

Record number of crimes in Jamalpur

Alarming rise in crime rate

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Sept 24: Despite rigorous efforts by the law enforcing agency to contain crimes the overall law and order situation in the district has further deteriorated.

According to the local people, the crimes like theft, robbery, murder, rape, gambling, cow-lifting, illegal VCR shows, clashes, unabated menace of gay girls and illegal ganja plantation have increased surpassing all previous records.

According to unofficial sources, at least 16 robberies and 56 thefts were committed in the district during the last three months. The rates of murder, divorce and child marriage is increasing alarmingly in the district.

According to a marriage register office sources, over 50 women were divorced in seven thanas during the last three months. Husbands abandoned their wives for not getting demanded dowry by putting slur on their character.

Besides, marriages of minor girls are being solemnised despite government ban. Local elite have urged the authorities to enforce anti-dowry laws strictly and impose restriction on divorce without any valid reason.

Ganja plantation in different char areas at Dewanganj, Sarishabari, Jamalpur sadar, Madarganj, Islampur and Melandah thanas have increased alarmingly. Narcotics and liquor control department recently seized several thousand of ganja plants from the said areas. Local people alleged that a number of dishonest narcotic and liquor control department officials were taking bribe from the ganja cultivators. Illegal

sale of liquor in different areas of the district and thana towns is going unabated at the same time. A large number of stationary and grocery shops are illegally selling liquor freely without out any valid licence, it is alleged.

At night the youths are found waiting in queues to purchase liquor.

Competent sources said that several numbers of such unauthorised wine shops are increasing in the town areas creating anti-social activities.

Cowlifting has become rampant in different parts of the district. Over 150 cows were stolen in last two months, three shallow engines were stolen from a house at Putimari village in Melandah thana.

Gay girls, on the other hand, have become active in Dewanganj, Jamalpur, Sarishabari and other thana towns muddling up social fabric and spreading venereal diseases among young people.

In most cases the gay girls continue their business in exchange of illegal gratification. They come mostly from erosion-affected char areas, some of the girls sit while talking to this correspondent.

Gambling in broad-day-light has become a regular practice in all seven thana towns and Jamalpur pourashava areas. Some dishonest police personnel are reportedly involved in gambling, it is alleged.

Meanwhile miscreants involved in crimes like smuggling, hijacking, kidnapping, robbery, killing, clashes, extortion of money and teasing were reportedly moving about freely in the areas.

lice sometimes arrest some of the miscreants but for want of witnesses and evidences the accused can not be charged with specific charges. The influential quarters often interfere regarding the crime for which the police fail to take appropriate steps against them.

Thus, the criminals are encouraged and continuing their anti-social and unlawful activities. Consequently the peace loving people of different areas pass days under uncertainty.

People alleged that miscreants are reportedly given shelter by the political parties who often use them for their interest.

Hijacking, snatching and kidnapping have increased in the district. About 50 children were kidnapped for ransom in the remote areas under sadar thana in recent times. The kidnapers are very active in Buschara, Ghoradap, Luxipur, Nurendi, Maddarchar and middle areas of Jamalpur, Sherpur and Mymensingh districts bordering areas.

It is reported that miscreants are very active in Jamuna Fertilizer Factory area, Jamalpur town, Sarishabari town, Melandah, Dewanganj thana towns, Pyarpur inter-godown areas, Jamalpur junction district bus terminal area, Jamalpur-Sherpur ferry ghat area and other different point at the district.

About one hundred illegal clubs and societies are there in different areas of the district and the miscreants often take the shelter of these organisations, it is informed.

A source who asked not to be named, said that no effective step was taken as yet to close

these clubs by the concerned authorities.

It is further informed that the business centres in the district convenient for collecting tolls. Regular extortion of money is one of the main source of their income, another source said.

When contacted over telephone, a high police official said that they are aware of the anti-social activities of the miscreants.

According to him (police official) a number of miscreants were arrested recently involved in crimes including hijacking, robbery and cow-lifting. The police officer claimed that they had launched a drive against the miscreants for which crime rate had declined in the recent months.

A word commissioner of Jamalpur pourashava told this correspondent that the rate of crime mostly murder and dacoity has gone up in the district town.

He said that cases of snatching has increased abnormally in the town.

Several dacoities were also committed recently in Jamalpur town.

