

Pabna PDB office gheraoed, ransacked

From Our Correspondent

PABNA Jan 21: Local people gheraoed and ransacked the power supply office here on Saturday to protest the erratic power supply and random load-shedding.

Some 300 youths attacked the office and manhandled the resident engineer. The angry youths demanded regular supply of electricity.

Dwellers said life has become miserable in the town during the current months of holy Ramadan due to frequent power disruption and high price of LP gas.

The angry people complained that the town plunges into darkness after sundown most of the day and in the absence of power they have been facing immense suffering during the time of iftar and 'sehari'.

A number of power consumers said, on an average, they have to suffer 12 hours of load-shedding causing endless hardships. The SSC and HSC examinees are also worst sufferers.

Officials of the local electricity supply department, 18 mw power supply is required for the consumption of the town dwellers daily but instead only five mw is being supplied at present.

The dwellers also alleged that taking advantage of the situation some dishonest dealers are selling LP gas cylinders in the black market and consequently per cylinder is being sold between Tk 490 and 520 as against its fixed rate at Tk 210.

Construction of KU Women's hall starts

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA Jan 21: Construction work of Women's hall of Khulna University at a cost of Tk four crore 50 lakh has started on one acre of land with a provision for housing the female students.

The first phase of the work for accommodating 128 students is expected to be completed by January 1998, said an KU press release.

There will be a garden, playground, conference room, dining hall and gymnasium in the hall premises.

Villagers block Dhaka-Sylhet road for 2 hours

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET Jan 21: Traffic on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway remained suspended for two hours as the angry villagers put up barricades near Lalabazar, about 8 kilometres from here this morning following the death of a woman in a road accident.

Bachon Bibi, 50, wife of one Wazif Ali of village Buna Khal of Sadar thana was crushed under the wheels of a speeding microbus at about 9 am. The driver managed to escape with his vehicle.

The body was sent to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College for autopsy.

The road was cleared by police after two hours.

Body yet to be returned by BSF

FENI Jan 21: The body of a Bangladeshi farmer who was shot dead on Friday evening by Indian Border Security Force could not be recovered till date, reports UNB.

Imam Hossain, 24, son of Abul Hashem of Shahebnagar in Porshuram thana of the district, was killed by BSF men when he went to bring cows from a frontier field near his village.

After the incident, Bangladesh Rifles contacted the BSF several times, but got no response.

A GD was registered with Porshuram police by the victim's family.

17,000 cft timber, seized in Rangamati

RANGAMATI Jan 21: Members of the security force seized nearly 17,000 cft timber of different varieties worth about Tk 50 lakh from Langudu Saturday, reports BSS.

The timbers, which were alleged to have been procured illegally from the reserve forest, were being carried under bamboo shades in the lake area here.

The members of the security force on a tip-off launched a drive in the lake and recovered the timbers, concerned sources said. The seized timbers were handed over to the forest department.



CHANDPUR: A reception was accorded to Md Abdul Khaleque, Principal of Chandpur Government College, for his outstanding service in promoting education. In the picture, prizes being handed over to him by Khaled Anwar, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Chandpur at a function held here recently. — Star photo

236 committed suicide in Gopalganj last year

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ Jan 21: A total number of 236 persons including women, children and young men committed suicide in the district from January 1 to December 31 last year, according to police sources.

A total of 73 persons committed suicide in Gopalganj sadar thana, of which 40 persons took poison, 14 persons were hanged and 19 persons died through other means.

A total of 42 persons committed suicide in Kotwalpara thana, out of which 27 persons took poison, 11 persons were hanged and 4 persons died through other means, according to Kotwalpara thana police sources.

A total of 19 persons committed suicide in Tungipara thana, out of them 15 persons took poison, 2 persons were hanged and 2 persons died by other means, according to

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Tungipara thana police sources. A total of 49 persons committed suicide in Maksudpur thana, out of them 30 persons took poison, 17 persons were hanged and 2 persons committed suicide by other means, according to Maksudpur thana police sources.

A total of 53 persons committed suicide in Kasiani thana, out of which 31 persons took poison, 14 persons were hanged and 8 persons committed suicide through other offences, according to Kasiani thana police sources.

The victims include a good number of children and old men and women and young men.

Police records say that chronic abdomen pain was responsible for maximum suicide incident, which is considered to be number one reason for the suicides.

Police records also show that about four fifth of the total suicide cases took place largely due to poverty, discord between married couples, failure in love affairs and physical torture carried out by guardians.

A woman of Malati Rani Das, aged about 70 of village Ragunathpur under Gopalganj sadar thana told The Daily Star correspondent that she had attempted to commit suicide because her only son did not provide her with food and clothing.

