

Minors, teens involved in sumuggling

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Dec 28: At least one lakh children, mostly boys are involved in smuggling and drug trafficking across the northern region, a recent survey report said.

The survey, conducted by a Non-Government Organisation (NGO), said that most of the minor and teenagers are gradually being involved in the illegal trafficking of various kinds of drugs and smuggling of goods to and from India for long time and day by day the figure of their involvements are alarmingly increasing.

In the border belts across the northern districts the number of these smugglers and drug traffickers are much higher comparing to other bordering

Obituary

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Dec 28: Sirajul Islam, former Head master of Magura Model High School died at his residence in the town on December 21. He was 81. He was the father of Hossain Siraj, District Correspondent, Dainik Janata. The deceased left behind his sons, daughters and well-wishers.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Midwife (TBA) Training Project

Directorate of Family Planning
65, Pilkhana Road, Azimpur
Dhaka-1205

Memo No TBA/Train/DFP/Dhaka/IEC/95/74/706 Dated: 19-12-96 (5-9-1403 BS)

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from govt approved advertising firms/film producer firms for making a 60-second "television spot" for motivating pregnant mothers to use and further popularise safe delivery packet (Kit) "Dhatri" during delivery under "Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA)" training project of Directorate of Family Planning. All terms & conditions and detailed descriptions of submitting tender for making TV spot have been inserted in the tender schedule. Tender schedule can be purchased by depositing Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) in Bangladesh Bank through Treasury Challan under head "36 Health & Population Control" in favour of Director General, Directorate of Family Planning, Azimpur, Dhaka and submitting the original copy of the Treasury Challan to Midwife (TBA) Training Project's Accounts Section on every working day up to 02-01-97. As per condition of the schedule it should be dropped in any one of the tender boxes kept at the undermentioned places by 12-00 Noon of 04-04-97 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 1-00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenders.

The authority reserves full rights to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Places where tender boxes will be kept

1. Directorate of Family Planning, Dhaka (in front of Room No 203 on first floor).
2. MIS unit, Green Super Market, 14, Green Road (in front of the Chamber of Director, MIS on 3rd floor).
3. Project Director, Midwife (TBA) Training Project, Directorate of Family Planning, 65, Pilkhana Road, Azimpur, Dhaka (in front of the office room on first floor).

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RHD Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed Tenders Inviting in BD Form No. 2911

1. Tender Notice No. : 155/RDD/1996-97.
2. Name of work : Repairing the existing damaged godown of Wood Workshop within the Mechanical Workshop premises under Dhaka Road Divn during 1996-97.
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Tk 4,59,410/-
3. Estimated cost : Tk 4,918/- in BD/TC/NDS certificate in fav of EE RHD, Road Divn, Dhaka from any scheduled bank.
4. Earnest money : 30 (thirty) days from the dt of issue of work order.
5. Eligibility of contractor : 'A' to 'E' class enlisted contractor of RHD general category.
6. Name of offices of availability of tender documents : Office of the EE, RHD, Road Divn, Dhaka/Manikganj/ Munshiganj/ Narsingi/Narayanganj/ Gazipur/Planning & Design Divn, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/SDE, RHD, Rd Sub-Divn. I/II/Kallyanpur, Dhaka.
7. Name of officers to receive the tender bids : SE, RHD, Rd Circle, Dhaka/ Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/EE, RHD, Road Divn, Dhaka/ SDE, RHD, Road Sub-Divn I/II/Kallyanpur, Dhaka.
8. Name of officers to receive the tender bids : SE, RHD, Rd Circle, Dhaka/ Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/EE, RHD, Road Divn, Dhaka/ SDE, RHD, Road Sub-Divn I/II/Kallyanpur, Dhaka.
9. Last date of tender documents selling up to office hours on 4.1.97.
10. Last date of receipt of tender up to 12:30PM on 5.1.97.
11. Date & time of opening of bids at 12:45PM on 7.1.97.
12. Lottery date & time at 11:00 AM on 9.1.97.

Arifur Rahman
Executive Engineer, RHD
Road Division, Dhaka

Chalan Beel: PM's assurance goes in vain

From M A Ali Himu

NATORE, Dec 28: The work on Chalan Beel project is likely to remain incomplete for want of fund in coming year causing sufferings to about 50 thousand farmers of the Beel areas.

Official sources said, fresh initiative were taken to start the project from 1997 following assurance from the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a cabinet meeting at Natore Uttara Gonobhaban on August 23, '96.

