

## National

## Wheat in short supply, flour mills out of business

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Nov 12: About 30 flour mills and some hundred Atta mills in Gaibandha district are facing immense difficulties for want of adequate wheat. It was learnt short supply in the district for the last few months. Many such mills are said to be totally out of business since June this year.

Production in mills are being hampered seriously for want of wheat supply. On the other hand, price of flour and Atta shot up in the markets which seriously affected restaurants, bakeries and confectioneries as well as common people those who use Atta as an alternative of rice. According to present market rate flour is being sold at between Tk 16 and Tk 17 per kilogram and Atta Tk 13 per kg.

According to local food department, wheat is in short supply in LSD godowns. Moreover, concerned authority is distributing rice instead of wheat for the VGD and test relief programme as well as for food for education.

## Housewife allegedly beaten to death

SIRJGANJ, Nov 12: A housewife was allegedly beaten to death by her husband at Porabari village in sadar thana, reports UNB.

Police said on information received from the victim's brother, they recovered the body of Marjina Khatun, 25, with several torture marks from her husband's residence on Monday morning.



RAJSHAHI: The local unit of *Fulkuri Asor*, a national child welfare organisation, arranged a month-long cultural programme, on the occasion of its 22nd founding anniversary recently. The concluding and prize distribution ceremonies were held at Rajshahi Zila Parishad auditorium. The function was addressed by Mizanur Rahman Minu, Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation as the chief guest while, among others, Aminul Islam, Commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police spoke as the special guest and Dr Azharul Islam, Professor, Physics Deptt of Rajshahi University spoke as the president. District Director of *Fulkuri Asor* Abdul Mannan delivered the address of welcome. — Star photo

## Tea output may fall short of target

From Our Correspondent

MOULVI BAZAR, Nov 12: Target of tea production in Moulvibazar and Hobigonj districts may not be achieved due to load-shedding and insufficient rainfall this year. According to officials of different tea gardens of the two districts, about 72 per cent of targeted production was achieved till October 12 from January. The remaining two and half month seems too poor to achieve remaining 28 per cent of target, many garden managers expressed this view.

It was learnt that, 52 tea factories of Moulvibazar and Hobigonj districts incurred losses of Taka 33 crores in 213 days from January to July this year. The main cause of this heavy losses was load shedding of electricity, factory managers disclosed.

The source explained, the entire activities of the tea processing is usually maintained in a strict schedule. Labours of each of the gardens collect tea leaves from the tea plants during the day time. There are no factory activities during the day. After day long plucking of tea leaves, they are sent to factories for processing. Tea factories are opened in the evening. Processing activities are continued throughout the night. Use of electricity in tea factories is important as most of the machineries are run by electricity.

Six pm to 11 pm is considered as peak-hour in tea factories. However, lately load-shedding stood in the way seriously affecting processing during the peak hours. Due to alleged continuous load-shedding, authorities are compelled to stop the processing activities. As a result, raw tea leaves in many occasions have been damaged as factory could not bring the leaves under processing within six hours of plucking which is essential for production of quality tea.

The sources also said, comparatively rainfall this year was much lesser than expected. Heavier rainfall could have contributed to better output.

## One killed as rail falls on four

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Nov 12: Shalikha thana police in a drive in village Chukinagar of Shalikha thana in the district recently recovered Indian contraband medicines, police sources said.

According to eye-witnesses and hospital sources, the accident occurred when the victim Selim, 25, along with some other unidentified labourers were loading rails on a railway wagon scheduled to be shifted to Rajbari Railway station. Suddenly a heavy rail fell on them from the hands of their co-labourers.

A case was lodged with Shalikha thana

On the other hand, excessive use of pesticides are also damaging the fertility of land and hampering the production of quality tea. An expert said, weeding in plantation areas of tea gardens should be done by manual labour which will help increase natural fertilizer from the organic source and opportunity of employment will also be enhanced.

Another source said, tea from Bangladesh is losing international markets. Once upon a time, a monopoly market of Bangladeshi tea was in the then Soviet Union, Pakistan, Iraq and Poland. But in the recent years, the country lost these markets except in Poland.

