

National

Loadshedding

11 jute mills incur loss over Tk 12 cr

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 2: Eleven jute mills of Khulna zone have so far incurred loss of over 12 crore taka in last six months due to continuous loadshedding. There are other factors for the loss including higher production cost, labour unrest and outstanding bills of wages of the workers and employees. Besides this, loss of reputation in quality production in world market and failure to supply jute goods as per need are also among the causes for ruining the business of golden fibre.

According to reliable source, production works in all these 11 jute mills remain suspended for over four hours on average everyday due to loadshedding.

These mills lost 3,697 metric tonnes in production in last six months. According to Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) statistics, at least one thousand two hundred sixty six point ninety lakh taka were lost due to fall in production.

Production cost rose up due to loadshedding, said an official source. But wages of workers are being paid in full without day productive works, the sources added.

The mills could never reach the export target from the month of July to December, 1996. Fall in export of jute

goods is also due to frequent strikes and labour unrest.

The management of the mills could not pay wages properly during last six months due to anomalies in export works.

A spokesman of BJMC said despite repeated reminders to the Chief Engineer, Power Development Board (PDB), seven jute mills falling under Khulna Metropolitan City are yet to be ensured steady supply of electricity in peak hours.

BJMC demands nine megawatt of electricity to keep

seven jute mills of the city running in full production works. But the PDB is still silent over this issue.

Strict measures to maintain smooth supply of fertilizer

CHITTAGONG, Feb 2: The government has taken decisions to maintain smooth supply of fertilizer throughout the country during the current IRRI-Boro cultivation season, reports BSS.

As per the decisions, BCIC will ensure the delivery of fertilizer to the districts' dealers up to February quota within next two weeks. Chittagong Port Authority will provide three jetties round the clock to offload the imported fertilizer from the ships.

The committee comprising engineer Mosharrif Hossain, MP, Zafur Islam Chowdhury, MP, Rafiqul Anwar, MP, representatives from port authority, labor association, BCIC and C and F agents will supervise the distribution process from the port area and augmentation of the port activities regarding fertilizer distribution through trucks and barges.

Deputy Commissioners will keep vigil to ensure the despatch of the allotted fertilizer to specified area. District monitoring committee will monitor the local supply, market price and take necessary steps to maintain reasonable price.

The decision were taken at a high level meeting presided over by the commerce and industries minister at Circuit House here Saturday.

Convenor of the national committee on fertilizer distribution and former advisor M Anisuzzaman, Engineer Mosharrif Hossain, MP, Zafur Islam Chowdhury, MP, Rafiqul Anwar, MP, Agricultural Secretary A M M Showkat Ali, Awami League central leader Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiswer, BCIC chairman, Director General of agriculture extension were present in the meeting.

The meeting was attended by the deputy commissioners, police supers, deputy directors of agriculture of all the districts of Chittagong Division, BDR sector commander, navy base commander, metropolitan police commissioner and divisional commissioner of Chittagong, fertilizer dealers of the districts and concerned officials.

Resuming the discussion, the industries minister said, sufficient stock of fertilizer is available to meet the demand at the current peak period. He said, Chittagong urea fertilizer factory is not in production at present due to cessation of gas supply. Ferry services was disrupted at the Bahadurabad ghat resulting in short supply in North Bengal, he said.

The minister said, government has imported 3,50,000 mt of urea to cover the shortfall in the production and about two lakh mt of the imported fertilizer has so far been distributed and the rest will be distributed by mid February. He said all the five factories of BCIC are producing in full swing. He said, government is giving a subsidy of Taka 350 crore subsidy in the fertilizer to the farmers.

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The meeting took stock of the latest situation report of the districts about the stock, supply and price of fertilizer.

The minister asked the district monitoring committee to maintain strictly the price position at local level.

Highway dacoity : Property worth Tk 2 lakh looted

HOBIGANJ, Feb 2: A gang of dacoits on Dhaka-Sylhet highway looted property worth about Tk two lakh from the passengers of a Sylhet-bound mini-bus in Bahubal thana of the district, reports UNB.

According to passengers, four dacoits got on the mini-bus in disguise when the bus from the capital reached at Mirpur on the highway.

Later, the armed muggers took over the control of the bus at Kamaichhara in Bahubal thana, attacking the driver with a sharp weapon.

