

Another daily from Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, Dec 8: The publication ceremony of a new daily "Dainik Jhenidah Bani" was held at Jhenidah Press Club Wednesday evening.
 Khandakar Hafiz Farooque, Editor of the daily presided over publication ceremony. It was addressed, among others, by Advocate Tofazzel Hossain, Dr Azhar Rahman, Saidul Karim Mintu and the press club president Sheikh Mijanur Rahman.

3 women drug traffickers held

From Our Correspondent
MAGURA, Dec 8: Magura thana police recovered 185 bottles of banned phenesdyl and arrested three women, allegedly involved in smuggling of the drug from a bus in Magura town recently.
 According to the Police sources, acting on secret information police raided a bus of Meherpur-Barisal route in Magura town and recovered banned drugs.

SL goes on rampage, 30 hurt, shops looted

From Staff Correspondent
KHULNA, Dec 8: Sramik League (SL) activists went on rampage Friday in the Skid Ghat area, looting at least forty shops and four hotels. They also damaged several rickshaws and two private cars.
 Police lobbed twelve tear gas shells to control the unruly SL activists, who at one stage launched several attack with firearms and lethal weapons in which at least thirty persons including sixteen women were injured. Six of the severely injured persons were admitted to sadar hospital.
 Police said City Sramik League Secretary Sharif Hanan led the rampage demanding dead body of his BNP rival and Ward Commissioner Ershad Sikder who has been absconding since AL came to power.

200 bottles of phenesdyl seized

From Our Correspondent
JESSORE, Dec 8: A special squad of the Department of Narcotics Control, Jessore, recently recovered a total of 199 bottles of phenesdyl syrup from a house at Balidapara of Kaliganj thana here and arrested the house owner.
 According to office source, acting on a tip-off a team of officials from the local led by Assistant Director, raided the house of Unus Ali of the village and recovered the contrabands from an underground store made in a corner of cow-shed. They also arrested the house-owner in this connection.
 When contacted deputy director Narcotics Control Department, Jessore, told The Daily Star that this was the biggest haul of phenesdyl syrup during the last one year in the district.

Abnormal fall in river water level hits navigation, irrigation

From Ranesh Maitra

PABNA, Dec 8: Due to abnormal fall in the water level of the Jamuna and the Padma all its tributaries, small rivers, khals and beels in the district have almost dried up creating a severe crisis in the availability of surface water.
 It has been telling heavily upon the navigability of the rivers and consequently upon the irrigation needed badly by the cultivators during the ongoing lean season.

The Padma flows through the south of the district and divides Pabna from Kushtia and Rajbari districts.
 Padma was known as 'Kirtinasha' (a severe destroyer) once a very wide and deep, but with the passage of time and specially after commissioning of the Farakka Barrage the mighty river has experienced accumulation of silt specially near the Hardinge Bridge in Paksey.

This correspondent, while visiting the Hardinge Bridge area recently found a road has been constructed, on the river bed near the said bridge. Vehicles were also plying through the said road. Already two-thirds area across the river have been covered by the road.

The rest of one-third, ferries, run by the Roads and Highways Department, were being used. Within a month, the remaining water way most likely be covered by a road as the water in the river would by that time completely dryup, told a R&H officer in-charge of maintenance of the ferry ghat between Paksey and Bheramara. The water-level has been falling alarmingly, he added.
 The tributaries of the river Padma, specially the Ichhamati and the Atrai have already been silted up. Navigability is almost impossible.



PABNA: Picture shows part of the road between Paksey and Bheramara in the river Padma. — Star photo



PABNA: Dredging started by the BIWTC at the downstream of Nagorebari ghat for keeping the ghat operational for barges and cargo vessels. — Star photo

River communication throughout the district is already under a severe threat. Trade and commerce within the district, still largely dependent on the river routes, is facing immense troubles.

The farmers in the adjacent areas, largely dependent on the Rabi crops, told this correspondent that due to acute shortage of surface water, irrigation has already been hard-hit in Pabna sadar, Santhia, Faridpur, Chatmohar, Bhangoora and Sujanganar thanas. Ishurdi thana has also been badly affected.