When asked a police source informed that they had arrested a number of criminals in the last one month for their alleged involvement in various crimes.

The suicide cases also rise in the district. At last 21 persons including 7 women and 8 young girls committed suicide in the district during the last two months.

About 27 clashes took place during the last two months. Seven were killed and another 30 were wounded in the clashes.

Discharging duties without office for 17 years

From CHT Correspondent

MANIKCHHARI (Khagrachhari), Sept 24: An officer-in-charge of a local government institution has been discharging his official functions for the last 17 years provided with no office, it was alleged.

The officer-in-charge of the Local Supply Depot (LSD) in Manikchhari thana of the district has been using a quarter allotted to a 'darowan' (guard) of the LSD for the last 17 years as his office, concerned official said.

No office was built or hired any house to serve the purpose for the Manikchhari thana LSD, built and brought into commission some 17 years ago, it was learnt from official sources.

Road mishap leaves 25 injured

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Sept 24: Twenty-five persons were injured, five of them seriously in a road accident at Chiledanga on Satkhira-Assassuni road on September 12.

Assassuni thana police sources said, the driver of a Assassuni bound passenger loaded minibus from Satkhira when reached the place of occurrence, lost control and the inflated bus fell into the roadside ditch. As a result 25 persons were injured.

A case was filed with Assassuni thana.

Meeting reviews situation to bring back communal harmony in Rangamati

From CHT Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Sept 24: A meeting to review the overall situation in the district following the September 9 Churakhali massacre in Baghaichhari thana of the district was held with the Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Shah Alam in the chair.

The meeting urged the residents of the town not to pay heed to any rumour and asked them to guard against all sorts of propaganda.

It was attended among others by the member of parliament from Rangamati Dipankar Talukdar, former presidential adviser Subimal Dewan, Police Super Mohamad Nurul Anwar, Chakma chief Raja Debashish Roy, municipality chairman Moni Swapan Dewan, heads of different political and social organizations in the district and elites of the town.

The meeting asked the town-dwellers to cooperate the law enforcers in rounding up the criminals who committed the Churakhali massacre. It also advised all concerned not to issue any statement in favour of the criminals when they will be nabbed.

The speakers highlighting the role of the concerned authorities in containing the law and order following the Churakhali massacre in the district thanked them for their timely and ceaseless efforts with patience and care as well as tribal and non-tribals for their tolerance.

Former MP Sudipta Dewan, vice-president of Bangladesh UP chairman Samity Mayadhan Chakma, president of Rangamati district unit of Pahari Gona Parishad Luxmi Ku-

Classes resume at Sirajganj Govt College

From CHT Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 24: After four days unscheduled closure, the classes of Sirajganj Government College resumed yesterday, reports UNB.

The college was closed on Wednesday following the clashes between the activists of ruling party backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and opposition BNP backed Jatityatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD). At least 30 students were injured in the clashes.

However, two mainstream political parties of the district Awami League and BNP signed a peace accord to avoid further clashes and restore peace on the college campus.

**Biman BANGLADESH AIRLINES**

**International Tender Notice for Appointment of Maintenance Contractor for Maintenance of Biman A310-300 Aircraft**

(Ref : DACDE/15/3/96/120 Date : 08th September, 1996)

- Biman-Bangladesh Airlines invites sealed offers directly from the qualified Airlines/Maintenance Organizations for maintenance services of its two Airbus A310-300 aircraft fitted with PW 4156A engines (offwing engine maintenance not included). The tentative date of commencement of Maintenance Services is 15th January, 1997.
- Sealed offer should be addressed to — Director Engineering, Biman-Bangladesh Airlines, Engineering Hanger Complex, Zia International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh and dropped by the bidders or their authorized representatives in the Tender Box kept in the Secretariat of Director Engineering latest by 1200 hrs BST (local time) (0600 UTC) on 11th November, 1996. Tenders shall be opened at 1300 hrs BST (local time) (0700 UTC) on the same day in presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives, if any.
- Offers received after 1200 hrs BST (local time) (0600 UTC) on 11th November, 1996 shall not be accepted.
- No offer by fax/telex etc. shall be accepted.
- Tender schedule containing required services to be provided with terms and conditions shall be available with the Accounts Officer, Cash and Banking, Finance Department, Biman-Bangladesh Airlines, Biman Bhaban, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh during all working hours from 27th September, 1996 on cash payment (non-refundable) of Tk 10,000/- (Taka ten thousand only) upto 30th October, 1996. Tender schedule will also be available in the following Biman overseas offices on cash payment (non-refundable) of USD 250.00 (United States Dollar two hundred fifty) only from 27th September, 1996 up to 30th October, 1996.

