

## 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 Patharghata of Barguna district and 6 in Monpara, 4 in Tajmuddin and 5 shelters in Charfesson 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 Monpara 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

vast cost line and offshore islands in the Bay of Bengal on the night of 29th and 30th April, 1991. The cyclone battered the entire coastline in the vast southern region of the country. In the cyclone 140,000 people were perished, 1.07 million were rendered homeless, more than 1,050,000 cattlehead and livestock were lost or washed away, crops on over 150,000 acres of land were damaged and destroyed.

### One gets 7-yr RI for violating minor girl

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Jan 18: One person was convicted to suffer rigorous imprisonment (RI) for a term of seven years and to pay a fine of Tk 5,000 for violating a minor girl.

Shafiuddin, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Pabna, delivering his judgment on January 13, awarded the above sentence against Jakir Hossain, son of late Baten Ali of village Ghohe Selonda under Bera thana of Pabna district under Repression on Women and Children's Act.

The prosecution story, in brief, is that on March 23, 1995, at about 11 pm in the night, Miss Safura Khatun, 14, daughter of Ujjal Kazi of the same village, went out of her bedroom at the call of nature. At once Jakir Hossain, son of late Baten Ali, Badsha, son of late Hafiz Uddin, Helal Mollah, son of Jalil Mollah, Babu Sheikh, son of Mujibur Sheikh and Berek Sheikh, son of late Raisuddin Sheikh all of whom were found nearby, caught Safura Khatun, forcibly took her away to a nearby field and gang-raped her. She left her away near her house in senseless condition.

After recovery, Safura Khatun herself went to Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO), Bera, submitted a written complaint narrating the incident and demanded justice.

The TNO forwarded the said complaint to the Officer-in-Charge, Bera thana, with a direction to treat the same as an F.I.R. and start a regular case against the accused persons and to take appropriate measures after conducting necessary investigation.

Police, thereafter, started the case and submitted charge-sheet against the accused persons after conducting investigations.

The Additional Sessions Judge, however, acquitted four other accused persons as the allegations against them were not proved.



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 Athgharia 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 Athgharia, 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 which 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 Athgharia thanas but no special investigations, although badly needed, were being conducted for finding out the real causes behind them.

As regards Athgharia 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 deaths, 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 evidences 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 unveiling out 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 crime was active to suppress such cases and the real criminals, immediately before or after committing such heinous crimes, can easily find out this vicious crime comprising so-called touts known as 'matbars', 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 Fields 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.

The total number of the

children in the age group of 6 to 10 were 4,28,657 in the district. In total 73,171 children did not get enrolment mainly because of their guardians' reluctance.

The thana-wise break up of these students are: Kishoreganj Sadar-9114, Pakundia-6861, Austagram-3082, Hossainpur-2383, Mitamoin-2717, Katlad-6476, Bazitpur-6543, Nikli-5091, Tarail-5226, Kuliarchar-3586, Bhairab-4033, Itna-6980 and Karinganj-11,079.

Most of these children belong to poverty-stricken families. The poor parents send their children to fields and factories to earn livelihood with a view to supplementing the income of their families. They also cannot afford dress, paper and pen for their wards.

Besides, most of the government and non-government schools in remote and haor areas do not function properly. These schools remain closed almost four to five days a week. No officials from the education department visit these schools, it is alleged.

## Muggers caught red-handed

From Our Correspondent

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

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

Police said four robbers, including Mosharrar 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 Mosharrar and Maqbul.

They were sent to jail hazar after the district Magistrate Court rejected their bail.

## Clash over land: 28 hurt in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Jan 18: At least 28 persons were injured, six of them seriously in a clash between two rival groups at village south char Dubai on the river Arul Khan in Sadarpur thana of the district on Sunday last.

According to police sources, the clash ensued over the possession of a plot of char land in the locality.

