

Two murdered in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Oct 22: Two people were killed in Daulatpur thana of the district on Friday night in separate incidents, police and witnesses said.

Folu, 35, a notorious dacoit of village Chagram in the thana was shot dead by some unidentified gunmen while playing cards in the house of Abul Hashem in same village.

The miscreants shot at him several rounds of bullets and left the place. Folu died on the spot. Previous enmity was said to be cause behind the murder.

In another incident, a young man was beaten to death following a quarrel at village Chapra in his relative's house.

Rahman, 27, son of Osman Mondol of village Charuikuri went to his relative's house at Chapra to attend an invitation. At one stage he was beaten to death following a quarrel with the inmates of the house.

The bodies were sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy. Two separate cases were filed with the police.

Record grain, paddy procurement in N-dists Storage capacity in godowns exceed

From Abdul Wadood

RAJSHAHI, Oct 22: A record quantity of paddy and rice have been collected from the northern region of the country this season.

Official sources said that the godowns have already been completely filled with grains. The authorities may fall in awkward position with hoarding of paddy and rice produced in the next aman season.

According to the sources, there are three CSD godowns, 167 LSD godowns and one Silo godown in the 16 districts of Rajshahi Division. These godowns have the storing capacity of 4,75,000 metric tons of grains. In practice, 3,89,000 metric tons of foodgrains can be stored in these warehouses. The

amount of collection of grains has exceeded the capacity this year creating problem.

Official sources informed that over three lakh metric tons of rice have been collected during the current rice procurement drive from 16 northern districts. Another 48,535 metric tons of paddy and 51,000 metric tons of wheat have also been procured.

The total procurement of grains has exceeded the storage capacity of the godowns.

Grains are, however, being released and sent to other places of the country, but the quantities is not sufficient to make space for even one-fourth space in next three months upto January, 1997 when aman rice

procurement is scheduled to start. It is apprehended, that government may have to buy aman paddy, rice and wheat in the coming season which will most probably adversely affect the common market. In that case, knowledgeable sources are apprehending that the price of aman paddy and rice will mark a sharp fall and the farmers will be the victim due to this loss.

A total of 37,00,000 metric tons rice is being expected to be harvested in the next aman harvesting season from about 17,00,000 hectares of lands brought under aman paddy cultivation this year in 16 northern districts of Rajshahi Division.

Aid for destitute

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Oct 22: Dhaka Ramkrishna Mission distributed 400 CI sheets, 300 pieces of sarees, 100 pieces of lungis and 56 pieces of blankets among the poor and the distressed people at a function held recently at Faridpur Ramkrishna Mission Ashram premises at Char Kamalapur in the town.

AFM Abdul Huq Chowdhury Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur inaugurated the distribution ceremony with a brief speech speaking highly of the humanitarian activities of the mission.

Smugglers held

COX'S BAZAR, Oct 22: Bangladesh Rifles in a raid at Teknaf border on Sunday arrested eight Burmese smugglers along with 11 cattle worth about Tk 1.5 lakh, reports UNB.

BDR sources said the smugglers were held while entering into Bangladesh territory with the cattlehead.

A case was filed with the Teknaf police.

Massive aman farming scheme in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Oct 22: Transplanted aman cultivation programme on 8846 hectares of land in eight thanas of the district has been undertaken in the current season — District Agriculture Extension Department sources said.

The sources told that out of 8846 hectares of land cultivated, 7891 hectares were brought under modern variety (MV) and the rest 955 hectares under local variety.

The thana-wise break-up is as follows: 3635 hectares of land were brought under the cultivation of both the aforementioned varieties in sadar, 63 hectares in char Bhadrans, 380 hectares in Nagarkanda, 168 hectares in Sadarpur, 340 hectares in Bhangra, 1755

hectares in Madhukhali, 1776 hectares in Boalmari and 592 hectares in Alifadanga thana.

The sources further informed that transplanted aman cultivation has exceeded the target fixed at 7,628. The district agriculture extension department has engaged 235 field workers to supervise the standing transplanted aman crops in eight thanas of the district.

The farmers are expecting bumper harvest in this season, a local farmer said adding that scarcity of fertilizer is prevailing in the district. So the concerned authority should take necessary measures to supply fertilizer abundantly to the concerned farmers.

Panchgaon — where Goddess Durga comes alive

From Rajat K Goswami

MOULVIBAZAR, Oct 22: A Durga Puja pandal situated at a remote village of Panchgaon under Rajnagar thana in the district was so much attractive that thousands of people from all walks of life thronged the mandap.

