

### 3-hour work abstention by govt employees

**From Our Correspondent**  
MEHERPUR, Dec 3: The Fourth Class government employees here observed 3 hours work abstention on Sunday last in support of their 8-point demands. The district government employees coordination committee held a rally which was presided over by its president Mozammel Hossain.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Abdul Bari, General Secretary, Haidar Ali, Vice-President, Dabiruddin, Organising Secretary and Golam Darbesh. Later, they brought out a procession and demonstrated and handed over a memorandum to the local Deputy Commissioner.

### In greater Khulna dist 16 rape, 15 abduction cases in 20 days

**From Our Correspondent**  
KHULNA, Dec 3: Law and order has deteriorated alarmingly in the city as well as in the districts.

At least 16 rapes were committed and 15 persons kidnapped from November 1 to 20 in the city and greater Khulna and Jessore districts. Four women were killed by alleged violators during the same period.

Shahina Khatoun, 20, of Rampal in Bagerhat district was gang-raped in presence of her husband. Police refused to

record the case, while she was still under medical treatment at Rampal Health Complex.

On Nov 20, housemaid Farida was gang-raped at arms point at Khalishpur while she was returning home.

On Nov 17, constable Gopal Chandra Shil of Sonadanga thana allegedly violated a disabled girl named Khaleda, 16, in her bedroom. The alleged miscreant was later arrested following filing of a case.

Thakurdashi, 30, a mentally retarded wife of Kanu master of Hatbarhi under Batiaghata PS was allegedly raped on Nov 16 by constable Masud Rana. He was caught while going away being chased by neighbours.

On Nov 2, Sabina Yasmin, 20, estranged wife of a bus driver Abul Kalam was violated by a young man named Nasir, 28, at Mollahat in Bagerhat district.

On the same day, Anufa Banu, 17, daughter of Tabirur Rahman of Keshabpur in Jessore district committed suicide after being gang-raped.

On Nov 18, a young girl named Malati, 22, was killed by an alleged violator at Madhukhali under Batiaghata PS in Khulna district.

On Nov 10, Meherunnesa, 25, wife of late Akbar Ali of Fatehpur village was violated by her cousin Habibur Rahman.

A dumb girl of Paikgachha was gang-raped on Nov 22.

An 8-year-old school girl Nazma was violated by a 14-year-old boy at Nalian under Dakop thana in Khulna district.

Reshma Khatoun, 25, wife of Nazrul Islam of Bantala village under Keshabpur PS was raped by Moslemuddin, clerk of a girls' high school.

Lovely, 18, of Mongla and Saima of Abhoynagar police station are yet to be traced following their abduction.

Husbands and parents of all these violation victims alleged that the alleged violators manage to evade police action by offering bribe. Most of the violation cases remain unrecorded. Policemen involved in violation cases are also spared from legal action, they added.



JESSORE: Deli a E Torrijos, Regional Advisor of UNESCO was accorded a reception at Dihi Union Public Library (DUPL) premises recently. Prof Amirul Alam Khan, Secretary of DUPL is seen sitting on her left.— Star photo

### DUPL assured of UNESCO aid

**From Our Correspondent**  
JESSORE, Dec 3: Dihi Union Public Library (DUPL) would be included in the list of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and would continue to receive all help and assistance from this agency in future.

This was disclosed by Deli Torrijos, the Bangkok based Regional Advisor of UNESCO who visited the Public Library situated at Paksy bazar of Sharsha thana in the district recently.

Accompanied by the Director of Bangladesh National Scientific and Technological Research Centre, Dr Lutfor Rahman, Deli was shown round each section of the Library and its various projects.

She expressed her deepest sense of satisfaction over the manner, it was being run.

While talking to local people and journalists about functioning and management of the DUPL, she said that the education movement programme and other programmes impressed her deeply.

It may be noted here that Education Movement Programme covers (a) Textbook programme for the secondary and higher secondary students, (b) Book Bank Programme, (c) Scholarships for the poor and brilliant students, (d) Health education, (e) Cultural development programme, (f) School development programme, (g) Establishment of Schools, (h) Teacher development programme, (i) Best teacher award, (j) Wall magazine and (k) Publication of annual magazine. The Access to the sources of knowledge covers (a) Open to all reading-room facility, (b) Home reading facility by borrowing books for the registered members, (c) Text and Reference Book lending programme for the college and university students, (d) Information promotion, (e) Sociological Museums, (f) Audio-visual programme, (g) Archives, (h) Philatelic programme, (i) Skill development training programme, Computer, Health, Nursery and vocation, gardening and sanctuary programme.