A senior police officer of the district when asked to give his view on increasing number of suicide cases in Gopalganj said, dowry was one of the major reasons of higher number of such incidents. He further said, this is a social problem. In many incidents the cases of suicide are not mentioned as parents tend to hide facts.

15 hurt in clash over land dispute in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL Jan 21: At least 15 persons were injured, 4 of them seriously, during a clash between two groups of villagers at Sakharua under Banaripara thana this morning. A dispute over land was the cause of the clash.

Witnesses and police said a group of people led by one, Mansur Majhee went to the disputed land for taking its possession. Their rival group, led by one Manna Majhee resisted their attempt to take possession of the land. Two of the injured were women.

The seriously injured Manna Majhee, 50, Siddique, 32, Kulsom, 45 and Ruma, 21, were admitted to the Banaripara Thana Health Complex.

Khulna shipyard burdened with Tk 21 cr loan

KHULNA Jan 21: The Khulna Shipyard is carrying a loan burden of Tk 21 crore, and is now unable to pay the salary and allowances of the workers and employees, according to informed sources, reports UNB.

About 650 labourers and employees of Khulna Shipyard have not received salary for two months.

A source said some organisations including the Khulna Newspaper Mills, Mongla port, Bangladesh Railway and Water Development Board owed a large sum of money on account of various work done by the Shipyard.

The Shipyard itself had to take a loan of Tk 12 crore from the bank 10 years back. The amount has since inflated with cumulative interest added to the principal amount.

Moreover, the organisation did not get any new work nor any repair work because of alleged management inefficiency and bureaucratic complication.

Local leaders apprehended that the modern shipyard capable of building and repairing ocean-going vessels would have to be wound-up soon.

Workers of 2 mills protest selling shares

NATORE Jan 21: Employees, labourers and sugarcane growers of Natore Sugar Mills and North Bengal Sugar Mills jointly held a protest rally Monday against the recent announcement of the government to sell 49 per cent shares of the two mills, reports UNB.

The protest meeting was held in front of the main gate of Natore Sugar Mills with the president of Natore Sugar Mills Employees Association M Ataur Rahman in the chair.

Among others, the meeting was addressed by general secretary of the association and Bangladesh Sugar Mills Employees Federation President MA Jalil Panna, local leaders Abul Kashem, MA Karim and cane growers.

The speakers demanded immediate cancellation of the decision to sell 49 per cent shares of the two mills in the district through Dhaka Stock Exchange. Because the two mills exceed targets and earned the highest and second highest profit in every crushing season out of 14 sugar mills of the country.

They also threatened to go for tougher action programmes to protect the mills and safeguard the interest of the employees and cane growers.

Two murderers get life-term

SYLHET Jan 21: The district court here has awarded life-term for two people in a murder case lodged 20 years ago with Bishwanath police station, reports UNB.

Mozibor Ali and Jalu Miah along with three others were accused of killing Farooque Miah during a clash at Gargaon on October 10, 1976.

District Additional and Sessions Judge delivered the judgment on January 9. They were also fined Tk 2,000 each, in default to suffer life for more than three months.

Of the two, Jalu Miah has been absconding. The court, however, acquitted Suruj Ali, Motahar Ali and Tomij Ali.

Five alleged terrorists arrested

TANGAIL Jan 21: Tangail police arrested five persons on charge of various terrorist activities and recovered four pipe guns with three cartridges, reports BSS.

Police said the arrested persons are: Jamaluddin, Abul Hossain, Joyal Abedin, Parvez and Abu Sayed.

Police further said 18 alleged terrorists were arrested from different places of the district since December 27. During the operation police seized 35 bottles of phenesyl.

10 bawalis kidnapped from Sundarbans

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA Jan 21: Pirates kidnapped 10 bawalis on January 14 from Chandpur range of the Sundarbans and are still holding them hostage demanding Tk one lakh as ransom.

Hunt for the hostages by Forest Guards is still going on in full swing, the DFO said.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Cox's Bazar Public Works Division Cox's Bazar

Memo No. 30

Dated: 12-1-97

Corrigendum Notice

It is hereby notified for information of all/contractors concerned that tender for the work construction of Cox's Bazar District Jail in 8 groups under a notice was invited vide this office Memo No. 1945 Dt. 24-12-96 (Tender No. 34/96-97). The estimated cost and amount of earnest money of the work under Group No. 7 (Seven) on Page 2 of the tender will be Tk 22,97,645/- and Tk 45,960/- respectively. The dates of receiving & selling the tender are, under unavoidable circumstances, extended from 23-1-97 & 21-1-97 to 30-1-97 & 28-1-97 respectively, and, if needed, lottery will be held on 04-02-97 instead of 30-1-97 as usual. On Page 16, the rate of land/hill earth cutting & land development item for Group No. 7 under Item No. 51 should be read as at the rate Tk 28/- (twenty-eight) per KM. Other terms & conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

