

Erratic power supply a regular feature

From Our Correspondent
KISHOREGANJ, Jan 31: Supply of electricity in Kishoreganj town and thanas of the district has become irregular and the situation is worsening day by day. This is causing great inconveniences both to the domestic and commercial consumers.

It is learnt that hardly a day or night passes without disruption of power supply. In the evening the whole district areas plunge into darkness and it continues for hours together. Frequent power failure has almost paralysed the normal life.

Due to irregular supply of power, businessmen, owners of factories and mills are incurring huge losses. All husking mills are affected by frequent power disruption and crushing of paddy and wheat is being hampered. Meanwhile, price of rice and *atta* has also gone up.

It is gathered that the electric lines and transformers are now in a deplorable condition due to lack of proper maintenance. Moreover, the transformers in the town and its suburbs are reportedly inadequate compared to the requirement of voltage.

Meanwhile, taking advantage of darkness, the anti-social elements have become active after the sunset.

Alleged irregularity in fertilizer distribution

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Jan 31: Fertilizer distribution under existing system will lead to an artificial crisis in the peak hour of ensuring IRRU-Boro cultivation in the district, it is feared.

Higher authority as well as Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) did not fix up any standard retail price of fertilizer which will bring the opportunity for the dealers to price hike during peak hour of cultivation. BCIC approved dealers and petty retail traders, meanwhile, started hoarding of urea fertilizer with a view to making multiple profit in the near future.

Besides, innumerable mid-men in the name of retail fertilizer trader, either in collaboration with different dealers or in support of different political alliances now busy with hoarding fertilizer and eagerly waiting for the further price hike. Many unscrupulous dealers are shifting huge quantity of fertilizer to different fake petty retail traders showing sale in their registers.

While contacted Nasiruddin, Deputy Commissioner, Gaibandha told The Daily Star that the district administration

is yet to shoulder any responsibility to conduct overall supervision on fertilizer distribution, as well as, fixing retail price.

However, a vigilance committee was formed and a control room in this respect was also opened to monitor fertilizer disbursement position in the district, he added.

Meanwhile, the district administration asked Gaibandha Fertilizer Association to submit a list of genuine retail fertilizer traders working in the district. According to the association, a list of about one hundred retailers is being prepared for Gaibandha sadar thana.

BCIC earlier approved 34 fertilizer dealers in the district and more 15 new dealers are going to be approved with immediate effect for ensuring smooth distribution of fertilizer.

The District Agriculture Extension Department submitted a requirement of urea fertilizer amounting 40,991 metric tons for the fiscal year 1996-97 against which BCIC allocated 37,350 tons. Besides, a buffer stock was built with 3,000 tons from which till date 2,516 tons fertilizer were already sold out to different dealers with a view

to replacing another 3,000 tons of imported fertilizer which is yet to be reached in Gaibandha.

On the other hand, Jamuna Fertilizer Factory, meanwhile, disbursed fifty per cent of January '97 quota among the dealers which is also on the transit. At present among the fertilizer, urea is being sold at Tk 275 per bag, TSP Tk 660 per bag and SSP (India) Tk 240 per bag. A six month break-up of requirement is given here January '97 - 1,813 tons, February '97 - 6,331 tons, March '97 - 8,658 tons, May '97 - 1,502 tons, June '97 - 334 tons against which BCIC allocated 3,000 tons for the month of January '97 and 5,781 tons for the month of February '97 just to meet up the requirement of IRRU-Boro cultivation.

With a view to overcoming fertilizer crisis in the peak period of IRRU-Boro season proper system of distribution and fixing up of retail price should be ensured.

Smuggled goods worth over Tk 32cr seized

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Jan 31: The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel of Five Battalion under Khulna Sector recovered smuggled goods amounting over Taka 32 crore from different bordering areas last year.

According to BDR sources, the contraband goods worth Taka 30 crore 80 lakh were recovered while being smuggled into the country and the goods worth Taka 1 crore 27 lakh were recovered while being smuggled out of the country. So far, 2864 cases were registered with the respective police stations against the smugglers.

The goods which were smuggled into the country included sugar, salt, cow cloth, cosmetics, toys, sarees, blouse pieces, imitation ornaments, blade, electrical goods, bi-cycle, onion, chilli, hide and skins, motor parts, glass, pesticides.

