

Irregular attendance at govt offices

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 27: Irregular attendance of a section of officials and employees at district and thana headquarters has been hampering the normal functioning of the government offices, reports UNB. Local people said irregular attendance is noticeable in most of the government offices, particularly in thana headquarters of haor areas in case of those who serve here keeping their families at their village homes. It is found that many officials and employees leave the working place on Thursday to spend the weekend with their families and do not return on Saturday. A section of them often come to the work places only to draw salary, it is also alleged. Besides, four health complexes in the haor thanas are worst affected by the low attendance. Most of the medical officers on duty prefer staying in district town rather than in thana headquarters to carry out their private practice.

Kaloo Mastaan of Pabna stabbed to death

From Our Correspondent PABNA, Jan 27: Abul Kalam, widely known as 'Kaloo Mastaan' was mercilessly stabbed to death in Shibrapur area of Pabna town recently. According to police, 15 specific cases were pending against him on charges of loot, murder, extortion of money and rape. The incident occurred when a few days ago at midnight Abul Kalam and his associate youths started merry making along with arrangements for dinner and bursting about a hundred handbombs. At one stage, several youths with whom he had allegedly quarrels over sharing of looted money and properties, caught him and started beating him with 'haturj' and 'kirich', along with other weapons, causing innumerable injuries and left him. The remaining associates of Kaloo were caught unaware with suddenness of the occurrence and at once shifted him to Pabna General Hospital the same night. The doctors immediately forwarded him to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, but on way, Kaloo succumbed to the injuries he sustained. Jubodal claimed the deceased as one of their leading cadres and accused Awami League for killing him. Police, when contacted, denied the above allegation and said that both the groups belonged to Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal. Kaloo was a notorious criminal, they told. Police, however, said that a case has already been registered against the killers, all of whom have gone on hiding.

108 SSC candidates of 1996 punished

From Our Correspondent MAGURA, Jan 27: One hundred and eight SSC examinees of 1996 of different SSC centres of Magura district under Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE), Jessore were punished for adopting unfair means in SSC examination of 1996, officials of BISE, Jessore said. According to the sources, the authority of BISE, Jessore has cancelled the examination of 108 students in SSC examination of 1996 who appeared at SSC from eight centres of Magura district. Of them 60 students have been suspended to sit for SSC examination of 1997. Two students have been suspended for two years and another two students also have been suspended for three years, sources added. Besides, the authority punished about 650 students who appeared at SSC examination in 1996 for taking unfair means, sources also added.

Doctor's bid to violate female patient sparks tension in Natore

NATORE, Jan 27: Some agitated people of the town physically assaulted the Gynae Consultant, Dr Samor Kumar Ghosh of Natore sadar hospital protesting his alleged attempt to violate a female patient on January 23 noon. According to allegations, the gynaecologist of the government hospital, Dr Ghosh reportedly attempted to rape the female patient who was admitted at the hospital. According to family sources, the vile incident took place when she (patient) went to the gynaecologist's chamber at the hospital for medical treatment as she was sent for by another doctor. The sources added that the doctor tactfully asked the relatives of the patient, who were accompanying her, to leave the chamber and after providing her with necessary treatment

he demanded money from her at midnight. She refused to pay him. The relatives of the patient awaiting outside the chamber found her with her dresses torn apart and crying for help. The sources also alleged that in spite of being admitted at the government hospital, Dr Ghosh demanded money illegally. They added that the patient's family paid off Taka 500 and Taka 300, two times. But the gynaecologist demanded more money from the patient, the sources alleged. The Civil Surgeon of the district, Md Zahangir Alam formed a three-member probe committee headed by the sadar thana Health and Family Planning Officer, Dr Laxmikanta Sannaal to investigate into the matter and directed the probe committee to

submit their report within 10 days from January 23. The other two members of the committee are: Dr Mohsin Ali, Medical Officer of the civil surgeon's office and Dr Bikash Tarafdar, Medical Officer of local TB Hospital. Some reliable sources said that the news of the incident did not break out immediately as some officials of the hospital and some family members of the patient tried to conceal the whole story. Sensation is now prevailing in the town since the incident became public on January 22. The patient, a housewife of an aristocratic Muslim family of Ramkishanpur village of Lalpur thana of the district, was affected with the diseases of 'perinatal tear' at the time of giving birth to her fourth child. She was admitted at the hos-

pital on December 25 and was under treatment of Dr Samor Kumar Ghosh. The hospital authority released her on January 16. Dr Samar Kumar, who denied the allegations against him, told this correspondent that the allegations had been made to hurt his reputation. In an investigation this correspondent gathered that Mr Ghosh, considering the tense situation in the town, shifted his family members to his home-district Magura from Natore on January 22. It was also gathered that Dr Ghosh had to suffer seven days in police custody for allegedly flirting with a nurse at Rangpur sadar hospital before his transfer to Natore sadar hospital. Dr Ghosh, however, also denied this allegation.