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Biman BANGLADESH AIRLINES

Ref: DACPL/26/96-97/346

Dated: 13-1-97

Tender Notice No. 26/96-97

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Biman Bangladesh Airlines from the interested Manufacturers/Distributors/Suppliers for the supply of the items mentioned below as per details/specifications mentioned in the schedule:-

- 100% Rajshahi Silk Super Balaka Sky Blue Sari - 300 pcs
- 100% Rajshahi Silk Super Balaka Ash Colour Sari - 300 pcs
- 100% Rajshahi Silk Super Balaka Brick Red Sari - 300 pcs
- 100% Rajshahi Silk Super Balaka Green Colour Sari - 300 pcs
- 100% Rajshahi Silk Super Balaka Feroja Colour Sari - 300 pcs
- 100% Rajshahi Silk Super Balaka Bottle Green Sari - 300 pcs

Tender schedule mentioning full details/specifications of items, terms and conditions will be available from the Accounts Officer, Cash Payment Unit of Finance Directorate, Admin Building, ZIA, Dhaka and Asstt Manager Accounts (Cash & Banking), Biman, Motijheel, Dhaka on payment of Tk 200/- (Taka two hundred) only per set (Non-refundable) by applying on letterhead pad during any working days up to 1.2.97.

Sealed tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept in Local Purchase Section, Stores & Purchase Directorate, Admin Building, ZIA, Dhaka and Biman Head Office Reception Counter, Biman Bhaban, Motijheel, Dhaka latest by 1130 hours (BST) on 2.2.97 and will be opened on the same day at 1400 hours at the premises of Stores & Purchase Directorate, Admin Building, ZIA, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers (if any).

Biman Management reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of the items and can accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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General Manager (S&P)

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Stores and Purchase Directorate

Notice Inviting Tender of RHD

1. Tender Notice : 28-BRD/1996-97.
2. Name of work : Earth work in Road Embankment at 4th (P), 5th, 6th & 7th KM of Sirajgaon-Kazipur-Dhunot-Sherpur Road under Road Division, Bogra during the year 1996-97.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 2,98,901/- only.
4. Earnest money : Tk 5,978/- only.
5. Time allowed : 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractor : "A to E" general category contractor of RHD.
7. Name of Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/ Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Bogra/Sherpur/Joypurhat.
8. Name of offices where tender will be received : 1) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Rangpur. 2) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha.
9. Last date of selling tender documents (within office hours) : Up to 29-01-97.
10. Date & time of receiving of tender : UP to 12-30 PM on 30-01-97.
11. Date & time for opening of tender box by other receiving officers : At 12-45 PM on 30-01-97.
12. Date & time of opening of all the tender by the undersigned : At 11-00 AM on 02-02-97.
13. Date & time of lottery (if required) : At 11-00 AM on 04-02-97.

Md Abdul Quddus

Executive Engineer, RHD

(Current Charge)

Road Division, Bogra.

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Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority

Office of the Executive Engineer
Chandpur

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority's Engineering Division enlisted contractors for the undermentioned works. Tenders should be submitted in the tender box kept at the office of the Executive Engineer, BIWTA, Chandpur and Executive Engineer, BIWTA, Sadarghat, Dhaka up to 12-00 Noon of 3-2-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any present). Tender related papers will be available during office hours daily (except the tender opening day). Earnest money mentioned against the works should be enclosed with the tender in Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of BIWTA. Schedule should be collected on payment of the amount of taka mentioned against each work as price of schedule at the Accounts Office of the Authority, Chandpur and Accounts Office, BIWTA, Sadarghat, Dhaka.

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

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Price of schedule	Time limit for work
1)	Repairing & maintenance work of Nabinagar Launchghat Jetty.	97,100/-	2,500/-	200/-	30 days
2)	Repairing & maintenance work of Gokarnghat Launchghat Jetty.	67,340/-	1,700/-	200/-	25 days
3)	Repairing & maintenance work of Chatalpar Launchghat Jetty.	1,17,400/-	3,000/-	300/-	30 days
4)	Repairing & maintenance work of Miabazar Launchghat Jetty.	1,25,700/-	3,200/-	300/-	30 days
5)	Repairing & maintenance work of Ashuganj Launchghat Jetty.	72,688/-	1,900/-	200/-	30 days
6)	Construction work of Wooden Jetty and Link Road at Farazikandi Launchghat of Chandpur District during 1996-97.	2,40,000/-	6,000/-	400/-	30 days

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S M Sirazul Haq

Executive Engineer

BIWTA, Chandpur.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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

Tender Notice

No-06/FD/PGZ/96-97

Dated: 07-01-1997

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department enlisted A-1/A-2 class contractors for development work of the undermentioned educational institutions under "Secondary Educational Institutions Development & Rehabilitation (Govt. & Private) Project".