Each and every year this puja mandap is visited by large number of devotees for its rich tradition and 300-year old history.

In Panchgaon pandal, colour of Goddess Durga is red which is exceptional as according to Hindu scripture, Goddess Durga is yellow in colour. Panchgaon Durga Puja pandal and the red colour of the Goddess have gained popularity among the Hindu devotees of the whole country. Devotees from far flung areas of the country even

shipped by Munshi Sarbananda, the colour of the human image of Durga (Kumari) was changed and turned red. The Kumari then asked Munshijee what he desired. Sarbananda said he wanted nothing but blessings of Goddess and added that he wished to worship the Goddess at his home village Panchgaon with same colour from next year. The Goddess (Kumari) fulfilled his desire.

Since then Goddess Durga has been worshipped with red colour at this village for years together.

Sanjoy Kumar Das, 'Sebayet' (Manager) of this mandap who is also the sixth generation of Sarbananda revealed, proofs of greatness of Goddess Durga are left every year at this pandal.

from the neighbouring countries come to Panchgaon village to attend the festival. The management sources of the Puja committee told The Daily Star that this year at least 50 thousand devotees visited this mandap till Monday evening.

During his visit to Panchgaon on Monday The Daily Star correspondent found about 4 kilometre long queue of different public and private vehicles on road leading to the pandal extending from Panchgaon village to Kamala Ranir Dighi area. Passengers of the last serial of vehicles are reaching the pandal on foot. Absence of proper system, displeasing traffic jam cause great sufferings to the devotees who are coming from other parts of the country. The problem has become so serious that even pedestrians are unable to move easily towards the pandal.

However, Goddess Durga at Panchgaon pandal has a glorious history and tradition. Devotees in this modern age have a belief that Goddess Durga at this pandal is embodied The Goddess always listens to her devotees' prayers and bless them. Devotees come to Panchgaon village for prayers. It is believed by the devotees that honest prayer is always approved by Goddess.

In every festival, costly ornaments made of gold and silver, saris, pure ghees are brought by the devotees for the Durga and thousands of goats and buffaloes are sacrificed before Goddess Durga here.

Panchgaon Durga Puja Pandal has a long history of about 300 years. It is gathered that one Sarbananda Das of the village, a 'Munshi' by profession under the then Badshahi administration, had arranged Puja festival for the first time at this pandal. Sarbananda was believed to have spiritual power. Once he went to Kamakhya Dham, (Now in India) and expressed his desire that he wanted to arrange 'Kumari Puja'.

As he was a Munshi (a designation of great service under the Badshahi rule) the authority of the Kamakhya Dham allowed him to fulfill his desire accordingly. Sarbananda selected a Kumari (Girl) for the purpose. After being wor-

PWD Notice Inviting Tender

Tender Notice No-12(B) 1996-97

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited for the undermentioned works from special class 1 and class 1 building contractors, enlisted as per their financial eligibility of the Directorate of Public Works and 2nd class building contractors/firms of Rajshahi Public Works Zone, 3rd class building contractors/firms of Rangpur Public Works Circle and 4th class building contractors/firms of Dinajpur Public Works Division. Tenders will be received by the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Rangpur/Kurigram/Lalmohar/Nilphamari/ Gaibandha/Panchagarh and Thakurgaon in their respective offices up to 12:00 Noon of 4/11/96 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers (who may like to remain present).

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work	Class of contractors eligible for submitting tenders
1 (one)	Construction work of RCC boundary wall of Biral thana in Dinajpur district under Dinajpur Public Works Division during 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 6,85,675/-	Tk 13,714/-	3 (three) months	Directorate of Public Works approved special class-1, class 1 building contractors/firms, 2nd class building contractors/firms of Public Works Rajshahi Zone and 3rd class building contractors/firms of Public Works Rangpur Circle.
2 (two)	Construction work of RCC boundary wall of Kaharol thana in Dinajpur district under Dinajpur Public Works Division during 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 6,83,108/-	Tk 13,663/-	3 (three) months	-do-
3 (three)	Construction work of bituminous carpeting approach road of Biral thana in Dinajpur district under Dinajpur Public Works Division for 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 2,61,854/-	Tk 5,238/-	2 (two) months	-do-
4 (four)	Construction work of bituminous carpeting approach road of Kaharol thana in Dinajpur district under Dinajpur Public Works Division for 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 1,70,285/-	Tk 3,406/-	2 (two) months	-do- and 4th class building contractors/firms of Public Works Division, Dinajpur.