The Nagarbari ghat has already been abandoned by the Bangladesh Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC), and they have shifted operation of ferry ghat from there to Natakholia.

Nagarbari ghat is, however, being used by the barges and other cargo vessels for landing specially fertilisers, insecticides, oil etc.

The tributaries of the Jamuna like Karotoa, Hurasagar etc. are also drying up rapidly, according to information received from various areas this week.

For making and keeping the Nagarbari ghat fit for landing of the barges and cargo vessels, dredging of the river Jamuna is being conducted downstream of Nagarbari ghat. The BIWTC, however, could not confirm whether after dredging cargo-vessels would be able to anchor carrying heavy loads at the said ghat, said a source of the BIWTC.

Bomb blast at IU VC's house

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, Dec 8: A case was lodged with Kushtia thana following bomb attack on the residence of the Vice Chancellor of Islamic University (IU) Prof Inamul Haque, Thursday according to variety sources.

Sources said, some unknown miscreants threw five to six handbombs on the VC's residence at PTI Road at about 3.30 am on Wednesday. Walls of the residence was partially damaged. The motive of the incident could not be known.

5 brothers of a family kidnapped, 4 released

From Our Correspondent
MEHERPUR, Dec 8: A group of armed terrorists kidnapped five brothers from a house recently and demanded 30 thousand taka as ransom money.

It is reported that five sons of Panchu Shaikh were kidnapped at gun point from his house in village bagwan and demanded the money for their release.

Panchu Shaikh immediately managed to pay them six thousand taka in return for four sons who were later released. The released were Hafizuddin, Khokan, Saber and Feroz.

Terrorists kept Aladin as hostage. The matter was informed to Meherpur Police Station. Officer in charge of Meherpur sadar police station visited the spot. Nobody has yet been arrested nor kidnapped boy could be rescued till writing of this report.

Prisoner beaten in court

From Staff Correspondent
KHULNA, Dec 8: A group of Juboleague activists led by their city unit vice president attacked an under-trial prisoner in the court Thursday noon and assaulted him in presence of police.
 They also abused police.
 A case has been filed with Kotwali thana.

Businessman stabbed

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, Dec 8: Badar Ali, 42, a businessman was severely stabbed by a group of miscreants at Atharomail in Sadar thana Wednesday noon, according to police sources.

Power of love!

From Our Correspondent
MEHERPUR, Dec 8: Both lovers for keeping their promise committed suicide.
 The incident took place in village Hatathpara under Gangni thana recently.
 Family sources said, Zahid, 17, son of Khabiruddin of Hatathpara village had a love affair with Maya, 15, daughter of Jainal of same village for a long time. This came to be known by the father of Maya who confined her in the house as a punishment.
 When Zahid came to know, he protested vehemently against oppression meted out to Maya but her father beat Zahid mercilessly.
 Unable to bear the pain Zahid took poison. He was removed to Gangni thana health complex immediately but he died on the way.
 On hearing this too committed suicide by hanging herself in the room.
 Two UD cases have been registered with Gangni police station.

Unsold jute becomes farmers' burden

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, Dec 8: Jute growers of the district are facing a tough time with their products remaining unsold. The Crescent Jute Mills Ltd purchased only 50 kg of jute so far, according to market sources. There are two government agencies to purchase jute in the district, according to the local Jute Inspector. These agencies are Crescent Jute Mills Ltd and Daulatpur Jute Mills Ltd. The Crescent Jute Mills Ltd has been facing fund shortage and as a result it fails to purchase jute as expected. The Daulatpur Jute Mills Ltd has purchased 1280 bales containing 180 kgs in each bale upto September 30, according to the Chief Inspector of Jute, Kushtia.
 At present jute is being sold in different Hats and Bazar at Taka 480 to 520 per maund. In the beginning of the season Jute price was high and after some time prices fell below production cost. The Chief Inspector of jute further said that target of production of jute in the district was 5 lakh 49 thousand 5 hundred 40 maunds during 1996-97 fiscal year. The target has been achieved. He further said, there are 815 licensed businessmen in the district who deal in jute, 60 per cent of jute have already been purchased by these businessmen who have sent those to different parts of the country. The quality of jute produced here is not superior, but efforts are being made to improve the quality of jute by imparting training and distributing better quality of seed among the farmers.