Seriously injured six persons—Dailuddin Molla, 50, Tota Molla, 40, Imran Molla, 45, Fazal Molla, 35, Shiko Molla, 30, and Anwar Molla, 30, were rushed to Sadarpur Hospital and later Dailuddin Molla was shifted to Faridpur General Hospital.

Both the groups lodged separate cases with Sadarpur thana accusing each other in this connection.

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Local Government Engineering Directorate

Office of the Executive Engineer

Khulna

Memo No LGED/EE/Khu/1-T-7/97/57

Dated: 07-01-97

## Tender Notice

No 12/96-97

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited subject to proper compliance of the undermentioned terms & conditions from current financial year renewed Local Govt Engineering Directorate enlisted all project pre-qualified contractors & Khulna Zilla Parishad enlisted qualified contractors for implementation of 8 projects under 8 packages located at different thanas of this district under 'Priority Basis Rural Road, Bridge/Culvert Construction/Re-construction Project' during 1996-97 financial year. True copy of licence in support of contractor's enlistment must be attached with the tender.

- Qualified contractors or their proper representatives can purchase the tender of the projects at prescribed price (non-refundable) from this office & the offices stated at serial No 2 during office hours up to 28-01-97. Original registration book must be produced at the time of purchasing the tender schedule.
- Tenders of the project will be received simultaneously in the tender boxes kept at this office as well as office of the Project Director, Priority-basis Project, LGED main building, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207; Divisional Commissioner, Khulna; Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, Khulna; Deputy Commissioner, Khulna; Executive Engineer, LGED, Sakthira/Bagerhat & Thana Engineer, Phooltola, Terokhada, Rupsa, Dighalia, Dumuria, Patighata up to 1-00 PM of 29-01-97 and the tenders received will be opened on the same day at 01-15 minutes before the tenderers (if any) present.
- Earnest money of the tender should be deposited with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order only from scheduled banks of Bangladesh Bank in favour of the undersigned. Tender with Bank Draft/Pay Order from any non-scheduled bank or finance company will be treated as cancelled outright. As security against the work, 7.50% (seven point five per cent) will be kept deducted from the bill of the contractor.
- Rate in tender on all items together should be quoted in overall percentage above or below. Rate submitted should be written in words & figures. If the rate written in figures appears to be ineligible then only the rate written in words will be considered. There should be no striking off, erasing or overwriting in writing rate and tender with struck off, erased, overwritten rate will be treated as cancelled outright.
- Tender submitted with rate more than 5 (five) per cent below will be cancelled outright.
- If tender is submitted at rate 5 (five) per cent above, then itemwise rate analysis must be submitted. Tender without rate analysis or with photocopy of rate analysis or struck off/erased/over written rate analysis will be treated as cancelled forthwith.
- Time of implementation should be treated as an important factor. Work should be started within 7 (seven) days of issuing work order of the project and all works must be completed as per specification within the prescribed time, failing which earnest money will be forfeited and the work cancelled.
- Each contractor participating in the tender must attach with the tender VAT registration certificate (attested copy) as per Clause 15 of VAT Act 1991, otherwise the tender submitted will be cancelled. On approval of the tender original copy of VAT registration certificate shall have to be produced later on.
- Tender submitted in Form No 2911 will be treated as 1st & formal. No formal tender will be received afresh from the approved tenderer; but in case of negotiated rate between the contractor and the authority, formal tender shall have to be submitted prior to work order.
- In view of implementing the work of each item described in the tender schedule, work plan should be submitted with the tender. Tender submitted without work plan will be treated as cancelled outright.
- If departmental/salvaged materials are used in the project work, then Income Tax & VAT will be deducted on the gross bill amount including the price of those materials.
- Construction materials stacked at the site of work can only be used in work after test & approval by this office and the test fees should be borne by the contractor.
- Prior to submitting tender, the site of work should be inspected & examined. Later on no expenses/additional cost as to difficulty in carrying goods, pumping out rain or underground water, constructing ring embankment can be claimed, if claimed the authority will not consider it under any circumstance.
- Additional terms & conditions and technical regulations with the tender form are integral parts of the original tender. Other terms & conditions of tender can be known & seen during office hours.
- If more than one tender is submitted at the same rate (the lowest rate), then lottery will be held on 03-02-97 at 11-00 AM at this office before the tenderers present.
- The authority is not bound to accept the tender with the lowest rate and may reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. This notice is brief and its detailed description can be known & seen during office hours.

