

# Arsenic scare in Natore villages

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Dec 23: Arsenic scare has gripped Natore district as 8 persons in different places of the district are affected with arsenic poison.

The total population of Bagatipara — a bordering thana of the district are threatened as presence of arsenic was detected in underground water.

According to Natore Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) sources, 5 persons including a woman of Hat Govindapur village and one person of Dumrai village of Daryapur union under Bagatipara thana have been affected with the deadly poison. The PHED has sealed more than 200 tubewells of the areas.

Two businessmen of South Bargachha area of Natore pourashava have been affected with arsenic.

The sources further said, all the symptoms of arsenic related diseases have been found in bodies of the 8 persons.

Water sample of tubewells of the 2 businessmen's house at Bargachha has been sent to Rajshahi for laboratory test.

The sources said that the adaptable rate of arsenic in water is 0.01 milligram and higher rate of arsenic is harmful to human bodies.

# 6 die, over 5,000 affected Malaria takes serious turn in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Dec 23: Malaria has broken out in epidemic form in the bordering regions of greater Jamalpur district, official sources here said.

According to sources, over 5,000 people have been attacked with malaria. Six people have already died. Several hundred people have been attacked with the deadly disease in Sherpur, Ghenaigati, Nalitabari, Sreebordi, Bakshiganj, Dewanganj and Madarganj thanas. Preventive measures have been taken to check spread of the disease.

The Civil Surgeon Office sources have directed the thana health officials to take preventive measures in bordering areas of the district. A total of 15 medical teams have been sent to different areas with adequate supply of medicine, claimed officials. These medical teams have been working in the affected areas.

Some non-government organisations (NGOs) have been working in the affected areas to control malaria and distributed some mosquito nets.

The Daily Star correspondent visited some affected areas and some malaria patients told that there is scarcity of medicine. Doctors are not available in the affected areas.

Local people alleged that the medical teams were not working properly in rural and remote areas adding that shortage of doctors, medical assistants, medicines, lack of proper supervision and negligence of duty have aggravated the situation.

The worst affected thanas are: Ghenaigati, Sreebordi under Dewanganj district and Madarganj, Bakshiganj and Dewanganj under Jamalpur district.

The chairman of Perrampur Union Parishad under Dewanganj thana alleged that about 10 per cent people under his union are attacked with malaria. They have been suffering for a long time from the disease. He also alleged that there is lack of good treatment facilities in the area.

There is a rumour that the disease is spreading from adjoining bordering regions of India. The people living in the border regions alleged that several people have died of malaria in Maghalaya, Assam and Tripura states of India.

Sources further informed that the Indian authorities began spraying of Malathion in the affected areas in their territory to check further outbreak of malaria. Following this thousands of mosquitoes carrying the germ of malaria crossed into the Bangladesh territory affecting border areas of Bangladesh.

People of the affected areas have demanded immediate arrangement for spraying of Malathion in all affected villages in greater Jamalpur district. Otherwise it would not be possible to control the large-scale outbreak of the killer disease, this was expressed by a number of physicians working in the affected areas.

Most of the people of these areas which are located in the low-lying and hill areas are poor. Most of them have also lost their resistance power against malaria germ.

The affected people urged the concerned authority to take necessary steps to combat the disease on emergency basis.

# Rich tributes paid to FFs

MOULVIBAZAR, Dec 23: Rich homage was paid at a memorial meeting here to the freedom fighters who made supreme sacrifice in the district on December 20, 1971, reports UNB.

On the day, 20 freedom fighters were killed in a bomb explosion at the camps of Moulvibazar High School building.

District Muktijoddha Sangsad organised a memorial meeting to observe the Moulvibazar Martyrs Day on Friday. The programme included a discussion meeting and special prayers for the valiant sons of the soil.

Principal Ahad Chowdhury was the chief guest at the meeting held at the local Shaheed Minar. Among others, Syed Mohsin Ali, Azizur Rahman, Syed Abdul Matin, Mujibur Rahman and Abdul Mannan addressed the meeting, presided over by Dewan Khair Chowdhury.

# Seed farm faces problem

CHUADANGA, Dec 23: Datta Nagar Seed Production Farm, the biggest farm of its kind in the district, is facing manifold problems incurring a huge financial loss, reports UNB.

According to sources, lack of maintenance work including repair of the irrigation canals and negligence to duty by officials are reported to be causing loss to the tune of Tk 50 lakh each year.

The age-old farm established by Hemandra Nath Datta of Calcutta was taken over by the government in 1947 and later handed over to BADC.

