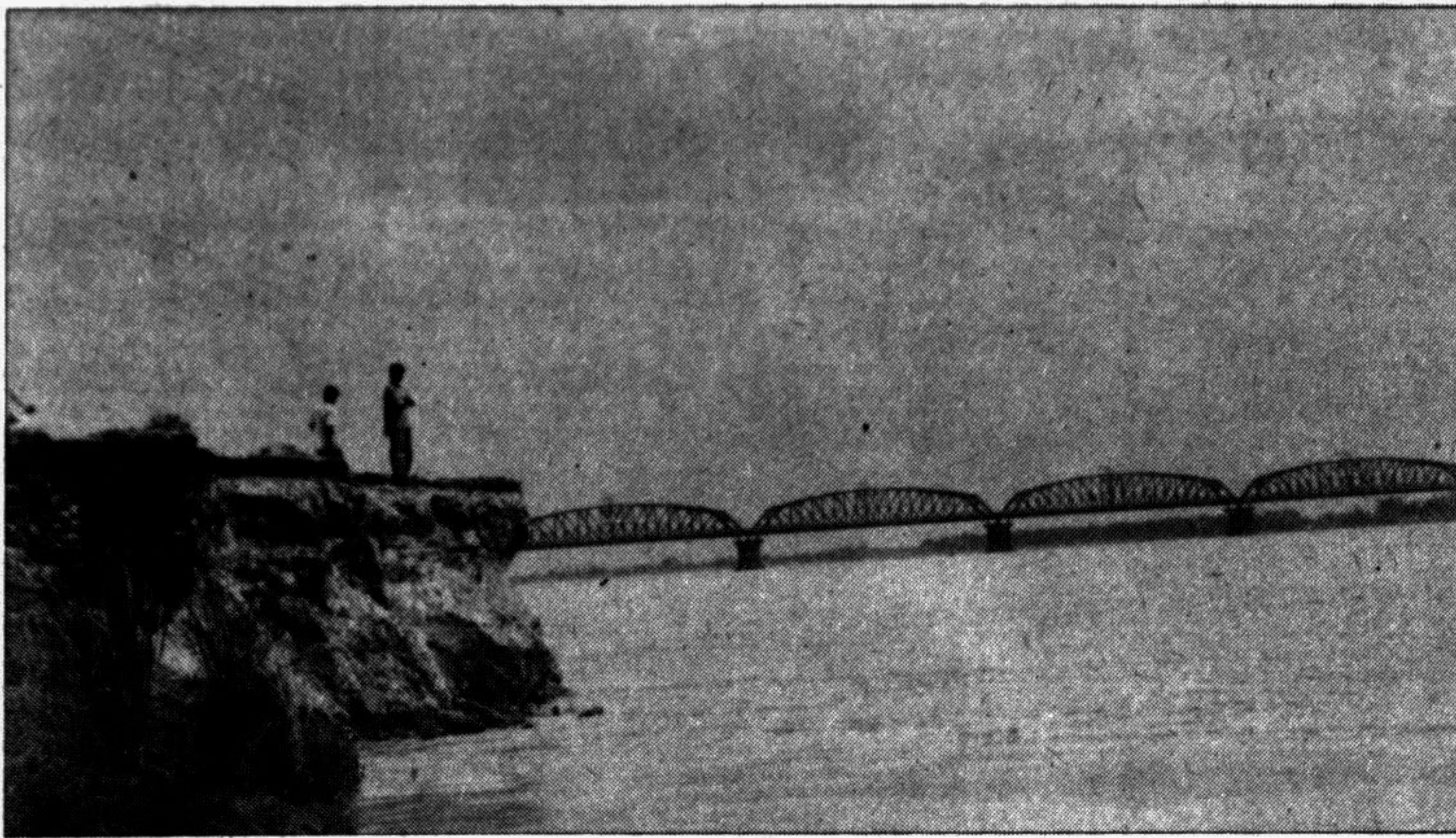
FENI, July 24: District unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal on Wednesday submitted two separate memoranda to the DC and SP to combat increasing violence and stop police atrocities in the area, reports UNB.

In the memoranda the JCD, opposition BNP's student front, alleged that terrorists of ruling party's front organisations were unleashing terrorism attacking on the JCD activists of the area.

The memorandum also accused the local police administration of playing partisan role and demanded release of all arrested JCD activists who were implicated in false cases.

