

Patuakhali flood: 50 fish farms sustain huge loss

PATUAKHALI, Nov 15: Recent flash flood and cyclonic storm caused great loss to at least 50 fish farms in Dumki thana of the district, reports UNB.

Local people said, 50 per cent of the fish farms sustained huge loss due to the flash flood as 75 per cent fish fry and fingerlings were washed away.

A fish farm owner Abdul Mazid Mia informed that fish of his 14 ponds and eight enclosures were over flooded causing a huge loss.

He said many fish farms of Jalisha, Athrogasia and Rajkhal villages were over flooded due to the depression formed in the Bay of Bengal.

The pisciculturists urged the authorities to provide them financial assistance to continue their occupation smoothly.

Tk 315 cr frozen shrimps exported in 4 months

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 15: The country earned over Tk 315 crore by exporting frozen shrimps through the Mongla Port during the first four months of the current fiscal year.

About one crore and sixty lakh pounds of frozen shrimps were exported through the port during the period.

The buyer countries include the United Kingdom, the UAE, Belgium, China, Japan, Myanmar and Denmark, said a source at the port.

Hundreds of pension files pending RU staffers allegedly enjoyed illegal financial benefits

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Nov 15: Hundreds of pension files of the teachers, officers and employees of the university are pending due to alleged irregularities in receiving financial benefits since 1977 detected in a government pre-audit inspection.

The university teachers, officers and employees were allegedly receiving illegal financial benefits violating the government acts since 1977. Following the pre-audit inspections in April last the concerned section was instructed to stop all kinds of payment to the officers, teachers and employees regarding their pension. As a result hundreds of pension files of teachers, officers and employees of the university remained piled up in the pre-audit section in unsettled condition for the last few months, a reliable source confirmed.

According to Revenue Audit Directorate, sources, pre-audit objections were raised for some 15 kinds of irregularities regarding service, promotion and some other financial benefits given to the teachers, officers and employees of the university. The university authorities have failed to show the requisite paper during inquiry sources added.

The mentionable irregularities raised by pre-audit are salary fixation by illegal increment, additional increment even after receiving time-scale, illegal time-scale for 4th class employees in three years gap, illegal salary fixation over selection grade to officers and employees and so forth.

Regarding these kinds of irregularities the government pre-audit said that all of these financial facilities are against The Service Pre-organisation & Commission Act 32 of 1975 and violation Finance Ministry's letter dated 20th December, 1977 with memorandum No. MFID 1-3/77/855. The same notice also mentioned that only the government has the absolute authority to determine the salary and other financial facilities of officers and employees of the public under Act 32 of 1975. A letter dated 31st October, 1981 of Bangladesh Universities Grants Commission Memorandum No. 177/79/2596 also informed the Registrar of the university regarding these kind of irregularities.

From RU Correspondent

Meanwhile, a source related to government pre-audit said that besides the mentioned irregularities Rajshahi University had been giving to the officers and employees other illegal facilities by violating government Finance Act. As for example the doctors of University Medical Centre were receiving Tk 800 as call allowance per month, the instructor of Physical Education Department was enjoying Tk 2400 per year as kit allowances, the resident employees were receiving Tk 60 per month as Transport Allowances, teachers and officers were drawing three to four times more money of fixed highest amount of Tk 80,000 as house building loans and so forth, according to sources.

Most of the departments and offices of the University transferred the unspent fund of previous fiscal year to the miscellaneous head instead of inclusion of money to the next fiscal year's budget which is complete violation of Article 309 Section (III) of Finance Act, a Pre-Audit source said.

Khulna CMM insulted

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 15: A group of BCL activists allegedly insulted the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Khulna, on Wednesday reportedly for not granting bail to a person who is one of the suspects in a murder case.

One found dead in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Nov 15: Palashbari thana police recovered a body of one Abdul Latif, 22, from a paddy field at village Dublagari under Palashbari thana on early this week.

According to report, victim Abdul Latif working as a house servant of one Abdul Khalil of village Dublagari who was killed by some unknown assailants on November 6 and concealed the body in a paddy field. The reason behind the killing incident could not be known yet. The victim was the inhabitant of village Chaltadaha under Palashbari Thana and engaged himself as a helping hand of Abdul Khalil for the last five months.