The farm has five divisions — Gokulnagar, Pachila, Mathura, Kabincha and Kushi-danga — producing paddy, wheat, mustard, winter and summer vegetables on a total of 2,737 acres of land.

There are 36 deep tubewells which are run by diesel and petrol and there are 88,178 feet long pucca canals connected to the deep tubewells.

The sources said, most of the pucca canals have been damaged due to lack of maintenance and repair.

# Ctg city BNP threatens to go for agitation

CHITTAGONG, Dec 23: The city unit of BNP threatened to wage agitation programmes, including hartal, from the first week of January if the government does not refrain from its move to rename the city's Zia Smriti Museum, reports UNB.

The threat came from a BNP rally held in front of its city office.

The rally was organised to protest the announcement of city Mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury to rename the museum as Muktijuddher Smriti Jadughar.

The city BNP has asked its all units to organise protest rallies in their respective areas.



SYLHET: Alhaj Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of the 10-day trade fair of the North-East Minor Irrigation Project held on Sunday here. — Star photo

# Medical officer killed in road mishap

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Dec 23: A medical officer was killed on the spot when a bus fell into a canal, 20 feet down from Nawpara bridge, 6 km from the town on Thursday evening.

The victim was identified as Dr. Siddiqur Rahman, 45, a Medical Officer of Rangpur Civil Surgeon's office, police sources said.

Witnesses said, the accident occurred when a Rangpur bound bus, carrying more than 60 passengers from Natore, lost control and plunged into a roadside canal breaking the railings of the bridge it was crossing.

Condition of 30 injured persons were reported to be critical. Of them, 20 persons were admitted at Natore Sadar Hospital, five were sent to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital and others were admitted at Mission Hospital and several clinics in the town.

A case has been filed with Natore sadar police station.

# 5 BAU students receive Prof Karim Gold Medal

AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh), Dec 23: Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Muhammad Hussain stressed the need for modern education and scientific research to become a successful teacher in order to impart knowledge to the student.

The VC said this while speaking as chief guest at the gold medal award and prize giving ceremony organised by the Professor Karim Memorial Trust held at the Central Library of the Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU), said a press release.

Presided over by Professor Dr. Md. Yousof Chowdhury, the function was addressed among others by former Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Zahurul Haque Bhuiya, Professor Dr. Syed Ghousuddin, Professor Dr. Md. Shamsul Haque, Professor Dr. Md. Wahiduzzaman, Mrs. Sufia Karim, Professor Dr. Md. Arshad Ali and others.

It may be mentioned here that Professor Abdul Karim, a scientist of international repute died in 22 December 1973 and a trust was formed after his name styled, "Professor Karim Memorial Trust". He was the inventor of bio-gas plant and received gold medals from abroad.

Speakers at the function recalled the contribution of Late BAU Professor, Abdul Karim in the field of Science education and research and said that next generation would be inspired following his ideals.

Later, the vice-chancellor gave away prizes and gold medal to five meritorious students.

# One killed in road accident

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Dec 23: A rickshaw passenger identified as Alhaj Hussain Omar aged about 21 was killed on the spot in a road accident at Bahurda Bridge on Faridpur Khulna highway recently when a passenger bus of Eagle Paribahan bearing No BA 11-000-1 bound for Khulna from Dhaka hit the rickshaw from behind.

According to eye witnesses, the driver fled the scene with the bus.

# Four injured in Narsingdi clash

NARSINGDI, Dec 23: Four people, two of them women, were critically injured in a clash between two rival groups of people at a village in sadar thana today, reports UNB.

The injured — Shabmeher, 45, and her daughter Joyimala, 18, Taleb Hossain, 52, and Dulal, 22, of Rasulpur village — were admitted to sadar hospital.

Witnesses said the trouble erupted when a group of 16 people, reportedly supporters of one Dulal, attacked the women in their house at the village 2:30 pm.

# Minor boy dies in boat tragedy

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Dec 23: A child died when an engine boat sank in the river Padma recently.

According to eye-witnesses, the victim Mizanur Rahman, 8, died instantaneously when he came in touch with the engine, and the boat sank in the Padma at north channel under Kotwali thana.

Other passengers reportedly swam ashore safely.

# Shrimp exports thru' Mongla fetch Tk 385 cr

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Dec 23: The country earned three hundred and eighty five crore taka by exporting frozen shrimp through Mongla Port during the first five months of the current financial year.

These shrimps were exported to Japan, Germany, China, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Denmark, and the United Arab Emirates.

Frozen shrimp worth about another three hundred crore taka are expected to be exported through this port during the next seven months of the current financial year.

**বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ**  
**পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-২**

১৯৯৬-৯৭ অর্থ বছরে বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ বাহিনীর ব্যবহারের জন্য প্রকৃত প্রস্তুতকারক/প্রস্তুতকারীদের অনুমোদিত এজেন্ট/সরবরাহকারীদের নিকট হইতে নিম্নলিখিত সামগ্রীগুলি ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

১। সাদা পলিয়েস্টার কাপড়	৬,০০০ মিটার
২। নেভী ব্লু পলিয়েস্টার কাপড়	১,০০০ মিটার
৩। সু-অক্সফোর্ড	২৫,০০০ জোড়া
৪। ওয়াটার প্রুফ রেইনকোট (থাকী-৭০০০	১৫,০০০ টি
৫। ৪০০০, অলিভগ্রীন-৪০০০, সাদা-১০০০)	
৬। কালো উলেন মোজা	৪৫,০০০ জোড়া
৭। মেট্রো ব্লু-উলেন জার্সি	৫,০০০ টি
৮। ডবল গ্রাই-পলটেক	৫০ টি
৯। মেটাল পলিশ	৫০,০০০ টিন
১০। লাইনইয়ার্ড ডবল (কালো)	১,০০০ টি
১১। ছুরি	৩,০০০ টি
১২। ছাতা (সাদা কাপড়সহ)	৫০০ টি
১৩। ট্রাফিক চর্চ লাইট	১,০০০ টি
১৪। এ্যাংকলটওয়ার (কালো)	৮,০০০ জোড়া
১৫। ট্রাফিক জুস	৫০০ টি
১৬। বেডস্যাস উলেন	১,০০০ টি
১৭। চাওয়াল হাত	১০,০০০ টি
১৮। ড্রয়ার্স কটন	২৫,০০০ টি
১৯। মেসটিন	১,০০০ টি
২০। বপ এনামেল	১,০০০ জোড়া
২১। লাঠি শর্ট বেডের	৫,০০০ টি
২২। সোডার স্ট্রিক পলিশ	২০,০০০ টি
২৩। কালো চামড়ার জুস বেট	৫০০ টি
২৪। থাকী পিক ক্যাপ	৫০০ টি
২৫। ব্রাশ নাযার	২,০০০ টি
২৬। নেইম প্রেট (নাম বিহীন)	২০,০০০ টি

উপরোক্ত পোষাক সামগ্রী/মাল্যামালের দরপত্র তফসিল আগামী ২৮-১২-৯৬ইং হইতে ৩১-১২-৯৬ইং পর্যন্ত অফিস সময়ে সন্গ্রহ করা যাইবে। দরপত্র আগামী ১১-১-৯৭ইং দুপুর ১২-০০ টার মধ্যে দরপত্র বাজে জমা দিতে হইবে।

দ্রব্যের বিবরণ সন্নিবিষ্ট দরপত্রের তফসিল প্রতিটি দ্রব্যের জন্য নির্ধারিত মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য) যথাক্রমে ৭৫/- টাকা ও ৪০০/- টাকা পরিশোধপূর্বক সকল কার্যদিবসে বেলা ৯-০০ টা হইতে দুপুর ১২-৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস হইতে সন্গ্রহ করা যাইবে। দরপত্রের সাথে উক্ত মূল্যের ৩% আর্নেস্টমনি হিসাবে জমা দিতে হইবে। দরপত্রের সিডিউলের সাথে মাল্যামালের বিস্তারিত স্পেসিফিকেশন উল্লেখ করা আছে। নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস কক্ষ নং ৩২৯, পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, কনিষ্ট্র রোড, ফুলবাড়িয়া, ঢাকায় রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাজে দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে। দরপত্র গ্রহণের নির্দিষ্ট তারিখে বেলা ১২-৩০ ঘটিকার সময় ইচ্ছুক দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হইবে।

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**সহকারী মহা-পুলিশ পরিদর্শক (সরবরাহ)**  
বাংলাদেশ, ঢাকা  
ফোন : ৯৫৬১৮৪৬

**Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
**Office of the Executive Engineer**  
PWD E/M Division-II, Dhaka

**Notice Inviting Tender**  
No. 36 (1996-97)

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the undermentioned works on itemwise basis in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 for the PWD enlisted special 1st & E/M 1st & 2nd class contractors who have VAT registration certificate from the VAT authority.

Tender will be received by the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division No. I/II/III/IV/V/VI/VII/VIII/Mechanical Workshop Division/Wood Workshop Division & PWD Eden Bldg. Division, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon of 2.1.97 & will be opened on the same date at 12:30 PM in presence of intending contractor if any.

