

Drug traffickers active in Natore

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Dec 31: A powerful drug trafficking syndicate in Natore region has changed its strategy and is now using mainly the river routes for marketing phensidyl to different parts of the country. The alternate land route has not been abandoned and is being used only occasionally, an investigation by The Daily Star correspondent revealed. The routes are changed frequently to escape vigilance of local people at different points. Because with a few exceptions, the illegal trafficking is being carried out allegedly with the knowledge and cooperation of a section of law-enforcing personnel. This correspondent foraging the drug business has learnt that phensidyl enters Natore through the border areas of Lalpur thana and from some points in Rajshahi district surrounding Natore. The traffickers first make a buffer stock of the item at selected points in the border areas of Rajshahi and Natore. The main points are learnt: Arani, Belpukur, Shardah, Baneshwar, Taherpur and Shadhanpur. The phensidyl traders use the boats that ply from Taherpur and Shadhanpur hats with vegetables and other goods for Dhaka. About 100 to 150 boats leave these two hats for Dhaka twice in a week. At least 2,000 bottles of phensidyl worth about Taka two lakh are loaded in each boat, one of the drug traffickers told this correspondent on condition of anonymity. Another report adds: Illegal drug trade has been spreading in the area of the town affecting a large number of youths, causing concern among the guardian. Some misguided youths belonging to the middle and higher class families are allegedly involved in conducting this trade in the residential areas. A spot investigation by this correspondent revealed that phensidyl made in India, is abundantly available in various residential areas. The Pourashava authorities, after a meeting exclusively on law and order situation, evicted a drug trader holding licence from Labazar which is surrounded by residential quarters. But it was found that some parts of Meerpara, Dhopapara, Bargacha, Tebaria, Kapuriapaty and Dighapatia areas in the town have become popular spots for illegal phensidyl and chotal (a locally made wine) trade. Local people alleged that the Hawkers' Market of the town is the central point from where phensidyl is carried by vendors and some roving sellers to other areas and sold at between Taka 80 and Taka 150 per bottle. Loose phensidyl syrup is also being sold in several tea stalls in the railway station areas and freely consumed by youth. It may be mentioned that police action, regarding the matter, is hardly noticed. Occasional raids only temporarily displaces such illegal drug dealers. It is not very tough to remove such business from the recognised points in the town and its surrounding areas but of course, at the same time, social movement has to be developed to strongly curb such menace.

Passengers suffer as bus owners in tussle

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Dec 31: Bus passengers of Moulvibazar-Sylhet via Fenchuganj route has been suffering a lot due to the tug of war between two associations of bus owners. It has been reported that Moulvibazar Bus and Coaster Owners Association was operating bus and coaster service to and from Moulvibazar and Fenchuganj ferry ghat since long. Recently, the Roads and Highway Department has started a heavy ferry service on the Kushiya river at Fenchuganj for the convenience of transportation of the vehicles from and to Moulvibazar and Sylhet. After starting of the ferry service, a dispute has taken place between the Moulvibazar-Fenchuganj Bus Owners Association and Sylhet-Fenchuganj Bus Owners Association. Moulvibazar Association has been trying to expand their route towards Sylhet via Fenchuganj thana headquarters and Sylhet association has been trying to expand the route towards Moulvibazar. But both the association are reported to be creating obstruction in running vehicles. Following the dispute, buses and coasters towards Moulvibazar made their last stoppage at Fenchuganj ferry ghat. These are operated by Sylhet Association of Bus Owners. On the other hand, passenger vehicles towards Sylhet made their last stoppage at the last border of Moulvibazar district which is one and a half kilo-metre away from Fenchuganj. These vehicles are operated by Moulvibazar Association of Bus Owners. As a result passengers to and from Sylhet and Moulvibazar via Fenchuganj route are compelled to change their vehicles from one stoppage to another by foot. It is a serious problem to the passengers especially to women and children. Several rounds of meetings between the said two Associations were held on this matter. But no fruitful result came out from these meetings. Passengers of this route have urged the administrative to take necessary steps with a view to mitigating sufferings of the travelling passengers.