Police recovered the body and removed to morgue for autopsy.

Chinese silk yarn seized

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Nov 15: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized 305 kgs of Chinese silk yarn worth about Taka 4 lakh and arrested one alleged smuggler from the railway station here Tuesday.

Acting on a tip-off, a BDR team went to the local railway station and seized the contraband items. The arrested was identified as Anwarul Islam.

The seized goods have been deposited with the Jessore Customs Godown and the arrested person has been handed over to the Government Railway Police (GRP), Khulna.

A senior officer of BDR at Satkhira told this correspond-

Satkhira BSCIC estate now a grazing ground

SATKHIRA, Nov 15: Although Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) industrial town has been set up at a cost of Tk two crore at Binerpota village on Satkhira-Khulna highway here no significant number of industrial units were built here even after 10 years of its establishment since 1986.

Little interest from industrial entrepreneurs, complication in obtaining bank loan, unplanned earth development work, lack of raw materials, power, drainage system have been identified as the major causes for failure of the BSCIC project here. In fact the site, at present service as a grazing field.

In 1986, 20.75 acres of land were acquired by the side of Satkhira-Khulna highway to set up the industrial town.

BSCIC spent a total of Taka 1.58 crore development works. The industrial town has 96 plots divided into A, B and special categories. The number of plots planned for allotment to different industrial units are: 20 for food and allied items, 15 for engineering industries, eight for jute and five for bamboo based items, 10 for shrimp hatchery and allied items, seven for textile and allied, three for tannery and allied, and another 28 for chemical and allied items.

A senior officer of BSCIC at Satkhira told this correspond-

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ent that, out of 96 plots only 22 plots have been allotted so far. Among those three are now operating. The other projects were not started due to financial constraints. Although more applications were received for setting up of new industrial units, entrepreneurs, however, are now showing their reluctance, he added.

Out of 22 allotted plots, only three entrepreneurs, have set up their industrial units. The projects are: Fish Meal, Tyre-rolling and Shrimp hatchery. From this financial year, on an experimental basis a shrimp hatchery and a plastic pipe factory have started.

It was heard, there is a bright prospect for the growth

One sentenced to 14 yrs. RI

MADARIPUR, Nov 15: A man was awarded 14 years rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Tk 10,000 in default, to suffer another one year RI for possessing illegal arms, court sources here said today, reports UNB.

According to the prosecution, Razzak of village Daserchar in sadar thana was caught by the local people with a pipegun and one round of bullet on April 27, this year.

Later, the villagers handed over the accused to the police. A case was filed and police after investigation submitted charge-sheet against him.

of cold storage, jute, textile, food processing, shrimp processing, fish meal, and bamboo based cottage industries here.

Indiscriminate growth of industrial units at different places inside the Satkhira town has posed a threat to public health. Those units should be shifted to BSCIC industrial town for public interest.

Bank loan on easy term would expedite shifting of these unit inside the industrial town of BSCIC.

When contacted, an extension officer informed this correspondent that they have recently gave connection of electric supply in each and every plots. Many of the entrepreneurs would come forward to set up industrial units here if easy term bank loans are available, it was gathered.

At least 2500 job opportunities would be created if industrial units are grown here in a planned manner.

Meanwhile, the BSCIC authorities have prepared a list of 10 items which can be produced by women labourers. BSCIC will supply raw materials and market facilities for these items. The items included food items, jute based handicrafts, timber products, sweet from honey, bamboo baskets, toys, crockeries and others.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank and other commercial banks will provide loans for those projects, the source added.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Works E/M Division-1, Dhaka
Memo No-15-25/2979 Date: 4-11-96
20-7-1403BS