Group No	Name of District	Name of Thana	Name of Educational Institution	Type of Project	Estimated cost	Time Limit for Work
01)	Thakurgaon	Pirganj	Nandanpur High School	GOB-10	8,01,589/41	3 (three) months.
02)	Thakurgaon	Pirganj	Godagari Dimukhi High School	GOB-10	8,01,589/41	3 (three) months.
03)	Panchagarh	Boda	Maidandighi Dimukhi Girls' High School	GOB-10	8,01,589/41	3 (three) months.

Tender can be purchased on cash payment of Tk 400 (four hundred) only (non-refundable) from the office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rajshahi/Bogra/Dinajpur/Rangpur/Kurigram/Pabna/Naogaon Zone and office of the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Thakurgaon as well as the office of the undersigned on all working days during office hours up to 30-01-97.

Tender will be received at the office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rajshahi/Bogra/Dinajpur/Rangpur/Kurigram/Pabna/Naogaon Zone and office of the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Thakurgaon as well as the office of the undersigned up to 12-30 PM of 01-02-97 and will be opened on the same day at 1:00 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any present).

2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost as earnest money should be submitted with the tender in Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Panchagarh Zone, Panchagarh.

Terms & Conditions:

- 1) Tender can be purchased by contractor or his attested representative from the above offices on production of challan of depositing renewal fee for 1995-96 financial year, and in case of those who have deposited all papers as per requirement of Form for renewal for 1996-97 financial year, on production of original registration book.
- 2) Contractors who have failed to complete their works during 1995-96 financial year, cannot take part in the tender.
- 3) Tender of any contractor submitted more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost will be treated as cancelled outright.
- 4) VAT & Income Tax will be deducted from the bills of the contractor according to government rules. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Kazi Wahidul Alam

Executive Engineer

Facilities Department

Panchagarh Zone, Panchagarh.

'Save Betna from death'

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA Jan 21: The dredging of the river Betna is essential for smooth flow of water during the monsoon and for the plying of boats, launches and for irrigation purposes during the dry season.

The river Betna was once the blessing for the people of the district providing communication, fishing and irrigation facilities and navigation was smooth. But all these are now reminiscence.

The river Betna was deep and wider, but due to heavy siltation the river has been gradually losing the depth and changing the course.

Every year wide spread ero-

sion and huge amount of silts deposit into the riverbed causing loss of its depth original.

Merchant and cargo vessels are now a-days not visible in the river Betna.

Fishermen have switched over to other profession for their survival as the river gradually has been drying up.

People living beside the river have been facing difficulties as a vast tract of land remain uncultivated every year for want of irrigation.

people of the district have urged the authorities concerned to take effective measures for dredging of the river.

One roasted alive in tragic fire mishap

PATUAKHALI Jan 21: One person was roasted alive and four others were injured in a devastating fire that broke out in Telikhali bus stand in sadar thana on Wednesday night, reports BSS.

The fire gutted four shops. According to local people, the fire burnt one college student Alamgir Hossain, 22, to death on the spot and injured five others seriously.

Local sources said, the fire, originated from electric short circuit from a shop, burnt two grocers shops, one laundry house and one pharmacy.

The victim, Alamgir Hossain was a second year honours student of Patuakhali Government University College. He was asleep in a shop during the fire and could not come out of the room.

The fire brigade personnel and the local people rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire.

Tragic indeed

JHENIDAH Jan 21: Being unsuccessful in the examination, a school girl of Bapanpara in the town, allegedly committed suicide, police said today, reports UNB.

Family sources said Sumita Rani, 14, daughter of Kall Prasad Biswas of Jhenidah Government Girls High School who failed to secure promotion from ninth to ten for the third time in the current academic session committed suicide by hanging herself at her residence on January 10.

An unnatural death case was filed with the police.

Another report from Satkhira says: A boy died and his sister is in serious condition after having endrine mixed food last week.

Family sources said Liaquat of Howalkhali village under Sadar thana kept the endrine mixed food at a certain place of his house for killing rats.

His ill-fated son Polash, 6, and daughter Tanjila, 4, unknowingly took the food. As a result, Polash died instantaneously and Tanjina is still fighting for life at a local hospital.

Cheating-Comilla Board style?

COMILLA Jan 21: Want a certificate, marksheet or any other vital document involving the career of a student of any institution under the Comilla Board of Secondary Education? Chose a contact agent crowding the gate of the Board office, and good luck with a handful of commission would get the three days work done in one day, reports UNB.

But most of the students or their guardians are having bad luck, that is, the agent is usually missing with the money and the document.

Sources said the agents who act as middlemen for money were organised in groups and exert pressure on the unwary document seekers. Sometimes they extract money by force.

Complaints have been lodged with the Board recently by 15 victims, but the Chairman of the Board is reported to have forwarded