

Minors, teens involved in smuggling

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

districts. The poverty stricken guardians of the minor and teenagers have no control over their sons. This lucrative business easily attract the young boys.

There are allegations that the organised gangs of the smugglers are running a number of training centres to impart training to the minor boys and teenagers on smugglings and drug traffickings.

The gang leaders reportedly keep close contact with the law enforcing agencies so that they can run their illegal trade without any resistance, it is alleged.

In the recent days the smuggling of Indian sources, clothes, sugar, salt, fishes, insecticides, spices, onion, spares of bicycles and various other machineries have been intensified. Similarly the smuggling of Bangladeshi polyester, clothes, 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 cattle are spreading diseases in the country.

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.

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 area.

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.

Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) launched the project in this region with a view to control flood and ex-traction of water as well as help the inhabitants who largely depend on agriculture at the mouth of the river Baral near Charchat thana of Rajshahi district.

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

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 Charchat 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 produced, the sources informed adding that about 50,000 people of the Chalan Beel area would be directly or indirectly benefitted after implementation of the project.

Altai Uddin, a local peasants' leader of Gurudaspur 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," Altai said.

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.

RU Syndicate, Academic Council polls Jan 7

RAJSHAH, 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, reports 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, reports UNB.

The meeting discussed the progress on the first phase of 3rd national immunization day observed on December 8 and took some decision 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 18,89,342.

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 foreign-made stengun and one revolver, two lightguns and 30 ammunition.

Panchalaish police caught Mafizur Rahman, Abdul Hakim and Mohammad Alam along with the stengun from a house in the thana. Doublemooing police picked up Rasel, Tuftin and Ashim with the revolver and seven rounds of ammunition.

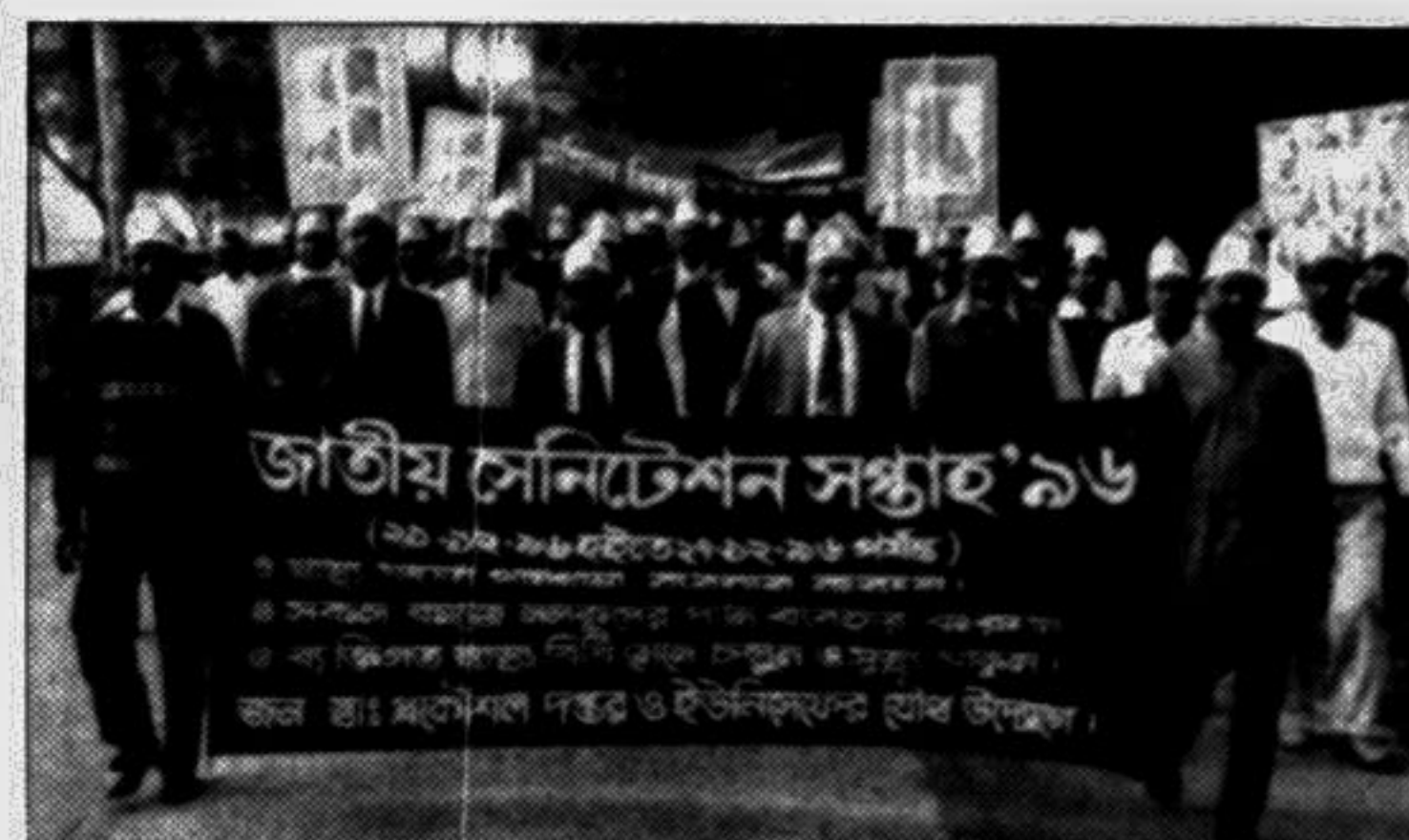
Chandgaon police arrested one unidentified youngman with two lightguns and two cartridges.

