

### Three awarded 12 yrs RI for keeping arms

SYLHET, Feb 5: Three people were awarded 12 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) in an arms case, court sources said here today, reports UNB.

According to prosecution story, Baniabazar police arrested Muhibuddin, Bachchu and Jamal Hossain with one cut-rifle and several rounds of bullets from a micro bus in 1995.

Later, a case was filed and after investigation police submitted chargesheet against them under Arms Act.

After examining the witnesses and records, the Additional Sessions Judge awarded the punishment on Thursday.

Another message adds: A man was awarded one year rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Tk 2,000, in default, to suffer another one year simple imprisonment for establishing a saw mill illegally.

### Armed gang attack, damage 10 shops

SYLHET, Feb 5: A gang of terrorists fired several rounds of gunshots and ransacked some 10 shops at Ballaghat in Goungath thana here damaging valuables worth about Tk 4 lakh on Friday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, a truck and a pick-up full of armed terrorists arrived at the spot few minutes before the lift and started firing indiscriminately. Immediately the shopkeepers shut down their shutters and ran away in fear.

At one stage the terrorists ransacked the shops and damaged the valuables. Local people suspected that the dispute over the possession of the some shops was the main reason behind the attack.

Another report adds: A youth allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself at Tukergaon village in Companiganj thana here on Wednesday.

## Wildlife in CHT threatened

From CHT Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Feb 5: Wildlife in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region have been threatened by massive deforestation and other factors. Experts said eighteen species have already vanished and 50 others are on the verge of extinction.

Experts said, illegal hunting, cruelty, rapid increase in human settlements, industrialisation, extension of arable land besides afforestation, are threatening wildlife existence in the hill districts.

Anowar Farooque Khan, the Conservator of Forests of Rangamati Circle said the eighteen species which are lost include blue sheep, wild buffalo, wild cows, belting, bara shinga harin, wolf and three types of rhinoceros of mammals group.

The species started disappearing mainly after the liberation of the country and went totally out of sight in the last nine years. Anwar said.

Number of tigers, elephants, deer, monkey, gharial and dolphin are decreasing, he added. According to experts Bangladesh has 105 species of mammals, 567 of birds, 129 of reptiles and 14 types of amphibians which constitute rich wildlife resource of the country.

Experts suggested establishment of well managed wildlife sanctuaries in the region. Meanwhile, wildlife has started migrating to the safe sanctuaries across the country being driven out of their abode of this hilly region by organised group of unscrupulous people.

Local leaders said, groups of law violators were seen poaching into the forests to catch or kill migratory birds and animals with nets, bows, arrows and firearms regularly. Some of them even spray poison with food to get hold of the valuable species, they said.

Added to this is the continuous deforestation by illegal extraction of trees and burning of jungles for shifting cultivation which are forcing the wild elephants, deer, bear, monkey, wild fox, tiger and the other rare species of animals to look for safer sanctuaries in the dense forests of the neighbouring India.

Sections of tribal hunters have become very much active in hunting in the hamlets adjacent to the Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban towns, political leaders and forest officials alleged.

They are hunting deer and fowls which fetch good price and easy market, they added. Meanwhile, migratory birds from the north and north-west which started settling in the hilly region are being caught at random. These are sold openly at Mainimukh bazaar, Naniar, Shuvalong and Belaichhari in Rangamati hill district, Mohalchhari, Dighinala, Luxmichhari and Ramgarh in Khagrachhari hill district as well as Naingkhiongchhari, Lama, Alikadam and Roangchhari in Bandarban hill district.

Local leaders said law enforcing agencies appeared to be inactive in stopping the systematic destruction of wildlife in the hill tracts region.

### Four get life term for murder

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Feb 5: Four persons were awarded life sentence and a fine amounting Taka 10,000, in default to suffer Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) for another two years on charge of murder.

M A Shaidur Rahman District and Sessions Judge, Gopalganj, awarded the punishment on January 19.

The judge acquitted 10 other accused persons from the charge.

The convicted persons are: Rafiq Jabbar, Tiku and Kibria of village Digulia under Kowtilpara thana of Gopalganj district.

The prosecution story in brief is: Abdur Salam, son of Seekender Ali of village Digulia under Kowtilpara thana was murdered after Rafiq and other three persons, called him on January 22, 1996 from his house.

A case was registered with Kowtilpara thana in this connection.

