

## 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

SIRAJGANJ, 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 Dept 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 Hobiganj 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 Hobiganj 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. Labourers 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.

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.

## One killed as rail falls on four

From Our Correspondent  
FARIDPUR, Nov 12: One person was killed and three others were seriously injured when a heavy rail fell on them at local railway station recently.

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.

## Contraband Indian medicine seized

From Our Correspondent  
MAGURA, Nov 12: Shalikhahana police in a drive in village Chukinagar of Shalikhahana in the district recently recovered Indian contraband medicines, police sources said.

According to police sources, acting on a secret information the police team led by Shahidullah, OC, raided the house of Bharat Chandra Sikdar at Chukinagar village and found Indian contraband medicines including Neurobion injections, Dicyclanek tablets and Bednorid ointment. A case was lodged with Shalikhahana.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: A meritorious female student of the university receiving a gold medal from Prof M Eusuff Ali, Vice Chancellor of the university for her outstanding result in Masters examination recently. — Star photo

## RU meritorious students awarded

From RU Correspondent  
RAJSHAHI, Nov 12: Prof M Eusuff Ali, Vice Chancellor (VC) of the university has said, 'Our assets are limited, but our hearts are not so poor. We can easily cross all the barriers of our education.'

The VC was speaking at an award giving ceremony to meritorious students of the university held at the Senate House of the university recently. Prof M Mukhlesur Rahman, Registrar of the university, Prof M Fayed Uddin, Dean of Law Faculty, Prof SQ M Mottabwail, Dean of Science Faculty, Prof Golam Mursheed, Dean of Social Science Faculty and Sayeed Mustaq Ali also spoke on the occasion.

Prof Eusuff presided over. Eight different types medals and other awards including Agrani Bank Gold Medal were given to the students for their outstanding performance in different examinations of Degree, Honours, B. Ed, M Ed and MBBS held under this university from 1990 to 1996.

## Brickfield owners defying ban on use of firewood

BANDARBAN, Nov 12: With the advent of the dry season the brick manufacturers have been preparing for setting up a number of brickfields in the district, reports UNB.

According to reliable sources, some 60 brickfields are being prepared in the district and nearby Paltiya thana of the Chittagong district. Each of the brickfields uses at least one lakh cubic metre feet of firewood in each season.

Despite government ban, the brickfield owners use firewood in manufacturing bricks with impunity and every day huge valuable trees are felled for the purpose before the nose of the law enforcing agencies.

## Tk 55 lakh bridge construction scheme in Bhola

BHOLA, 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, Charfashtion and Monpura thanas costing Tk 5.70 lakh and four bridges at Lalmoan 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.

## 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 Alapara 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 a paddy field near Boulai bazar in Kishoreganj sadar thana on November 3. Abul, son of Abdur Rashid of village Boulai 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 Kayergkhali in Kishoreganj sadar thana was stabbed to death by miscreants on the night of November 3.

## 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, Toffazal Hossain was arrested in connection with a dacoity at Shaghata thana. According to confessional statement, Shaghata Police on April 29, 1995, in a drive, recovered an illegal SBBG gun and 34 rounds of ammunition from the possession of one Abdul Jalil of village Sathalia. A case was filed with Shaghata police against Toffazal 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.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Deputy Director  
Artificial Breeding and Grass Production, Bangladesh  
Directorate of Animal Resources  
Khamarbari Road, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215  
No. T-7/96/1395 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

DFP-24934-3/11 Artificial Breeding & Grass Production,  
G-1494 Bangladesh, Dhaka

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)  
Ferry Division, Tufkhana  
Sylhet

## Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No. 33 (96-97) Dt 31-10-96
- Name of work: Supplying of spare parts for 75 HP Ford Engine under Ferry Division, Sylhet, during the year-1996-97
- Estimated cost Tk 1,11,000/- (Tk one lakh eleven thousand) only.
- Earnest Money Tk 2,220/- (Tk Two thousand two hundred twenty) only
- Time allowed for work: 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of work order
- Tender Form: Bangladesh Form No-2908
- Nature of Contractor: A to C General category of (RHD).
- Name of office where tender documents will be available: i) D General of Dhaka Ferry Circle, ii) E General of Ferry Division, Sylhet, iii) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Division, Sylhet, iv) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka, v) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka, vi) Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Ferry Sub-Division, Sylhet.
- Name of offices to receive Tender: i) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Ferry Circle, Dhaka, ii) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Division, Sylhet, iii) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka, iv) Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling the tender documents: 24-11-96 up to office hour.
- Last date and time of receiving Tender: 25-11-96 up to 12:00 Noon.
- Last date and time of opening Tender: 27-11-96 at 12:30 PM
- If lowest tender is more than one then date and time of lottery: 28-11-96 at 12:30PM

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

DFP-25357-6/11  
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## 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.