Sl No	Name of thana	Package No	Name of Project	Estimated cost (Lakh Taka)	Cost of schedule (Taka)	Time (Days)	Class of contractor
1	Phultola		Development of Dhophakhola-Joginipasha road with ASS & 25 mm carpeting	1000	300.00	60	All
2	Terokhada		Development of Terokhada Bazar-Patia Growth Centre Link road with ASS & 25 mm carpeting	1500	500.00	90	A & B
3	Rupsa		Development of Logpur Sea Food-Rupsa Ghat to Zubusa High School road with ASS & 25 mm carpeting	1500	500.00	90	A & B
4	Dighalia		Development of Kalabazar-Molladanga to Barandanga road with ASS & 25 mm carpeting	1900	500.00	90	A & B
5	Dighalia		Development of Jaidipur-Jagipul main road with ASS & 25 mm carpeting	1500	500.00	90	A & B
6	Batiaghata		Development of Batiaghata College Road to Hetambura R&M Nahari Gachhila road with ASS & 25mm carpeting	1000	300.00	60	All
7	Batiaghata		Development of Shyamgoni-Janpur Bazar Batiaga GCC road with ASS & 25mm carpeting	1000	300.00	60	All
8	Dumuria		Development of Chechuri Bazar-Dhamalia-Komrail-Altaper Mor road with ASS & 25 mm carpeting	2000	500.00	90	A & B

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## 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 (uptodate renewed) for compaction 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, IFADP (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. 30.1.97 up to 1:30 PM.
- Date & time of receiving tender schedule : 30.1.97 at 2:00 PM.
- Date of opening tender : 30.1.97 at 2:00 PM.
- Earnest money : Earnest 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 be no 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.
- Earnest 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 earnest 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.

Sl No	Name & location of project	Group No	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Price of schedule	Time limit for completion of work	Class of contractor
1	Earth compaction work of Chhatrahat-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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## Emergence of shoals in Meghna