Re-Auction Notice- Bangladesh Rifles
Static Signal Sector, Dhaka
Notice No-01/1996-97/Communication/Auction

- BLR Battery (various kinds) and various wireless equipment of Bangladesh Rifles will be sold auction through tender. Interested buyers should submit tenders on the pad of their respective firms under seal and signature with 10% of the total cost of goods as earnest money through Pay Order in favour of the Director General, Bangladesh Rifles, under sealed cover in the tender box kept at the Static Signal Sector, Pikhana, Dhaka within 11:30 AM of 21st December, '96. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 12:00 Noon in presence of the tenderers (if any present).
- Interested tenderers can inspect the mentioned auctionable goods at the Central Wireless Store of the Directorate of Communication, Pikhana, Dhaka during office hours from 1000 hours to 1300 hours on each Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday (except on holiday) up to the day before the tender receiving date.
- The authority reserves the right to accept any tender and reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

DPP-27790-1/12
 G-1793
President Re-Auction Committee
 for the Director General

4 coach dacoities in one night!

From Our Correspondent
JESSORE, Dec 8: Four dacoities were committed in night coaches on different routes in Jessore zone area causing injuries to five transport workers and losses of valuables worth Taka four lakhs recently.
 According to transport sources the first incident of dacoity was committed in a Dhaka bound coach no Chittagong Metro Ba-02-0020 of Ananda Paribahan at Rajarhat at 10 pm and the dacoits took away all valuables of passenger at gun point by controlling the steering of the coach overruling the drive at gun-point. They also injured five passengers including the Supervisor Ripon.
 The second dacoity incident was committed in a Khulna bound coach no Dhaka Metro Ba-02-0118 of Chakladar Paribahan on its way to Khulna at 11 pm and the dacoits lobbed away all valuables of the passengers.
 The third and fourth incidents of dacoities were committed almost simultaneously in coach no Pabna Ja-00208 and Dhaka Metro Ba-02-0557 after crossing Rajbari on way to Kushtia.
 However, the passengers of the fourth coach, caught two dacoits of the gang near Gopalpur under Jhenidah district and handed over them to the highway police.
 It may be noted here that highway robbery continues to remain as a regular phenomena in night coaches on different routes in Jessore zone.

2 shot dead in bloody clash

From Our Correspondent
KISHOREGANJ, Dec 8: Two persons were shot dead and 10 others injured in a bloody clash that took place at village Karkanda in Itna thana of Kishoreganj district on November 30, police sources and witnesses said.
 The dead were identified as Peer Ali, 40, and his nephew Hossain Ali, 14. Of the injured, four bullet-hit persons named Sher Ali, 45, Wajidullah, 30, Nurjahan, 25 and Hassen Ali, 10, were admitted into the neighbouring Azmiriganj hospital of Habiganj district.
 Local people said, there had been long-standing enmity between the Mainuddin group and Innas group of the village over the establishment of supremacy in the locality. On the day of incident, the clash erupted following an attraction between the two school boys belonging to both the groups over a trivial matter. The people of Mainuddin groups suddenly attacked the houses of the opponent group and started firing indiscriminately killing the two persons on the spot.
 A case was registered with Itna police station accusing 54 persons. Police so far took one, Akkel Ali into custody. Tense situation has been prevailing and a temporary police camp have been set up in the village.

Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority
Dhaka Export Processing Zone
Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka
Tender Notice
No. 6/96-97

Sealed tenders are invited from BEPZA enlisted electrical class contractors for the undermentioned work at Dhaka EPZ, Ganakbari, Savar:-

Name of work	Estimated cost (in Lakh taka)	Eligibility of contractor	Prescribed time for completion of work	Price of tender document (non-refundable)
Installation of a vacuum Circuit Breaker at Dhaka EPZ, Ganakbari, Savar.	14.27	BEPZA enlisted A & B class electrical contractors	180 days	Tk 300.00