ABUDHABI, AMSTERDAM, BANGKOK, FRANKFURT, HONGKONG, PARIS, KUALA LUMPUR, LONDON, NEW YORK, TOKYO, SINGAPORE AND DUBAI.

Biman-Bangladesh Airlines reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers submitted by the Bidders without assigning any reason whatsoever and no claim shall be accepted in this respect.

D-1020 Director Engineering

Notice Inviting Tenders

Sealed tenders in BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from enlisted contractor of the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Joypurhat/Sirajganj in their respective office up to Noon on 7.10.96 Eng and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of the tenders who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a separate sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Class of contractor entitled to submit tender
1.	Providing E.I. and fans in/c service connection of Police Investigation centre cum barrack at Chandan Baisha under Sarishabari PS of Bogra during 1996-97.	Tk 2,36,332/-	Tk 4,727/-	Invited from class-I&II (one & two) of approved enlisted E/M, contractors of PWD who have got ABC/BC licence respectively.

Contract documents on sisting BD Form No 2911, schedule of items, statement, additional terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Joypurhat/Sirajganj and Sub-Divnl Engineer, PWD Sub-Divn I, II, E/M Bogra on payment of usual charges. The tender form may be purchased by the contractor himself or his representative duly authorised by the contractor along with the registration book on any day during office hours up to 5.10.96 Eng. No tender form will be sold after office hours of 5.10.96.

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Executive Engineer  
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Night coach passengers robbed

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Sept 24: Gold ornaments, cash, wrist watch and other valuables worth about Tk one lakh was recently looted from the passengers of a night coach by a group of alleged dacoits.

Police said, a group of eight to ten alleged dacoits in the guise of passengers halted "Utara High Choice", a Dhaka-bound night coach near Kallipara on North Bengal Highway, and robbed the passengers. All the alleged dacoits then managed to flee.

A case was lodged with Ishurdi police station.

4 alleged dacoits caught red-handed, eyes gouged out

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Sept 24: Angry people gouged out both eyes of all the four alleged dacoits caught red-handed Monday from the river Andharmanik under Swarankhola thana of Bagerhat district.

Police said one shutter gun and one country-made gun were recovered from the alleged dacoits who were reportedly taking preparation for committing dacoity in passenger launch.

The alleged dacoits were later admitted to Swarankhola Health Complex under police custody.

Police further said that dacoits in the Andharmanik river have been rampant in which the alleged dacoits were involved.