BARISAL: C R Chakma, Additional Divisional Commissioner, Barisal, speaking at the Green Umbrella logo awareness campaign launched here recently. — star photo

Cold wave continues in north

LALMONIRHAT, Jan 27: Shivering cold, prevailing in greater Rangpur and Dinajpur districts for the last nine days, continued on Sunday paralysing the life of about two lakh people of the river basin of the district, reports UNB. Local people said the affected people, mostly labourers, cannot go out for their work for want of warm clothes and are forced to pass their days without food. Meanwhile, many people have been attacked by various diseases caused by extreme cold and malnutrition. There is also allegation of corruption and nepotism against the Union Parishad Chairman in distributing the warm clothes among the genuine poor people from the Prime Minister's fund.

Tk 6 cr outstanding irrigation tax in Chandpur

CHANDPUR, Jan 27: An amount of Taka six crore is lying outstanding as irrigation tax in Chandpur Irrigation Project area for the last 19 years, reports BSS. The Taka 80-crore Chandpur Irrigation Project was commissioned in 1978 by the Water Development Board. The irrigation area covers about 70,000 acres of land under Chandpur, Faridganj, Haimchar and Luxmipur thanas. An official source said about 60,000 acres were brought under IRR-1-Boro cultivation every year in the project area. About 2,000 irrigation pumps have been commissioned there.

Reconciliation move among rivals at IU

JHENIDAH, Jan 27: The 'Understanding Committee' of Islamic University has started functioning Saturday to establish understanding among the rival student organisations of Islamic University (IU), according to IU sources. A 10-member committee was formed with Fayed Mohammad Sirajul Haque, president, Islamic University Teachers Association (IUTA) in the chair. The meeting decided to meet the leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Chhatra Shibir on Jan 27 and 28 and other student organisations on January 29.

One crushed under wheels in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Jan 27: One person was crushed under the wheels of a speeding microbus in the town Sunday night. According to police, the victim, Moshfiq Hossain, 55 was crossing the road at 9:30pm.

3 cross-dams will be built to save Bhola town from erosion

BHOLA, Jan 27: Three cross-dams on three canals joining the Gangaia, Tetulia, Elisa and Meghna rivers are being constructed to check erosion and control floods on the outskirts of Bhola town, an official press release said here Saturday, reports BSS. One thousand tonnes of wheat has been allocated for constructing the three dams through peoples participation. Water Resources, Minister Abdur Razzak and Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed jointly inaugurated the construction works at Belhulia, Rajapur and Sitarampur under Bhola sadar thana Saturday. The construction work will be completed in three months and after completion of the project, 12,500 acres would be spared from seasonal floods. Besides, it will provide irrigation facilities, develop communication system and promote fish cultivation. The press release said a project worth Taka 33 crore is under way to save the Bhola district from river erosion and flood by water development board. Constituted with seven thanas, Bhola district, is surrounded by the mighty river

Meghna and the Tetulia. It is the biggest island of Bangladesh. Some 10 thousand acres of this downstream district is eroded and 20 thousand families became landless and homeless annually as discharge of the country's most of the rivers are carried by the two rivers in the monsoon. The government has taken up a good number of projects to check erosion, rehabilitation of landless and for the overall socio-economic development of the district. Speaking at the foundation laying ceremony of the cross-dams the commerce and industry minister said, local government, communications, water resources ministries and other government departments will spend about Taka 80 crore during the present fiscal for the overall development of the district. Besides, work is going on to bring Bhola under rural electrification network. Tofail said, a huge reserve of gas has been found in Bhola which would be utilized for 210 megawatt power generation project, construction of a fertilizer factory and other commercial purposes. Tofail said, the government

has taken steps to develop every part of the country equally. Besides, efforts is continuing to attract local and foreign investors to expand production, trade and export of the country. He said, potential investors of the developed countries are now investing in telecommunication sectors. He called upon all irrespective of political affiliation to help and support the government to maintain the investment-friendly environment. Speaking as the chief guest, the water resources minister said, the present government has completed four gigantic works in the last six months. Indemnity ordinance has been repealed to facilitate the trial of the killers of Bangabandhu. Historic Ganges water treaty has been signed with India and for there works the nation had to wait for long 21 years, he said. Razzak called upon the political party workers and farmers to supplement the government efforts to make Bangladesh a self-reliant country.

Four houses gutted in Rajoir Thana

From Our Correspondent FARIDPUR, Jan 27: Four dwelling houses were completely gutted in a fire that broke out at village Daradia under Rajoir thana in Modaripur district recently. It was learnt from local people that the fire originated from a lamp and spread to the adjacent houses. The extent of loss due to the fire was estimated at over Taka ninety thousands.