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 Mafiz Sharif of village Duasar 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.



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

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, 65.

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 took possession of the property. It was also alleged that Fulmala had illicit relationship with Karam Ali and he wanted to marry her on conversion as a Muslim. Karam Ali gave back the same property to Fulmala after a few years. Meanwhile, Narendra Nath Chowdhury alias Hachan went to India for living there as he could not resist and tolerate the illicit relationship between Karam Ali and Fulmala. But the illicit relationship could not continue in the face of tough opposition from Karam Ali's relatives and local people.

It was further alleged that subsequently Fulmala sold the said homestead to one Humayun Kazi of Gatepara under Gopalganj pourashava a few months back and Fulmala went to India to live with her husband.

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, Humayun 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

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

It was learnt that a bus was going to Takerhat from Gopalganj town. When the bus reached near Shindhiaghat, the bus gave side to another passenger bus at about 9 am on the fateful 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, Rashu Mia, 32, Mohibur Rahman, 26, and Lotu Khan, 13.

The fire originated from the Kazi, the Builders on December 12 and engulfed the adjacent godowns damaging 20,000 maunds of jute and about 50,000 maunds of fertilizer in 15 godowns.

Fire fighters from different areas took more than three hours to bring the fire under control.

Jamalpur Jute Traders' Association sought government assistance and compensation when the State Minister for Religious Affairs went to visit the affected godowns recently.

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 Zoological Department source.

In this season, birds usually fly from one beel to another and bees and haors turn into the kingdom of birds. During the previous years different kinds of birds were seen in this season in the district.

The source viewed that most of the winter birds come from Siberia region or here severe cold prevails, during the months of November to Febru-

Jute godowns set ablaze: Estimated loss Tk 1.25 cr

JAMALPUR, Dec 28: The loss of jute and fertilizer due to the devastating fire at several jute godowns at Chapatala here is now estimated to be about Tk 1.25 crore, reports UNB.

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Tk 36 lakh for 9 dev projects

FENI, Dec 28: Feni Zilla Parishad has allocated about Taka 36 lakh for implementation of nine development projects in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

Zilla parishad sources said the projects include construction of roads and culverts and repair of a Dakbanglow.

Work on the projects will begin soon and will be completed before June next.

Removal of DPEO demanded

From Our Correspondent

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 the teachers.

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

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Institute of Post Graduate Medicine & Research Shahbag, Dhaka

No. IPGMR/S-19/96-97/1687

Dated 17-12-96

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, Mohakhali, Dhaka up to 02-01-97.

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

Superintendent

Institute of Post Graduate Medicine & Research
Shahbag, Dhaka.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Environment Management Division Boyra, Khulna.

Quotation Notice

Quotation Memorandum No-10

Dated: 11/12/96.

Quotation is hereby invited from importers/agents/dealers/suppliers in sealed envelope to supply and installation of solar power system at Katka, Sundarban East Sanctuary to deliver electric power of 240WH per day with five days autonomy with the following materials and as per attached specification in the quotation up to complete operation.

