

Artificial scarcity of fertiliser in Pabna

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Feb 3: Acute artificial scarcity of fertiliser has been prevailing in the district. The prices of TSP and urea shot up abnormally throughout the district.

According to the existing prices of the above mentioned two varieties of fertilisers, it was gathered that although the real price of one bag of TSP, containing 50 kg, was Tk 343, the item was being sold at between Tk 600 and Tk 700 per bag while each bag of urea containing 50 kg was being sold at Tk 340 to Tk 350 against the real price fixed at Tk 250.

The farmers were, however, apprehending further rise in the prices of fertiliser during the coming weeks when the necessity of urea would be in great demand.

According to official sources there are 110 fertiliser dealers appointed in nine thanas of Pabna district. Of them, there are 38 dealers in Pabna sadar thana, 27 in Bera thana, nine in Sujanager thana, ten in Ishurdi thana, six in Santhia thana,

and five each in Bhangoora, Chatmohar, Algharia and Faridpur thanas.

Meanwhile, quite surprisingly, a special quota of 600 metric tons of TSP has been allotted for six dealers belonging to Bera thana. They are: M/s Abul Hossain of Pura Bharenga, M/s Bangladesh Transport of Nagarbari ghat, M/s Romel Enterprises of Nagarbari ghat, M/s K M Jalaluddin of Natakholah ghat, M/s Madina Traders of Pura Bharenga and M/s Forman Traders of Natakholah ghat.

The special allotment to only six dealers from the same thana by avoiding the other dealers took all others by surprise. They met the Deputy Commissioner, Pabna in a body on Sunday and demanded immediate cancellation of this special allotment, or to allot such allotment in favour of other dealers too.

The Krishak League leaders also met the Deputy Commissioner and demanded the same.

Mahbubur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Pabna, when contacted over telephone, told The Daily Star that the aforesaid six dealers applied to him praying for the special allotment and he also, in good faith, recommended the applications with the hope that this would help ease the price position of TSP.

The affected dealers, however, alleged that due to pressure from a highly-placed influential person, the Deputy Commissioner, recommended quite unusually, this sort of special allotment.

When asked whether the above allegation was true, the Deputy Commissioner, however, denied the same.

The impact upon the market of TSP all over the district due to such special allotment would lead to farmers' sufferings.

One of the affected dealers further alleged that during the last two years the aforementioned six dealers played a special role in creating fertiliser crisis.

Chicken pox breaks out in Jessore jail

JESSORE, Feb 3: Chicken pox that broke out in Jessore Central Jail has so far affected about 150 prisoners and some jailors, reports UNB.

According to the inmates of the jail, the disease that broke out fortnight ago took a serious turn due to the what they said the negligence of the jail hospital doctors.

Some patients of the hospital said they are being treated in same ward with other patients with the risk of spreading the disease. The jail hospital has no ward for infectious diseases.

The pox affected patients have urged the concerned authorities to look into the matter and take immediate measures to combat the spread of the disease.

Jarina murder 3 convicted for life in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Feb 3: Three persons were awarded life term on charge of killing recently. Md Shahidullah, Additional Session Judge, Second Court of Kishoreganj in a judgement delivered on January 26 convicted Asmat, Mofiz Ali and Jasimuddin under section 302 BPC and sentenced them to suffer life term imprisonment. The court also found all of them guilty under section 460 BPC and sentenced them to suffer rigorous imprisonment for 10 years with a fine of Taka 2000 each or in default to suffer RI for one year more.

According to the prosecution, on the night of May 12, 1994, the accused persons entered the house of Jarina Khatun, 50, wife of late Moniruddin of village Jarabadi in Karamganj thana and took her forcibly to the courtyard where she was stabbed to death. Later they fled the scene leaving the dead body in a field near the house.

A case was registered with Karamganj Police who after investigation submitted chargesheet against three persons leading to the trial court of Additional Session Judge.

Father, son kidnapped by outlaws

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Feb 3: Both father and his son were kidnapped from their house at Kestopur of Bagherpara thana in the district by armed, outlawed party activists recently. The father has been released and the son was held hostage and his whereabouts was still unknown.