However, the sources added, fund constraints stand in the way of implementation of the project.

The work of Taka 44 crore project was started in 1976 and it was stopped in 1984 due to financial crisis.

In the recent days the smuggling of Indian sources, cloths, sugar, salt, fishes, insecticides, spices, onion, spares of bicycles and various other machineries have been intensified. Similarly the smuggling of Bangladeshi polyester, cloths, cosmetics, electronic goods etc. are being smuggled inside Indian territory.

In the meantime, there are allegations that 'sick' cattle are rampantly being smuggled inside the country from various places of India. These 'sick' cattle are spreading diseases in the country.

The Chalan Beel Project includes areas of Natore, Bogra, Pabna and Sirajganj districts.

RU Syndicate, Academic Council polls Jan 7

RAJSHAHI, Dec 28: Thirty-six candidates have submitted nominations to contest the coming elections to different administrative and policy-making bodies, including Syndicate and Academic Council of the Rajshahi University, reported UNB.

Campus sources said, the nomination papers were submitted Wednesday, the last day for submission of nomination papers.

The elections to the university Syndicate, the highest policy-making body, deans of its six faculties, Academic Council and Finance Committee are scheduled for January 7, 1997.

Ten candidates submitted nominations to contest the elections for five Syndicate member posts, 12 each for six posts of Dean and six members of the Academic Council while two for one Finance committee member.

The elections to 15-member Rajshahi University Teachers' Association will also be held on the same day (Jan 7) for which the last date to submit nomination papers is December 28.

Two panels — pro-Awami League yellow and Jamaat-backed green — will contest the elections.

Meanwhile, the Zia Parishad has suffered a split. A major portion of the Parishad led by its Secretary Prof Rafiqul Islam joined the Awami League-backed Yellow Panel while the rest led by Parishad President Prof Sohrabuddin threw their weights on Jamaat-backed Green Panel.

Review meeting on NID

KHULNA, Dec 28: A review and preparatory meeting on National Immunization Day was held at divisional commissioner's office here on Monday, reported UNB.

The meeting discussed threaddore on the first phase of 3rd national immunization day observed on December 8 and took some decisions to resolve the problems faced by the workers during the observance of the day. Besides, it discussed matters related to the 2nd phase of the immunization day on January 8.

On December 8, some 19,09,799 children, below five years, were given Polio vaccine through 15,000 centres in Khulna division. However, the target was 18,86,342.

39 held, arms recovered in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Dec 28: Police arrested 39 people and recovered some arms and ammunition from different parts of the port city in two days till Wednesday, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, seven were caught for possessing unauthorised arms and ammunition while the rest held on various charges.

The recovered arms and ammunition included one for sign-made shotgun and one revolver, two lightguns and 30 ammunition.

Panchlaish police caught Mafizur Rahman, Abdul Hakim and Mohammad Alam along with the shotgun from a house in the thana. Doublemooring police picked up Rasel, Tuhin and Ashim with the revolver and seven rounds of ammunition.

Chandgaon police arrested one unidentified youngman with two lightguns and two cartridges.

Besides, CMP and DB police recovered four cut-rifles, three pistols and eight lightguns, including 77 bullets from six thanas during this month.

Nine houses gutted

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Dec 28: Nine dwelling houses were burnt to ashes in a devastating fire that broke out in the house of one Malu Sharif of village Duasur under Kalkini thana in Madaripur district recently.

Eye witnesses said the fire originating from the kitchen of the house engulfed the adjacent houses.

No casualties were reported till filing of the news.

The first phase of the project was financed by World Food Programme (WFP) and International Development Agency (IDA).

The first phase of the project includes construction of 200 kilometres long flood control embankment, digging of 300 kilometres long canal, building of 24 regulators, 250 sluice gates, 55 bridges and 132 culverts.

Official sources said, 197 kilometres long flood control embankment, 104 kilometres long canal, 12 regulators, 93 sluice gates and three bridges were completed till 1984, when work of the project had to be stopped due to fund shortage.

A reliable source in the BWDB, Natore office informed The Daily Star that the work of the project was suspended following a dispute over construction of a regulator at the mouth of the river Baral near Charchhat thana of Rajshahi district.

