

Cold wave in Thakurgaon paralyses life

THAKURGAON, Jan 22: About 10 lakh people of northern district Thakurgaon are now in grip of severe cold.

Cold wave coming from the Himalayan region along with sporadic rain which occurred Monday night paralysed the normal life of lakhs of people of the area, reports BSS.

The mercury comes down to 5 degree Celsius.

The cold wave brought a painful situation for 70 per cent poor people of the area. For want of winter clothings the working people can not go out for work. These people are passing day and night by warming themselves in fire.

However no loss of life is reported in the district.

Meanwhile distribution of considerable number of winter clothes started by order of the Prime Minister for the poor and destitutes of the district.

Earlier, the government sanctioned 800 pieces of T shirts for the youngsters.

Barricades on road in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Jan 22: The workers and employees of Dada Match Works put up barricades on Rupsha Strand road from 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday protesting the closure of the factory.

They have threatened a greater movement if the match factory is not re-opened within 36 hours.

Wildlife population in danger in the Sundarbans

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Jan 22: The unauthorised extraction of the resources of the Sundarbans has been going on unabated every year. The government is being deprived of huge revenue from the world's largest mangrove forest reserve.

The Forest Department sources said that, the government earns about Taka 25 crore every year from the Sundarbans. Some unscrupulous businessmen with the help of a section of corrupt officials and staff of the Forest Department are plundering the resources of the Sundarbans every day causing huge revenue losses, it is alleged.

The Forest Department authority reportedly are not taking any steps to check the plundering of the resources.

The experts from home and abroad, preparing reports on Sundarbans stressed the need for integrated resources management to help the forestry sector in playing due role in the process of poverty alleviation and income generation.

According to concerned official sources, deer, tiger, tiger, gopata, snake, fish, honey and other resources of the Sundarbans are being plundered every day. The government prohibited hunting of wild animals in the Sundarbans. But professional and non-professional hunters ignoring the ban are often seen hunting animals indiscriminately.

According to sources, the number of Royal Bengal Tiger is decreasing fast. Sources said an organised gang of the hunters are active to kill the tigers to collect skins, heads, nails and teeth for smuggling.

According to sources, Shyamnagar thana police recovered a tiger skin from Mohammad Ali of village Dapankhali under Shyamnagar thana on January 6, this year.

In October 1995, police recovered a tiger skin from a person at village Satani under sadar thana. On August 17 and October 16, 1992 customs and police recovered three tiger and deer skins from a Dhaka bound night coach. In July 1991, police recovered three tiger skins and on June 30, 1990 police personnel recovered eight tiger skins and a huge number of teeth of the Royal Bengal Tiger from Kholpetua river in the Sundarbans which were being smuggled to India.

In November 1989, the BDR personnel raided a boat plying

in the river Ichhamati and recovered three skins of Royal Bengal Tigers.

It may be mentioned here that in a recent seminar on 'Sundarbans Deserved Forest' experts viewed that Sundarbans' unique eco-system is not only a cause of national pride but is equally an international heritage.

A survey conducted by a team of British scientists led by Lord Mountain came to Sundarbans in 1967. After the survey, the team at that time, disclosed that the number of Royal Bengal Tigers was limited to only 150. After eight years of the survey in 1975, another survey led by Henrich, in their reports revealed that the number of the Royal Bengal Tigers increased to 300.

In 1982, the biology department of Dhaka University and the Forest Department of the Sundarbans conducted a joint survey and revealed that the number of the tigers was around 450. But in recent years, due to

indiscriminate hunting the population of Royal Bengal Tigers in the Sundarbans has come down to 350. The death rate of tigers is higher than the birth rate in the past few years due to environmental degradation in the forest experts said.

Besides, honey, a natural gift produced abundantly in the Sundarbans that can earn a lot of money, is being exploited by an authorised people and sold in different markets in the country.

According to reports, the number of deer is about two lakhs, half of which is female. Deer is being hunted indiscriminately by a group of professional and non-professional hunters every year.

It was reported that a project costing about taka two crore was taken up in 1981-82 to preserve wildlife. Since then no more project was taken up by the previous governments to preserve the wildlife in the Sundarbans, the forest sources said.



Winter clothes were distributed among 30,000 distributee people in Rangpur-Dinajpur region by Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service (RDERS) recently.

Resentment among RU teachers

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Jan 22: There is strong resentment among the teachers of Rajshahi University over the appointment of reportedly pro-Jamaat teachers to some important posts during the last few days.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof M Yousuf Ali appointed Prof M Sarwar Jahan of the Zoology Department as the provost of Dr Zoha Hall Tuesday canceling the appointment of Dr Abdur Rahman Siddiquee 16 months ahead of the expiry of his tenure. He also appointed Prof SQG Mahtabwalli as the chairman Military Science and appointed a new student adviser.