According to police and local people, Dhirendranath 21, and his father Dr Hiron Chandra were kidnapped. But, Heron Chandra was released on condition to pay Taka one lakh as ransom. But still now, police could not ascertain the whereabouts of the victim.

It may be mentioned here that people of Bagherpara thana are virtually hostage to the outlawed party.

3 alleged dacoits caught red-handed

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Jan 3: Three alleged dacoits were caught red handed by the local people at Arpara of Magura-Jessore highway after committing bus dacoity recently. Police and eye witnesses said.

According to the reports, a gang of dacoits boarded the Jessore bound bus from a stoppage as passengers in the evening. The then started looting the passengers threatening them with sharp weapons and one of them took control of the bus from the driver near Maghirdhal.

Mean while, the bus was stopped giving way to a Magura bound truck. The dacoits tried to flee as the passengers started shouting for help. Running after them the local people caught three dacoits named Sattar, Anwar and Bablu and handed them over to police. Other dacoits fled with valuables worth Taka 50 thousand.

A case was lodged with the local thana.

Series of violence 14 BCL activists held in Perojpur

From Staff Correspondent

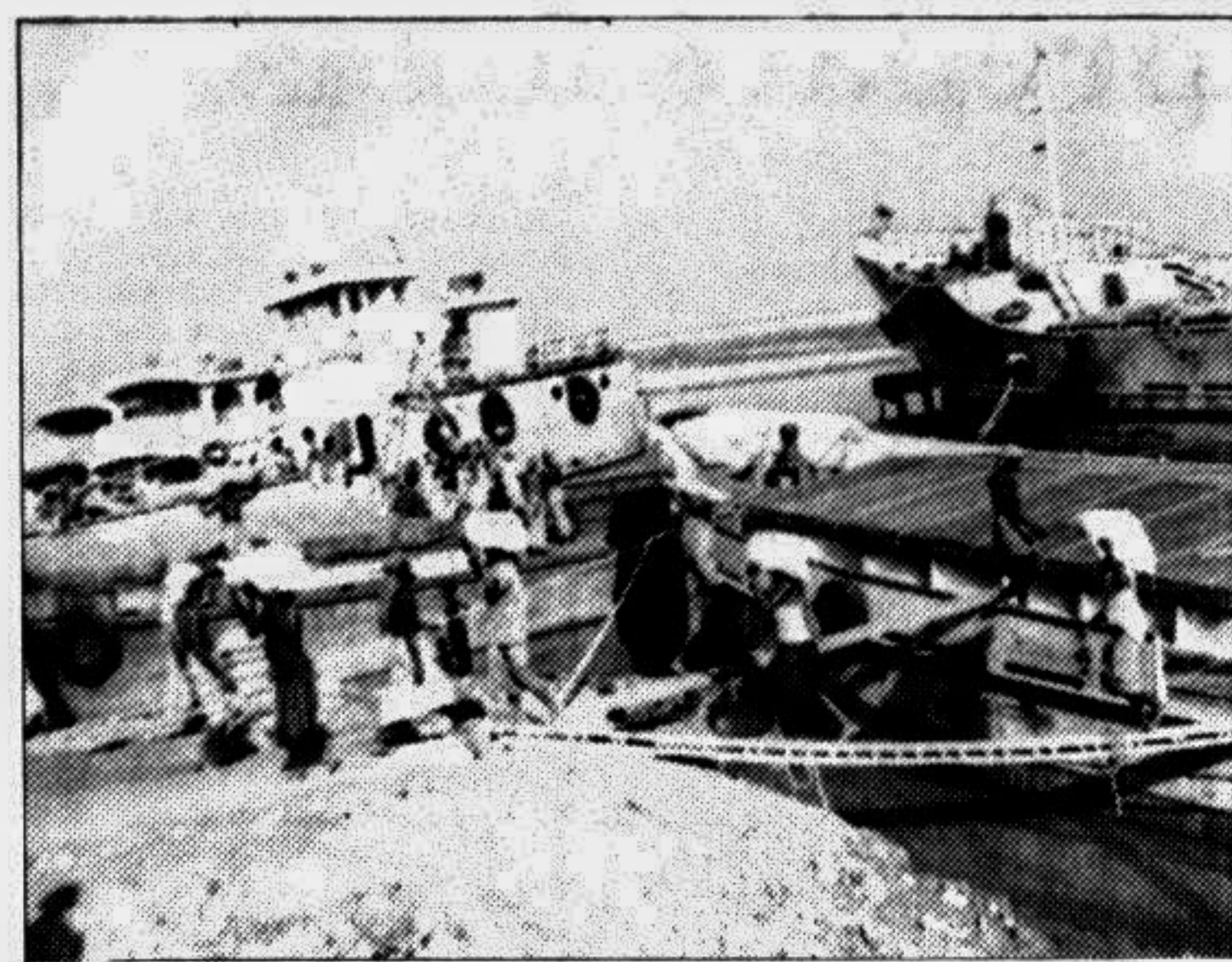
BARISAL, Feb 3: Fourteen Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists were arrested Friday night following a series of clashes between two rival groups for the last three days in the Perojpur town.

