

## Roads in bad shape in Pabna town

**From Our Correspondent**  
**PABNA**, Jan 11: The condition of roads — both *kacha* and *pucca* — became extremely miserable and have turned highly risky and mostly unworkable for communication service.  
 The situation has been created by improper maintenance of the roads. Besides, widely alleged corruption in the repair and reconstruction and other works also contribute to extremely unstable condition of the roads.  
 The roads which have virtually gone almost unrecognizable are Ananta Cinema Hall to Kalachandpara Talpukur, Kalachandpara Talpukur to Narikelbagan, Pabna Government Girls' High School to New Market crossing, Pabna Thana to Pabna General Hospital, Pottanpur to Circuit House, Circuit House to Pabna Mental Hospital, Pabna Chartala to Vocational Training Institute. Roads within Sadhpura ward, Saigaria and other areas are lying in extremely deplorable and mostly in unrecognizable condition too.  
 Among other problems of the inhabitants of the district pourashaba road communication is a major one. Most of these roads are extremely narrow — so much that it is extremely difficult to move two rickshaws side by side. The *kacha* roads are not only narrow but most of the time remain muddy with *kacha* drains, almost silted by garbage, on one or both sides. No effort for making these roads *pucca* and drains cemented is virtually noticed.



Hundreds of fishing boats anchored at the beach of Saint Martin's island, some two hours' journey towards South from Teknaf of Cox's Bazar district. Boats like these are used for fishing only at night. Majority of the inhabitants of the island live on by fishing in the shallow waters in the Bay. — Star photo by Monirul Islam Manik

## Guest birds arriving

**NETRAKONA**, Jan 11: Different species of guest birds are coming in swarms here, mainly in the *haor* areas, to escape the biting cold of Siberian region, reports UNB.  
 About 200 species of birds including *Chakha*, Black duck fly, *Pankouri*, *Balthansh*, *Saralis*, *Digger*, *Khaira* are coming into the water-bodies of the district as elsewhere in the country.  
 These birds are seen in large numbers at different water-bodies of Sadar, Atpara, Kendua, Madan, Purbadhala, Durgapur, Kalmakanda, Barhatta, Mohanganj and Kalajuri thanas till the end of the winter season. But a section of unscrupulous people and hunters are hunting these guest birds violating the government ban.  
 Local leaders have urged the authorities concerned to take necessary steps to stop the killing of guest birds.

**BCIC Tender Notice**  
 বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক  
 Managing Director, Sylhet Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd., Chhatak, Sunamganj invites sealed tender from bonafide Manufacturers/Suppliers for supply of Hardware Materials, Electrical goods & Lab: Chemicals and Apparatus against tender Nos. 32, 34 & 35. Tender documents will be had at Tk. 100/- per set respectively from (a) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka, (b) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong and (c) Sylhet Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd., Chhatak, Sunamganj. Tender with 1% earnest money will be received in the tender box kept in Purchase Department of SPPM Ltd., Chhatak, Sunamganj up to 11:00 AM on 30-01-97 and opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers (if any). No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.  
 BCIC 1315-31/12/96 Golam Mostafa  
 DFP-30804-1/1 Manager (Purchase)  
 G-133 For Managing Director

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
**National Board of Revenue**  
 ETAC Data Computerization Project  
 Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000  
**Re-Tender Notice**  
 Date: (date of issuance of IFB).....  
 Credit No.: 2393 BD  
 1. The Government of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association in various currencies towards the cost of ETAC Data Computerization Sub Project under TA VI. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Procurements of Computers and other Equipment.  
 2. The National Board of Revenue now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of computers, printers, LAN, UPS, software, LCD, accessories, air cooler etc.  
 3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of The Project Director, ETAC Project, National Board of Revenue, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh, Telephone-880 2 408002, FAX 880 2 836143.  
 4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 500 (Tk. five hundred) or US\$15 (USfifteen).  
 5. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Goods.  
 6. Bids must be delivered to the above office on or before 11:00 hrs on 30.01.1997 and must be accompanied by a security of 2.5 per cent of the bid amount.  
 7. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidder's representatives who choose to attend at 11:15 hrs, 30.01.1997 at the office of The Project Director, ETAC Project, National Board of Revenue, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.  
 8. The National Board of Revenue, Dhaka reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process without thereby incurring any liability to the bidders.  
**Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam**  
 Project Director  
 ETAC Data Computerization Project  
 National Board of Revenue  
 Segunbagicha, Dhaka.  
 DFP-316-6/1  
 G-135