Tea of our country is now facing tough competition with Sri Lanka, India and Kenya. It is also learnt from the sources that in Sri Lanka - per hectare production of tea is 2000 kg. in India 1500 kg and in Kenya 3000 kg. But per hectare tea production in Bangladesh is 100 kg. Tea of Sri Lanka, India and Kenya now occupy lion's share of international market for its quality.

However, owners of the small tea gardens are facing problems with processing raw tea leaves. Most of this type of tea gardens have no factory of their own. Raw tea leaves from these gardens are processed in other factories, having more capacity.

Small garden owners in most cases sell their raw leaves to the factory-owned gardens at a low price.

## Contraband Indian medicine seized

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Nov 12: Shalikha thana police in a drive in village Chukinagar of Shalikha thana in the district recently recovered Indian contraband medicines, police sources said.

According to eye-witnesses, acting on a secret information the police team led by Shahidul Ali, RAJ, raided the house of Bharat Chandra Sikdar at Chukinagar village and found Indian contraband medicines including Neurobion injections, Dyclofenak tablets and Bednorin ointment.

A case was lodged with Shalikha thana

## Separate incidents kill 3

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 12: Three persons including two minors were recently killed in three separate incidents in the district, police and hospital sources said.

Aklima, 6, daughter of Nandu Mia of village Aliapara in Nikli thana succumbed to her injuries at Nikli hospital on November 3. Aklima sustained serious injuries on her head, neck and throat when her father allegedly swooped on her with a sharp weapon in the evening of November 1. The cause of the attack was yet to be ascertained, police said. Police however took Nandu Mia into custody.

The body of an eleven year old boy was recovered by the police from paddy field near Boula bazar in Kishoreganj sadar thana on November 3. Abdul, son of Abdur Rashid of village Boula went to the local bazar the previous day and did not return home. He might have been killed due to previous enmity, family sources said.

In another incident, one Mostafa, 26, of village Kayerkhali in Kishoreganj sadar thana was stabbed to death by miscreants on the night of November 3.

## Tk 55 lakh bridge construction scheme in Bhola

BOHLA, Nov 12: Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) of the district has taken up a programme to construct a number of bridges during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Official sources said Tk 55 lakh has been allocated for the implementation of the scheme.

According to the officials, three bridges will be constructed in Sadar thana at a cost of Tk 9.98 lakh, six small bridges in Daulatkhan thana costing Tk 16.51 lakh, two in Borhanuddin thana costing Tk 8.15 lakh, one each in Tajumuddin, Charfashon and Monpura thanas costing Tk 5.70 lakh and four bridges at Lalmoni thana at a cost of Tk 14.45 lakh.

With the implementation of the scheme, the rural road communication network will be improved to a great extent.

## 3 illegal arm possessors get 10-year RI

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Nov 12: Three persons including a couple were sentenced to suffer 10 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) for possessing illegal arms and ammunition.

Assistant Sessions Judge, Abdul Salek, declared the judgment under the Arms Act recently.

According to prosecution, Tofazzal Hossain was arrested in connection with a dacoity at Shaghati thana. According to confessional statement, Shaghati Police on April 29, 1995, in a drive, recovered an illegal SBB gun and 34 rounds of ammunitions from the possession of one Abdul Jalil of village Sathalia. A case was filed with Shaghati police against Tofazzal Hossain, Abdul Jalil and his wife Nurjahan Begum.

On trial after examining the witnesses, they were found guilty as charged and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment each.

Theft in clock shop, watches worth Tk 50 thousand looted

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Nov 12: A theft was committed in a clock shop at Babul Brothers at Mujib Sarai in the heart of the town on Saturday night.

According to police sources, the thieves, at dead of night entered the shop and took away watches worth over Taka 50 thousand.

A case was lodged with Kotwali thana in this connection.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

## Office of the Executive Engineer

PWD Division, Gopalganj

## Notice Inviting Tenders

Tender No. 15 of 1996-97

1. Sealed Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Class-1 (One), Class-II (Two) approved Electrical & Mechanical Contractor/Firm of PWD having valid current supervisory and consultancy ABC/BC licence granted by the Licensing Board Govt. of Bangladesh for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Barisal/Patuakhali/Bhola/Borguna/Madaripur/Shariatpur/Jhalakathi & Pirojpur & PWD Division, I/II Khulna in their respective office up to 12:00 Noon on 25/11/96 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers, who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. The tender form will be sold up to 24/11/96.