Eight were also arrested Thursday. Five activists were injured two of them seriously. Humayun, 22 and Bipul, 25, were admitted to hospital in critical condition.

All Party Students Unity brought out a procession Friday demanding release of the arrested BCL activists.

Police arrested 4 JCD activists today.

Indiscriminate crackers were blasted during the procession. Two separate cases were filed. The clashes were took place in sequel to assault an umpire of a cricket play held here earlier. Police were deployed avert further clash.



PABNA: Bags of fertiliser being unloaded from Natakholah fairhat. — Star photo

One held for submitting fake documents

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Feb 3: Sylhet Kotwali police has arrested a clearing and forwarding agent on charge of submitting fake documents for clearing some imported cartons which contained airguns and other articles on Friday night. The consignee of the cartons had been absconding, police said.

Meanwhile, a four-member enquiry committee has been constituted to enquire into the matter. Additional Superintendent of police, Sylhet is heading the committee while other members are, two ASPs and one Sub-Inspector of police.

It has been revealed in the engine that, Al-Medina Trading postbox number 1351, Dubai booked ten cartons weighing 852 kilograms on February 4 addressed to Abdul Ahad son of Abdul Hannan, Kalighat, Sylhet town vide Airway bill-93784/167101. It was declared that the cartons were carrying 'AIRGUN'. The cartons reached the Zia International Airport within a week.

Three months after its arrival at ZIA the cartons were brought to the Sylhet airport on May 21 last year. Abdul Hamid Babu Miah, a clearing and forwarding agent on behalf of the consignee submitted the bill of entry (13/96) on October 26 last year.

But, he mysteriously declared the articles as argun and sewing machines. The consignee, Abdul Ahad accordingly received the official notice from the custom authority on November 19. But he did not ask the customs department for the articles, even in 3 months.

On the night of January 18, a gang of young people snatched away the cartons from the air-freight godown of the customs department. They allegedly opened nine cartons and changed the contents by replacing with sewing machine and kept one carton intact. They, however, later handed over the cartons to the customs officials at midnight in connivance of some customs officials. The customs department, however, lodged a GD in this regard with the Kotwali police.

The committee also got proofs of repacking the cartons. Police has already started a regular case in this connection. The probe body suspects that, the nine cartons which had been repacked contained airguns as it was declared in the original airway bill.

International Re-Tender Notice

Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd, Town Khalishpur, Khulna, invites International Tender No PD(F)-31A/96 for Purchase of Variable Speed Motor and its Control Equipment which will be opened on 26-2-97 at 3-00 PM tender documents will be available on payment of Tk 100.00 (one hundred) per set from (1) KNM Ltd, (2) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka (3) BCIC, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

BCIC 70-21/1/97 DFP-1868-23/1 G-364

Manager (Commercial) For Managing Director.

Ref. No. 22.16/SKO/39 Dated: January 2, 1997

International Tender Notice for Supply of Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO)

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) hereby invites of 155,000 Barrels (+/-5%) of Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) both on FOB and C&F Chittagong basis in accordance with the terms and conditions set out hereafter.

- Entire quantity as mentioned above must be delivered at Chittagong between March 17-18, 1997 in one shipment.
- Tender documents will be available on all working days during office hours from (a) Commercial & Operations Division, BPC Head Office, HBFC Building (4th floor), 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong, and (b) BPC Liaison Office, 40, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka on payment of non-refundable amount of Tk. 600/- or US\$ 15/-. No tender document will be sold on the tender opening date.
- Offers will be received up to 1200 hours (BST) on February 24, 1997.