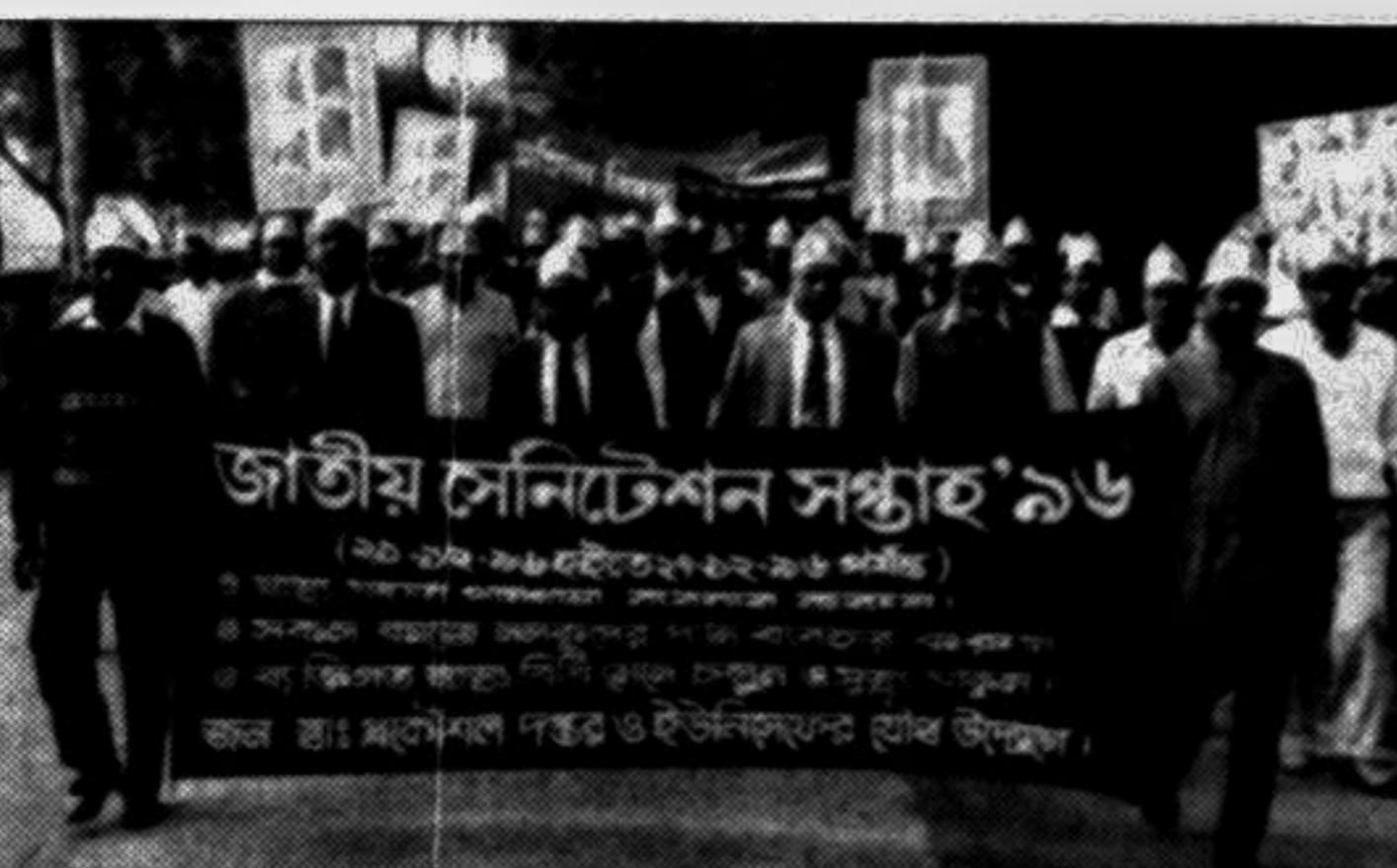
The source added that, at the beginning of the 1993-94 financial year, the Board was

supposed to start the incomplete works of the project in 1994. But the effort failed and fresh efforts were taken to start the project during 1996-97 financial year. Sources said, the works are unlikely to start.

After completion of the Chalan Beel project an additional amount of foodgrains worth about Taka 10 crore from 2.14 lakh acres of land under the project area would be directly or indirectly benefitted after implementation of the project.

Altaf Uddin, a local peasants' leader of Gurudasupur thana told this correspondent that as the Chalan Beel project remains incomplete, thousands of marginal and solvent farmers of the Beel area under the scheme have been suffering.

He explained that during rainy season, a huge quantity of crop-land are damaged by the heavy flood. "We can not even plough our land during dry season as the farm land loses moisture," Altaf said.



FARIDPUR: District Public Health Engineering Department and UNICEF jointly brought out a procession recently in observance of the National Sanitation Week '96.