SYLHET: The Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad, Alhaj Humayun Rashid Chowdhury speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of the triennial conference of the Sylhet district unit of Secondary School Teachers' Association recently. — Star photo

Call to establish EPZ at Natore

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Dec 31: The present government took up a plan to establish an Export Processing Zone (EPZ) in the neglected North Bengal region for its development. According to sources, there is a bright prospect of establishing an EPZ at Ahmmadpur in the district as per technical and geographical feasibility. The people connected with trade, commerce and industries here have been urging the government to conduct methodological survey and technical, geographical feasibility studies regarding the probability of establishing an Export Processing Zone at Ahmmadpur in the district. Natore is the key centre of entire northern and southern parts of the country in respect of communication. Ahmmadpur is situated on Natore-Dhaka highway by the side of the river 'Nandokuz', 12 kilometres east of Natore town. It has above 200 acres of land suited for EPZ. The link road of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge (JMB) with the Natore-Dhaka highway is being constructed through Ahmmadpur. A sound business communication on the waterway with the different parts of the country including the capital city and port city has been established earlier as the river 'Nandokuz' is well connected with the main rivers of the country that flows through Ahmmadpur. Besides, Natore is well communicated by railway with the bordering districts and sea-port of Khulna. Ishurdi Airport is nearby Ahmmadpur and national gridline of country's electricity goes through Ahmmadpur. Industrial experts are of the opinion that as Ahmmadpur is well connected by road, rail, water and air ways, EPZ of northern region may be established there. It may be mentioned that there are 14 sugar mills in the country and 10 of them produce two main by-products — soupmolasses and cane-coir which remain abandoned every season. This huge quantity of by-products can be used in alcohol and pectin industry in EPZ for exporting.

Attack on Settlement Officer

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, Dec 31: Settlement Officer Motahar Hossain and a junior clerk Prashanta Mondal of Paikgachha thana were allegedly attacked by some activities of Juba League and BCL Monday for not accepting a forged document of a land property.



RAJSHAHI: Post and Telecommunications Minister Md Nasim formally inaugurating the camp fire of 4th Rajshahi Zilla Rover Scouts Moot held at Rajshahi New Government Degree College ground recently. — Star photo

BCL-JCD clash in Sylhet: 10 hurt

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 31: About ten persons were injured in a clash between the activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-F) and the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal near the Madan Mohan University College here Monday. The clash reportedly started in an examination hall over seating arrangements. Of the injured, Mahid and Ruhul of JCD and Quamruzzaman Bablu of Chhatra League have been admitted to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Water supply scheme in N-dists

From Our Correspondent

GABANDHA, Dec 31: A programme for supplying pure drinking water in 10 northern districts has been taken jointly by Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) during this current fiscal year. The districts are Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Bogra and Jaipurhat. The programme was chalked out to ensure supplying pure drinking water in the northern districts by the year 2000. Under this programme one lakh 50 thousand hand-operated tube-wells and Tara pumps have already been installed in different areas. A total 29 lakh families are getting pure drinking water. According to PHED about 97 per cent families could be put under pure drinking water facilities scheme.

Girl killed in road mishap

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 31: A girl aged 8 years was killed in a road accident on Biswanath Jagannathpur road Monday. The victim, Parul Begum, sustained serious wounds as she was hit by a speeding microbus (Sylhet-Chat-02-0123) while she was returning to her maternal uncle's house from school near Madan-ganj. She succumbed to her wounds Monday.

BDR-BSF joint survey in Rajshahi begins today

RAJSHAHI, Dec 31: A joint team of Bangladesh and India begins a theodolite survey today to settle the ownership dispute of 34 acres of land in Bhatapara mouja at the bordering Nirmal Char of the district, reports UNB. The joint survey was decided on December 5 at the commanding officer-level meeting of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF). Two survey teams of Bangladesh and India arrived at Nirmal Char yesterday. Deputy Director of Land Records and Survey Abdul Kader leads the Bangladesh side while his counterpart Sujit Sarker leads the Indian team. Border Security Force (BSF) of India occupied the disputed 34 acres of land at Nirmal Char in 1992 and installed a makeshift camp there. The BSF, however, removed their camp on December 5 following the flag meeting between BDR and BSF, where it was agreed to settle the ownership through joint survey.

Tributes paid to Monajat Uddin

PABNA, Dec 31: The first death anniversary of veteran journalist Monajat Uddin was observed here Saturday, reports UNB. Monajat Uddin Smriti Parishad chalked out elaborate programmes in observance of the day. A discussion meeting on his life and contribution was held at the local Press Club Auditorium presided over by convener of the parishad Rabiul Islam Rabi. Another meeting was held at the office of the regional news agency PIP, Advisor Editor of the agency Akhtaruzzaman presided. Prominent journalists and elites attended both the meetings.

Tk 6.6 cr health care projects in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Dec 31: The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will execute some projects in the district during the current financial year at an expenditure of over Taka 6.6 crores. The execution of the projects which include construction, reconstruction and repair of hospital, thana health complexes and health centres to extend health services in rural and urban areas will start next month, the district health department sources said. The following are details of the hospitals, and health complexes on which the money will be spent in the district: Satkhira General Hospital — Taka 15.38 lakh, Satkhira TB Hospital — Taka 1.5 crore, Shyamnagar Thana Health Complex — Taka 3.35 crores, Debhata Thana Health Complex — Taka 44 lakh, Assassuni Thana Health Complex — Taka 34 lakh, Kaliganj Thana Health Complex — Taka 38 lakh and Tala Health Complex — Taka 35 lakh.