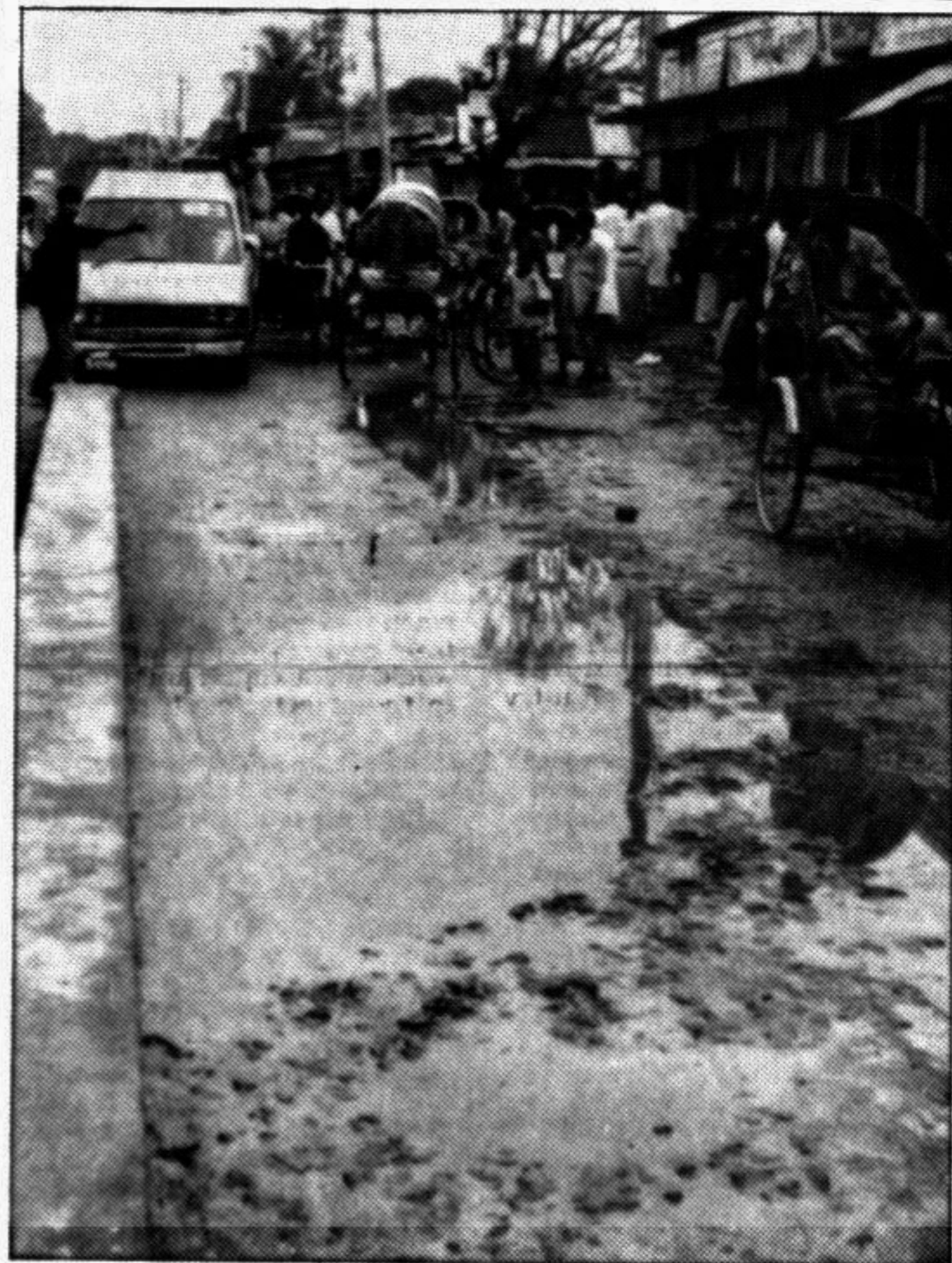
AL-BNP clash: 15 injured

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 24: At least 15 persons were injured in a clash between the activists of Bangladesh Awami League and Bangladesh Nationalist Party at village Hudaputta in sadar thana of the district yesterday, according to police and eye-witnesses.

Police said, the clash started when two BNP activists, Bisharat Ali and Abdul Jalil joined the Awami League. During clash both the groups used bricksbats, rod and other lethal weapons.

Of the injured six were rushed to Jhenidah sadar hospital.



GAZIPUR: Roads in the district headquarter under pourashava have suffered erosion for want of maintenance. The eroded parts of the roads further spread and developed cracks affecting traffic movement. The picture shows the road from Joydebpur Bara to DC office. — Star photo

Three injured in truck collision

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 24: Three persons were seriously injured when two trucks hit each other head on from opposite direction on Kushtia-Jhenidah road in front of LGED office at 11 a.m. Saturday. The injured are, driver Ashrafal Kabir and two helpers who have been admitted in Kushtia General Hospital.

It is reported that the Dhaka Metro DA 6289 loaded with sand bound for Jhenidah collided head on with another truck, Kushtia TA 02-0132 coming from opposite direction.

The Jhenidah bound truck fell into road side ditch when its driver lost control of the steering.

Roads of Gazipur town in miserable condition

From Our Correspondent

GAZIPUR, Sept 24: Although most of the roads are repaired annually, innumerable cracks and potholes have developed at various places causing much difficulties in movement of vehicular traffic, it was observed.

The badly affected roads are Bazar road, Thana road, Sadar road, Bus stand road, Fish market road, Bot Tola road etc. Most of these roads are repaired every year. But due to improper repair works they become unfit for traffic after a span of a few months, local people alleged.

When contacted, an official of the pourashava authority told this correspondent that roads will be repaired during winter.