2. Name of work : Construction of 14 Nos. New Dist. Head Qtr. in Bangladesh one at Gopalganj (Providing and fixing compound and Gate light in DC Court at Gopalganj).

3. Estimated cost : Tk. 3,54,002/- only.

4. Earnest money : Tk. 7,081/- only.

5. Time allowed : For completion of the work from the date of issue of work-order is 3 (three) months.

6. Contract documents consisting of BD Form No. 2911, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the all offices of the Executive Engineer, under Barisal PWD Circle, Barisal on payment of usual charges of Tk. 400/- (Tk Four hundred) (Non-refundable), per set of the notice inviting tenders, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. and a sum of Tk. 25/- (Tk. Twenty-five) (Non-refundable) per copy of Tender Form No. 2911.

7. Earnest money amounting to Tk. 7081/- only in TC or BD or CD from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the undersigned must accompany each tender. (No. SDR/SR will be entertained as earnest money).

8. Contractors willing to purchase schedule from other Division, should apply to the Executive Engineer, concerned at least 5 (five) days before the closing date.

9. The tenderer must submit VAT registration certificate along with the tender otherwise his tender will not be considered.

Md Mobarok Hossain Bhuiyan  
Executive Engineer  
PWD Division, Gopalganj.

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## Office of the Deputy Director

Artificial Breeding and Grass Production, Bangladesh

Directorate of Animal Resources

Khamarbari Road, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215

Dated: 27.10.96/12.7.1403 BS

## Tender Notice

Tenders are hereby invited from bonafide suppliers and producers of Bangladesh or local agents of foreign producers for supply of refrigerated semen for use in artificial breeding of cattle as per the terms & conditions stated in the schedule. Tender should be dropped in the box kept at this office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka and office of the Assistant Director (AP), District Artificial Breeding Centre, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon of 28.11.96 and will be opened in presence of the contractors (if anyone present) at 1:00 PM on the same day at the office chamber of the Director, Extension, Directorate of Animal Resources, Bangladesh, Dhaka. Schedules will be sold at the office of the undersigned, office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka and office of the Assistant Director (AP), District Artificial Breeding Centre, Dhaka. Cost of schedule has been fixed at Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) (non-refundable).

The authority reserves full right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

TM Abu Bakar Siddique

Deputy Director  
Artificial Breeding & Grass Production,  
Bangladesh, Dhaka

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## Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)

Ferry Division, Tukkhana

Sylhet

## Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No. 33/96-97 Dt 31-10-96  
Supplying of spare parts for 75 HP Ford Engine under Ferry Division, Sylhet, during the year-1996-97.

2. Estimated cost Tk. 11,000/- (Tk one lakh eleven thousand) only.

3. Earnest Money Tk. 2,220/- (Tk Two thousand two hundred twenty) only.

4. Time allowed for work 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of work order.

5. Tender Form Bangladesh Form No-2908

6. Nature of Contractor i) A to C General category of (RHD)

ii) D General of Dhaka Ferry Circle

iii) E General of Ferry Division, Sylhet.

iv) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Division, Sylhet.

v) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka.

vi) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka.

7. Name of office where tender documents will be available i) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Ferry Circle, Dhaka.

ii) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka.

iii) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Sub-Division, Sylhet.

iv) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka.

iv) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka.

10. Last date of selling the tender documents 24-11-96 up to office hour.

11. Last date and time of receiving Tender 25-11-96 up to 12:00 Noon.

12. Last date and time of opening of Tender 27-11-96 at 12:30 PM.

13. If lowest tender is more than one then date and time of lottery 28-11-96 at 12:30PM.

Golam Mowla  
Executive Engineer (Mech)  
(RHD), Ferry Division  
Sylhet

## New provost of RU Sher-e-Bangla Hall

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Nov 12: Dr M Shamsul Alam Sarkar, Associate Professor of Mathematics Department has been appointed the Provost of Sher-e-Bangla Hall of the university of last week.

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