



CHANDPUR: View of the closed Red Crescent Maternity and Hospital at Puran Bazar of the district town. — Star photo

Fund constraint compels closure of hospital

From Our Correspondent
 CHANDPUR, Dec 25: The 20-bed Chandpur Red Crescent Maternity and Hospital has been closed since the very beginning of this year. The hospital established jointly by the Danish Red Cross and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society in 1980 was inaugurated in 1984. The 20-bed hospital with modern operation theatre and well equipped laboratory employed some four doctors and 30 nurses. However, 23 staff members have not received their salaries for a year. The Red Crescent Society took up management from January 1995. The authorities, when contacted, said that due to fund constraint they were unable to run the hospital.

Brickfields threaten environment

From Our Correspondent
 KUSHIA, Dec 25: At least 20 thousand acres of land are being used in brick manufacturing in the district. It is reported that increasing number of brickfields have become a threat to the environment as thousands of immature trees are being used as firewood in these fields everyday. A good number of flower and fruit bearing trees are also being burnt in these brickfields. On the other hand these lands are being deprived of the cultivation of paddy, production of which is gradually decreasing resulting in its high price and inconveniences for the poor people who fail to purchase it within their capacity. Moreover, the productivity of land has also decreased due to the adverse effect of brickfields in this area. Every year three to four crops are grown in this region through irrigation. Now it has become impossible to grow crops near the brickfields as soil fertility has been declining gradually in the surrounding area of the brickfields. As a result, farmers are having a tough time. Finding no other alternative they are compelled to mortgage their lands to the brickfields owners. On the other hand brickfield owners complained that they are compelled to use wood in manufacturing bricks as they cannot afford to buy coal at fair price. They further alleged that the price of coal imported by the government is very high. So to keep brick prices stable they use wood which is much cheaper. High cost of firewood had been causing immense hardship to the common people who use it in cooking.

56-man Feni dist AL body

FENI, Dec 25: Advocate Abul Kashem and Zainal Abedin Hazari MP were elected president and general secretary respectively of the 56-member Feni district unit Awami League for the next three-year term at its annual conference held here yesterday, reports BSS. President member of Bangladesh Awami League Amir Hossain Amu attended the conference as the chief guest while Advocate Abul Kashem, president of Feni district Awami League, presided.

Road blockade in Pabna protesting police action

PABNA, Dec 25: Transport workers stopped movement of vehicles creating barricade with buses in the town for two hours here on Tuesday in protest against the police beating of a bus driver, reports UNB. In the evening, a traffic police along with other police of the police line grievously injured a bus driver Selim. Hearing the news the transport workers demanding punishment of the policemen created road blockade. Additional Police Super of Pabna and OC of the sadar reached the spot and after preliminary investigation suspended the traffic police Nuruddin and assured the agitating workers to take proper action against the other cops. Later the transport workers removed the barricade at 9.30 pm. The injured driver was rushed to the hospital.

Wood-cutter's tragic death

SATKHIRA, Dec 25: A wood-cutter was eaten up by a tiger on Saturday at Kalagachhi in the Sundarban forest, officials said, reports UNB. The deceased Santosh Mondol, 45, while cutting wood fell in the clutches of man-eater. Another report adds: Police Saturday nabbed three extortionists from their houses at Matadanga in Sadar thana. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the village and arrested Kashem, Kalam and Azibar. A case was filed with the sadar thana against them.