— Star photo

Illicit love affair, land dispute claim one life

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Dec 28: One person was brutally killed allegedly over a land dispute arising out of an illicit love affair at village Golabaria under the Sadar thana in the district on December 24 night.

The victim was identified as Narendra Nath Chowdhury alias Hachan.

It was learnt from the local people that Narendra Nath Chowdhury gave his homestead as gift to his wife, Fulmala, about 14 years ago by virtue of a registered document. But Fulmala transferred the homestead to one Karam Ali of village Golabaria and Karam Ali claimed he executed and got registered a deed cancelling the gift made to Fulmala ignoring its sale to Humyun Kazi by Fulmala and as such he had to

die. On the fatal night of December 24 some unknown miscreants called Narendra Nath Chowdhury alias Hachan from his residence at Charnarayandia in the name of his kith. Nowsher Ali alias Nasu of village of Charnarayandia. Afterwards the dead body of Narendra Nath Chowdhury was found nearly his residence in the morning of December 25. The miscreants incised his neck and gouged out one of his eyes.

Gopalganj thana police has started an unnatural death (UD case) in this connection and arrested Fulmala Chowdhury. Humyun Kazi (who serves as a driver in Gopalganj pourashava) and Isahak of village Golabaria.

The brutal murder has created sensation in the locality.

One Killed, 15 hurt in Gopalganj road accident

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Dec 28: One person was killed and 15 others injured in a bus accident near Shindhiaghata on Gopalganj-Takerhat road recently.

It was learnt that a bus was going to Takerhat from Gopalganj town. When the bus reached near Shindhiaghata, the bus gave side to another passenger bus at about 9 am on the fatal day. Then the driver lost control of the bus. As a result the passenger bus fell down in a roadside ditch. Karim Mia, 38, died on the spot and 15 passengers were injured, four of them seriously. They were admitted to Gopalganj sadar hospital.

The victims are Habibur Rahman, 45, Rashed Mia, 32, Mohibur Rahman, 26, and Latu Khan, 13.

Hunters kill 200 guest birds daily?

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Dec 28: About 200 winter migratory birds are being killed on an average every day in Jamalpur district, according to a Zoological Department source.

The reason behind the gradual decrease of both local and guest birds are attributed to indiscriminate hunting of birds with guns and scarcity of fish in haors, beels and reverine areas.

Some high officials of the government also come from Dhaka to Bahadurabad ghat area for hunting migratory birds. It is alleged.

The local people urge the government to take immediate necessary action.

The World Bank, however, assured rehabilitation of the project with the financial assistance from some donor agencies.

The implementation of the rehabilitation programme needs about Taka 10 crore but no donor agency is yet agree to finance the project, the concerned sources here informed.

The rehabilitation work includes construction of 426 kilometres long flood control embankment, digging of 356 kilometres long canal, construction of 16 regulators, 57 sluice gates, 171 kilometres long road, four bridges and 47 culverts, the sources said.

Meanwhile BWDB has taken up a decision to start the rehabilitation work with the surplus fund of the project in FCD. However, the Board will not be able to complete the work, it was learnt.

Farmers of the project area have urged the donor agencies and the government to assist the project immediately in the greater interest of the country.

Eye camp

BANDARBAN, Dec 28: Some 380 patients received treatment at a week-long eye camp that concluded at sadar hospital recently, UNB reported.

Of them 50 patients were operated upon at the camp jointly organised by Local Government Council (LGC) and Jatiya Anchal Kalyan Samity.

No schedule will be sold on the date of submitting tender.

Superintendent

MAGURA, Dec 28: The teachers of Government and non-government primary schools of the town demanded removal of Md Yunus Ali, district Primary Education Officer (DPEO), Magura alleging him of misbehaviour with the teachers.

The agitated teachers arranged a meeting demanding his removal from the district.

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Urgent Auction Notice

Sealed tenders are invited by 12:00 noon of 04-01-97 from bonafide traders & contractors for auction sale of condemned X-ray machine, cassette, hanger and other goods of different departments of this Institute. Tender schedule will be available against cash payment of Tk 200 (two hundred) only from this Institute's Accounts Section/SLPP office & Superintendent's Personal Assistant up to 02-01-97. Besides this, tender schedule will also be available from Director, Stores & Supply, Central Medical Store, Tejgaon & Chief Technical Manager, NIMIU, Mohakali, Dhaka up to 02-01-97.

No schedule will be sold on