- a) in a sealed envelope delivered at BPC Head Office, HBFC Building (4th floor), 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
- b) through Telex No. 633280 FUEL BJ & 633009 FUEL BJ (Offers through Facsimile shall not be accepted).

- Tenders shall be opened at 1205 hours (BST) on February 24, 1997 at the BPC Head Office, Chittagong, Bangladesh in presence of bidders or their authorised agents who would wish to be present.

- Unless exempted all offers must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in accordance with the provisions of tender document and all offers must have validity up to 1800 hours (BST) on March 02, 1997.

- No rights of any kind shall be created in favour of any person by virtue of having obtained the tender document, nor shall any right be created in favour of any person by virtue of submitting an offer. BPC reserves the right to accept the lowest offer or to reject any or all offers in part or in full without assigning any reason.

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation HBFC Building (4th Floor), 1/D, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong-4100. D-159

চট্টগ্রাম সিটি করপোরেশন
চট্টগ্রাম
পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

চট্টগ্রাম সিটি করপোরেশনের অধীনে বোদশহর টিটাঙ্গা শপিং কমপ্লেক্সের পর্যাপ্ত ব্যবস্থার নিমিত্ত প্রয়োজনীয় সংখ্যক ক্যামেরাসহ কেন্দ্রীয় নিয়ন্ত্রণ পদ্ধতিতে প্রোজেক্ট সার্কিট টেলিভিশন সরবরাহপূর্বক স্থাপন ও আনুষঙ্গিক কাজের জন্য অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রকৃত ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র সিডিউল নং ৭৫০ (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মূল্যে (অক্ষরতযোগ্য) বর্ণিত অনুরূপ কাজের সনদপত্র ও কার্যাদেশের মূলকপি এবং বৈদ্যুতিক ঠিকাদারী লাইসেন্স প্রদান প্রকৌশলী/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (বৈদ্যুতিক) কে প্রদর্শন করিয়া মূল কপির হায়াতি জমাকরতঃ অনুমতি গ্রহণপূর্বক নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস/প্রধান হিসাবরক্ষণ কর্মকর্তা-সিসিসি অফিস/প্রকল্প পরিচালক-পরিবেশ উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প দামপাড়া অফিস এবং মেয়র মহোদয়ের একান্ত সচিব-এর অফিস হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখে কোন দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রেয় করা হইবে না।

দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ২০-০২-৯৭ইং দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে উপরোক্ত অফিসসমূহে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার ব্যাগে ফেলিতে হইবে এবং একই দিন দুপুর ১২-৩০ মিনিট সময়ে উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে। বায়নার টাকা বাবদ উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ২% হিসাবে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ডাফট 'মেয়র', চট্টগ্রাম সিটি করপোরেশনের অনুকূলে অবশ্যই জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে। বায়নার টাকা বাবত কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না। করপোরেশন কর্তৃক কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Dhaka Electric Supply Authority
Tender Notice

Tenders in T-1 forms are invited from Dhaka Electric Supply Authority enlisted bonafide motor workshop contractors for the work repairing of vehicle No-Dhaka-Metro-Da-5923 of System Loss Monitoring Unit (N:), the estimated cost of which is Tk 99,500 (ninety nine thousand five hundred) only. Detailed tender description can be purchased at Tk 50.00 (fifty) only (non-refundable) per set through Bank Draft in favour of the "Additional Director, ZAO, DESA" from the office of the General Manager, Consumer Services, North, DESA, (2) Superintending Engineer, System Control, DESA, (3) Rupali Bank Ltd., Rupali Sadan Branch, Motijheel, Dhaka and (4) Executive Engineer, SLMU (N:), subject to permission of the undersigned up to 15-2-97. Tenders will be received up to 1:00 pm of 15th February/1997 and tender box will be opened on the same day at 1:30 pm in presence of the tenderers (if any) present. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Executive Engineer
SLMU (North), DESA
Dhaka

বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন
Bangladesh Shipping Corporation

INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT RE-TENDER NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT RE-TENDER IS INVITED FROM VESSEL OWNERS/AGENTS/BROKERS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF 100,000 MT (SPCT MOL SUPPLIER'S OPTION) ARAB LIGHT CRUDE OIL FROM RASTANURA, SAUDI ARABIA TO CHITTAGONG UNDERLIFTING LAYCAN RASTANURA, SAUDI ARABIA 24TH FEBRUARY, 1997 ON ACCOUNT OF BANGLADESH PETROLEUM CORPORATION (BPC). TENDER SCHEDULE (DETAILED TERMS AND CONDITIONS) MAY BE OBTAINED FROM UNDERMENTIONED ADDRESS DURING OFFICE HOURS ON WORKING DAYS WITHIN 11TH FEBRUARY, 1997 ON PAYMENT OF Taka 200.00 (Taka Two Hundred) ONLY IN CASH TO ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT OF THE OFFICE MENTIONED BELOW. TENDER CLOSING 1000 (BST) ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 1997.

SERAJUL HUDA
GENERAL MANAGER
CHARTERING AND TRAMPING DEPARTMENT
BANGLADESH SHIPPING CORPORATION
"BSC BHABAN", SALTOLA ROAD
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House Wanted for Office Accommodation

A house maximum 8,000 square feet is required for establishment of office by the Bangladesh Film Archive on rental basis at Government prescribed rate. The proposed house may be situated at Motijheel, Purana Paltan, Rajarbag, Moghbazar, Eskaton, Kakrali, Shantinagar, Bijoynagar, Segunbagicha, Farmgate, Kowranbazar, Green Road, Dhanmondi, Lalmatia, Mohammadpur, Shyamoli etc.

A projection hall facility is to be needed in the proposed house. Moreover, film vaults facility is also to be needed. Authority of Bangladesh Film Archive will arrange construction of projection hall and film vaults in accordance with the government existing procedures.

Proposed house is to be located at the side of wide road and parking facility is to be provided.

Intending owners of houses are requested to submit their written proposals with lay-out and other documents of the house to the undersigned on or before 23rd February, 1997.

Md Mahbubul Alam
Director General (CC)
Phone: 9115081, 814816
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100 dairy farms of Natore facing closure

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Feb 3: About 100 dairy farms in six thanas of the district have been facing great crisis for want of proper marketing facilities, veterinary treatment and fodder for the cattlehead. The farms may be close any moment if government does not patronise those on urgent basis.

Absence of proper marketing facilities for milk at reasonable prices and scarcity of fodder have caused great harm to the growth of dairy farms.

Besides, acute shortage of essential drugs for the livestock is another stumbling block on the way to flourishing this profitable industry in the district.

Due to lack of proper knowledge in diagnosing the diseases, the cattlehead in the farms suffer much.

At may be mentioned here that, taking advantage of government facilities and encouragement last year, many people of the district established hundreds of mini-dairy farms.

But the veterinary hospitals in the district and at thana headquarters could not provide necessary treatment to the increasing number of affected cattlehead.

According to official sources, there are 60 dairy farms which got their registration.

Among the 60 dairy farms, about 40 farms have at least eight to 10 cows of its own. These cows are of better species and said to give at least five kilograms of milk in a day, the sources added.

A survey report made by local live-stock office said, about 6,500 thousand litres of milk are produced in the farms at Gurudaspur, Boragram and Sadar thanas of the district everyday. About two thousand litres of milk of the total production are used in domestic purposes.

The rest of the 4,500 thousand litres of milk are brought in different markets for sale.

But there seems to be little demand for these huge quantity of milk at the local markets.

As a result, the prices of pure milk here are very steady and small.

It is gathered that pure milk are available at between Taka 7 and Taka 10 at the markets of Boragram and Gurudaspur thanas.

Meanwhile, Milk Vita Company intended to set up a milk

processing and storing unit at Bonapara, 15 km off Natore town on Natore-Dhaka highway in view of the production of huge quantity of milk.

However, an official told this correspondent that if the Milk Vita Company sets up a purchasing centre at Natore Sadar thana or Bonapara of Boragram thana area, the proper price of milk could be ensured.

Some farm owners, while talking to The Daily Star said, per litre of milk is required to be sold at Taka 14 to keep pace with production cost.