GOPALGANJ: A partial view of the shops gutted in the town recently. — Star photo

36 persons killed in 10 months in Meherpur

From Our Correspondent
 MEHERPUR, Dec 25: A total of 36 persons were murdered, 200 others injured, 200 dacoities were committed and about 50 clashes took place in the district during 10 months beginning from January 1996. Of these 24 murders took place in Meherpur sadar thana and 12 murders were committed in Gangni thana, according to records in two police stations of the district. It may be mentioned that first murder started in the month of February 1996. On February 26, three persons were slaughtered in village Baradi and Hasnabad colony in one night. In the month of March four murders were committed. On March 3 Obaidullah of village Bhabanipur under Gangni thana. On March 13 Shabu of village Raipur of Gangni thana. On March 21 Biplob of village Subrajpur of sadar thana. On March 23 Samiruddin of village Shampur were murdered. In April two murders were committed. On April 9 Parveen of village Nishchintapur of sadar thana and on April 21 Saleha of Gangni thana were murdered. 11 persons were murdered in the month of May. On May 3 Kalpana of Gangni thana, on May 5 Ahmad Ali of village Jharbaria of sadar thana, on May 10 Sultan, Rafiqul and Nazrul of village Rajnagar under sadar thana and Wahed of Raipur village. On May 13 Delbar and Mohsin Ali of village Pirojpur of sadar thana, on May 16 Nisarul of village Khoksa, on May 25 Jamiruddin of village Nishipur of Gangni thana, on May 27 Jahan Karigar of village Anandabas of sadar thana were murdered. On the month of June two persons were murdered. They are Murad Ali of village Balarpur of sadar thana on June 13 and Majiran Khatun of village Golapnagar of sadar thana on June 26 were murdered. On July 3 murders were committed. On July 13 Karimuddin of village Baradi of sadar thana, on July 23 Mohsin of village Raipur under Gangni Thana and on July 27 Sher Ali of Gangni thana were victims of murder. In August six murders were committed. On August 3 Shamul Alam of village Jaypur under sadar thana, on August 5 Communist Party and Workers Party are in logger head and this may continue further if those party members are not arrested. On August 16 Asgar Ali of village Hogolbaria of Gangni thana. On August 17

Shahin of village Ashrapur of sadar thana on August 27 Fatema Khatun of village Baikuntapur were murdered. In September two persons were murdered. On September 17 Kamal of village Kodalkathi under Gangni thana, Abedin of village Dariapur of sadar thana were murdered. In the month of October 3 murders were committed. On October 15 Shariful of village Shidurkota, Razia of village Sabarbari and lastly Rokeya Khatun of village Isakhal of Gangni thana were murdered. Besides, during last 10 months dacoities were committed in about 200 houses of different villages of both Gangni and sadar thana, according to police sources. About 50 clashes ensued between rival groups and about 200 persons were injured, according to hospital source. Informed circle think that if law enforcing agencies take stringent measures number of dacoity would be reduced. Regarding murder both Biplob Communist Party and Workers Party are in logger head and this may continue further if those party members are not arrested.



NATORE: Members of Bishwa Shahitya Kendra participating in 'Agni Sapath' — a poetry recital programme at Sakam auditorium here recently. — Star photo

High price of essentials hits consumers hard

From Our Correspondent
 NATORE, Dec 25: Prices of all essentials, except rice, marked sharp rise in local markets here, market sources informed. Prices of vegetables, atta, flour and pulses have gone up abnormally. Market sources said, coarse rice is being sold at Taka 9 per kilogram, medium quality rice at Taka 10 per kg, tares rice at Taka 12 and fine quality of rice in between Taka 13 and Taka 14. Atta is being sold at Taka 16 per kg while flour is being sold at Taka 17 per kg. Soyabean oil is being sold at Taka 48 per kg, mustard at Taka 46 and mustard oil at Taka 56. Prices of pulses of different categories have also gone up as 'mug dal' is being sold at Taka 40 per kg and 'Kalar' at Taka 42 per kg. Onion is being sold at Taka 16 per kg and chilly at Taka 60 per kg. The prices of vegetables are also high. Patal is being sold at Taka 14 per kg, bean at Taka 22 per kg, cauliflowers and cabbages at Taka 20 per kg, brinjal at Taka 14 per kg, tomato at Taka 12 per kg and potato at Taka 30 per kg.

Two killed in Sirajganj road accidents

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 25: Two people were killed and two others injured in separate road mishaps in the district on Tuesday, reports UNB. In the first accident, a speeding truck crashed one Mowla Box, 59, at Sharishakole in Shahjadpur thana at about 11 am in the Bogra-Nagarbari highway. The killer truck fled the scene soon after the accident. In the other accident at Shahebganj in Rayganj thana, a Rangpur-bound coach hit three people while they were crossing the road. Of them, Rahima, 7, died on the spot and two others were given first aid. Two separate cases were filed with the police.

10 shops gutted in Gopalganj

From Our correspondent
 GOPALGANJ, Dec 25: A total of 10 shops were gutted in a devastating fire at Chowrungee Road, a very important business centre of the town on December 21 midnight. The fire originated from electric short circuit. Gopalganj fire service personnel and local people jointly brought fire under control. The loss was estimated at Tk 30 lakh. Five persons were injured. No relief goods reached the fire affected area till writing of this report.