Sl No.	Description of materials	Qty.
01.	Photovoltaic Modules (PV Panel) 12V, 40Wp (Watt Peak)	03 Nos
02.	Solar Deep Cycle Industrial Battery, 12V, 100 AH @ 100 Hr	03 Nos
03.	Solar Charge Control Unit 12V, 8 Ampere	01 No
04.	8 Watt Fluorescent Tube Light with built in Inverter	06 Nos
05.	Module Support Structure	01 No
06.	Installation materials (Cable, Lug Nut-Bolt, Screw, Nail, Link-Clip, Wooden Batten, GI Wire, De-ionised Water, Petroleum Jelly etc.)	LS

Main Terms and Conditions

- Quotation will be received up to 12.00 Noon on 5th January, 1997 in the quotation box placed in the office of the ACCF (G) Banbhahan, Mohakhali, Dhaka and Divisional Forest Officer, Environment Management Division, Boyra, Khulna. The quotation will be opened by the undersigned at 01.00 PM of 8th January, 1997 in presence of quotationer (If any one remains present).
- The supplier will carry the goods to Khulna at their own cost of the system including the technician for installation of the system at Katka, East Sanctuary and the purchaser will provide necessary transport facility to carry the same to Katka along with the technician and their back journey after successful completion of the installation of the system up to satisfactory operation.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation in any part or full and to waive any irregularity of the quotation without assigning any reason.

Md Abdus Salam

DCF

Divisional Forest Officer

Environment Management Division, Boyra, Khulna.

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Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No. : 74 BRD of 1996-97.
- Name of work : Construction of HBB work including widening the road embankment at different km of different road under Barisal Road Division during the year 1996-97.
- Estimated amount : As per group list.
- Earnest money : -do-
- Time allowed : -do-
- Eligibility of contractor : -do-
- Name of office where tender documents will be available : Office of the Divisional Commissioner/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/Patuakhali/Bhola/Pirojpur/Planning Division (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Barisal/Jhalakathi/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Barisal during office hours on all working days. No tender form will be sold on the opening date of tender.
- Last date of sealing of tender : Up to 5 PM on 21.9.1403B/4.1.97E.
- Name of office where tender bids will be received in sealed cover : Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone, Barisal/Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Barisal/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/Patuakhali/Bhola/Pirojpur.
- Last date & time of receiving tender bids in sealed cover : Up to 12:30 PM on 22.9.1403B/5.1.97E.
- Date & time of recording tender bids in sealed cover : At 12:45 PM on 22.9.1403B/5.1.97 E.
- Date, time & name of office where tender will be opened : At 11:00 AM on 26.9.1403B/9.1.97E at office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal.
- Lottery date & time : At 11:00 AM on 28.9.1403B/11.1.97E.

Gr No	Name of work & location	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Time allowed	Ch to	Eligibility of contractor
1 (one)	Construction of HBB work in/c widening the road embankment by earth filling at 2nd(p) & 3rd(p) km of Temar-Kazirhat-Ratnapur Road	1619315/-	32390/-	40 (forty) days	266 C/A	'A' to 'C' class enlisted contractor under general category of the Roads & Highways Department & 'D' class enlisted contractor under general category of Road Circle, Barisal for all groups.
2 (two)	Construction of HBB work in/c widening the road embankment by earth filling at 2nd & 3rd (p) km of Galla-Sheral-Baroha zar Road.	1617124/-	32345/-	-do-	-do-	

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Executive Engineer, RHD
Barisal Road Division

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/EC/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) "Dhatir" 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 tenderers.

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

Places where tender boxes will be kept

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

Dr S M Jahangir

Project Director

Midwife (TBA) Training Project

65, Pilkhana Road

Azimpur, Dhaka-1205

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RHD Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed Tenders Inviting in BD Form No. 2911

- Tender Notice No. : 155/RDD/1996-97.
- Name of work : Repairing the existing damaged godown of Wood Workshop within the Mechanical Workshop premises under Dhaka Road Divn during 1996-97. Ch to T&R.
- Estimated cost : Tk 4,59,410/-
- Earnest money : Tk 9188/- in BD/TC/NDS certificate in fav of EE RHD, Road Divn, Dhaka from any scheduled bank.
- Time allowed : 30 (thirty) days from the dt of issue of work order.
- Eligibility of contractor : 'A' to 'E' class enlisted contractors of RHD general category.
- Name of offices of availability of tender documents : Office of the EE, RHD, Road Divn, Dhaka/Manikganj/ Munshiganj/ Narsingdi/Narayanganj/ Gazipur/Planning & Design Divn, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/SDE, RHD, Rd Sub-Divn. I/II/Kallyanpur, Dhaka.
- 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.

NB: As per instruction of the SE, RHD, Road Circle, Dhaka's Memo No. 3567(6) dt. 20.6.94 all tender will have to be opened in the respective Divn offices. As such the receiving officers are requested to send the tender received by them in each condition to the office of the undersigned before the dt of opening.

- Last date of tender documents selling up to office hours on 4.1.97.
- Last date of receipt of tender up to 12:30PM on 5.1.97.
- Date & time of opening of bids at 12:45PM on 7.1.97.
- Lottery date & time at 11:00 AM on 9.1.97.

Arifur Rahman

Executive Engineer, RHD

Road Division, Dhaka

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