Tender Invitation Notice
No-50/96-97

- Tenders in sealed cover in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are invited on percentage and item rate basis for the undermentioned work from Public Works Directorate's Special 1st class and those having 1st & 2nd class contractor's licence of E&M work and VAT registration certificate. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/Public Works Eden Bhaban Division, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon of 25/11/96 and will be opened in presence of the tenderers (if anyone present) at 12:30 PM on the same day. No tender will be sold on the tender opening day. Last date of purchasing tender - 24/11/96.
- Name of work : Work of illuminating courtyard by new wiring and metal helied flood light fittings changing the condemned flood light fittings on the roof of Public Works building and Annex buildings 1 & 2.
- Time for completion of work : 1 (one) month.
- Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of estimated and quoted price should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/PO/CD from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1, Dhaka.
- Tender form, schedule of items, specification, terms and conditions etc can be seen and bought on usual cash payment (non-refundable) from the offices of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka during office hours up to the last date of purchasing tender. Contractor himself or his representative (carrying letter attested by the contractor) can purchase the tender on production of registration book with necessary papers.

Kazi Abdul Malek
Executive Engineer
Public Works E/M Division-1
Dhaka, Phone-9569820

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Bhola PWD Division, Bhola.

Notice Inviting Tenders
No: 21/1996-97

- Name of work : Construction of 44 Nos new Dist. headquarters in Bangladesh one at Bhola S.H.- Constrn. of Non GAZETTED Dormitory (20 persons) at Bhola.
- Estimated cost : Tk 28,95,585/-
- Earnest money : Tk 57,920/-
- Date of last selling : On 24-11-96 during office hours.
- Date of receiving : On 25-11-96 up to 12:00 Noon.
- Place of selling and receiving : Office of the all Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Barisal and PWD Division Khulna-I & II under PWD Circle, Khulna.
- Eligibility of : Enlisted and valid special class-I contractors/Firms and building contractors/Firms of PWD according to their financial power and limit.
- Contractors/Firms willing to purchase schedule from other Division should apply to the Executive Engineers concerned at least (5 five) days before that date of last selling. Otherwise no tender schedule will be sold to him/them.

Md. Mizanul Karim
Executive Engineer
PWD Division
Bhola

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Tender Notice
No 8 & 9/1996-97

- Name of work : Notice No 8: Construction of 2 Vent Regulator (1.5Mx1.8M) over Bagmara Khal in Gangni PS of Meherpur District in connection with Bagmara Khal Sub-Project, Aided by Dutch (EIP) final stage Group-I under Kushtia O&M Division, BWDB, Kushtia during the year 1996-98.
Notice No 9: Construction of 1 vent minor sluice (0.9Mx1.2M) over Hatubhanga Khal in Gangni PS of Meherpur District in connection with Bagmara Khal Sub-Project Aided by Dutch (EIP) final-stage Group-I under Kushtia O&M Divn. BWDB, Kushtia during the year 1996-98.
- Earnest Money : Notice No. 8 & 9. At the rate of 2.5% over the amount arises as per quoted rate of each item.
- Date & Time (8&9)
a) Receiving of Tender : During office hours on 26-11-96 & 27-11-96 and up to 12 Noon on 28-11-96.
b) Opening of Tender : At 12-30 PM on 28-11-96.
- Place of selling Tender (8&9) : Sonali Bank, Main Branch, Kushtia/Jhenidah/Chudanga/Bheramara/Saikupa/WAPDA Branch, Dhaka/Janata Bank, Magura/ the Deputy Director, Regional Accounting Center (RAC), BWDB, Faridpur/Kushtia.
- Place of receiving of Tender No. 8&9 : Office of the Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, Dhaka/ Faridpur/Executive Engineer, O&M Division, Kushtia/Jhenidah/ Chudanga Saikupa/Magura/Bheramara.
- Class of contractor Notice No. 8&9 : Enlisted "A" Class Contractor under BWDB, during the year 1996-97.
- Address of the Advertiser : Executive Engineer, Kushtia O&M Division, BWDB, Kushtia Telephone No. 3469.