**Office of the Executive Engineer Operation & Maintenance Division Siddhirganj, Chittagong Road DESA, Dhaka**  
 Memo No. O&M S'ganj/Accounts-19/773 Dated: 24/12/96  
**Tender Notice**  
 1. Name of office : Operation & Maintenance Division, Siddhirganj, DESA, Dhaka.  
 2. Name of work : Work of supplying winter liveries of the employees.  
 3. Estimated cost : Tk 1,78,500/-  
 4. Where tender will be available : Director General, Consumer Service(s), DESA, Dhaka; Superintending Engineer, Consumer Service, Narsingdi, DESA and Pubali Bank, Motijheel Branch, Dhaka.  
 5. Sample of tender : T-2  
 6. Eligibility of : PDB/DESA enlisted and bonafide contractor/firms.  
 7. Place where tender will be submitted : Office of the undersigned; Superintending Engineer, Consumer Service, Narsingdi, DESA and Pubali Bank, Motijheel Branch, Dhaka.  
 8. Earnest money : 5% of the total quoted price. Through Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of the Additional Director, Accounts, Zonal Accounts Office, DESA, Dhaka.  
 9. Price of tender : Tk 100/-  
 10. Last date of selling tender : 26.1.97.  
 11. Date & time of submitting tender : 27.1.97 up to 12.00 Noon.  
 12. Date of opening tender : 27.1.97 at 12:30 PM in presence of the participating tenderers or their representatives (if any present).  
 13. Time for completion of work : 15 (fifteen) days.  
**NB:** No tender sent by post is acceptable. Tender can be purchased subject to prior permission from the chiefs or offices selling tender & the undersigned. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject tender without assigning any reason.  
**Md. Abdur Sahid**  
 Executive Engineer  
 O&M Division, S'ganj, DESA  
 DFP-24-2/1  
 G-131

## Railway ferry service remains suspended Low water levels threaten riverine transport in entire north

**From Our Correspondent**  
**JAMALPUR**, Jan 11: Rapid fall in the water level of all the rivers in the northern district, and emergence of (chars) shoals have seriously affected the navigation.  
 Chars have emerged in many places in Jamuna, Old Brahmaputra, Kangsha, Jhenai, Jinjiram, Luhganj due to heavy siltation.  
 An official source informed that an additional sum of over Taka one lakh is required for keeping the rivers free of silt at Bahadurabad and Teestamukh ghats, two important ports in northern district.  
 According to the water development board sources, water level recorded in the Brahmaputra at Dewanganj, in the Jamuna at Jagannathganj ghat, Jhenai at Jamalpur, Kangsha at Sherpur, Luhganj at Sharishabari are lower than the normal requirement for navigation.  
 The WDB sources also said 15 feet layer of silt have been carried along in the Brahmaputra river at Bahadurabad and 14 feet layer of silt in the Jamuna at Jagannathganj ghat. It is expected in next few weeks, the ground and surface water levels will further drop affecting the ecological balance and causing crisis in river water transport, drinking and irrigation purposes.  
 The water transport including ferries and country-made boats plying between Jamalpur-Jagannathganj ghat, Bahadurabad-Chilmari, Madariganj-Shariatkandi, Bahadurabad-Teestamukh ghat, Bahadurabad-Shanandabari ghat have to cover additional distance of four to five miles to reach destinations, local launch and small trawler owners said.  
 Besides, through the narrow passage near Kufuler char, Kalasuna ghat, three miles upstream from Bahadurabad ghat is about to be abandoned, according to witnesses.  
 It is learnt that BIWTA has undertaken plan for dredging of the rivers at some points.  
 The Bahadurabad ferry terminal at Kulkandi has been shifted down stream in Jamuna due to heavy siltation. Dredging is necessary at some places along the 32km long Bahadurabad railway ferry ghat to Teestamukh ghat railway ferry ghat route to keep it navigable.  
 Chilmari route through Kurigram may also face siltation problem and ultimately the distribution of essential items including fertilizer and fuel to the northern districts may face set back.  
 Meanwhile, country made mechanised boats have become the main river transport for carrying passengers and merchandise. At present over one thousand such engine boats have been plying at different routes of the district. But journey by these country boats is very risky. Accidents occur frequently over 600 charlands are still visible throughout 180 miles long river route in the district which are hindering the movement of BIWTA ferries and railway ferries.  
 It may be mentioned that the railway ferry service between Bahadurabad ghat and Teestamukh ghat was suspension with effect from January 7, 1997 and the suspension order continues. A huge shoal appeared at Balashi turning point in Jamuna severely affecting ferry movement.