The police after investigation submitted chargesheet against 14 persons.

The judge after examining 18 witnesses and evidences found principal accused Rafiq, Jabbar, Tiku and Kibria guilty and passed the aforesaid judgement.

The case was conducted by Iddris Ali Molla, in favour of the government and Advocate Nowsher Ali, Advocate Abdul Mannan Fakir and Advocate Golam Mehdi Khan conducted the case for the accused.

### Ishwardi Municipality exists only in signboard

PABNA, Feb 5: The Ishwardi Municipality has a signboard and a seal but no activity to make its existence known on the 12 square mile area inhabited by 72,000 people, reports UNB.

Some town elite said the seal is now to certify meat being sold almost everywhere in unhygienic condition. Animals are slaughtered without medical examination and meat is certified without test.

The municipal authority has not been performing its functions and responsibilities in the major fields of activities, they said.

The roads lie without repair, most drains are not cemented, traffic jam and load-shedding are frequent. Water-logging occurs throughout the year. Anti-social activities like prostitution, drug consumption and mugging are rampant.

Night-soils, garbage and filthy drains are not cleared giving rise to mosquito menace and infectious diseases.

The town fathers appealed to the higher authorities to take action on reactivating the municipal authority.

### Bi-cycle rider killed in road mishap

SYLHET, Feb 5: A bi-cycle rider was killed when a speeding truck rained his two-wheeler near Sreepur BDR camp on Tamabil road here on Friday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the victim Jahangir 18 of Sreepur area died on the spot when he was run over by the Tangail-bound truck coming from Tamabil.

The body was sent to the Osmani Medical College Hospital for autopsy. Police arrested the driver and seized the truck.

Another report says: A housewife allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself on the same day.

Police said Ranu Khatun 25, wife of Abdul Majid of Lathigram in Goungath thana, was found hanging. The cause of her alleged suicide could not be ascertained.

The body was sent to the hospital for autopsy. A case was filed.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)  
Ferry Division, Tophkana, Sylhet

### Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No. : 53(96-97) Dt 21.1.97.
- Name of work : Partly repairing and painting the pontoon No. 038 & 042 at Sayhara Ferry ghat and repairing and painting the Hazrat Shaparan steel Ferry No. SF-029 under Ferry Division, Sylhet, during the year 1996-97.
- Estimated cost : Tk 1,50,998/- (Tk. one lac fifty thousand nine hundred ninety eight) only.
- Earnest money : Tk 3,020/- (Tk. three thousand twenty) only.
- Time allowed for work : 30 (Thirty) days from the date of work order.
- Tender form : Bangladesh Form No. 2911.
- Nature of contractor : 1. A to C General Category of RHD, 2. D General of Dhaka Ferry Circle, 3. E General of Ferry Division, Sylhet.
- Name of office where tender documents will be available : 1. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Division, Sylhet, 2. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka, 3. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka, 4. Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Ferry Sub-Division, Sylhet.
- Name of offices to receive tender : 1. Superintending Engineer (RHD), Ferry Circle, Dhaka, 2. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Division, Sylhet, 3. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka, 4. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling the tender documents : 16.2.97 up to office hours.
- Last date and time of receiving Tender : 17.2.97 up to 12:00 Noon.
- Last date and time of opening tender : 20.2.97 at 12:30 PM.
- If lowest tender is more than one then date and time of lottery : 25.2.97 at 12:30 PM.

Golam Mowla  
Executive Engineer (Mech)  
(RHD), Ferry Division, Sylhet

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### Notice Inviting Tenders

No. 1(E/M) of 1996-97 (2nd Call)

1. Fresh sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited from special first class contractors/firms and first class E/M contractors/firms of PWD for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned, by the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi and by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division-I/II, Rajshahi/Natore/Naogaon up to 12-00 Noon on 25.2.97 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to be present. Special first class contractors/firms of PWD having valid ABC supervisors and contractors licence from Licensing Board, Govt. of Bangladesh and only those first class E/M contractors/firms of PWD having valid ABC supervisors and contractors licence from Licensing Board, Govt. of Bangladesh, who successfully supplied, installed and commissioned an electric sub-station equipments including switch gear of minimum 250 KVA capacity under any Govt, Semi-Govt. or Autonomous organisation are eligible to participate in the tender.