Chars in river threaten navigation

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 25: Emergence of innumerable chars has threatened the movement of rivercraft in the river Jamuna, reports UNB. Local people said, about 700 chars have emerged in the Jamuna in the district. Incidents of grounding of rivercrafts are occurring frequently. A passenger launch with 150 people on board grounded at Chaudaner char while coming from Jagannathganj ghat to Sirajganj ghat on Tuesday at about 11:45 am. The railway authorities have already suspended the plying of ferries between Jagannathganj and Sirajganj ghats due to fall of water level. As the dry season coming nearer new chars are being emerged hampering the movement of rivercraft.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 Directorate of Food Inspection, Development & Technical Services Department
 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka
 Memo No. IDTS/IC-9/93/(Part-1)/1787 Dated: 7.12.96, 23.8.1403 BS

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited locally from suppliers to purchase 500 (five hundred) Nos gas proof sheets for use in insect eradication of foodgrains stored at various food godowns under the Directorate of Food. Tender schedule containing rules & regulations and terms & conditions of tender regarding purchase of gas proof sheets can be purchased at Tk 2000 (two thousand) only in cash (non-refundable) per set from the Treasurer of Accounts & Finance Department at 4th floor of Directorate of Food (16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000) on any working day during office hours up to 11.1.97. Tender should be dropped in the tender box kept in front of Room No. 531 at 5th floor of Directorate of Food by 11.00 am of 12.1.97. The tender box as well as the offers received will be opened on the same day at 11.30 am in presence (if any) of the tenderers/tenders' representatives in the conference room of the Directorate of Food. The right to reject or accept any tender without assigning any reason will be reserved by the authority.

Md Abul Quasem
 Director
 Inspection, Development & Technical Services Department
 Directorate of Food, Dhaka

DFP-28707-10/12 G-2005

In the Court of Sub-Judge and 1st Artha Rin Adalat, Dhaka

Money Suit No. 3/96
 Janata Bank, Sarulia Branch, PS: Demra, Dist: Dhaka Plaintiff

VERSUS
 Md Majibur Rahman Khan, S/o Md Abdul Based Khan, Vill: Gauranj, PS. Ghatail, Dist: Tangail.

AT PRESENT
 Md Majibur Rahman Khan, S/o Md Abdul Based Khan, 72, Rajbari, PS: Bandar, Dist: Narayanganj. Defendant

By this notice the above named defendants are notified that the plaintiff Bank has filed the above suit for realisation of Tk 48,799/- (Taka forty-eight thousand seven hundred ninety-nine) only as on 31.10.95 against you. Therefore, you are, directed to appear in the court in person or through advocate on 6.1.97 and to repay if any otherwise the above suit will be heard exparte.

Given under my signature and seal of this court this the day of 1996.

DFP-29826-21/12 G-1999 **Seresadar**
 First Artha Rin Adalat, Dhaka

Tender Notice

No.-XEN/CO Gazi/34/96/385 Dated: 10/12/96

Sealed tender in PDB's Form No. 2 is hereby invited from the enlisted A, B, C & D Class contractors of PDB/DESA for the supply of stationery goods for Commercial Operation Division, Gazipur, DESA. Tender documents may be obtained at an amount of Tk 30 (Thirty) only (Non-refundable) in the Pay Order in favour of Additional Director (Accounts), RAO, DESA, Dhaka from the offices of the General Manager, Consumer Service, North, DESA, 75, Kakrail, Dhaka, Superintending Engineer, Consumer Service, Tongi Circle, 22, Sonargaon Avenue, Sector 9, Uttara, Dhaka and office of the undersigned against written permission. The tender will be sold up to 11.1.97 Noon and will be received in the above offices up to 12.00 Noon at 12.1.97. The tender box will be opened on 12.1.97 at 12.30 PM in presence of the tenderers, if any present. The undersigned right of control the tender may be cancelled for any reason.