They decamped with the booties, including ornaments, wrist watches, a DD of Tk one lakh and some cash from the passengers of the bus at gunpoint.

The driver was rushed to Srimangal thana health complex with injuries. Local SP admitted the incident of dacoity.



KHULNA: Sheikh Tayebur Rahman, mayor of Khulna City Corporation, addressing at the city Zia Hall, the inaugural function of the Green Umbrella Logo campaign launched in the city on January 26. The campaign was arranged by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with the technical assistance of the Johns Hopkins/Centre for communication programmes (JHU/CCP). The Divisional Commissioner, SM Shamsul Alam, Director of Health and Family Planning, Khulna Division Dr. Mohammad Murid Ali and Edson E Whitnee, Country Representative of Johns Hopkins University were among others to highlight the importance of the programme. 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.

One killed, 7 hurt as truck falls into ditch

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Feb 2: One person was killed and seven others injured when a loaded truck turned upside down into the ditch Thursday at Noyagona on Chapainawabganj-Gomostapur road.

The dead was identified as Emdadul Huq of Baliahdanga village under Chapainawabganj Sadar thana. The injured were admitted into hospital. The truck-driver was caught by the people and handed over to police. A case was filed in this connection.

Meanwhile, Rajpara Thana police recovered a dead body of an unknown woman Thursday. Somebody took the dead body to the emergency department of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital and fled away. Police is investigating into the matter.

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Laying off of 3 factories in Khulna : Violence apprehended after Eid

From Quazi Amanullah

KHULNA, Feb 2: Industrial belts of Khulna are in grip of heightening tension with the closure of Sonali Jute Mills, Bangladesh Match Factory (BMC) and Dada Match Factory.

Workers and employees of these three industries are putting up road blockades, holding rallies and processions everyday demanding opening of the mills and fulfilment of their demands including payment of arrear wages.

As the situation is turning grave day by day, violence is being apprehended soon after Eid. The local administration and the management of the mills appear to be reluctant to solve the crisis. As a result, situation may go beyond the control any moment.

Meanwhile, CBA and non CBA leaders and workers and employees of all other mills and factories of Khulna zone have expressed their solidarity and unequivocal support for the strikers. Even transport workers have also supported the movement of jute mills and match factory workers.

Road barricades by Sonali Jute Mills workers on Khulna-Jessore highway are crippling economic life of the people. Sufferings of the people know no bound.

According to different reliable sources, owners of these mills and factories are heavily burdened with huge amount of bank loan. To get rid of loan repayment, they are closing the mills and factories through different machinations creating big credibility gap between the workers and CBA leaders.

According to reliable sources, workers and employees of Sonali Jute Mills are yet to be paid up their outstanding wages and P F fund money. As a result, they are passing days in untold sufferings with members of their families. No fruitful result has so far been achieved despite frequent meetings and sittings with the officials of the concerned ministry.

Sonali Jute Mills was declared closed since November 16. Since then workers and employees have been agitating to press home their several demands.

On the other hand, Bangladesh Match Company (BMC) firstly closed without any reason in 1990 throwing some 985 permanent workers and employees out of job. It was re-opened in 1992 providing 417 workers with jobs. But fact remains that 27 workers and employees died reportedly from starvation and different diseases without treatment during its closure for long 27 months. The management of the match

factory again retrenched 390 workers and employees on March 6 of 1995 on the plea of financial loss. The most tragic part of the foul game of the BMC management was that reinstated workers and employees were compelled to agree with the proposal for accepting half of their salaries. Besides, they were paid their gratuity for thirty days instead of sixty days.

Yet, the management closed down the factory on and from September 1 of 1996 in violation of all relevant rules and regulations of labour law.

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Re-Appointment Notice

Applications are invited to fill in the undermentioned posts only for the duration of project implementation period under PMIS/MSW (2nd part) Project under implementation by the Ministry of Establishment.