The same contractor will not be given work order for more than one construction work in the same zone during the same financial year. This rule will be applicable in case of more than one firm under the same ownership. However in case of the same contractor enlisted under BEPZA for Electrical & Civil works, it will be treated as two separate firms.
 Earnest money stated in the tender should be deposited with the tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of BEPZA.
 Tender can be purchased from BEPZA Executive Office, 222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka; Chittagong EPZ, South Halishahar, Chittagong & Dhaka EPZ, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka, Accounts Section and all Divisional Commissioners' offices up to 20-12-96.
 Tenders will be received on 21-12-96 up to 12-00 Noon at Chief Engineer's Chamber, BEPZA Executive Office, Dhaka; Project Engineer's Chamber, Chittagong EPZ & all Divisional Commissioners' Office. Tenders will be opened on 26-12-96 at 11-00 AM at the office of the undersigned in presence (if any) of the tenderers.
 The Authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all of the submitted tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Mosharrar Hossain
 Project Engineer
 Dhaka EPZ

DPP-27769-1/12
 G-1796

Bus passengers robbed in Khulna
 From Staff Correspondent
KHULNA, Dec 8: Six young men, wearing masks, looted Tk 35,000 in cash, over seven tolas of gold and valuables belonging to passengers of a minibus near the Khulna university here this evening. Many of the passengers were also assaulted, police and witnesses said.

Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission
 4, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
 GPO Box No 158, Ramna
 Dhaka, Bangladesh
 No P & S-27(170)/96 Dated: 23-11-1996

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the reputed suppliers, authorised Agents/Dealers of Manufacturers for supply of the following vehicles to Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka.

(A) Microbus 8 Nos
 (B) Van 2 Nos

Tenders with 2% (Two per cent) Earnest Money of the quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee from any scheduled Bank favouring "Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka" shall have to be dropped in the Tender Box kept in the following office up to 11:30 hours on 19-12-1996 and will be opened at 12:00 hours on the same day in presence of tenderers who wish to be present.

- Administrative Officer (Procurement), Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, 4-Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Ramna, Dhaka.
- Additional Commissioner (General), 1st Eleventh floor Government Office Building, (2nd floor), Room No. 303, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000 (Care: Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka).

Tender Schedule may be purchased from the Accounts Officer (Works), Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka and Commissioner Office, Dhaka Division, 1st Eleventh floor Govt Office Building (1st floor), Room No. 206, Segunbagicha, Dhaka as well during office hours up to 18-12-1996 on cash payment of Tk 750/00 (Taka seven hundred fifty) only in written application and permission from the Administrative Officer (Procurement), Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka supported with attested photocopy of (1) current year Trade Licence, (2) Uptodate Income Tax Clearance Certificate, (3) Bank Solvency Certificate, (4) VAT Registration Certificate and (5) Agent/Dealership certificate. No tender document will be sold on the day of opening of tender. If there occurs total transport disruption or Govt. holiday on the opening date of tender, the next normal working day will be treated as valid opening date of tender keeping time, place and other terms in tact.
 Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
 BAE/MSD/1(2/94-16)
 DPP-27303-27/11
 G-1795
Administrative Officer (Procurement)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Directorate of Women's Affairs
 37/3, Eskaton Garden Road, Dhaka
 Memo No: DWA/ATPCRW/Jirani/Construction/41/96-97/1080
 Dt: 27-11-96

Tender Notice for Appointment of Engineering Consulting Firm

Engineering consulting firm will be appointed preparing a master plan to implement the proposed civil construction and civil repair works for the current financial year for "Agricultural Training & Production Centre for Rural Women" at Jirani run by the Directorate of Women's Affairs. In this regard, sealed tenders are invited from bonafide Bangladeshi engineering consulting firms.
 Per set of tender schedule with descriptions of work, fee, terms & conditions and all relevant information will be available at Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable) up to 22-12-96 at the Local Office and the Head Office during office hours. Tenders will be received at the Local Office and the Head Office up to 1:00 PM of 23-12-96 and will be opened at 1:00 PM of 24-12-96 at the Head Office in presence of the tenderers (if any present). The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

Director
 Directorate of Women's Affairs
 Dhaka.