Executive Engineer
 DFP-29675-19/12 Commercial Operation Division
 G-1995 Gazipur, DESA, Gazipur

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Deputy Director
 Animal Resources (Medicine depot) Department
 48, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka-1000
 Memo No. S&E/FR-101(2)/96-97/1238 Dated: 11.12.96 (28.8.1403 BS)

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from Animal Resources Directorate enlisted contractors for supply of spare parts to repair inoperative fridge & deep fridge at the office of the Deputy-Director, Animal Resources (Medicine depot) Department, 48, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka. Tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned, Director, Animal Health & Administration, Farmgate, Khamarbari Road, Dhaka & Divisional Commissioner's Office, 1st 12-storey building, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka by 11.30 hours of 5.1.97 which will be opened on the same day at 12.00 hours at the chamber of Director (Animal Health & Administration), Animal Resources Directorate, Khamarbari Road, Farmgate, Dhaka in presence (if any) of the contractors. Tender schedule can be purchased on cash payment of Tk 750 (Seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) per set from the office of the undersigned & Divisional Commissioner's office up to 1.00 hours of 4.1.97. No tender will be acceptable without tender schedule. No tender will be sold on the date of opening tender. The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason. Other detailed descriptions can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Dr Md Tayab Ali Bhuiyan
 Deputy-Director
 Animal Resources (Medicine depot) Department
 DFP-29435-18/12 G-2000 48, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka-1000

Directorate General Defence Purchase
 Ministry of Defence
 New Airport Road
 Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in local currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/indentors (Not necessarily enlisted with DGGP) for supply of the following items for the Army:
 a. Regulated Dual Channel (OP-1/OP-2) - Qty-02 Nos.
 DC Power Supply - Qty-07 Nos.
 b. Digital Multimeter

2. Tender schedule with detailed specification will be available on payment of Taka 20/- (Not refundable) from 4.1.97 to 31.1.97 on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened on 3.2.97 at 1000 hours in presence of tenderers (if any).
 ISPR/Misc/96/2152
 DFP-29638-19/12 G-2004 **Major**
 for Director General

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
 Facilities Department
 Madaripur Zone, Madaripur
 No. 09/FD/MZ/96-97 Dated: 09/11/96

Corrigendum Notice

Under unavoidable circumstances, the last date of purchasing tender and the last date of receiving tender vide this office Tender Notice No. 09/FD/MZ/96-97 dated 9.11.96 are refixed on 2.1.97 instead of 2.12.96 and 4.1.97 instead of 4.12.96 respectively. The paragraph 'D' of the Condition No. 8 of the notice is hereby cancelled and the paragraph should be read as — certificate from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer to the effect that the tenderer has satisfactorily completed similar building construction work including civil sanitary & electrical works, worth one third of the value of this Department's work under a single contract within the past 3(three) years for Govt/Private educational institution and work order should be submitted. Other terms & conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

Abdus Salam Khan
 Executive Engineer
 Facilities Department
 Madaripur Zone, Madaripur
 DFP-29832-21/12 G-2001

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. 41/EE/CRD/1996-97
 2. Name of work Tender invitation for work of widening road dam with earth in 3 (three) groups at different kilometers of Comilla-Chandpur Road under Chandpur Road Division during 1996-97 financial year. (Head of expenditure: 266 Q 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 documents will be available Office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Comilla/ B-Bania/Planning & Designing Division, Comilla and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under this Division.
 6. Name of offices where tender documents will be received Office of the Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Comilla and office of the undersigned.
 7. Time allotted 30 (thirty) days from the date of issuing work order.
 8. Last date of selling tender 5.1.97(22.9.1403 BS) up to office hours.
 9. Date & time of receiving tender 6.1.97(23.9.1403 BS) up to 12:30 PM.
 10. Date & time of opening tender 8.1.97(25.9.1403 BS) at 11:00 AM.
 11. Eligibility of contractor R&H Directorate enlisted 'A' to 'E' general class contractors.

Gr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money
1 (one)	Work of widening Road Dam with earth at the 52nd kilometer of Comilla-Chandpur road under Chandpur Road Division during 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 3,58,124/-	Tk 7,163/-
2 (two)	Work of -do- -do- at 53rd kilometer -do- -do-	Tk 3,41,921/-	Tk 6,839/-
3 (three)	Work of -do- -do- at 57th kilometer -do- -do-	Tk 3,31,373/-	Tk 6,628/-

DFP-29499-18/12 G-2002 **Executive Engineer, R&H**
 Road Division, Chandpur