Shaikh Abdul Momin
Executive Engineer
Kushtia O&M Division
BWDB, Kushtia
Tel: 3469

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Office of the Executive Engineer
Feni O&M Division
BWDB, Feni

Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No : 05/96-97
- Name of work : Protective work for the both bank of Muhuri river under 217-Town protection & river training project under Feni O & M Division, BWDB, Feni (4 Groups).
- Estimated cost : Each Group Tk 14.30 lakh to Tk 22.81 lakh.
- Earnest money : 2 1/2% of estimated amount/1% for FD holder.
- Rate of tender document : Per set Tk 750/- (Seven hundred fifty) only (Non-refundable).
- Eligibility of contractors : Enlisted A, B & C Class contractors of BWDB, 1996-97 (as per group list).
- Place where tender documents will be available : a) Sonali Bank, Mohupai Branch, Feni b) Sonali Bank, WAPDA Building Branch, Dhaka. c) Sonali Bank, Sonapur Branch, Noakhali. d) Agrani Bank, Dalalbarar Br Lakshmipur. e) Deputy Commissioner, Feni.
- Last date for selling of tender documents : 23-11-96, 24-11-96 & 25-11-96 up to 12:00 Noon.
- Date for opening of tender : 25-11-96.
- Tender invited by : **Md Abdul Quader**
Executive Engineer, Feni O&M Division, BWDB, Feni.

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SYLHET: Badaruddin Kamran, Chairman, Sylhet Pourasava, speaking at a reception accorded to him and Ward Commissioners at a local hotel recently. — Star photo

World Diabetes Day observed in Kushtia

KUSHTIA, Nov 15: The World Diabetic Day was observed in the district as elsewhere of the country on Thursday with holding various programmes in a befitting manner, reports UNB.

This year the Bangladesh Diabetic Association held its day-long central programme of the Day in Kushtia.

On the occasion, boy scouts, girls guide, rotarians and the members of Kushtia Diabetic Samity brought out a colorful rally in the town.

The rally, carrying placards, festoons and banners with various slogans on diabetes paraded different roads in the town from Mozibur Rahman Memorial Diabetic centre to local Public Library premises.

The programmes also include a two-day medical camp. Nineteen renowned physicians of the country attended the camp where some 700 patients have registered their names.

In the evening, a seminar was held at the Medical Assistance Training Centre (MATC) on the 'Necessities of Consensus About Diabetes'.

Secretary General of Bangladesh Diabetic Samity Dr Fasiuddin Mahtab attended the seminar as chief guest while Dr Hazera Mahtab as special guest. Deputy Commissioner of the district A F M Serajul Haq, who is also the President of Kushtia Diabetic Samity, presided over the seminar.

Addressing the seminar, the DC laid emphasis on consensus of the people to control and prevent diabetic disease.

Lauding the contribution of Dr Ibrahim the founder of Bangladesh Diabetic Samity, Dr Mahtab said Dr Ibrahim would ever be remembered for his contribution to the cause of diabetic patients.

'His relentless efforts has become fruitful with setting up the BIRDEM,' he said.

The seminar was addressed, among others, by BIRDEM Consultant Dr Zafar Ahmed Latif and Kushtia Diabetic Samity Joint Secretary Mizanur Rahman.