Besides, the JCD leaders held a rally at the town on Thursday in protest against rising terrorism and anarchy in the district.

Later, the JCD activists brought out a protest procession in the town chanting various slogans in favour of their demands.



KUSHTIA: Erosion caused havoc in the GK Project intake channel mouth recently.

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Erosion hits GK Project intake channel

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, July 24: River Padma and Gorai are now in spate. Water level of these two rivers is rising fast severely affecting the people living in four unions of Daulatpur thana, two unions of Bheramara thana, Talbaria union of Mirpur thana and most of the people of the Kumarkhali Paura area and adjacent areas of the river Gorai. Ten villages in Daulatpur thana have been badly affected. Incessant rainfall during last 10 days has aggravated the situation. All lowlying areas of these places have gone under water damaging standing crops on an area of seven thousand acres of land. Meanwhile, with the rise of water level erosion has started in several places and people in erosion hit areas are passing days without any work.

Ramkrishnapur, Sonatala, Nurpur, Kandirpar and Borutala areas have been devoured in the erosion rendering hundreds of people homeless. River Gorai which turned into a narrow canal with innumerable chasms in its bed during the lean period has become furious as its flow has abruptly increased with tremendous force during last few days. The river Gorai has also turned its course near Gorai Railway bridge threatening the railway line on the western side of the bridge. Railway authority has however taken some precautionary measures by constructing RCC structure and huge quantity of boulders have been placed on the bank but people of the locality viewed that the steps taken by the railway authority was not sufficient.

Construction of a groyen

immediately on the northern side of the bridge could only save the railway line. With the rapid pace of erosion has aggravated the situation. But the situation was not the same decades ago.

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Large number of houses on the bank of the canal have

been devoured by erosion where 7 thousand people have been homeless.

The G.K authority placed many percupines at a cost of Taka 20 lakh to save the main canal. The authority also spent a considerable amount to save Kumarkhali town. The Gorai river also eroded a portion of Jayanabad villages of Kumarkhali thana where 5 hundred families became homeless. The

erosion of the Ganges has devoured 16 villages in eight unions covering an area of 8000 acres of land in Daulatpur thana where 12 mile long Raita Mohiskundi Flood Protection Embankment constructed in 1972 have been seriously threatened.

The erosion has engulfed a portion of Raita Mohiskundi Flood protection embankment apart from six primary schools, three madrasa, ten mosques, ten high schools and 25 culverts which have already been washed away by the fury of erosion. The erosion affected people said the main river Ganges was flowing eight miles away from the present course in 1972 and as a precautionary measure 12 mile long Raita Mohiskundi Flood protection embankment was constructed in 1972.

Meanwhile district administration has distributed some relief goods among the flood affected people of the thana, local people said. They need drinking water, food and shelter at the present as they have no job and also have lost valuables by the flood water.

Alleged dacoit, terrorist held in Faridpur

FARIDPUR, July 24: An alleged inter-district dacoit and notorious terrorist was arrested from Majhebari bus station in Madhukhali thana of the district on Saturday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police gheraoed Majhebari bus station and nabbed Shahidul Islam Shahid with the help of local people.

Shahid of Maslandapur village in Kamarkhali thana was wanted in connection with a number of dacoity and murder cases in Faridpur, Rajbari and Magura districts, police said.

Another report says: A theft was committed at a private diagnostic clinic at Allipur in the town on Thursday night.

Police said the thieves took away medical apparatus including ultrasonograph machine and ECG machine worth about Tk 11 lakh from the Desh Clinic at dead of night.

One killed by electric shock

MAGURA, July 24: Md Golam Mostafa, 30, an employee of Magura settlement office died of electric shock at his residence of Magura Stadiumpara on July 17.

According to the reports, when he was repairing an electric line at his residence he mistakenly touched a live electric wire. He was immediately rushed to hospital. The attending doctor declared him dead.

By-polls in Khulna, Bagerhat Tighter selection process likely for both seats

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, July 24: Awami League is not in comfortable position in Khulna-1 and Bagerhat-1 seats vacated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The party high command is in a fix whom to nominate from these two vacant seats in the ensuing by-polls, said a top ranking local AL leader. But fact remains that strong lobbying against each other is now in full swing as the aspirants are many.