Dr Sarkar was replaced by Prof Dr Shah Alam of Botany Department.

He joined the Mathematics Department in 1986.

## Theft in clock shop, watches worth Tk 50 thousand looted

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Nov 12: A theft was committed in a clock shop of Babul Brothers at Mujib Sarak 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

- Sealed Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Class-I (One), Class-II (Two) approved Electrical & Mechanical Contractor/Firm of PWD having valid current supervisory and contractory 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 Divin. I/I 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.
- 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).
- Estimated cost: Tk. 3,54,002/= only.
- Earnest money: Tk. 7,081/= only.
- Time allowed: For completion of the work from the date of issue of work-order is 3 (three) months.
- 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.
- 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).
- Contractors willing to purchase schedule from other Division, should apply to the Executive Engineer, concerned at least 5 (five) days before the closing date.
- 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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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer  
PWD Resources Division  
Allenbury, Dhaka

## Notice Inviting Tenders

Tender No-13/1996-97

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are hereby invited from PWD enlisted valid (bldg) Contractors/Firms for the undermentioned works and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineers of Azampur/Motijheel/Narayanganj/Narsingdi/Munshigonj/Eden Bldg PWD Division/Dhaka PWD Division No-I/II/III/IV/City PWD Division/Medical College PWD Division/Sher-e-Bangla Nagar PWD Division No-I/II/III/Mohakhali PWD Division/Savar PWD Division/Mirpur PWD Division & Maintenance PWD Division Dhaka on 26-11-96 up to 12:00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the Contractor who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work a superscribed on it. No tender will be sold to the Contractor/Firm who has no "VAT" Registration.
- Name of work: Construction of 1000 No of flats at different places in Dhaka City (Sh:-Construction of remaining work of 1 (one) Bldg of 600 Sft. at Motijheel Govt colony).
- Estimated cost Tk 11,22,191/=
- Earnest money Tk 22,444/=
- Time allowed for completion of work: 2 (two) months
- Contract documents consisting of Bangladesh Form No-2911, detailed Tender Notice, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer Azampur/Motijheel/Narayanganj/Narsingdi/ Munshigonj/Eden Bldg PWD Divn/ Dhaka PWD. Division No-I/II/III/IV/City PWD Division/Medical College PWD Divn/ Sher-e-Bangla Nagar PWD Division No-I/II/III/Mohakhali PWD Division/Savar/Mirpur and Maintenance PWD Division Dhaka on all working days during office hours up to 25-11-96 on payment of Tk 750/= (Taka seven hundred and fifty) only (Non refundable) per sets of schedule of items, special terms and conditions etc and a sum of Tk 25/= (Taka twenty five) only (Non-refundable) per copy of BD Form No-2911. The tender form may be purchased by the Contractor/Firm himself/herselves or his/her representative on producing of authorisation letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the Contractor/Firm along with the Registration Book of Enlistment and "VAT" Registration certificate. No tender form will be sold after 25-11-96 Eng.
- In case more than one contractor stood lowest by quoting same rate lowest contractor will be selected by lottery in presence of contractors on 3-12-96 at 12:00 Noon in the chamber of undersigned.

Md Tozammel Hossain  
Executive Engineer  
PWD Resource Division  
Allenbury, Dhaka

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## Government of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD

Road Division, B'baria

## Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No. 61/E.E. RHD, B'baria during 1996-97.
- Name of work: Construction of flexible pavement at Bazar portion of Bancharampur Sadar under B'baria Road Division during the year 1996-97.
- Estimated cost Tk. 4,19,225/=
- Earnest money Tk. 8,385/= in BD/TC/Protirakkha Sanchaya Patra/5 years BD Sanchaya Patra or Bonus Sanchaya Patra to be deposited in favour of the undersigned.
- Name of office in which tender documents will be available for purchases: The Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Divn. Comilla/Chandpur/Planning & Design Divn. Comilla & all SDE's office under B'baria Road Division & office of the undersigned.
- Name of office in which tender will be received: The Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Comilla & office of the undersigned.
- Time allowed: 30 (Thirty) days.
- Last date of selling of tender: 20-11-96 during office hours.
- Last date & time of receipt of tender: Up to 12-30 PM on 21-11-96.
- Last date & time of opening of tender: At 12.00 Noon on 24-11-96.
- Eligibility of contractors: "A" to "E" general category contractors.
- Date of lottery: At 12-00 Noon on 28-11-96.
- Chargeable head: 266-Development.

Md. Helal Uddin  
Executive Engineer, RHD  
(Current Charge)  
Road Division, B'baria.

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