On production of enlistment registration book schedule of works/tender papers & others terms and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased by the contractor himself or his authorised representative from the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-I/II/III/IV/V/VI/VII/VIII/Mechanical Workshop Division/Wood Workshop Division & PWD Eden Bldg. Division, Dhaka upto 1.1.97 on payment of Taka 410/- (non-refundable) only.

Requisite earnest money in favour of the Executive Engineer PWD E/M Division-II, Dhaka in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Call Deposit/SDR from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh must accompany with the tender documents without which the tender will be declared informal. The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders without assigning any reason therefor.

Sl. No.	Name of works	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1.	Supply of 4-40 watt fluorescent lamp for maintenance in the residence of the Hon'ble Minister, State Minister, Deputy Minister & Whip.	Item rates basis	2% of their quoted rate	8 (Eight) months

**A K Fazlul Hoque**  
Executive Engineer  
PWD E/M Division-II  
Dhaka. Phone : 9551688

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
**Office of the Executive Engineer**  
Pirojpur PWD Division, Pirojpur

**Tender Notice**  
No-45/1996-97

- Name of work : Constr. of 44 Nos. New Dist. H/O in Bangladesh one at Pirojpur. S H : Constrn of boundary wall & RCC road attached to Gazetted Dormitory (12 Nos.) Officers at Pirojpur, during the year 1996-97.
- Estimated cost : Tk 4,20,280/-
- Earnest money : Tk 8,406/-
- Date of receiving & time of opening : Up to 12-00 Noon of 31/12/96 and will be opened at 12-15 PM on the same day (In presence of the contractor, if any).
- Last date of selling : Up to office hours of 30/12/96.
- Place of selling and receiving of tender documents : Office of the all Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Bansal & Khulna Division-I/II.
- Eligibility of contractors : Special Class-I (one), Class-I approved enlisted Bldg. contractor of PWD and Class-II/III approved Bldg. contractor of PWD Khulna Zone, Khulna and PWD Circle, Barisal respectively.

8. If two or more tenderer become lowest by quoting the same rate then the lowest tenderer will be selected through a "LOTTERY" on 13/01/97 at 11:00 AM in the office chamber of the undersigned.

All details information are available in the tender documents.

**Md Lokman Hakim Malik**  
Executive Engineer  
PWD Division, Pirojpur.

DFP-29712-19/12  
G-1961

**Notice Inviting Tender**  
**Tender No. 28 (1996-97)**

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from enlisted contractors of PWD as per their eligibility and financial limit for execution of the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by all the Executive Engineers under Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka and Eden Bldg. PWD Division, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon on 3.1.97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the contractors who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

Name of work : Establishment of 100 bedded District Hospital (New Place) (Sub-Head:- Construction of Mosque Building)

Estimated cost : Tk. 7,69,484/-

Earnest money : Tk. 15,500/-

Time allowed for completion of work from the date of issue of work order :- 45 (Forty five) days.

Contract documents consisting of Bangladesh Form No. 2911, schedule of items and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and all Executive Engineers under Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka and Eden Bldg. PWD Division, Dhaka on usual payment of all working days during office hours up to 2.1.97.

**Executive Engineer**  
Narsingdi PWD Division,  
Narsingdi

DFP-29543-18/12  
G-1962

**RHD, Notice Inviting Tender**

- Tender Notice No : T-08/96-97 P&S Divn Dhaka Dt 11.12.96/27.8.1403
- Name of work : Supply of Tyre with Tubes of Comatsu Grader (Model-GD-505) of Road Division Pabna under RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Charge to T&R during the year, 1996-97.
- Estimated cost. : Tk As per schedule.
- Earnest money : Tk 2% of the Estimated Cost.
- Time allowed for completion of work : 20 (twenty) days from the date of issue of Work Order.
- Category of contractor : A, B & C Class Contractor under RHD, 'D' Class Enlisted Contractor of Equipment Control & Procurement Circle, Dhaka & 'E' Class Enlisted Contractor of this Divn according to financial capacity. Mantion brand Tyre Agency holder can participate with showing their documents.
- Tender documents will be sold : Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Equipment Control Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning Division, (Road Bridge) Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka & Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Sub-Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka on all working days.
- Tender documents will be received : 1. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Equipment Control & Procurement Circle, Dhaka.  
2. Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
- Tender documents will be sold up to : 31.12.96 (17.9.1403 Bangla)
- Closing time & date of tender : 01.01.97 & at 12.00 Noon.
- Last date & time of opening tender : 02.01.97 at 12.01 P.M.
- Lottery date & time of opening tender : 02.01.97 at 1.30 P.M.

**Md Saber Ali**  
Executive Engineer, RHD, (C.C.)  
Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

DFP-29801-19/12  
G-1963