The University Syndicate at a meeting with the VC in the

chair gave allotment to seven teachers in the Juberi Guest House allegedly violating the rules and regulations.

In protest, some teachers locked the allotted rooms.

The Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA) in a statement said the appointment to various posts and allotment of rooms in the guest house would worsen the situation on the campus.

Meanwhile, the deadlock at the University continued for the 13th day Tuesday with the RUTA and the All-party Student Unity (APSU) still on an indefinite strike demanding the removal of VC Prof Yousuf Ali.

Indian salt loaded truck seized

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Jan 22: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel in a drive seized a truck loaded with Indian salt at Katabari on Gobindaganj-Fulbari road in the early hours of January 17.

Receiving a secret information the district Smuggling Resistance Task Force challenged the truck. No Khulna Metro-11021 and recovered huge quantity of Indian salt. BDR men seized the truck together with all the consignment on board which was smuggled into Bangladesh territory. Four persons namely Abdur Rahim Hikkur, Lutfar Rahman, truck driver Harun-ur-Rashid and helper Ferozuddin were arrested in this connection.

A case was filed with Gobindaganj thana.

Over 20 hurt in clash over land dispute

BARISAL, Jan 22: At least 10 people were injured, four seriously, when two groups of armed villagers locked in a clash over land dispute at Sakharra village in Banaripara thana on Monday, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said the clash took place when the armed group led by Monsur Majhee went to the disputed land for taking its possession then the rival group led by Mannan Majhee tried to resist them.

As a result, the clash erupted that left 10 people injured including two women from both the sides.

Seriously injured Mannan Majhee, 50, Siddiquee, 34, Kulsum, 45, and Runa, 20, were rushed to the Banaripara Thana Health Complex.

Hospital sources said condition of Mannan Majhee was stated to be critical.

Another report from Satkhira adds: Ten people were injured, five seriously, in a

clash between two rival groups over possession of a disputed land at Kashibati in Kaliganj thana on Saturday.

Police said the clash ensued when the group led by Mohammad and Sajjad went to take possession of a piece of land allegedly grabbed by co-villager Majid.

Seriously injured Mohammad, Sajjad, Afsar, Rahimuddin and Sukhjan were admitted to Kaliganj hospital in a critical condition.

Two separate cases were filed with the police.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Rifles recovered 40 kilograms of silver worth about Tk 3 lakh from the border areas on Saturday.

BDR jawans said they seized the silver while the intruders from India escaped arrest leaving behind the contraband item.

The seized goods were deposited with the local customs godown. A case was filed with the Sadar police station.

Truck driver stabbed to death

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Jan 22: A truck driver was stabbed to death and two other potato traders sustained severe injuries when a highway dacoit attacked the truck at Shibrampur on Palashbari-Gaibandha highway at 5 am on January 14.

According to police, one Gaibandha bound potato loaded truck Rangpur Cha-531 from Mithapukur market while reached at Shibrampur on Palashbari-Gaibandha, a gang of highway dacoits created barricade on road just to stop the truck, placing a log of tree. The driver tried to cross the barricade, but failed.

Meanwhile, the miscreants attacked them with deadly weapons. They stabbed the driver Mozammel Haq 35, and two others potato traders sustained severe injuries. The driver died on way to hospital. A case was filed with Palashbari thana.

Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board
Office of the Director Procurement
Telephone Exchange Building
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
11-01-1997 AD
No. DP/L-15/CW/96-97/Mtc/5 Dated: 28-09-1403 BS

Local Tender Notice
Gala sealed tenders in prescribed form are hereby invited from the manufacturers/bonafide suppliers to supply the different sizes of P.E. Sleeves.

Tender will be received on 22-10-1403BS/04-02-1997 AD up to 11-30 BST and will be opened on the same day at 11-35 BST in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any).

The intending tenderers shall have to apply to the undersigned in their printed letter pad for purchasing the tender schedule. The tender schedule may be purchased on cash payment of Tk. 100/= (Taka one hundred) only (Non-refundable) from 10-00 to 14-00 BST on all working days. Details information about earnest money, specification and other terms and conditions are available in the tender schedule. No tender schedule will be sold in the opening day of the tender.

The Authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to accept any or to reject all the tenders in the interest of B T&T Board without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DFP-1404-19/1 Dy. Director (Local Procurement) Telephone No. 815041

Notice of RHD Inviting Tenders

- Tender Notice: 18 of 1996-97 of Jessore Road No. Division.
- Name of work: Construction of 1.52 M span, 9.76 M width, & 1.83 M height RCC box culvert at 13th KM of Jessore-Keshobpur Road under Jessore Road Division during 1996-97.
- Estimated cost: Tk 9,40,848/-
- Earnest money: Tk 18,850/-
- Time allowed for completion of work: 45 (forty-five) days.
- Eligibility of contractor: A to D class under special category of RHD.
- Name of officers: Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Jessore/Jhenidah/Kushtia/Magura/Planning & Design (RHD) Division, Boyra, Khulna, Planning & Programming (Roads & Bridges), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka & all Sub-Divisional Engineers' Office under Road Division, Jessore.
- Name of officers: Additional Chief Engineer (RHD), Khulna Zone, Khulna/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Jessore/Superintending Engineer (RHD) Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn, Jessore/Jhenidah/ Kushtia/Magura/Road Sub-Division-I, Jessore.
- Last date & time: Up to 5-00 PM on 1-2-97 Eng/19-10-1403Beng during office hours.
- Last date & time: Up to 12-30 PM on 2-2-97 Eng/20-10-1403 Beng.
- Last date and time: At 12-45 PM on 2-2-97Eng/20-10-1403 Beng.
- Date and time: At 10-30 AM on 5-2-97 Eng/23-10-1403 Beng.
- Date and time of: At 11-00 AM on 15-2-97 Eng/3-11-1403 Beng.

Engr Md Mossarrat Hossain
Executive Engineer (RHD)
Road Division, Jessore.

Over 4000 river crafts plying in Kaptai, do not have licence

From CHT Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Jan 22: Lack of supervision of the concerned authority, exasperation in issuance of licence accompanied with hardened complicities and fixation of fees and bribe at an abnormally high rate have been depriving the government with atleast a revenue of Tk. five crore annually from about 5,000 water-crafts plying in the Kaptai lake, political leaders and observers alleged.

About 5,000 river-crafts including passenger and cargo launches as well as engine-fitted boats have been plying in the Kaptai lake, the longest in the sub-continent with an area of 58,300 hectares which crisscrosses the two hill districts of Rangamati and Khagrachhari.

Out of those about 5,000 water-crafts, 50 launches in two disciplines — passenger and cargo transportation — were registered with the Mercantile Marine Department, the licensing authority stationed at Chittagong. But, the maximum licensed water-crafts lost their validity as those were not renewed in time, official said.

With or without authority, these water-crafts plying in the Kaptai lake, have been engaged in carrying passengers, transporting merchandise and daily necessity commodities, fish, forest products including timber and bamboos in the six riverine routes of Rangamati-Kaptai, Kaptai-Belaichhari, Rangamati-Belaichhari, Rangamati-Naniachor, Rangamati-Baghaichhari and Zurachhari as well as Baghaichhari-Baghaihat.

Acute absence of implementation of existing rules by the Mercantile Marine Department has caused these irregularities here, president of Rangamati Nounjan Samity alleged. Water-crafts without licence, much below the requisite standard, and risky have been plying through

these routes, he added. Launch owners do not bother to obtain registration for plying their vessels in these routes, Sudipta Dewan, ex-lady MP of Rangamati alleged.

Ten launches have been

Scholarship for meritorious students of CHT

From CHT Correspondent

BANDARBAN, Jan 22: With a view to patronising the meritorious students of this district in prosecuting their studies at the different educational institutions of the country in any discipline, the district administration of Bandarban hill district has introduced scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded to the meritorious students from secondary school to post-graduation level, who came out successfully with outstanding result in the examinations held in 1996.DC said.

Besides, the meritorious students studying in different secondary schools, colleges and madrasas in the district, the permanent residents of the district reading in the different colleges, polytechnical institutions, agriculture diploma or equivalent certificate awarding institutions and graduations or post-graduation level institutions at any places in the country may apply for stipend, DC said.

According to the positions secured in the examinations stipend at the rate of Tk 5000 to Tk 3000 will be awarded to the students reading in the post-graduation level, Tk 4000 to Tk 3000 to graduation level, Tk 4000 to Tk 2000 to higher secondary level while Tk 3000 to Tk 1000 to secondary level.

plying with the photostat copies of a single date-expired licence, as there are no authorities apparently to look after the unabated unruly practice, Sudipta added.

An executive from the Rangamati Nounjan Owners' Association said, registration to few launches were given before 10-12 years, photostat copies of which are being used by those owners who sailed their new boats after that period capitalising the impasse in issuance of licence and absence of supervision of the authority concerned. Neither any new licences were issued by this time nor any owners dared to apply for registration in their new vessels to avoid hardened complicities and bribe, he added.