Deli remarked that DUPL was something that was unique to rural Bangladesh. Appreciating its role, in community development across the countryside, she strongly advocated its model for other such public library in the country to replicate.

Earlier, she was briefed about progress of the library made so far in its various aspects by the Secretary of the DUPL Professor Aminul Alam Khan, President of the library.

### Kidnapped girl yet to be rescued

**From Our Correspondent**  
GAIBANDHA, Dec 3: Police could not recover Sabrana Kadir Tina, 15, a student of Gaibandha Govt Girls' High School who was kidnapped from her residence at Godown road under the local pourashava last week.

Her elder brother filed a case with the sadar thana alleging that one Ratan, an employee of a local Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) together with some other persons kidnapped the victim.

The accused were absconding since the abduction of the girl.

Gaibandha police in co-operation with Bogra police arrested one Nurjahan from Jaleshwritola and another Makhan from Gabtoli under Bogra district in this connection as co-accused.

### Two commit suicide

**From Our Correspondent**  
MOULVIBAZAR, Dec 3: Two people, including a young girl in Baralekha thana of the district allegedly committed suicide recently, police said.

According to police, a BA 1st year student of Baralekha Degree College, Shaful Alam Bulbul, 20, committed suicide by taking poison at his residence. The victim, Shaful son of one Abdul Jaill, Kathaitali Uttarbhag village under Baralekha thana was rushed to Sylhet Osmany Hospital after taking poison where he succumbed.

Besides this, a young girl, Sufia Begum age about 14, daughter of one Katan Mia of Daulatpur village of the same thana committed suicide recently by taking poison. She was also rushed to Sylhet Osmany Hospital and succumbed.

### Cox's Bazar-a town of rickshaws

**From Our Correspondent**  
COX'S BAZAR, Dec 3: Several factories are making rickshaws everyday despite a ban on their manufacture.

Cox's Bazar pourashava banned the manufacture of new rickshaws for the implementation of the decision of a committee composed of representatives from Cox's Bazar pourashava.

Rickshaw, a slow and unsafe mode of transport is plying on the town roads causing unnecessary jams and inconvenience of the passengers everyday.

Nobody knows the exact number of rickshaws on the streets of the town. "If the expansion of the fleet of rickshaws is not checked right now movement on the roads will be unlikely even in the next couple of years," said a traffic sergeant.

According to pourashava source 2,500 rickshaws have valid licence and 1,700 have driving or puller licence. Over three to four rickshaws ply with same number of licence.

Most of the rickshaw pullers are seasonal workers who both little about traffic rules. It costs around Taka 8,000 to

manufacture a rickshaw, said a rickshaw garage owner. Large scale spare parts from India virtually no vigilance on its manufacture by authorities made the business a lucrative one. It may be difficult to eliminate the rickshaws. But rickshaw manufacturing must be controlled and the pullers made to abide by the rules if the town is to grow into a modern town. Besides, rickshaws can never meet transport demands of a modern town.

The rickshaw pullers try to collect exorbitant fare from the passengers without fixing the fare of destination beforehand. As such, the passengers have to face odd situation.

So, local elite and sufferers urged the authority concerned to take immediate steps to mitigate this woeful plight of the town dwellers.

### Hospital store keeper jailed

**From Our Correspondent**  
JHENIDAH, Dec 3: A store keeper of Jhenidah sadar hospital was given nine years rigorous imprisonment by the Assistant Session Judge (III), Jhenidah, Kabita Khanam on November 25, according to court sources.

The case in brief was that store keeper, Mosaddek Ali defalcated medicine worth Taka 1,58,455 from the hospital store between July 16, 1989 and May 9, 1990. He distributed the medicine against falls vouchers.

The case was taken by the District Anti-Corruption Bureau (DAB) and DAB submitted chargesheet against the store keeper.

### Young housewife commits suicide

**From Our Correspondent**  
MOULVIBAZAR, Dec 3: A young housewife committed suicide by hanging herself at her home at village Maiz-Para of Baralekha thana recently.