Election of Assassuni Press Club held

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Dec 31: The election of the executive committee of Assassuni Thana Press Club was held at the club premises on December 25. Persons elected are: President — G M Mujibur Rahman, Vice Presidents — Dr M A Bashar and Prof Abdus Sabur, General Secretary — Ahsan Habib, Joint Secy — Dr Ashutosh Roy, Organising Secy — Al-Farooq, Publicity Secy — Prof Shambhujit Mondal, Office Secy — Nazirul Islam, Information Secy — Sachidananda Dey, Sports Secy — Abu Musa Tarik, Treasurer — Sorowar Hossain and executive members — Amir Hamza, Gollam Mostofa and Kamrul Islam.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Directorate of Public Health Engineering Directorate
Mechanical & Electrical Division, 36-37, Mohakhali C/A
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DPHE Tender Notice
No: 36 (96-97)

Separate tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2908 under sealed cover are hereby invited from bonafide Pump Manufacturers for supply of Turbine Pump. Tender document of the work can be purchased at the prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned as well as the undermentioned Divisional Offices up to 7/1/97 and tenders will be received up to 1:00 PM of 8/1/97 and will be opened on 12/1/97 at 1:30 PM at the office of the undersigned before the tenderers or their selected representatives (if any) present.

Place of selling & receiving tender: Mechanical & Electrical Division, Dhaka/Ground Water Division, Dhaka/Khulna Rural Water Supply Division, Khulna.

SI No	Description of work	Quantity of works	Amount of allotted money	Amount of earnest money	Price of tender	Time limit for completion of work
1)	Supply of 10 (ten) sets Turbine Pumps having of 15,000 IGPH capacity for 10 new productive Tubewells under Interim Water Supply Project at Khulna City.	10 sets	Tk 31,50,000/=	Tk 63,000/-	Tk 750/-	45 (forty-five) days

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Office of the Executive Engineer
Facilities Department, Ministry of Education
Noakhali Zone, Noakhali

Tender Notice
Dated: 17.12.96

No 12/College/FD/NZ/96-97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department enlisted A-1 (A-One) class contractors for development work at the undermentioned colleges under the project 'Development of 350 Private Colleges'. The list of district, thana & educational institution is given below:

District	Thana	Group No	Name of educational institution	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work
Noakhali	Hatiya	50	Hatiya College	25,00,000/-	50,000/-	6 (six) months
Feni	Daganbhuiya	51	Iqbal Memorial College	25,00,000/-	50,000/-	6 (six) months

A) Last date of purchasing tender document: 7.1.97 up to office hours.
B) Last date of receiving tender document: 9.1.97 up to 12.00 Noon.
C) Date & time of opening tender document: 9.1.97 at 12.30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Tender document will be available against cash payment of Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned & office of the Chief Engineer, Shiksha Bhavan, Dhaka and office of the Executive Engineers at Zones under Chittagong Circle & Office of the Assistant Engineer, Feni on all working days during office hours and tender documents will be received at the said offices up to the prescribed date & time. Earnest money in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of 'Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Noakhali Zone, Noakhali' must be deposited with tender document.

Instructions to tenderers

- The Project Development Committee constituted by the Ministry of Education will discharge the overall responsibility of the project.
- Contractors are to be selected on the basis of the lowest price.
- Contractors are to be selected on the basis of the lowest price, but not less than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost, then the tender will be treated as cancelled.
- Such contractors as have paid renewal fee/applied for renewal of 1996-97 financial year can purchase the tender document on production of original registration book, VAT.

The authority constituted for this purpose should submit the said papers with the tender. reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Facilities Department
Madaripur Zone, Madaripur

Re-Tender Notice
Dated: 14.12.96

Notice No 12/Private Secondary (Furniture)/Development/FD/MZ/96-97

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Facilities Department enlisted A-1 contractors & bonafide furniture suppliers for supply of furnitures under selected Private Secondary School 'Renovation & Development' Project during 1996-97 financial year.