The tug-of-war between the former MP Harun-ar-Rashid and senior vice president of party's district committee Babu Panchnon Biswas for getting nomination for Khulna-1 (Dakop-Batiaghata) has again exposed their quarrel for leadership in the constituency. The party supporters are clearly divided over this issue for which Sheikh Hasina had to contest from here in June 12 elections. It is yet to be ascertained which of the two aspirants is commanding the majority in the constituency.

But an unconfirmed source said that the party high command may not choose either of the two.

In case of Bagerhat-1, Sheikh Helal, cousin of the Prime Minister has started campaigning for contesting the by-election. Here, he will face tough contest with BNP candidate Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who hails from Mollarhat. Mujib was defeated by Sheikh

Hasina by 20,000 votes in June 12 elections. The position of BNP in this constituency seems to be very weak as the party has failed miserably to create any political image.

But situation in Bagerhat-1 is quite different where BNP has political bases in Fakirhat and Mollarhat.

3 alleged terrorists arrested

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, July 24: Police arrested three alleged terrorists with firearms while preparing for dacoity Monday in the city. They are workers of a political party, police said. On a secret information, police raided Rajshahi College and arrested Hira and Madhu. Then, according to their information, police raided Madhu's house at Dargahpara and arrested Biplob with one Indian gun, one country-made pipe gun, one toy pistol, a knife and some papers. A case was registered against them.

Meanwhile, detective police arrested seven young people from different places in the city for teasing school-going girls.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Jally Akhter, Assistant Leader, trainer of Bangladesh Scouts speaking at a discussion meeting of RU Girls Rover held here recently.

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Meghna erosion Erosion threatens Haimchar Thana HQs, Bazar

CHANDPUR, July 24: Severe erosion of Meghna in Haimchar thana under Chandpur district has threatened the existence of Haimchar thana headquarters and Haimchar bazar, reports BSS.

According to Bangladesh Water Development Board, Chandpur about two hundred families of Mollakandi and adjacent areas of Haimchar were rendered homeless within a few days. About one hundred dwelling houses and about two thousand acres of agricultural lands were eroded by the river.

Many shops of Haimchar bazar are affected. Haimchar thana is situated on the western bank of the river Meghna about eight miles south of Chandpur town.

Erosion affected people have taken shelter on the embankment of Chandpur Irrigation Project.

Smuggled Indian salt, drug seized in Kushtia

KUSHTIA, July 24: BDR men from Mirpur of the district conducted several raids last week and recovered 84 Indian cattle, 550 bottles of phensidyl and 3 boats loaded with huge quantity of Indian salt.

BDR source here said that on receiving information BDR Jawans seized 84 Indian cattle which were smuggled from India from Bahalbaria area of Mirpur thana.

In another raid they seized 150 bottles of phensidyl from village Islampur under Phillpnagar union of Daulatpur thana on the same night and arrested one Nazrul Islam.

Minor girl killed in road accident

SATKHIRA, July 24: A minor girl was killed in a road accident at Mahmudpur in sadar on Monday, police sources said, reports UNB.

Kini Khatun, 12, daughter of Sk Arshad of Mahmudpur in Sadar, was run over by a Satkhira bound truck while she was travelling by a rickshaw van on the Satkhira-Bhogra road. She died on the spot.

Police seized the truck but the driver managed to escape. Also on the same day, a minor girl drowned in a pond at village Chandipur in Shyamnagar thana. She met the tragic end when slipped into the pond.

Flood in Rangpur Thousands rendered homeless

RANGPUR, July 24: At least 30,000 people in char areas of Gangachara thana of the district have been rendered homeless in the recent flooding, reports UNB.

The onrush of water of the river Teesta washed away most of the Kutcha dwelling houses at char Joyramanga, Eshorekul, Easil, Dukheya, Kolkond, Salapka, Mornaya and Mohipur. The affected people have taken shelter at different educational institutions, embankments and highlands and are passing their days in great distress.

Meanwhile, the district administration distributed 58 metric tons of rice, 100 tons of biscuit and Tk 18,000 to the affected people which is quite insufficient.

The distressed people urged the government to provide them with adequate relief and take necessary steps for their early rehabilitation by sanctioning house building materials and grants.



SHERPUR: Picture taken from low-lying areas of Chandrakuna union under Nakla thana.

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Cheating at RMC

Examinee confesses her guilt

RAJSHAHI, July 24: A student was caught red handed while adopting unfair means in the admission test of Rajshahi Medical College.