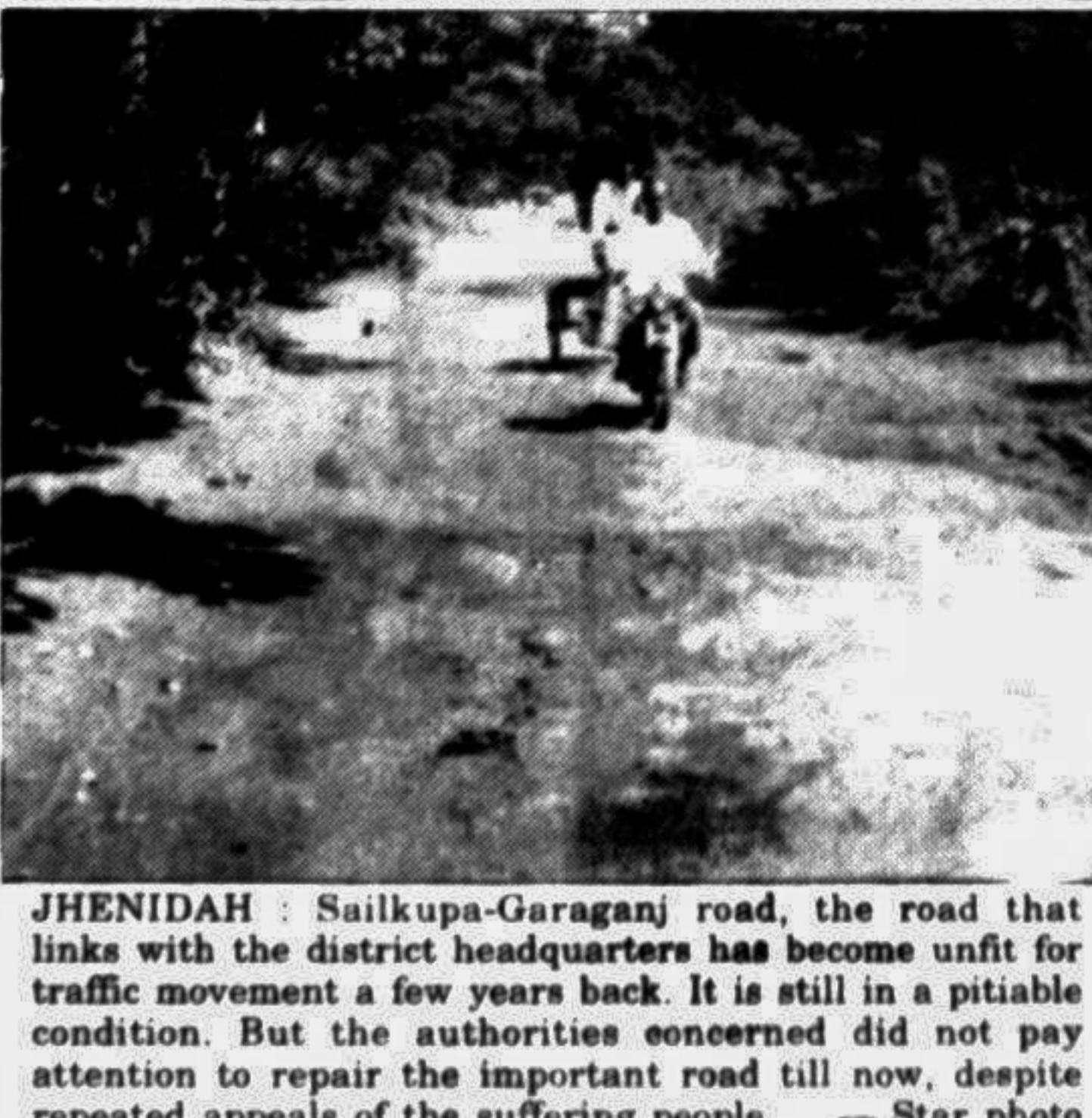
Goitre patients on increase in Kushtia

KUSHTIA, Nov 15: Continuous intake of non-iodised salt develops goitre, doctors say. The disease is prevalent in Khulna and Barisal district including greater Kushtia district. A recent report of a Non Government Organisation engaged in the health sector reveals that 17 per cent of the people of Khulna and Barisal Divisions including greater Kushtia district are carrying symptoms of goitre.

The disease can be prevented by taking iodised salt which is not available in the rural markets of these areas, it is learnt. The report says, about 68 per cent people of 15 districts of these two divisions do not use iodised salt and as a result, the disease has spread over the area. The report further says, 20 per cent of the children, 18 per cent of the youth, 16 per cent of the mid aged and 13 per cent of the old people of these areas show the symptoms of goitre.

For lack of consciousness most of the people of the area do not use iodised salt despite its usefulness. People also used non-iodised salt because of its low price. Due to malnutrition, health problem has become a matter of concern, the report adds. The Health Department of the district, when contacted said 10 per cent of the people are suffering from goitre.

Besides, lack of iodine while in pregnancy may cause mental and physical retardation of babies.