A) Group list:

Group No	District	Thana	Name of educational institution	Price of tender document	Time limit for completion of work	Remarks
01	Gopalganj	Sadar	1. Nijra High School	Tk 400/- (four hundred) only	05 (five) months	
			2. Jalirpar Kaligram, NBS High School			
			3. Hadiuzzaman Memorial High School			
			4. Uday Vidyapith High School			
			5. Bhatiapara High School			
02	Gopalganj	Tungipara	1. Banshabaria Jhanjhan High School	Tk 400/- (four hundred) only	05 (five) months	
			2. Dumuria High School			
			3. Baladanga S M Musa High School			
			4. Nankelbari High School			

B) Last date of purchasing tender document: 09.01.97 up to office hours.
C) Date & time of receiving tender document: 11.01.97 up to 12.00 Noon.
D) Date & time of opening tender document: 11.01.97 at 12.30 PM.
E) Offices where tender documents will be available: Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Mirpur Zone/Dhaka/Savar/ Narayanganj/Narsingdi/Tangail/ Kishoreganj/Faridpur Zone & Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Gopalganj/Sharipatpur district.
F) Offices where tender documents will be received by officers: Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Madaripur Zone/Dhaka/Savar/Narayanganj/Narsingdi/ Tangail/Kishoreganj/Faridpur Zone & Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Gopalganj/Sharipatpur district.
G) Earnest money: At the rate 10% (ten per cent) of quoted amount should be deposited with each tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any nationalised scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Madaripur Zone, Madaripur.

Terms & conditions:

- At the time of purchasing tender, original registration book of this departments A-1 contractor shall have to be produced.
- At the time of submitting tender, attested copy of current trade licence, current Income Tax clearance certificate shall have to be deposited with the tender.
- Such contractors as have received work of supplying furnitures during 1995-96 financial year or even before but could not supply as yet, need not purchase the tender.
- Such A-1 contractors of this department as have not completed civil works of 1994-95 financial year or even before, also need not purchase the tender.
- Bonafide furniture manufacturers & suppliers other than this department enlisted contractors must produce the following original documents at the time of purchasing tender & must submit attested photocopy of each itemwise document with the tender. If any of these found to be fake at the time of scrutiny of tenders, then the earnest money will be forfeited & the tender cancelled.
 - Up to date Renewed Trade Licence
 - Up to date Income Tax Clearance Certificate
 - VAT turnover/registration certificate
 - Work order & work completion certificate from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer in the effect that the tenderer has satisfactorily completed work of manufacturing & supplying furnitures worth minimum Tk 3.00 (three) lakh under a single work order at any govt./semi govt. department
- Bill of the contractor will be paid subject to receipt of allotment, but the contractor should be bound to complete the work within the prescribed time.
- Name of educational institution may be cancelled any time. Contractor can not claim any monetary compensation for this.

Other information and terms & conditions regarding the tender will be available in the tender document. The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries Corporation
137/138, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from BSCIC enlisted 1st, 2nd & 3rd class contractors. It may be noted that only those having VAT registration certificate can purchase schedule & participate in the tender.

Serial No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money (from any scheduled bank)	Price of tender form (non-refundable)	Time limit for work	Tender receiving			Tender opening		
						Place	Date	Time	Place	Date	Time
01.	Construction of overhead water tank, Industrial town, Sirajganj (3rd Re-tender) Civil Engineering-260/95	11,80,242/90	23,604/86	1000/-	6 months	All Divisional Commissioner's Office, Dhaka	08-01-97	11 am	Director (Project), BSCIC head office (4th floor), Dhaka	11-01-97	11 am
02.	Repair of existing building Industrial town, Sylhet (extension) (3rd Re-tender) Civil Engineering -47/96	9,49,998/06	18,999/96	950/-	3 months	Director (Project), BSCIC head office (4th floor), Dhaka & Regional Director (Acting), BSCIC Industrial Assistance Centre, Sylhet.	-do-	-do-	Director (Project), BSCIC head office (4th floor), Dhaka.	-do-	-do-
03.	Road construction, soiling, Industrial town, Chandpur (3rd Re-tender) Civil Engineering -50/96	2,84,884/23	5,697/88	300/-	2 months	Regional Director, BSCIC Reg Office, 17, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & Chief Engineer, Civil Engineering Department, head office, BSCIC, Dhaka.	09-01-97	-do-	Regional Director, BSCIC Reg Office, 17, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.	-do-	-do-
04.	Retaining Wall (remaining portion), Industrial town, Sylhet (extension) (2nd Re-tender) Civil Engineering-68/96	3,91,497/79	7,829/96	400/-	2 months	Regional Director (Acting), BSCIC Industrial Assistance Centre Office, Sylhet & Chief Engineer, Civil Engineering Department, BSCIC head office, Dhaka.	-do-	-do-	Regional Director (Acting), BSCIC Industrial Assistance Centre, Dargahgate, Sylhet	-do-	-do-

Detailed description about the work can be obtained from the Chief Engineer, Civil Engineering Department, BSCIC head office, 137/138, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka; Office of the Regional Director concerned & office of the head of the Industrial Assistance Centre concerned on all working days during office hours. It may be noted that work order for the works will be issued subject to receipt of fund from government and schedule will be sold up to the day before the date of receiving tender mentioned against each group.

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