Two killed in road mishaps

SYLHET, Jan 27: Two people were killed in road accidents here on Wednesday, police and witnesses said, reports UNB. In one mishap, a man was run over by a microbus-bound for Goal bazar near Madhabpur bazar killing him on the spot. The deceased was identified as Abdul Hafiz, 24, a cartpuller and resident of Agram in Kishoreganj district. Police recovered the body and sent it to Osmani Medical College Hospital for post-mortem. On the same day, in another accident, labourer Junu Mia, 27, died when Sunamganj-bound bus turned turtle near Ahsania bridge of Sylhet-Sunamganj highway. He was returning to his village home in Sunamganj sadar after the day's work. Meanwhile, a man injured during a family feud succumbed at Osmani Medical College Hospital on January 19. According to police, Tahir Ali, 45, of sadar thana was beaten mercilessly by his nephew following a family quarrel. He was rushed to the hospital with serious head injury.



BARISAL: A colourful rally was brought out in the divisional town on the occasion of a campaign launched here recently to get accustomed with Green Umbrella logo. — Star photo

Goods from railway wagons being transported by road from Teestamuk ghat

From Our Correspondent GAIBANDHA, Jan 27: East-West rail link is almost uncertain following irregular ferry services between Teestamuk ghat and Bahadurabad ghat. Although passenger ferry services were restored partially after it remained suspended for a week it may however be closed at any time. Ferry boats are now moving cautiously along the narrow channel to avoid hitting charrs land which needs additional one hour time. Passengers who use to travel by rail are facing quite uncertainty in crossing the river. Ferry boats often run aground due to heavy siltation of river route as well as fall in

water level. On the other hand, ferrying goods wagon still remain suspended between Teestamuk ghat and Bahadurabad ghat. Railway authority decided to restore shifting goods wagons through road communication between Balashi to Gaibandha station which proved not satisfactory at all. In this way a small number of wagons are being unloaded everyday. Western Railway authority failed to overcome the situation despite several high level meetings at Teestamuk ghat, Bonarpara and Gaibandha town to find out a suitable solution for the crisis which is yet to be settled. According to fertilizer dealers, huge fertilizer loaded wagons are lying stranded at Bahadurabad ghat and other locations due to snapping of ferry communication. As such, price of fertilizer at the local market increasing day by day. The feared a crisis of fertilizer at the ensuing peak hour of IRR-1-Boro cultivation season.

'Green Umbrella Logo' campaign in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Jan 27: The 'Green Umbrella Logo' campaign was launched in Barisal division Thursday with great enthusiasm. The campaign was inaugurated by the Barisal Divisional Commissions Md Yahia Mollah, in the presence of more than seven hundred field workers, government representatives and NGO people with a colourful rally decorated with banners, festoons, posters and caps marked with green umbrella logo. The campaign was arranged by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with the technical assistance of the Johns Hopkins University/Centre for Communication Programmes (JHU/CCP). The objectives of the campaign is to 'create awareness of Green Umbrella Logo' and to create an association of the Green Umbrella Logo with the availability of health and family planning services in the minds of the target audiences with the message 'For Health and Family Planning Services, go to a Place Where You See the Green Umbrella. No Matter Where You Are, You Are Never Far From the Green Umbrella.' The slogan is: 'Take Services, Stay Well.' After the rally, a discussion meeting, held at the Aswini Kumar Town Hall which was addressed by C R Chakma, Addl Divisional Commissioner, Barisal, Md Ahsan Habib Kamal, Poursava Chairman, Dr Md Khairul Alam and Majedul Haq, acting directors, Health and Family Planning, Barisal Division and A K Shafiqur Rahman, Programme Officer, JHU/CCP. More than 700 people from different sectors including government and NGOs participated in the rally and discussion meeting.

Abducted person rescued, main accused held

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ, Jan 27: Kishoreganj police rescued an abducted person and arrested the main accused in the abduction case on January 22. Police sources said, Golam Rabbani, 30, of village Sudhi in Karimganj thana was kidnapped from Kishoreganj town on January 21. Later the kidnapers demanded Taka 50,000 as ransom to his elder brother. Following the filing of a case in this connection, sub-inspector Alauddin picked up Abul Kalam Azaad, the main accused from Ekrampur area of Kishoreganj town. On the basis of his confessional statement, police later rescued Golam Rabbani from the house of one Fakrul Islam.

Theft at shop in Madaripur: Tk 4 lakh looted

From Our Correspondent FARIDPUR, Jan 27: A theft was committed in a shop at Puran Bazar in Madaripur town recently. It was learnt from a local source that thieves entered into the shop by breaking open the lock and took away Tk four lakh in cash. A case was filed with Sadar thana in this connection.

Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)
Third Natural Gas Development Project
CGS, Chittagong

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Tender Notice

S1. No.	Description of work	Estimated cost	Cost of tender document (Non-refundable)
01.	Construction of 4-bar gas pipe line at different roads of Patia Town in Chittagong.	Tk. 5,31,712.50	Tk. 1000/- per set.
02.	Completion time	75 (Seventy-five) days.	
03.	Qualification of contractor	Contractors enlisted with BGSL for category 1.3/1.4 for the year 1996-97 are eligible to participate in the Tender.	
04.	Where schedule will be available	(a) Accounts Department, BGSL, Head Office, Comilla, (b) Liaison Office, House No-3, Road No-2/A, Banani, Dhaka, (c) Accounts Section, 12, Jamal Khan Road, BGSL, Chittagong, (d) Accounts Sub-Section, Third Natural Gas Development Project Office, CGS, Chittagong.	
05.	Selling time of tender schedule	30-01-97 to 12-02-97.	
06.	Place, date & time of tender receiving	(a) Third Natural Gas Development Project Office, Comilla, (b) Liaison Office, House No-3, Road No-2/A, Banani, Dhaka, (c) General Administration & Protocol Section, "Minhaz Complex", 12, Jamal Khan Road, BGSL, Chittagong, (d) Third Natural Gas Development Project Office, CGS, Chittagong on 13-02-97 up to 1200 hours.	
07.	Date & time of tender opening	13-02-1997 at 1230 hours.	
08.	No Tender document will be sold on the day of Tender opening.		
09.	BGSL reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.		

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Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh
Kurmitola, Dhaka

Notice Inviting Tender
No. CAAB/EM-3/96-97/21

- Name of work : Development of Rajshahi Airport (SH-Supply of CCR's PCB for VASI's lighting system). Capital Expenditure-Code No-100.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 1,99,990/- only.
- Earnest money : Tk. 5,000/- only in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Airport Manager, Rajshahi Airport.
- Eligibility of the Firm : CAAB enlisted 'C' and above class E/M Contractor/Firm having valid electrical Contractory and Supervisory licence and experience in similar nature of works.
- Precondition to purchase/set of tender schedule : Above Firms may apply with necessary papers in favour of their eligibility for purchasing tender schedule.
- Value of tender papers : Tk. 250/- (Two hundred fifty) only (Non-refundable).
- Place of availability of tender : a) Superintending Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b) Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. c) Executive Engineer, E/M Division-3, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. d) PA to Member (Ops. & Plans), Chief Engineer and Director (ZIA), CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. e) Airport Manager, Rajshahi Airport, Rajshahi.
- Place of tender receiving/opening : Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka and Executive Engineer E/M Division-3, CAAB, Dhaka & Airport Manager, Rajshahi Airport.
- Last date of tender selling : 16-2-97 (During office hours).
- Date and time of tender receiving : 17-2-97 (Up to 12:00 Noon).
- Date & time of tender opening : 17-2-97 (At 12:30 PM).

Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or part thereof without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer
E/M Division No-3
CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka

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RHD Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No : 115/Mkg. of 1996-97.
- Name of work : Tender for re-construction of 30.50m span PSB on Pile foundation with future provision for pre-stress girder bridge at 14th KM of Aricha-Ghior-Tangail Road Bridge No. 14/1 under Manikganj Road Division during the year 1996-97.
- Estimated cost : Tk 81,70,597/-
- Earnest money : Tk 1,63,412/- in favour of EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division in BD/TC/Protirakha Sanchay Patra and Bonus Sanchay Patra etc.
- Time allowed : 120 (One hundred & twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Eligibility of contractors : 'A' to 'C' special category of RHD contractors.
- Name of offices where tender documents will be sold : Divisional Commissioner, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka EE(RHD), Dhaka Road Divn, Dhaka/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Planning & Design Divn, Dhaka/Planning Divn (P&D), Dhaka Zone, Dhaka E. E. (RHD), Manikganj Road Divn & SDE (RHD) Manikganj/Nayerhat under Manikganj Road Division.
- Name of offices where tender will be received : Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Manikganj Road Divn and SDE (RHD), Manikganj/Nayerhat under Manikganj Road Divn.
- Last date of selling of the tenders : Up to 15.2.97 during office hours.
- Last date and time of receiving of tender bids : At 12:30 PM on 16.2.97.
- Date and time of opening of the tender bids : At 1.00 PM on 24.2.97 in the office of the EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division.
- Date and time of lottery : At 1.00 PM on 26.2.97.
- Chargeable head : 266-Feeder.
- Authority of estimate approved : Addl CE(RHD), Dhaka Zone, Dhaka.

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Manikganj Road Division
Manikganj

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