The case was discovered and caught red handed on July 19 at the admission test centre of Rajshahi Medical College.

It is learnt that one Sufia Khatun, a first year student of Rangpur Medical College appeared in the Dental College admission test on July 19 at the Rajshahi Medical College centre in the name of one Nasreen Rahman (Reg No-RD0335).

She used all necessary documents and marksheet of Nasreen Rahman but used her own photograph. Prof Mijanur Rahman, Principal of Rajshahi Medical College and Dean of Medical Science Faculty of Rajshahi University discovered the fraudulence and when

challenged, Sufia Khatun confessed her guilty. She said in a written application for mercy that she adopted the unfair means to help another examinee Areeen Mannan (Reg No-RD0336).

Dr S M A Mannan of Mukti Clinic in a written statement of confession addressed to the Principal of RMC said that his niece Sufia Khatun adopted the unfair means to help his daughter Areeen Mannan in the admission test.

Prof Mijanur Rahman acknowledged the incident and said that was the first case of such a fraudulence in the admission tests of Medical & Dental Colleges. He, however, said that such kinds of unfair means may have taken place randomly but it was very difficult to detect those cases.

Sufia Khatun and Dr S M A Mannan separately applied for mercy confessing the guilty.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Civil Surgeon Kushtia

Memo No. CS/Kush/S-2/Ac/Tender/96/1097(50) Dt. 18/7/96

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders in prescribed schedule under sealed cover are invited from bonafide suppliers/contractors for supply of diet, stationery goods and linen washing of Thana Health Complex, Mirpur, Kushtia under Civil Surgeon, Kushtia during 1996-97 (1-7-96 to 30-6-97) financial year. The tender will be received in the tender box kept at the Office of the Civil Surgeon, Kushtia and Thana Health and Family Planning Office, Mirpur, Kushtia up to 12-00 Noon of 11-8-96 and opened and selected by the tender committee on the same day at 1-00 PM. Tender schedule will be available at the office of the Civil Surgeon and Thana Health and FP office from the cashier on cash payment of Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable) per group up to 8-8-96 (during office hours). Tenderers or their representatives may attend the opening of tender.

Rate of earnest money

1. For diet supply Tk 7,000/= (seven thousand) only
2. " Stationery goods " 3,000/= (three thousand) only
3. " Linen washing " 1,000/= (one thousand) only

The above Earnest Money should be in Bank Draft/CD/FDR in favour of Civil Surgeon, Kushtia. Interested tenderer must abide by the terms and conditions of the notice. Intending suppliers/contractors may contact the office of the Civil Surgeon and Thana Health and FP Officer, Mirpur, Kushtia (during office hours) for detailed information, if they want.

The Tender Committee reserves the right to accept the lowest or any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason. The decision of Tender Selection Committee will be treated as final. No objection or reservation against the final decision will be acceptable.

DFF-16145-21/7 Dr Md Mosharrar Hossain Civil Surgeon, Kushtia G-881

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Applications in prescribed form are invited from bonafide contractor/contractor firm for enlistment & renewal of contractors under Dhaka Zila Parishad for 1996-97. The related application form with detailed rules & regulations and terms & conditions will be available at prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned during office hours. The application form will be received upto 15-9-96.

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Tenders in sealed envelope are invited from bonafide repairing firms for repair of Duplicating Machine Model 245 E No. 10640 & 10677. Such parties/firms as have past experience of similar work at Govt/Semi-govt office only can participate in the tender. Quotations accompanied with attested copy of such work order and superscribing Tender Notice No. T-453 on the sealed envelope should be dropped in the tender box kept in Room No. 315 of Assistant Director (Administration), Bangladesh Television Dhaka Station on or before 11 am of 08-8-96/24-4-1403 BS, which will be opened on the same day at 11-30 minutes before the quotations (if any) present. Trade Licence renewed upto June '96 & bank solvency certificate for current financial year, both attested by first class gazetted officer/first class magistrate, should be deposited with the tender. 5% of total quoted value as earnest money (refundable) should be deposited through Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Income & Expenditure Officer, National Broadcasting Authority (Television) sub section. Tender schedule (detailed description of repair and terms & conditions of tender) can be purchased at Tk 400/= (four hundred) only each (non-refundable) from the account sections of Dhaka station Room No. 310 from 8-00 am to 2-30 pm (except on holidays) upto 06-8-96. No schedule can be purchased on the date of opening tender.

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