The victim was identified as Dilara Begum, 20, wife of one Farukuzzaman who is residing abroad. The reason behind the suicide was not known. After autopsy, policy handed over the body to the family of the victim. An UD case was registered with the police in this connection.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
**Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)**  
Rangamati Road Division  
**(R&H) Invitation Notice**

- 1) Tender Notice No : 48/EE, RRD/1996-97 financial year.
- 2) Name of work : Tow-wall construction work at 9th kilometre of Bagachhari-Naniarchar-Langadu Road under Rangamati Road Division during 1996-97 financial year.
- 3) Estimated cost : Tk 1,40,365/00.
- 4) Earnest money : Tk 2,808/00.
- 5) Time limit for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days.
- 6) Eligibility of contractors : (R&H), enlisted 'A' to 'E' general class tribal contractors.
- 7) Offices where tender will be available : (R&H), Road Division, Rangamati/Khagrachhari-1/2 (P&D) Division, Sarak Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong and Road Sub-Division-1/2/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Rangamati up to 10-12-96.
- 8) Officers to receive the tender : Superintending Engineer (R&H), Rangamati Road Circle, Rangamati and Executive Engineer (R&H), Rangamati.
- 9) Last date of receiving tender : 11-12-96 up to 12-30 PM.
- 10) Date & time of opening tender : 12-12-96 at 12-05 PM by the undersigned or his nominated representative at his office chamber in presence of the interested contractors (if any present).

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from (R&H) enlisted general class contractors. Lottery 'draw' will be held on 14-12-96 at 12-00 Noon, if needed.

**Executive Engineer (R&H)**  
(C. R.)  
Rangamati Road Division.

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### Abandoned arms, ammunition recovered

**From Our Correspondent**  
MEHERPUR, Dec 3: The local Sadar Police recovered 5 arms and 6 rounds of ammunition from a field of village Mohazanpur under Sadar Thana on Tuesday last.

Acting on a tip police recovered two country-made pistols, two rifles and one shuttergun along with six rounds of ammunition. Nobody could be arrested in this connection. Arms were left out by the terrorists, it is presumed.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
**Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H**  
Chandpur Road Division  
Chandpur  
**R&H Tender Invitation Notice**

- 1) Tender Notice No : 28/EE/CRD/1996-97
- 2) Name of work : Tender invitation for flexible pavement construction work in 3 (three) groups at different kilometres of different roads under Chandpur Road Division during 1996-97 financial year. (Head of expenditure 266-Development)
- 3) Estimated cost : As per group list.
- 4) Earnest money : As per group list, should be submitted through BD/TC/Pratirakha Sanchaya Patra/5-year Sanchaya Patra or Bonus Sanchaya Patra in favour of the undersigned.
- 5) Name of offices where tender document will be available : For Group No. 1, Office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Comilla/B-Baria/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning Division (Road and Bridge), Dhaka and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under this Division.  
For Group No. 2, Office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Comilla/B-Baria/Planning & Design Division, Comilla and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under this Division.  
For Group No. 3, Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/the undersigned/Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Comilla/B-Baria/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning Division (Road & Bridge), Dhaka and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under this Division.
- 6) Name of offices where tender documents will be received : For Group No. 1, Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Comilla/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka and office of the undersigned.  
For Group No. 2, Office of the Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Comilla and office of the undersigned.  
For Group No. 3, Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Comilla/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka and office of the undersigned.
- 7) Time allowed : As per group list.
- 8) Last date of selling tender : 14.12.96/30.8.1403BS up to office hours.
- 9) Date & time of receiving tender : 15.12.96/1.9.1403BS up to 12:30 PM.
- 10) Date & time of opening tender : 19.12.96/5.9.1403BS at 11:00 AM.
- 11) Eligibility of contractors : As per group list.

| Gr No     | Name of work   | Estimated cost | Earnest money | Time allowed | Eligibility of contractors |
|-----------|--|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1 (one)   | Flexible pavement construction work at 3rd KM (last part) and 4th KM (part) of Nanupur-Haimchar road under Chandpur Road Division during 1996-97 financial year. | Tk 7,11,478/-  | Tk 14,230/-   | 40 days      | 'A' to 'E' general class   |
| 2 (two)   | -do- -do- at 9th (part) and 10th (part) KM of Raipur-Chandpur road under -do- Division.  | Tk 4,69,912/-  | Tk 9,399/-    | 30 days      | 'A' to 'E' general class   |
| 3 (three) | -do- -do- and earth work at 4th (part) and 5th (part) KM of Haziganj-Ramganj road under -do- Division.   | Tk 25,29,933/- | Tk 50,599/-   | 60 days      | 'A' to 'C' general class   |

**Executive Engineer, R&H**  
Road Division, Chandpur

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### Tk 3cr needed for agri rehabilitation

**From Our Correspondent**  
PABNA, Dec 3: An amount of Taka 3,67,00,000 will be required to make agricultural rehabilitation programme a success in the district, according to Agricultural Extension Department officials.