JHENIDAH : Saikupa-Garaganj road, the road that links with the district headquarters has become unfit for traffic movement a few years back. It is still in a pitiable condition. But the authorities concerned did not pay attention to repair the important road till now, despite repeated appeals of the suffering people. — Star photo

Tender Notice

- Tender notice number : 1, 2 and 3/1996-97.
- Name of works : a) **Tender Notice No 1/1996-97**
Re-sectioning of embankment, Repair of Drainage sluice, Repair of Pedestrian Bridge, Re-excavation of canal and construction of Pipe Inlet in Polder No 43/2D & 43/2E in the District of Patuakhali under EIP during 1996-97.
b) **Tender Notice No. 2/1996-97**
Construction of Flushing sluice and Flushing Inlet under Dumki-Lawkati Sub-Project in the district of Patuakhali financed by GOB during 1996-97.
c) **Tender Notice No 3/1996-97**
Construction of Regulators under Dumki-Lawkati Sub-Project in the District of Patuakhali financed by GOB during 1996-97.
- Estimated cost : a) **Tender Notice No 1/1996-97 Polder No 43/2D**
1. Resectioning of embkt. Total 9 Groups.
i) Lowest Tk 2,35,132/- only.
ii) Highest Tk 4,13,135/- only.
ii) Reserved for LCS - 3 Nos Groups.
2. Repair of Drainage sluice, Group No 10, Tk 6,16,829/- only.
3. Repair of Pedestrian bridge-Group No 11, Tk 3,55,271/- only.
Polder No 43/2E
1. Resectioning of embkt. Total 6 groups.
i) Lowest Tk 2,73,748/- only.
ii) Highest Tk 3,35,409/- only.
iii) Reserved for LCS - 2 Nos Groups.
2. Repair of pedestrian bridge, Group No 18, Tk 4,99,571/- only.
3. Const of Pipe Inlet, Group No 19 Tk 4,57,576/- only.
4. Re-excavation of Canal, Total 2 groups.
i) Group No 20, Tk 2,30,954/- only.
ii) Group No 21, Tk 3,11,656/- only.
b) **Tender Notice No 2/1996-97**
Dumki-Lawkati Sub-Project
i) Const of Flushing sluice, Group No 1, Tk 7,48,543/- only.
ii) Const of Flushing Inlet, Total-2 Groups.
1. Group No 2, Tk 7,51,273/- only.
2. Group No 3, Tk 7,49,273/- only.
c) **Tender Notice No 3/1996-97**
Dumki-Lawkati Sub-Project
i) Const of Angaria Regulator-2 vent Group No 1, Itemwise rate is to be quoted.
ii) Const of Lawkati Regulator, 1 vent Group No 2, Tk 42,61,144/- only.
iii) Const of Gabtali Regulator, 1 vent, Group No 3, Tk 36,60,276/- only.
- Earnest money : For each group excepting Tender Notice No 2, Group No 1, 2.50% (Two and a half per cent) of estimated cost of the Tender as normal earnest money and 1% (one per cent) for FD holders.
For Tender Notice No 3, Group No 1, 2.5% (Two and a half per cent) of the quoted amount as normal earnest money and 1% (one per cent) of the quoted amount for FD holders.
- Date and time of receiving and opening of the Tender : Tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, WDB, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division-II, WDB, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Barisal O&M Division/Executive Engineer, Barguna O&M Division, WDB, Barguna from 25-11-96 to 26-11-96 and up to 12:00 hrs on 27-11-96 and tender will be opened by the respective officers on 27-11-96 at 12:30 hrs in presence of the intending tenderers.
- Nature of contractor : 'A, B, C and D' Class contractor of BWDB during 1996-97.
- Name and address of the office where tender documents and other information will be available : The office of the undersigned, Manager, Rupali Bank, New Town Branch, Patuakhali, Manager, Rupali Bank, Patuakhali Branch, Patuakhali/Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motiheel C/Area, Dhaka/Manager, Sonali Bank, Sagardi Branch, Barisal, Manager, Janata Bank, Korok WAPDA Branch, Barguna up to 26-11-96.
- Name and address of the advertiser : **Md Akhtar Alam**
Executive Engineer
Patuakhali O & M Division, WDB, Patuakhali.

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Patuakhali O & M Division
WDB, Patuakhali

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