A good number of cattlehead die each year due to malnutrition and epidemic. Diseases such as khura, worms, infectious ring-worms and diarrhoea take a heavy toll of cattle causing severe financial losses to the farm owners.

Improved varieties of Australian, Sahiwal, Frisian and Hariana cows need intensive medical treatment and improved fodder in our tropical environment, said a veterinary expert here.

In absence of artificial insemination centre, veterinary doctors and due to high prices of fodder, dairy farms in the district are facing set back.

Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute

Land & Building Branch

Joydevpur, Gazipur

Tender Notice-5

Sealed tenders are invited by the Project Engineer, BARI, Joydevpur, Gazipur as per the undermentioned information and eligibility of contractors, amount of earnest money and price of schedule etc. are given hereunder.

No tender will be considered as valid if the required earnest money is not submitted with the tender through Pay Order/ Demand Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of the Director General, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute.

Detailed terms & conditions of agreement and details of work can be collected on payment of prescribed price (non-refundable) of form per set from the office of the Deputy Director, Finance & Accounts, Branch Office, BARI, Joydevpur, Gazipur and former office of Agricultural Engineering Division (BARI City Office), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka on all working days. No tender will be sold after 12:00 Noon of 16-02-97. Interested tenderers should produce their certificate of pre-qualification at the time of purchasing the schedule of tender.

Tenders will be received at the office of the Project Director, BARI, Joydevpur, Gazipur; Chief Scientific Officer, Planning & Evaluation Division, BARI, Joydevpur, Gazipur; former office of Agricultural Engineering Division (BARI City Office), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka; Zonal Agricultural Research Centre, Iswardi; Zonal Agricultural Research Centre, Jessore; Haji Md. Danesh Agricultural College, Bansher Hat, Dinajpur; Zonal Agricultural Research Centre, Hathazari, Chittagong; Zonal Agricultural Research Centre, Jamalpur and Patuakhali Agricultural College, Dumki, Patuakhali up to 12:00 Noon of 17-02-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM at the respective places before the tenderers or their representatives (if any present).

If any tenderer submits rate 10% above or below the schedule quoted amount, then he must have to submit rate analysis in support of his quoted rate which may seem to be below or above the schedule stated rate. Tender will not be treated as valid if rate analysis is not submitted as per the said rules in case of tenderer submitting rate more than 10% above or below.

If any tenderer submits rate 10% below the schedule stated rate, then he must submit double amount of earnest money.

The authority reserves the right not to accept the lowest or any tender without assigning any reason. Tenderers must inspect the site of work before submitting tender and sign the tender after cautiously reading all the terms & conditions. These are compulsory for the tenderers.

Sl. No.	Name & location of work	Earnest money (refundable)	Price of schedule (non-refundable)	Class of contractor
1.	Extension work of hall of Haji Md. Danesh Agricultural College, Dumki, Dinajpur (Re-tender)	2,50,000.00	1,500.00	Prequalified 'A' class contractors of BARI
2.	Construction work of the remaining portion of the Academic Building of Patuakhali Agricultural College, Dumki, Patuakhali. (Re-tender)	4,35,000.00	2,000.00	'A'
3.	Work of supplying a compressor of the Basic Resources Centre at BARI, Joydevpur, Gazipur. (Re-tender)	4,000.00	500.00	A, B, C & D
4.	Repairing work of overhead electric line from the north-west side of the Potato Research Centre to the cattle shed at BARI, Joydevpur, Gazipur.	8,000.00	500.00	A, B & C
5.	Repairing work of internal bituminous carpeting road at Zonal Agricultural Research Centre, Jamalpur.	5,000.00	500.00	A, B, C & D
6.	Repairing work of boundary wall adjacent of the residential area at Zonal Agricultural Research Centre, Jamalpur.	5,500.00	500.00	A, B & C
7.	Work of supplying materials for repairing & maintenance work at Zonal Agricultural Research Centre, Jamalpur.	2,000.00	250.00	A, B, C & D
8.	Installation work of ferrocement water tank at Zonal Agricultural Research Centre, Jamalpur.	2,000.00	250.00	-do-

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Project Engineer

BARI, Joydevpur, Gazipur

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