The Agriculture Extension office submitted a scheme and sought for a total sanction of Tk 1,08,83,000 for purchasing seeds and sapplings and an additional amount of Tk 2,58,00,000 for purchasing chemical fertilisers and insecticides.

The Ministry of Agriculture has sanctioned Tk 47,00,000 under the scheme.

### Linemen drive out PDB officials

**From Staff Correspondent**  
KHULNA, Dec 3: All officials of the Division-1 office of the Power Development Board here, including the Executive Engineer, were forced out of their office rooms by linemen Monday.

According to police, the unruly linemen have warned of stern action if the order transferring their colleague Atiar Rahman to the Division-3 office is not cancelled by today.

The linemen have kept the office under lock and key.

### RHD Tender Invitation Notice

- 1) Tender Notice No : 57 BRD of 1996-97.
- 2) Name of work : Abatment construction of masonry Baily bridge at 12th KM of Rajapur-Kathalia-Amua-Bamna Road and linking 15.24 M double single bridge under Barisal Road Division during 1996-97. (Head of expenditure-266-Development).
- 3) Estimated cost : Tk 10,65,230/-.
- 4) Earnest money : Tk 21,305/-.
- 5) Time limit for completion of work : 50 (fifty) days.
- 6) Eligibility of contractors to submit tender : Roads & Highways Directorate's 'A' to 'C' class special category and Barisal Road Circle's 'D' class special category enlisted contractors.
- 7) Offices where tender schedule will be available : Will be available at the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Barisal/Patuakhali/Bhola/Propur/Planning Division (PD), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, R&H, Road Sub-Division, Barisal/Jhalakathi/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Barisal on all working days except on official holidays. Tender forms will not be sold on the tender opening day.
- 8) Last date & time of selling tender schedule : 27-8-1403BS/11-12-96 up to 5-00 PM.
- 9) Offices where tender schedule (in sealed condition) will be received : Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Barisal Zone, Barisal/Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/ Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Barisal/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (PD), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Barisal/Patuakhali/Bhola/Propur.
- 10) Last date & time of receiving tender schedule (in sealed condition) : 28-8-1403BS/12-12-96 up to 12-30 PM.
- 11) Date & time of filing tender schedule in sealed condition : 28-8-1403BS/12-12-96 at 12-45 PM.
- 12) Place, date & time of opening tender : At the office of the Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Barisal on 4-9-1403 BS/18-12-96 at 11:00 AM.
- 13) Date & time of tery : 7-9-1403BS/21-12-96 at 11:00 AM.

**Munsi Mostafizur Rahman**  
Executive Engineer, R&H  
Barisal Road Division.

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### Tender Invitation Notice

**Tender Notice No 20 (Twenty)/Executive Engineer (R&H), Habiganj 1996-97**

Tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911 from Roads & Highways Directorate's valid enlisted 'A' to 'E' general class contractors according to their capability for the undermentioned work:

| Name of work & location   | Estimated cost | Earnest money | Time allotted                                     | Eligibility of contractor               |
|---|----------------|---------------|---|---|
| Supply of shingles, pea-gravels & 1st class brick bats at various stack yards for maintenance & repair works at 6,75,718/- - 13,514/- different KMs of different roads of Shaistaganj Road Sub-Division under Habiganj Road Division during 1996-97 financial year. | Tk 6,75,718/-  | Tk 13,514/-   | 10 (ten) days from the date of issuing work order | 'A' to 'E' general class of contractors |

Tender schedule, specification, terms & conditions, special terms & conditions can be seen & purchased from the office of the Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Habiganj/Moulvibazar/Sylhet/Sunamganj/Planning & Designing Division, Comilla/Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Road Sub-Division, Habiganj/Shaistaganj/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Habiganj up to 09-12-96.

Tenders will be received at the office of the Additional Chief Engineer, (R&H), Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka & the undersigned up to 12-30 PM of 10-12-96 and all the tenders together will be opened on 12-12-96 at 10-00 AM at the office of the undersigned.

**Md Abul Quasem Bhuyan**  
Executive Engineer (R&H)  
(Current Responsibility)  
Road Division, Habiganj.

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