## 40 riverine routes likely to be abandoned

From Staff Correspondent

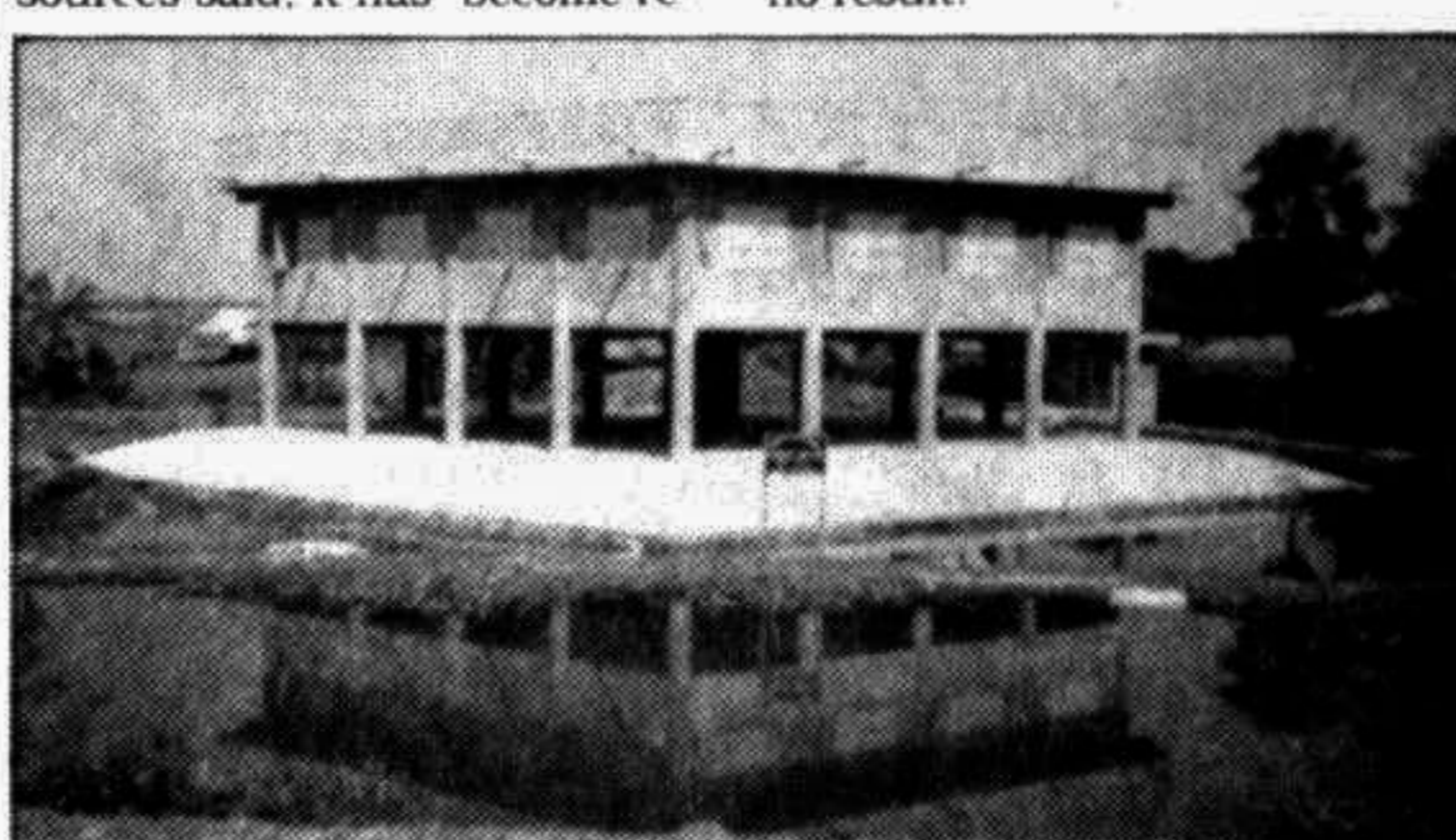


BARISAL: An under construction multipurpose cyclone shelter at Patharghata in Barguna district. — Star photo

BARISAL, Jan 18: Nearly 40 riverine routes in the southern region likely to be left abandoned due to emergence of numerous shoals in the river Meghna during this winter dry season like the previous years.

Meanwhile, one out of six channels has already been stopped. To operate 38 river routes in between Dhaka and 38 thanas of 6 southern districts in Barisal division, 6 riverine channels are usually being used.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) sources said, it has become re-



BARISAL: A newly constructed multipurpose cyclone shelter at Galachipa in Patuakhali district. — Star photo

ally difficult and risky for plying riverine vehicles due to frequent emergence of new charlands on the river beds every year. These hidden sunken sandy charlands gradually create troubles for plying of passenger-double-decker, Dhaka bound launches including the cargo carrying vessels.

It may be recalled here that almost every year BIWTA authorities conduct dredging works in the river beds to make the river routes navigable, but it is revealed, eventually it yields no result.

Acting on a tip off, BDR of 23 battalion searched vehicles and recovered the contraband from two rickshaws.

Contrabands seized

## 238 projects executed under FWP in Netrakona

NETRAKONA, Jan 18: Total of 238 projects under food-for-work programme of the government were executed in ten thanas of Netrakona district during the last financial year, reports BSS.