Simultaneously, 95 per cent of the crews who operate the water-crafts in this lake do not have any training or the licence meant for it. Abul Ferooq Khan, president of Langadu thana unit of Awami League alleged. Frequent accidents have been taking place as the non-licensed and untrained crews operate those, Ferooq added.

It was evident that seldom any water-crafts plying in the lake have got the gear in the engine properly. No launches can go reverse or at the expected speed in absence of back-gear or gear in order in the engines.

In absence of any supervision of the authority passengers facilities in the launches are acutely absent. Even 98 per cent passenger-carrying launches do not have any toilet to response the call of nature causing much sufferings to the travelling passengers, sufferers alleged.

Cent per cent of the unauthorised water-crafts in the Kaptai lake are engaged in illegal fishing throughout the year and transporting illegally extracted timbers of government reserved forests, observers alleged.



KURIGRAM: Prizes being distributed among the winners of essay competition titled: 'Begum Rokeya's Role in Promoting Female Education' arranged at Kurigram Government Women's College recently.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Director, Stores & Supplies
Central Medical Stores Depot, Tejgaon, Dhaka

Tender Notice

The Director, Stores & Supplies, Dte. General of Health Services, CMSD, Tejgaon, Dhaka invites C&F/Free delivery, tender from Importer, Stockist, Supplier & Manufacturer for procurement of Gen. Medicine, Cancer Medicine & X-ray film chem & mats against MSR fund during the year 1996-97. The particulars of tender are as under:

Sl. No.	Tender No. & date	Brief description of stores	Value of tender schedule	Date of dropping & opening of tender
01.	HS/S-IX/Gen. Medicine/07/96-97 dt. 14.01.97	General Medicine	Tk 750.00 (non-refundable)	Dropping by 11.00 AM on 03.03.97. Opening on 03.03.97 at 12.00 Noon.
02.	HS/S-IX/Cancer Drugs/08/96-97 dt. 14.01.97	Cancer Drugs	Tk 750.00 (non-refundable)	Dropping by 11.00 AM on 03.03.97. Opening on 03.03.97 at 12.00 Noon.
03.	HS/S-IX/X-Ray Film, Chem & Materials/09/96-97 dt. 14.01.97	X-Ray Film, Chem & Materials.	Tk.750.00 (non-refundable)	Dropping by 11.00 AM on 03.03.97. Opening on 03.03.97 at 12.00 Noon.

The schedule value must be paid to the Bangladesh Bank against Head of Account '36-Health & Population Control' (non-refundable) through Treasury Challan & original copy of which must be submitted by a forwarding letter in bidders own letter pad for obtaining the tender schedule.

The tender documents shall be obtained from the office of the undersigned in all working days during office hours.

The tender schedule will be sold on the dropping date.

Col. Md Zillur Rahman
Director, Stores & Supplies
CMSD, Tejgaon, Dhaka
Phone No. 815479, 326536

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Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Road Division, Comilla

Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No. : 132/EE RHD, Road Division, Comilla during the year 1996-97.
- Name of work : Repairing seal coat on emergency basis at different KM of different road in 2(two) Groups, during the year 1996-97. (Ch to 266-CA).
- Estimated cost : As per group list.
- Earnest money : As per group list in BD/Pay Order in favour of EE RHD, Road Division, Comilla.
- Name of office where tender bids will be received : Addl Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla, Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Comilla/Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka and office of the undersigned & office of the Divisional Commissioner, Ctg.
- Name of office of availability of tender bids : Office of the undersigned/EE RHD, Road Divn. B. Baria/Chandpur/Planning and Design Divn/Comilla/Planning Divn, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka & SDE's office, under this Division, & office of the Divn Commis, Chittagong.
- Time allowed : As per group list.
- Last date of selling of tenders bids : 1.2.97 up to office hours.
- Last date of dropping of tender bids : 2.2.97 up to 12:30 PM.
- Date, time and place of opening of tenders : 4.2.97 in the office of the EE, RHD, Comilla.
- Date of lottery : 8.2.97.
- Eligibility of contractor : As per group list.

Gr No	Name of works	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Ch to Hd	Eligibility
1.	Repairing seal coat on emergency basis at 10th, 11th(P) & 13th(P) KM of LL S Road under Comilla Road Division, during the year 1996-97.	12,76,808/-	25537/-	20 days	266-CA	"A" to "D" class RHD, gen cat cont.
2.	Repairing of damage portion at dift KM of Comilla (Sreepur) Fakirbazar-Saldahnadi Road, under Comilla Road Division, during the year 1996-97.	5,38,963/-	10780/-	15 days	-do-	A to E

Md Abul Quasem Bhuiyan
Executive Engineer, RHD (CC)
Road Division, Comilla

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