

49 cyclone shelters built in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Jan 18: A total of 49 multipurpose cyclone shelters were constructed by CARITAS, Bangladesh since 1992 to 1996 in the southern district of Barisal division with a total expenditure of Taka 15 crore 68 lakh. The cost of each shelter was Taka 32 lakh.

The number of constructed multipurpose cyclone shelters are 20 in Kalapara, 4 in Amtali, 6 in Galachipa of Patuakhali district, 4 in Patharghat, 5 in Barguna district and 6 in Monpura, 4 in Tajumul and 5 shelters in Charfossen of Bhola district.

CARITAS also constructed the shelters at comparatively low-risk areas of the districts. The number of shelters are 9 in Kalapara, 1 in Amtali and 3 in Monpura with an expenditure of Taka 2 crore 73 lakh each at a cost of Taka 21 lakh.

It may be recalled here that the most severe and devastating cyclone and tidal surge of the century ravaged Bangladesh's

Theft: Clothes worth Tk 8,000 looted

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Jan 18: A theft was committed in the cloth shop of Md Faruq Kazi at Tambari Khan Bazar in Sadar thana on the night of January 12.

It was learnt from the local sources that thieves entered into the shop at dead of night by cutting the shutter and took away clothes, sewing-machine and other valuables worth over Tk 8,000.

A case was lodged with Kotwali thana in this connection.

Passenger falls from roof of bus, dies

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Jan 18: One passenger fell down from the roof of a speeding bus and later died in Faridpur General Hospital here on January 14.

According to hospital sources, on the day of incident the victim identified as Ghantu Mondal, 35, was travelling sitting on the roof-top of a local passenger bus bearing no. 11008. Suddenly he fell to the ground when the bus was passing the rail crossing at Basantapur in Rajbari district. The victim reportedly sustained head injuries.

In a critical condition the victim was rushed to Faridpur General Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries immediately after admission.

Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate
District: Naogaon

Tender Notice

No. 10/96-97

Dated: 8.1.97

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Local Government Engineering Directorate enlisted & all projects pre-qualified contractors (updated renewed) for completion of earth work of the undermentioned project under implementation by Project Committee during 1996-97 financial year under "Integrated Food Aided Rural Development Project" (GCCR) of Local Government Engineering Directorate.

- Time limit of selling: Up to 29.1.97 during office hours at the office concerned.
- Place of selling & opening the schedule: Offices of the Project Director, IFADEP (GCCR), Mohammadpur Housing & Pisciculture Society, Plot No. 50, Block-Ka, Shyamoli, Dhaka; Executive Engineer, LGED, Rajshahi/Natore/Chapainawabganj & the undersigned and Thana Engineer's office, Mohadebpur Thana, district Naogaon.
- Date & time of receiving tender schedule: 30.1.97 up to 1:30 PM.
- Date of opening tender schedule: 30.1.97 at 2:00 PM.
- Earliest money: Earliest money at the rate 2.50% of estimated cost should be deposited with tender in the form of BD/CD/Pay Order from any scheduled bank approved by Bangladesh Bank in favour of Executive Engineer, LGED, Naogaon.
- Rate on all items together in overall percentage above or below the estimated cost should be quoted in figures & words in the specified space of Form No. 2911 & schedule. Only the rate quoted in words will be considered. There should not be any erasing, overwriting in quoting rate and tender with erasing, overwriting in quoting rate will be treated as cancelled forthwith.
- Tender with rate more than 5 (five) per cent below will be treated as cancelled outright.
- In case of submitting rate more than 5 (five) per cent above, itemwise rate analysis should be submitted with the tender. Photocopy of rate analysis or that with any erasing, overwriting will be treated as cancelled forthwith.
- Earliest money of the tender should be deposited in the form of crossed Bank Draft/ Pay Order only from scheduled bank of Bangladesh Bank. Tender with Bank Draft/ Pay Order as earliest money from non-scheduled bank will be treated as cancelled outright.
- A practical & acceptable work schedule stating time limit for each stage of execution of work and attested photocopy of VAT registration must be submitted with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright.
- Contractor shall have to pay VAT at prescribed rate besides Income Tax and start work after getting the materials to be used in the project tested at LGED laboratory, Naogaon at own expense & obtaining result. No bill regarding testing of materials will be paid to contractor.
- Each page of the tender schedule should be signed by the contractor, otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.
- If more than one contractor quoting the same rate become the lowest, then the contractor will be selected through lottery. Lottery will be held at the office chamber of the undersigned on 3.2.97 at 10:30 AM. No further communication will be made in this regard.
- Only those contractors who have renewed their licence for 1996-97 financial year can be able to purchase the tender.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.

Description of work

Sl No	Name & location of project	Group No	Estimated amount	Earliest money	Price of schedule	Time limit for completion of work	Class of contractor	8
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1.	Earth compaction work of Chhatah-Mahadebpur (Kunjabon) GCC Road under Mahadebpur Thana. 13.210 KM.	A	8,31,767/-	20,794/-	300/-	60 days	LGED's all class & project pre-qualified contractor	

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KURIGRAM: A freshers reception of Kurigram Government Mahila College was held recently. In this connection a discussion meeting was arranged which was chaired by eminent educationist Professor Md Aminur Rahman, principal of the college. Retired principal of the college, Abdur Rahman, seen speaking as special guest on the occasion.

— Star photo

A good number of murder cases recorded as 'suicides'

From Ranesh Maitra

PABNA, Jan 18: As many as 90 cases of suicide have been recorded in Chatmohar and Atgharia thanas of Pabna district during the year 1996. The cases were recorded as unnatural death cases and both the thanas failed to conduct necessary and proper investigation for finding out the reasons and circumstances behind such large number of suicide cases.