**Transport strike begins in Barisal**  
**From Staff Correspondent**  
**BARISAL**, Jan 11: Road transport services in Barisal, Jhalakathi and Bhandaria routes remained suspended for indefinite period.  
 Following attack on buses by some unruly people at Jhalakathi and Rajapur, Barisal and Patuakhali, minibus owners associations took the decision to begin transport strike for indefinite period.  
 They damaged two passenger buses and detained 4 buses at Rajapur.

**Continued barricade in Kailashtila**  
**From Staff Correspondent**  
**SYLHET**, Jan 11: With the continued barricade by the agitators in and around the Kailashtila Gas Fields, works in the Petrobangla establishment came to a standstill for the second day Friday. Plying of Gas field vehicles also remained suspended due to the programme.  
 A group of workers who tried to start their duty in front of the Well Number-1 at about 10 am were prevented by the agitators. Several hundred villagers from the adjacent villages joined the programme in the morning to press the 6-point demands organised by the All-Party Action Committee. The barricade programme began on January 9.  
 In the afternoon, a procession was brought out by the Action Committee in the thana headquarters. Later, a rally was held at Golaganj bazar with local leaders of the BNP, Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami, Jamiat-e-Ulama, e-Islam and Muktiyoddha Sangsad.  
 The demands include: setting up of fractionation and LPG plant at Kailashtila, cancellation of acquisition of private lands in the name of Zailabad Gas, jobs for the local people in the Petrobangla establishments, setting up of a Gas Turbine power plant at Golaganj etc.

**Efforts on to make Tungipara a model pourashava**  
**From Our Correspondent**  
**GOPALGANJ**, Jan 11: Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman said, the present government already started development works in Tungipara thana for making it a model municipality.  
 The minister said this while opening the 126th *pourashava* in Tungipara. The ceremony was held at Tungipara thana parishad premises Friday noon. It was presided over by A/JM Shalauddin Ahamed, while it was addressed among others, by TNO Tungipara, Emdadul Haque Joint General Secretary of the district Awami League (AL) Mahabub Ali Khan, organising secretary of district AL, Badrul Alam Badar president of district Chhatra League.  
 The minister allotted Tk 50 lakh for development of the *pourashava*. He also allotted Tk 7 crore 90 lakh for developing rural roads at Kowtalpara and Tungipara thana this financial year.



PABNA: The picture shows dirty stagnant water along with wild growth of water-hyacinth in the heart of Pabna town. — Star photo