Intending first class E/M contractors/firms shall procure experience certificate (in duplicate) from the concerned offices of the organisation not below the rank of Executive Engineer in prescribed proforma (available in the office of the undersigned free of cost) and submit the same to the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Rajshahi Circle, Rajshahi, on or before 20-2-97 for scrutiny. If the experience certificate is found acceptable, then necessary order will be passed by the Superintending Engineer, PWD Circle, Rajshahi for selling of tender. The eligible contractor/firm shall enclose a copy of certificate with orders of the authority along with the tender papers while submitting the tender.

2. Name of work : Remaining work for providing, installation, testing, commissioning of 500 KVA Sub-Station equipments and supply and installation of 100 KVA Generator in the Mental Hospital, Pabna under PWD Division, Pabna during the year 1996-97.

3. Estimated cost : Tk. 33,70,966/56

4. Earnest money : Tk. 67,420/00 in the form of Sanchay Patra/BD, CD from any scheduled bank placed in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Pabna. Fixed deposit holder is to submit a certificate from the concerned Executive Engineer received within three months.

5. The tender form together with the schedule of items, specification, terms and conditions, additional conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and abovementioned offices during office hours on payment of usual charges up to the previous day of receiving tender.

**Md. Azmal Haque**  
Executive Engineer  
PWD Division, Pabna

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SYLHET: Foreign Minister Alhaj Abdus Samad Azad speaking at a reception accorded in his honour by the Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industries on Sunday. — Star photo

## Incidents of murder, thefts increasing in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 5: Incidents of murder, theft, extortion and armed terrorism have alarmingly risen deteriorating law and order situation in the city and some other places in the district during last two months.

There is no denying the fact that people of Daulatpur in city and Dumuria and Paikgacha two busy mini cities of the district are being held hostage by the armed terrorists who are demanding illegal toll at arms point and carrying out murders on failing to get it. They are cre-

ating panic by threatening their lives. As a result, some residents fearing more violence have already left their homes looking for peace and security.

The upward trends of such crimes are high in Daulatpur and Dumuria thana areas where many killings have been committed so far by armed terrorists who are this time more well organised than before.

The law enforcing agencies are not sincere enough to destroy roots of crimes which are in their knowledge as alleged by

the people. Police remain silent when informed of whereabouts of the terrorists.

The armed terrorists are looting fish enclosures failing to get money. Recently they brutally killed an AL leader, Anisur Rahman and made several attempts on the lives of his minor son. They cut off tendons of his cousin Monirul Islam. At last, the terrorists compelled family members of Anis to leave home for good.

### Body of Grameen Bank's manager exhumed

HABIGANJ, Feb 5: The body of the Grameen Bank manager M Abdul Malek was exhumed from his grave on Monday in presence of a magistrate after four days of his burial as 'unclaimed body' on January 30, reports UNB.

Bahubal thana police said they recovered the body of Abdul Malek, 27, from a tea garden on January 30 and in the absence of proper identity they buried the body at a graveyard in Bahubal sadar.

Malek of village Gosopara in Chunarughat thana had been working as the manager of Grameen Bank, Sindhur Khan bazar branch. Following his missing for some days his family members informed the police.

The body was exhumed in presence of Magistrate Haider Jahan Faras. Malek's relatives identified his body. Thousands of people crowded near the grave at that time.

## Erratic power supply continues : PDB offices gheraoed in S dists

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Feb 5: Continuous load shedding and erratic power supply is persisting in the southern districts under Barisal Division for more than a month now.

Meanwhile, demanding regular supply of electricity residents of Barisal, Barguna, Jhalakathi, Patuakhali and Pirojpur districts brought out processions, manhandled PDB officials in some places and gheraoed some PDB sub-stations and offices. Police has been deployed at some places.

Due to erratic power supply particularly in the industrial units, including agricultural

sectors, are suffering badly, sources said.

SSC examinees, whose examinations are knocking at the door are also being victimised due to the continuous load-shedding which takes place mostly in the evening till midnight. During 'Eid shopping' buyers as well as shopkeepers are facing acute problems due to frequent power failure, they said.

Till date, no improvement in power supply is visible in the southern districts. Loadshedding may increase in future for different technical reasons, PDB sources said.

## Drinking water crisis in Gopalganj Pourashava

From Alimuzzaman Miah

GOPALGANJ, Feb 5: More than one lakh tax-payers of Gopalganj's Pourashava are deprived of drinking water as the pourashava authorities are reluctant to maintain the only water supply plant.