Tender schedule, additional conditions and rules of tender and tender form etc. can be seen at the offices of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Rangpur/Kurigram/ Gaibandha/ Lalmohar/Nilphamari/Panchagarh and Thakurgaon and Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Works Sub-Division-1/2/Fulbari and E/M, Dinajpur and purchased at prescribed price (non-refundable) up to 3/11/96 during office hours. Lottery will be held at the office of the undersigned to select one lowest tenderer on 17/11/96 at 11:30 AM (if more than one contractor/firm quote the same rate).

Md Abul Hossain
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division, Dinajpur.

Notice Inviting Tender

(RHD) Road Division, Dinajpur

- Tender Notice No : 6 E.E/DRD/1996-97.
- Name of work : Pavement construction/reconstruction/widening/seal work of different roads at diff locations, under Dinajpur Road Division during the year 1996-97 in 05 (Five) groups as per group list.
- Estimated cost : As per group list
- Earnest money : As per group list
- Time allowed for completion of work : As per group list
- Eligibility of contractor : As per group list
- Name of offices where tender documents will be sold : For Group No. 1 to 5
1. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn. Dinajpur/Thakurgaon/Nilphamari.
2. Executive Engineer (RHD), Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/ Planning & Design Division, Rangpur.
- Name of offices where the tender bids will be received : For Group No. 1 to 5
1. Addl Chief Engineer (RHD), Rangpur Zone, Rangpur.
2. Superintending Engineer (RHD), Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna Dhaka.
3. Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Dinajpur.
4. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dinajpur/Thakurgaon/Nilphamari.
- Last date of selling tender documents during office hours : Up to 2.11.96.
- Last date and time for receiving tender bids : Up to 12.30 PM on 3.11.96.
- Date and time of opening tender box : At 12.45 PM on 3.11.96.
- Date and time of opening tender bids (At the office of undersigned) : At 11.00 AM on 6.11.96.
- Date of lottery (If necessary) : At 11.00 AM on 11.11.96.
- Group list of work

Sl	Name of Road	Group No	Name of Work & Location	Estimated Cost Tk with Head of A/C	Earnest Money Tk	Time for completion of Work	Eligibility of contractor for RHD enlisted
1.	Thakurgaon-Baliadangi-Neckmorad-Ranisankail-Pirganj-Birganj road (Birganj-Pirganj-Ranisankail Portion)	1 (one)	Construction of flexible pavement in widening at 1st (p) 14th (p) & 15th (p) KM.	9,69,995/- (266 Road)	19400/-	60 (Sixty) days	A to D general
2.	Rangpur-Badarganj-Parbatipur-Dinajpur Road. (Dinajpur-Parbatipur portion)	2 (two)	Reconstruction of pavement work at 14th (p) & 25th (p) KM	17,31,037/- (266 Road)	34621/-	70 (Seventy) days	-do-
3.	Dinajpur-Khanpur Road (Industrial area)	3 (three)	Construction of flexible pavement work at 2nd (p) KM	19,90,997/-	39820/-	70 (Seventy) days	-do-
4.	Dinajpur-Bochaganj-Bokultala Road (Bazar portion)	4 (four)	Reconstruction of flexible pavement in widening at past of 4th, 9th, 14th, 16th & 23rd KM	14,37,616/-	28732/-	60 (Sixty) days	-do-
5.	Dinajpur-Bochaganj-Bakultala Road	5 (five)	Pavement repair (sealcoat with repair) work at 1st (p), 12th KM.	6,30,473/-	12,609/-	30 (Thirty) days	A to B general

Md Abdul Halim Miah
Executive Engineer (RHD)
Road Division, Dinajpur

IU classes to resume October 28

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Oct 22: The classes of Islamic University will resume on October 28.

The syndicate of the university at a special meeting on Sunday took the decision without any negotiations between the rival student organisations.

The meeting, presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, also decided to open all dormitories of the university a day before resumption of classes, the officials said.

The university was closed sine die on September 26 following a gunfight between the activities of Pro-Awami League Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir.

After announcement of the closure, the university authorities took several initiatives to open the university. Two committees were formed by the university authorities to find out a peaceful solution.

A 'Liaison Committee' was formed headed by Proctor of the university Prof. Mosharraf Hossain while another 'Under-standing Committee' was formed headed by the chairman of Islamic Studies Department Prof. Abul Kalam.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Public Works Wooden Workshop Division Mirpur, Dhaka Tender Invitation Notice

Memo No. WWD/26/1465 Dated:12-10-96 (27-6-1403 BS)

1. Tender Invitation Notice No. 50/1996-97.

2. Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited on item rate basis from Public Works Directorate licence holder 1st, 2nd class E/M contractors/bonafide supplier firms having VAT Department's registration certificate for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the undersigned as well as Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8 E/M Workshop Division & Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka offices as per the undermentioned date & time and opened on the same day at 12:15 minutes in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

3. Name of work : Supply of Shikarai timber

4. Estimated cost : As per group list

5. Earnest money : At the rate 2% of the rate quoted by contractor & at the rate 5% of the rate quoted by supplying firm.