Of the said 90 deaths, 57 suicides were committed in Chatmohar thana alone which the remaining 33 were committed in different areas of Atgharia, a small thana of Pabna district.

According to police sources, in Chatmohar thana, 33 committed suicide by taking poison (insecticides), 17 by hanging and eight others by adopting various other means.

Of the said total deaths committed in the aforementioned methods, 26 are men while 26 others are women. Most of the unfortunate men and women were between 16 and 30 years, it is learnt.

It may be recalled here in this connection that in the said Chatmohar thana, as many as 55 men and women committed suicide during 1995 but in 1996, the record says, the number of such deaths increased by two and rose to 57.

The figure of such cases of suicide or unnatural deaths have been rising alarmingly in Chatmohar and its contiguous Atgharia thanas but no special investigations, although badly need, were being conducted for finding out the real causes behind them.

As regards Atgharia thana, the police says that out of 33 such deaths in the said thana, 25 died by taking poisonous insecticides, three by hanging, one by drowning and remaining four others by adopting various other methods. The source admitted that of the said 33, there were both men and women but he would not readily disclose the break-up of their sexes.

According to high-level police officer, these deaths were caused mainly due to family feuds, failure in love, failure in examinations, poverty and unemployment.

When asked whether there were any case of murder recorded as unnatural death, the officer

said, "No".

But there are widespread allegations in both the thanas that killing of poor by influential circles, of wives by husbands and other such painful murders, are also being recorded as 'unnatural death' cases as the said influential murderers, in collusion with a section of dishonest police officials, were resorting to such activities. As the affected persons or families in such cases, have little or no money nor any influence in the society, they cannot make the police adequately active nor can they procure proper witnesses and evidence including medical reports or reports of post-mortem examinations.

Abdul Malek, Chairman, Chatmohar Union Parishad told this correspondent that most of these unnatural deaths are either caused by suicide or by committing murders. But in neither case, the police make proper investigation for unveil the truth.

Santosh Ray Choudhury, a popular social worker of Chatmohar stated that in many cases, the murderers threaten the family members not to proceed and hence they become compelled to record the same as cases of suicide.

Saiful Islam, another prominent but young and enthusiastic social worker asserted that genuine post-mortem examinations and ensuring of prompt availability of such reports of post-mortem examinations could go a long way in unearthing the real truth behind such occurrences. Saiful Islam told The Daily Star that a vicious circle was active to suppress such cases and the real criminals, immediately before or after committing such heinous crimes, can easily find out this vicious circle comprising so-called touts known as 'mathbars', a section of police officials and also a section of Medical officers in the General Hospitals who collusively murder a good number of genuine murder cases.

Several teachers and social workers, when contacted, an organised social force or some NGOs should now come forward to find out and resist the alarming cases of suicide, murder etc. with the help of the civil society.

Strike at Kailashtila
Announcement of
action plan from
February 10

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Jan 18: The all party Action Committee in Golapganj would announce its next course of action programme from the rally scheduled for February 10. It was declared at a meeting of the committee held at the thana headquarters yesterday afternoon.

The speakers said, any move to install the gas pipeline would be resisted at any cost if the demands are not met immediately.

Meanwhile, the programme pressed by the action committee was observed Friday for the tenth day in the Kailashtila Gas Field yesterday.

The demands include, setting up of fractionation plant and LPG plant at Golapganj, cancellation of acquisition of private lands in the name of Jalalabad gas, jobs for the local people in the Petrobangla establishment, extension of gas supply to fresh areas in Golapganj and Beanibazar thana areas and setting up of gas turbine power plant at Golapganj.

Woman allegedly killed by her step-son

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Jan 18: A middle aged woman of Radhanagar under Rajbari district was allegedly killed by her stepson recently.

The victim, Rupali Begum, 45, was killed allegedly by her stepson.

According to hospital and family sources, the victim's stepson Belayet Hossain chopped her, injured her with lethal weapon in the afternoon of the day of incident.

In critical condition she was rushed to Faridpur General Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries immediately after her admission.

Family feud might be the cause of the murder, the sources said.

A case was registered in this connection. Belayet Hossain has been absconding since the occurrence of the incident.

Official survey report says
Over 70,000 children
could not go to school

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 18: A total of 73,171 children in 13 thanas of Kishoreganj district were deprived of primary education during the last academic year.

This was revealed in a survey conducted by the District Primary Education Department recently.

This retrogression in the academic pursuit were attributed to a series of reasons which included shortage of schools, absence of academic atmosphere in the schools, short supply of educational appliances and negligence of duty by teachers and some officials in the thana level educational department.

According to the District Primary Education Department sources, the total number of primary schools in the district stands at 1,395 including 808 government and 587 non-government schools. A total of 3,55,486 children were enrolled in the primary schools during the last academic year.

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Muggers caught
red-handed

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Jan 18: Two muggers were caught red-handed by the passengers of a minibus near Pulerhat bazar in sadar thana on Dhaka-Kishoreganj highway on Thursday, reports UNB.

The muggers were identified as Mosharraf Hossain of Pirojpur district and Maqbul Hossain of Barguna district. They were handed over to police.

Police said four robbers, including Mosharraf and Maqbul, tried to escape with Tk about 11,000 from three passengers — Armito Das, Budha Das and Hadis Miah — by intoxicating them with food. Two of the muggers fled the scene.

Passengers, however, recovered Tk 9,000 from the possession of Mosharraf and Maqbul.