Md Abdus Samad, Chairman, BSCIC, exchanging views with entrepreneurs' representatives of Banks, Nascib, and officers of local administration on rapid industrialisation of Bhola. — BSCIC photo

**BPDB's International Tender Notice**

বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন

International sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board from the renowned manufacturers/suppliers against the following tender enquiry for supply of different type of stores.

Sl No	Tender Enquiry No. and date	Name of Stores	Value of T. Docts.	Last date of T. Sale	Submission of tender Dt & Time	Opening of tender Dt & Time
1.	Pur-332/94 dt 16.9.96	Spares of Fedd Pump Motor for 60 MW Sikalbaha Power Station.	Tk 2500/-	3.11.96	9.11.96 at 11.00 AM	9.11.96 at 11.30 AM
2.	Pur-341/95 dt 16.9.96	Generator Air Filter for Chittagong Barge mounted P. Plant Sikalbaha.	Tk 500/-	3.11.96	9.11.96 at 11.00 AM	9.11.96 at 11.30 AM
3.	Pur-308/96 dt 16.9.96	Temperator indicator for protection system for Shahjibazar Power Station.	Tk 500/-	5.11.96	11.11.96 at 11.00 AM	11.11.96 at 11.30 AM
4.	Pur-351/95 dt 16.9.96	Repair of spare parts of Fiat TG-16 gas turbine at Shahjibazar, P.S. Sylhet.	Tk 1000/-	5.11.96	11.11.96 at 11.00 AM	11.11.96 at 11.30 AM
5.	Pur-349/96 dt 16.9.96	Carbon and Alloy Steel for Ghorashal Power Station.	Tk 1000/-	9.11.96	13.11.96 at 11.00 AM	13.11.96 at 11.30 AM
6.	Pur-345/95 dt 16.9.96	Orsat gas analyser for Siddhirganj Power Station.	Tk 300/-	9.11.96	13.11.96 at 11.00 AM	13.11.96 at 11.30 AM

A complete set of tender document including detailed specification, terms and conditions may be sold to the interested bidders against a written application to the undersigned on payment of Taka (Non-refundable) mentioned above against each tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director of Purchase, PDB, Dhaka. The bidding documents will be available from 19.9.96.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the prescribed Bid Format @ 2% of the total Bid Price from a scheduled bank in Bangladesh in accordance with instructions to the bidders. Tender will be received up to 11.00 AM and will be opened at 11.30 AM on opening date of each tender in presence of the bidder or their representative, if any.

No tender document will be sent by post and no Telex Offer will be acceptable.

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**Director of Purchase**  
PDB, Dhaka

**Notice of RHD Inviting Tender**

- Tender Notice No : 18 BRD of 1996-97.
- Name of work : Construction of Flexible pavement at 1st km (part) of Kalizira-Paschimuria-Indrohati-Barajharhat-Bousherhat-Madafapa road under Road Division, Barisal during the year 1996-97 (Ch to 256-C/A).
- Estimated amount : Tk 7,98,437.00
- Earnest money : Tk 15,969.00
- Time allowed : 40 (forty) days.
- Eligibility of contractor : "A" to "C" class enlisted contractors under general category of the Roads & Highways Department and "D" class enlisted contractors of Barisal Road Circle & "E" class enlisted contractors of Barisal Road Division.
- Name of office where tender documents will be available : Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/Patuakhali/Bhola/Pirojpur/Planning Division (P&D) Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Barisal/Jhalakati 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Barisal during office hours on all working days. No tender form will be sold on the opening date of tender.
- Last date of selling of tender : Up to 5.00 PM on 22.6.1403 B/7.10.96 E
- Name of office where tender bids will be received in sealed cover : Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone, Barisal/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Barisal/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation (P&D) Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/Bhola/Patuakhali/Propur.
- Last date & time of receiving of tender bids in sealed cover : Up to 12.30 PM on 23.6.1403B/ 8.10.96 E
- Date & time of recording tender bids in sealed cover : At 12.45 PM on 23.6.1403 B/ 8.10.96 E
- Date, time & name of office where tender will be opened : 11.00 AM on 28.6.1403 B/ 13.10.96 E at office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Barisal Road Division, Barisal.
- Lottery date & time : At 11.00 AM on 30.6.1403B/ 15.10.96 E

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