6. Time for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days.

7. Last date of selling tender : 2-11-96 (office hours)

8. Last date of receiving tender : 3-11-96 (12:00 Noon)

9. Rate should be quoted distinctly in figures & words on the basis of items in the schedule. It may be noted that not more than two digits after point can be used.

10. Earnest money in BD/PO/CD/SDR/Pratirakkha Sanchayapatra etc. from any scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Wooden Workshop Division, Dhaka must be submitted with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

11. Schedule of work, terms & conditions of contract etc can be seen & purchased on cash payment of Tk 410/- only (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/EM Workshop Division & Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka up to the last date of selling tender. Tenderer himself or his authorised representative can purchase the tender on production of Registration book with necessary papers.

12. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reasons.

Md Quamruzzaman
Executive Engineer
Public Works Wooden Workshop Division
Mirpur, Dhaka.

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RHD Notice Inviting Seal Quotation

Quotation Notice No. : 1/RD Gazipur, 1996-97 (3rd Call).

Description of the Lease : Leasing out of Kapasia Ferryghat at 19th KM of Salna-Rajendrapur-Kapasia near Kapasia Bazar road under Gazipur Road Division, Gazipur collection of tolls from vehicular traffic including operation of ferry with fuel & lubricant for the year 1996-97 & 1997-98 2 (two) years.

Security Deposit : Tk. 1.00 (Taka One Lac) only.

Sealed quotations department schedule are hereby invited from the interested persons/firms for leasing out of Kapasia ferryghat for realisation of tolls from the permissible and vehicular traffic only for the period from the date of contract to 2 (two) years and will be received simultaneously by the Superintending Engineer, RHD., Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/ Planning & Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/ Monitoring & Evaluation Circle. (P&E) Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD., Road Divn.,Gazipur up to 12.30 PM on 3-11-96. Tender box will be opened on the same day at 12.45 PM and the sealed envelopes will have to be sent to the office of the Executive Engineer, RHD., Road Divn., Gazipur. The sealed envelope will be opened in the office of the undersigned on 4-11-96 at 12.00 Noon after collecting the sealed envelopes from the receiving offices in presence of the intending quotationers.

The intending quotationers will have to deposit security money fixed for each in BD/TC/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the Ex.Engr. RHD., Road Divn., Gazipur along with the quotation failing which the quotation shall be treated as cancelled. Quotationers have to deposit security money separately. Schedule and other papers shall be purchased from the office of the Ex.Engr. RHD., Road Divn. Gazipur/Dhaka/Manikgonj/Munshigonj/Narayangonj/Narsingdi/ Planning & Design Divn., Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Planning Divn., Dhaka/ SDE RHD., Road Sub-Divn., Tongi/Joydebpur under Gazipur Road Divn. within 2-11-96 on all working days during office hours Tk. 500/- (Taka Five hundred) only per set (Non-refundable). No quotation will be sold on the date fixed for opening of the quotation.

The successful quotationer will have to pay the bid money in BD/TC/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in 4 (Four) installments within the date specified before failing which after expiry of 7 (Seven) days his/their security money will be forfeited to the Govt. without any information and the department will be collect the tolls.

- 1st Installment 25% of the accepted bid money before issue of work order.
- 2nd Installment 25% of the accepted bid money on or before 6 (Six) months after issue of work order.
- 3rd Installment 25% of the accepted bid money on or before 12 (Twelve) months after issue of work order.
- 4th Installment 25% of the accepted bid money on or before 18 (Eighteen) months after issue of work order.

In case of any breach or failure to deposit the installments in the aforesaid date the quotation shall be cancelled and the security deposit alongwith the amount if paid for any installment or installments shall be forfeited to Govt.

The security deposit shall be due for refund after 2 (two) years from the date of work order, there is no complain against the quotationer. An agreement in Non-Judicial Stamps shall have to be made by the successful quotationer at his own cost in any day fixed by the RHD., the same will be kept in this office and a certified copy will be provided to then the department in case if he/they fail to execute the agreement in time the security money as deposit earlier will stand forfeited to Government.

AKM Shamsul Alam
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Gazipur Road Division
Gazipur.

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