DPP-27752-1/12
 G-1799

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

পানির অপচয় বন্ধ করুন।
 ম্যানহোলের ঢাকনা চুরি রোধ করুন।

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd and 3rd class mechanical & electrical contractors for the work repairing and rewinding of 40HP Induction Motor of Pump No-6 and repairing of the pump concerned of Godnail Water Works High-Lift at an allotted cost of Tk 61,090. Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon of 23-12-96 and will be opened on the same day at 2:00 PM before the tenderers or their representatives (if any present).
 Tender schedule will be available at the office of the Chief Accountant of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all Mods Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address:
 21, Nabab Salmullah Road
 Ngraj, Executive Engineer
 WASA-P-I-423/96 Narayanganj Water Supply Division
 DPP-27648-30/11 Dhaka WASA.
 G-1798

Auction Notice
 বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন।

Sealed tenders are invited from interested contractors/workshop owners for auction purchase of an unserviceable vehicle of Bheramara Power Station, on as it is where it is basis. 1) Name of the office: Mechanical Maintenance Division, Bheramara Power Station, Bheramara, Kushtia. 2) Description of the vehicle: Vehicle No — Kushtia-Ka-162, Mitsubishi, Model-1975. 3) Eligibility of contractors: Power Development Board enlisted contractors/bonafide automobile workshop owners. 4) Price of tender document: Tk 200/= (two hundred) only (non-refundable) should be submitted in Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of the Assistant Director (Accounts), ZAO, Bheramara, Kushtia. 5) Amount of earnest money: 5% (five per cent) of the quoted price, should be enclosed with the tender in Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of the Assistant Director (Accounts), ZAO, Bheramara, Kushtia. 6) Place & date, where & when tender document will be available: a) Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, b) Sonali Bank, Bheramara Power Station Branch, Bheramara, Kushtia, during office & banking hours up to 29-12-96. Prior to purchasing the tender document approval should be taken from the Assistant Chief Engineer (Generation) PDB, Dhaka/ the undersigned by submitting valid documents of contractor enlistment/ trade licence. 7) Date of receiving & opening tender: At a) Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Motijheel, Dhaka b) Executive Engineer, Mechanical Maintenance Division, Bheramara Power Station, Bheramara, Kushtia. Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon of 30-12-96 and will be opened before the tenderers (if any present) at 12:30 PM on the same day. 8) Place of inspecting the vehicle on the spot: The vehicle can be inspected as it is where it is basis at Bheramara Power Station till the day before the date of submitting tender during office hours with permission of the undersigned.

Executive Engineer
 Mechanical Maintenance Division
 Bheramara Power Station
 PDB, Bheramara, Kushtia

Biddul/Jana-632 (4/96-97)
 DPP-27644-30/11
 G-1797

Bangladesh Film Development Corporation
 Tejgaon, Dhaka

Tender Notice

S/No	Description of goods	Tender No & date	Earnest money (re-fundable)	Price of schedule (Non-refundable)	Terms of supply	Date of opening
01.	Bulb 5000 watt (5KW) (Tungsten) Pin type 220 dt 12-11-96 Volt (Studio Bulb).	FDC/PD-LP/96-97/26/34	2% local 1% International three hundred (On total value)	Tk 300.00	C & F Dhaka by air (international) FDC store (Local).	20-01-97

Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited by Bangladesh Film Development Corporation, Tejgaon, Dhaka from bonafide Manufacturers, Local Representative of the Manufacturers/Suppliers/Importer for purchase of "Bulb 5000 Watt (5 KW) (Tungsten) (Studio Bulb)". Tenders will be received in the tender box kept in front of the office of the undersigned up to 12-00 Noon on 20-01-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM. Tenders containing the detail terms and conditions can be collected from the cash counter on all working days from 8.00 AM to 2-30 PM. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of opening of the tenders. Tender number and subject should be superscribed on the sealed covered envelope. In case of International tender the Original Proforma Invoice should be enclosed with the offer.
 The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any part of the tender, any tender or whole tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DPP-27792-1/12
 G-1794
Choudhury Mahmudur Rahman
 Deputy Director (Procurement).