## Mosquito menace acute in Pabna pourashava

**From Our Correspondent**  
**PABNA**, Jan 11: Mosquito menace became extremely acute within Pabna pourashava. Mosquitoes are found in every house. It has become extremely difficult to carry on with any sort of work anywhere in the households, or in the offices.  
 The menace took such an acute shape that was never noticed in this town at least during the last five decades.  
 The Daily Star Correspondent visited some areas of Pabna pourashava during the period between last Thursday and Saturday and noticed a dismal picture in all the areas of all the five wards under the same. It was observed that excepting three or four, all the ponds and tanks were full of water-hyacinth, with no trace of water, having a luxuriant growth and all of them turned into very safe breeding centres for the mosquitoes.  
 Even the river Ichhamati, a tributary of the river Padma, flowing through the pourashava, having a brilliant past tradition of flowing round the year, with launches and other water-vessels plying and keeping the environment of the town congenial for the health of the inhabitants, has now turned into a narrow canal full of water-hyacinth where from lakhs of mosquitoes are taking birth and roaming around the town.  
 Besides, both the *pucca* and *kacha* drains, built in un-planned manner, are found hardly cleared and full of water-logging, mud and other garbage, have created a most unhealthy and unhygienic atmosphere in all the areas of this tiny town. *Pucca* drains are so ill-built that water is hardly found to pass through them and the *kacha* ones are full of mud and water with harmful smell polluting the atmosphere.  
 It was further found that the dustbins, although nearly-built during the first half of 1995, are not regularly cleared but found filled with garbage, filths, dead dogs, cats or rats lying for days together creating a most unhealthy and harmful atmosphere all around. Even, whenever the garbage is cleared, insecticide is not found to be sprayed. So is the case with the so-called drains. All these places have virtually been made and are being nursed, on the very nose of the pourashaba authorities, as breeding centres of mosquitoes.  
 Eight years back in 1989, Pabna pourashaba was upgraded into a first class pourashaba, but the dismal picture witnessed by this correspondent only remind the people the days when it was a third class one.  
 When asked, an official of the pourashaba, claimed that the drains and dustbins are cleared thrice a week but due to lack of provision of fund, spraying of insecticides is not possible. He, however, admitted that the ponds and the dead river Ichhamati were now full of water-hyacinth.  
**Indian items recovered**  
**SATKHIRA**, Jan 11: Bangladesh Rifles recovered 229 pieces of high quality Indian *sarees* and 430 pieces of cloth worth Tk 10 lakh from a godown of Ulushi under Sarsha police station of Jessore on Thursday, reports UNB.  
 Acting on a tip-off, BDR jawans of 21 Rifle Battalion, Satkhira led by Lt Colonel Mahabul Alam recovered the goods.  
 A case was filed with the police.  
 Another report adds: Dacoits stormed a bus and looted valuables including cash worth about Tk one lakh at gun point at Tuljapur here on Thursday.  
 The bus was returning from Dhaka to Satkhira with passengers. Police arrested four people in this connection and further investigation is on.

## Call for fresh list of terrorists

**CHITTAGONG**, Jan 11: Participants at an anti-terrorism rally Thursday called for making the list of identified terrorists and their godfathers public in order to boycott them from society, state and politics, reports BSS.  
 Held under the auspices of Anti-terrorism Professional Unity Council at local Shaheed Minar premises, the rally was presided over by council convenor and president of Chittagong Union of Journalists Akhterun Nabi.  
 Women's leader Maleka Begum, president of Chittagong chapter of women's association Begum Umratul Fazal, among others, addressed the rally. Two declarations on behalf of anti-terrorism professional unity council and Sammilita Nari Samaj were read out by journalist Helaluddin Chowdhury and Sabira Sultana Rina.

**BCIC Tender Notice**  
 বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক  
 Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd., Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur hereby invites sealed tender from the bonafide importers/suppliers/manufacturers/traders for supply of "STATIONERY GOODS" against Tender Enquiry No JFCL/LP/2.687/3336 dt 10-12-96, "HARDWARE GOODS" against Tender Enquiry No JFCL/LP/CW/4.426/3337 Dt 10-12-96 and "GDX FILTER" against Tender Enquiry No JFCL/LP/MM/4.455/3338 dt 11-12-96. Tender documents will be available on payment of Tk 25 (Twenty-five) & Tk 50 (Fifty) only respectively per set in cash (Non-refundable) during office hours from the office of the (i) General Manager (A&F), Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur (ii) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhahan, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (iii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.  
 Tender will be received up to 11:00 am on 25-1-97 and be opened immediately thereafter on the same day in presence of the tenderers (if any). No tender document will be sold on the date of the opening.  
 BCIC 1283-18/12/96  
 DFP-29838-21/12 G-136

**Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission**  
 Atomic Energy Research Establishment  
 E&GS Unit  
 Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka  
**Tender Notice**  
 No EGS-1(87)/95 Dated: 26-12-1996  
 Sealed tenders are hereby invited from Electrical Contractors (ABC electrical license holder) having experience of similar work for installation of underground LT line including supply of transformer, circuit breakers & LT cables etc in the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka. Tender with Earnest Money of Tk 27,500/- in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring "Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Savar, Dhaka" shall have to be dropped in the tender box kept in the following offices up to 12:00 hours on 28-1-97 and will be opened at 12:15 hours on the same day in presence of tenderers (who may wish to be present):  
 1. Director  
 Engg & General Services Unit (E&GS Unit)  
 Atomic Energy Research Establishment,  
 Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka.  
 2. Additional Commissioner (General)  
 1st Eleventh Floor Govt. Office Building (2nd Floor), Room No 303, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000  
 Care: Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka.  
 Tender documents containing the detailed specification, terms & conditions may be purchased from this office and Commissioner Office, Dhaka Division, 1st Eleventh Floor Govt. Office Building (1st floor), Room No 206, Segunbagicha, Dhaka as well as during office hours up to 27-1-97 on cash payment of Tk 700/00 only (Non-refundable) in written application to the Director, E&GS Unit (supported with VAT registration, IT clearance, Bank Solvency & work experience certificates) and prior permission from the undersigned. No tender document will be sold on the day fixed for opening the tender. If dropping & opening of tender is not possible on scheduled date due to unavoidable circumstances, the same shall be done in the next working day at the same time, keeping place and other terms intact.  
 The authority reserves to itself the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.  
 SID. No-1(2)/94-169  
 DFP-30528-29/12  
 G-132  
**Director**

**Government of Bangladesh**  
 Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, 18-DTP  
 Nilphamari Division, Nilphamari  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
 Memo. No. 444 (85) Dt. 24.12.96  
 Separate sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 are hereby invited from the DPHE, enlisted "C" category contractors renewed/enlisted for the year 1996-97 for the works mentioned below at Naogaon & Joypurhat Pourashava under 18-DTP Town Water Supply, Sanitation & Drainage Project of DPHE, assisted by the Dutch Government.  

Sl. No.	Description of work	Estimated cost	Cost of TD	Earnest money	Time of completion	Fund
1.	Procurement of fittings for Moog pump installation at Naogaon and Joypurhat Pourashava.	To be quoted by contractor	750/-	2% of the quoted amount	45 days	RPA

 The tender documents will be available for selling on all working days during the office hours on requisite payment (Non-refundable) up to 25.1.97 from the Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, 18-DTP, Nilphamari Division, Sub-Divisional Engineer, DPHE, 18-DTP, Naogaon & Joypurhat Sub-Divn. The tender will be received simultaneously by the above said offices up to 1:00 PM on 26.1.97 and will be opened at the office of the undersigned at 12:00 Noon on 27.1.97 in presence of the tenderers or their representatives happened to be present at the time of opening tenders. Tenderers(s) will have to quote itemwise rate with detailed analysis and their rate will be include all type of taxes and VAT.  
 Other information and terms & conditions will be available in the tender documents. No tender documents will be sold on the date fixed for receiving tender.  
**Md Afaz Uddin Khan**  
 Executive Engineer, DPHE, 18-DTP  
 Nilphamari Division, Nilphamari  
 DFP-179-4/1  
 G-137

**Directorate General Defence Purchase**  
 Ministry of Defence  
 New Airport Road  
 Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215  
**Tender Notice**  
 1. Sealed tenders in local and foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/ suppliers/dealers/ indentors/dealers (enlistment with this Directorate General is not necessary) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Army:  

Serial	Nomenclature	Qty	Selling date	Date of opening	Cost of I/T and currency
1.	Spare parts for Radio Set PRC-1099, RT-100MP and PRC-1077.	84 line items	25-1-97 to 06-3-97	10-3-97	100.00 (Foreign currency)
2.	Spare parts for Voice Encryption Hand Set used with RT-100 & PRC-1099.	04 line items	-do-	-do-	40.00 (Foreign currency)

 2. Detailed specifications, nomenclature and quantity of items have been mentioned in the tender schedule. The tender schedule will be available on cash payment against the mentioned amount (not refundable) at above mentioned dates on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on aforesaid date at 0800 hrs in presence of all tenderers.  
 ISPR/Misc/97/16  
 DFP-511-7/1  
 G-134  
**Major**  
 for Director General