Sl No	Name of post	Number of posts	Pay-scale	Age	Educational qualification & experience
1	2	3	4	5	6
01	Senior Programmer	1 (one)	Tk 6300-8050/-	Within 30 to 40	(a) Post graduate degree in any subject or BSc (Engineering or Computer Science). (b) 5 (five) years experience as a programmer (3 (three) years experience in case of Post Graduate in Computer Science or Engineering). Experience relaxable in special case.
02	Operation Manager	1 (one)	Tk 6300-8050/-	Within 30 to 40	Graduate in any subject (Science group will be preferred) with 6 (six) years experience as a Computer Operation Supervisor or System Professional having qualification for the post of System Analyst.
03	Deputy Chief	1 (one)	Tk 6300-8050/-	Within 30 to 40 (45 years in case of candidates in govt service)	1st Class Post Graduate degree in Economics/Public Administration/ Social Welfare/Social Science/ Statistics/Mathematics or 1st class MBA degree with 5 (five) years experience in Planning & Research works at govt organisation or 2nd class Post Graduate Degree in the abovementioned subjects with 10 (ten) years experience in related field at govt organisation.
04	Assistant Chief	1 (one)	Tk 4800-7250/-	30 to 35 years (45 years in case of candidate in govt service)	1st Class Post Graduate degree in Economics/Public Administration/ Social Welfare/Social Science/ Statistics/Mathematics/Commerce from any recognised university or 1st class MBA degree with 3 (three) years experience in Planning & Research work at govt organisation or 2nd class Post Graduate degree with 5 (five) years experience in Planning & Research work at govt organisation.
05	Assistant Programmer	5 (five)	Tk 2850-5255/-	Maximum 30	(a) Post Graduate degree in any subject or BSc (Engineering/Computer Science). (b) Must have to pass the standard test of programming.
06	Research Officer	1 (one)	Tk 2850-5255/-	Maximum 30	Minimum 2nd class in Economics/ Public Administration/Social Welfare/ Social Science/Statistics/Mathematics/Commerce from any recognised university or 2nd class MBA degree. Preference will be given to candidates experienced in Planning & Research work.

Terms & conditions

- Applicant should apply in plain paper stating (a) Father's/husband's name, (b) Permanent address, (c) Present address, (d) Date of birth, (e) Marital status, (f) Religion, (h) Educational qualification (name of institution, name of examination, year, division/class should be mentioned in the form of a chart) and (i) experience.
- Candidates in service should apply through proper channel and the application with recommendation of the authority concerned must reach this ministry within the prescribed time.
- Candidates should submit 2 (two) copies recent passport size photographs attested by 1st class gazetted officer with the application.
- There is no need to submit certificates of educational qualification but certificate of experience attested photocopy should be submitted. Certificates will be sought from the finally selected candidates.
- DD of Tk 100/- (one hundred) must be enclosed in favour of the Project Director. This should be on Current Account No-747-1, Agrani Bank, National Press Club Branch.
- Applications will be received at the office of the undersigned in this ministry within 16-02-97. Incomplete application or application received after the prescribed date will be treated as cancelled.
- Name of post must be superscribed on the cover.
- Candidates having more than one 3rd division/class are discouraged to apply.
- The authority is not bound to take examination of the applicant/appoint him to the post prayed for because of publication of this appointment notice.
- Only the candidates considered qualified by the authority will be permitted to take part in the written test/viva voce or both examinations.

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Tender Invitation Notice

No. 92/1996-97

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are invited from Public Works Department enlisted special 1st class and 1st class building contractors and Chittagong Public Works Zone enlisted 2nd class building contractors for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Chandpur/Noakhali/B'baria/Feni/Laxmipur up to 12:00 Noon of 13/2/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the interested tenderers. Each tender should be submitted in the tender box kept at the respective office superscribing the name of work on the sealed cover. No contractor/contractor firms without VAT registration can purchase the tender.
- (a) Name of work : Under the Project Establishment of Fire Service & Civil Defence Stations at 32 important thana headquarters/places, one at Gouripur in Daudkandi thana of Comilla district (Sub-head: "B-5" type fire station construction work). Financial year 1996-97.

- (b) Estimated cost : Tk 27,01,912/-
(c) Earnest money : 54,200/-
(d) Time for completion of work from the date of work order : 240 (two hundred forty) days.

- 2) Tender schedule can be seen and bought up to 12-2-97.

- 3) Schedule consisting items of tender and terms & conditions can be seen and bought at Tk. 750/- (seven hundred fifty) per set (non-refundable) and Bangladesh Form No. 2911 at Tk. 25/- (twentyfive) each (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Chandpur/Noakhali/B'baria/Feni/Laxmipur and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers of this Division during office hours.
- Tender will be decided through lottery, if there happens to be more than one tender at the same rate, at the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Comilla on 27-2-97 at 11:30 AM in presence of the tenderers (if any present).

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