Bamboo production declines alarmingly

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 31: Bamboo production in 13 thanas of the district has declined sharply due to indiscriminate uprooting of clusters, reports UNB.

Construction of thatched houses and output in bamboo-based cottage industries are seriously hampered for lack of bamboo in the district, once famous for bamboo production.

According to sources, thousands of clusters on a vast tract of land in the district are gradually decaying for lack of proper maintenance and systematic plantation, resulting in price hike of bamboo in the local markets.

Most of the cluster owners were said to be ignorant about scientific plantation of bamboo and reluctant to take necessary measures to save the clusters.

They said the use of cluster roots as fuel in cooking and burning bricks has taken the situation to an alarming proportion.

According to agricultural experts, a bamboo plant can produce at least 20 new sprouts a year if it gets proper care and rearing, but presently a bamboo plant is yielding only two to three new sprouts.

Local people alleged that the authorities concerned have not yet taken any measures to boost production despite the growing demand for bamboo as it's being used as raw materials in manufacturing paper and thatched houses.

College student killed in road accident

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Jan 31: A college student was killed in a road accident near Shakhdah bridge on Satkhira-Khulna road recently.

According to Tala Thana Police sources, Abdur Razzaq, 20, son of Abdus Sattar Morol of village Mithabari under Tala Thana while crossing the road, a fish-loaded speeding truck knocked him down. In critical condition, he was taken to Satkhira Hospital where he died. The victim, Abdur Razzaq was a student of Patkhelghat College, the sources said.

9 noted persons honoured in Magura

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Jan 31: The local district administration honoured nine renowned persons for their commendable contributions to the society through a function here recently.

Nine honoured persons are: Saroj Nath Mouli (Fiction), Khan Jaiul Haq (Social Service), Dr M S Akbar (Health), Advocate Samarendra Roy Chowdhury (Drama), Chandi Prosad Chatterjee (Music), Skukur Al Mamun (Composer), Ahidul Islam (Literature), Akbar Hossain (Freedom Fighter) and Sohrab Hossain (Games and Sports).

Deputy Commissioner, Md Nuruzzaman Khan awarded prizes and certificates among the renowned persons at a cultural function.

National



Rotaract and Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar Dhaka sent a team to Dinajpur for the distribution of warm clothes Jan 22. Azizur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, distributing clothes. Fifteen hundred clothes were distributed among the distressed people at Bamnagar Unnyan Club, Mohabil RVC and slums near Dinajpur Railway Station.

4 abducted woodcutters rescued

KHULNA, Jan 31: Mongols police on Wednesday recovered five single barrel guns, two pipe guns and eleven ammunition and arrested three pirates from Barbaria point under Chapna range of Sundarbans forest after a fierce armed battle between the police and pirates, reported BSS.

Police also rescued four *baawals* (woodcutters) kidnapped earlier this month and seized one trawler and three country boats during the operation.

Police conducted the raid to rescue the woodcutters who were kidnapped by the pirates.

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Ferry Division, Barisal (RHD), Tender Notice

1.	Tender Notice No. :	39 of RHD, Ferry Division, Barisal/1996-97.
2.	Name of work :	Repairing of damaged portion of Utility Type-1-005/79 Ferry at Shikerpur Ferry ghat including carpeting and painting under Ferry Sub-Divn., Barisal during the year 1996-97.
3.	Estimated cost :	Tk. 7,95,000/-
4.	Earnest money :	Tk. 15,900/-
5.	Eligibility of contractor :	"A to E" general category contractor of RHD, as per financial capacity of territorial jurisdiction.
6.	Availability of tender schedule :	(1) Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning Divn., Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka. (2) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mech. Ferry Divn., Barsal/Khulna. (3) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Mech. Ferry Sub-Divn., Barisal (during office hours only. No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender schedule). (1) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mech. Ferry Circle, Khulna. (2) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka. (3) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mech. Ferry Divn., Khulna.
7.	Tender receiving officer :	17-2-97.
8.	Last date of selling tender documents :	18-2-97/6-11-1403 at 12:30 PM.
9.	Last date of receiving tender in sealed cover :	20-2-97/8-11-1403 at 1 PM.
10.	Date and time of opening tender:	20-2-97 at 2:30 PM.
11.	Date and time of lottery (if applicable) :	20-2-97 at 2:30 PM.

Executive Engineer, RHD Ferry Divn., Barisal

BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অংগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Ltd, Rangadia, Chittagong invites sealed tender in two envelope system from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers against Tender Enquiry No. CUFL/PUR/96-97/98(14) dated 12.1.97 for purchase of Hydrogen, Nitrogen and Acetylene gases on empty cylinder returnable basis. Tender documents will be available at the cost of Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only (Non-refundable) per set up to 16.2.97 during office hours in the following offices (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (2) BCIC Branch office, 06, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & (3) CUFL Accounts Department, Rangadia, Chittagong. Tender will be received in the Purchase Department, CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong up to 11:30 AM on 17.2.97 and will be opened immediately thereafter. CUFL Management reserves all right to accept or reject all tenders partially or wholly.

BCIC-56-18/1/97

DFP-1593-21/1

G-335

for Managing Director

Auction Notice

বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিত্রবৰ্যী হৈন

01.	Sealed bids are hereby invited from the bonafide bidders for auction sale of the existing old diesel power station building including the unserviceable diesel generators and the related equipment/materials as well as of the six diesel storage tanks on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". The structures to be auctioned shall have to be dismantled with foundation and all dismantled materials/equipment debris shall be removed from site within 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of sale order.
02.	Bidders having the practical experience in dismantling and removal of concrete & steel structures including foundations of similar volume and nature and having investment capacity of two crore are eligible to participate in the auction.
03.	For purchase of bidding documents, the intending eligible bidders must take prior written permission to the Project Director upon submission of relevant documentary evidence about their requisite experience authenticated by a First Class Officer not below the rank of an Executive Engineer or equivalent and financial capability certified by any scheduled bank in Bangladesh.
04.	The bidding document is purchasable at the office of the undersigned up to 20.02.1997 on all working days upon payment of Tk. 2,500/- (Taka two thousand five hundred) only each set (non-refundable) in Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh drawn in favour of the Deputy Director (Accounts), RAO, PDB, Siddhiganj, Narayanganj.
05.	All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security equivalent to 10% (ten per cent) of the quoted price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh drawn in favour of the Deputy Director (Accounts), RAO, PDB, Siddhiganj, Narayanganj.
06.	The bids will be received up to 1200 Noon on 23.02.1997 at the office of the
(a)	Chief Engineer (Generation), BPDB, WAPDA Building (1st Floor), Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka.
B)	Project Director (Addl. Chief Engineer), 210 MW Siddhiganj TPS Project, Power Development Board, Siddhiganj, Narayanganj.
C)	Project Director (Addl. Chief Engineer), 210 MW Siddhiganj TPS Project, BPDB (Camp Office), 4/B Chameybagh, Santinagar, Dhaka and will be opened at 12:30 hours simultaneously the same day at the said offices in presence of the bidders (if any).
07.	Bangladesh Power Development Board reserves the right to accept any or reject all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Project Director (Addl. CE)

210 MW Siddhiganj TPS Project

PDB, Siddhiganj.

BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অংগতির প্রতীক

Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd., Town Khalishpur, Khulna invites sealed tender Vide No. PD-21.72/96-97 dated 08-01-97 for purchasing of "SPARE PARTS FOR AIR COMPRESSOR VMD-500". The tender documents will be available in 1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka, 2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong & 3) Accounts Deptt., KNM Ltd., Khulna with the cost of Tk. 25.00 (Twenty-five) only (non-refundable). The tender will be opened on 12-02-97 at 3.00 PM in the Purchase Deptt. of KNM, Khulna. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening the tender. KNM authority reserves the right to accept or reject the tender partially or as a whole.

BCIC-80-25/1/97

DFP-2055-27/1

G-327

M H Fakir
Manager (Commercial)
for Managing Director.

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প্রকল্প পরিচালনের কার্যালয়		
Job Opportunity		
No. 87/1996-97		
Tenders on percentage basis in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted special 1st class/1st class and 2nd class E/M contractors having valid A,B,C/B,C class contracatory and supervisory licence from Bangladesh Electric Licensing Board, Dhaka and registration certificate of Value Added Tax Department. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Workshop Division, Wooden Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon of 8-11-1403 BS/20-2-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 pm in presence of the tender		