According to Gopalganj Pourashava office sources, there is a demand of 5 lakh gallons of water a day in Gopalganj Pourashava.

But the supply is one lakh gallons only per day.

It is to be mentioned that Gopalganj poura people receive 20 per cent water from the pourashava, according to Gopalganj pourashava sources. On the other hand, no significant initiatives and efforts are observed to meet the crying demand on behalf of the pourashava authorities.

The only water purification plant of the pourashava was set up in 1984, with the aid of the Dutch government to supply pure water to 50 thousand people on the basis of the policy, 'No Profit and No Loss'. The plant was handed over to the pourashava authority in 1988.

There were 12 pumps functioning in the plant at the initial stage. But only three pumps have been functioning at present as the pourashava authority was found reluctant to repair and maintain the other nine pumps.

As such, the supply of pure water has been reduced to one-fifth of the earlier supply. All the roadside taps have been blocked permanently depriving the poura people to collect drinking water. About four-fifths of the pourashava area has not been brought under the water supply system. There are not enough number of tubewells also in the area.

According to poura people sources, nowadays the duration of water supply from the plant is 60 to 90 minutes a day. As a result the people especially children, have been suffering from various water borne diseases.

Immediate steps should be taken by the authorities concerned to combat the acute pure water crisis in Gopalganj pourashava.

### Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD (RHD), Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No. : 44 of RHD, Ferry Divn, Barisal/1996-97.
- Name of work : As described below:
- Eligibility of contractor : 'A to E' General category contractor of RHD, as per financial capacity and territorial jurisdiction.
- Availability of tender schedule : (1) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Divn, Barisal/Khulna. (2) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal (during office hours only. No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender schedule).
- Tender receiving officer : (1) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Circle, Khulna. (2) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Divn, Barisal/Khulna.
- Last date of selling tender documents : 17-2-97.
- Last date of receiving tender in sealed cover : 18-2-97/6-11-1403 at 12:00 Noon.
- Date and time of opening tender : 20-2-97/8-11-1403 at 1:00 PM.
- Date and time of lottery (if applicable) : 20-2-97 at 2:30 PM.

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money
1.	Supplying of spare parts for 150 K.W. MAN engine and 110 H.P. Daf (Model-615) engine of different Utility ferries under Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal during the year 1996-97.	Tk. 2,10,000/=	4,200/=
2.	Supplying of different type of foreign made tools for maintaining works in workshop and different ferry ghats under Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal during the year 1996-97.	Tk. 2,15,772/=	4,216/=

**Executive Engineer, RHD**  
Ferry Divn, Barisal.

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Project Co-ordinator  
Livestock Development Project  
For Small & Marginal Farmers in 80 Selected Thana Pashu Shampad Bhaban  
Krishi Khamar Sharak, Farmgate Dhaka-1215  
Memo No-IFAD/PF/96/483 Dated: 29-1-97

### Re-Tender for Supply of Poultry Feed (LCB)

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide producers/suppliers for the supply of the following poultry feed (Maize-120 MT) for the year 1996-'97 Livestock Development Project for Small & Marginal Farmers in 80 Selected Thanas under IFAD Loan No-280 BA (DLS).

Tender document including tender schedule, terms & conditions etc. will be available in the office of the undersigned & in the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka on all working days during office hours up to 2.00 PM from 16-02-97 to 18-02-97 on cash payment of Tk. 500/- (Five hundred) only (non-refundable). No tender document will be sent or received by post.

Tender will be received on 19-02-97 up to 12.00 Noon in the office of the undersigned as well as in the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka & will be opened on the same day at 1.30 PM in the office of the undersigned in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any).

Tender must accompany Tk 40,000/- (Forty thousand) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from a local scheduled bank/Sanchay Patra in favour of Project Co-ordinator, Livestock Development Project for Small & Marginal Farmers in 80 selected Thana, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka as earnest money.

At the time of submission of offer, the tenderer must submit 1(one) kg of Maize as sample otherwise his offer will not be considered for acceptance.

The authority reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity & to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever & also not bound to accept the lowest rate.

**Project Co-ordinator**  
Livestock Development Project  
For Small & Marginal Farmers in 80 Selected Thana, Pashu Shampad Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka

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**The Chittagong Port Authority**  
(Stores Department)  
Office of the Controller of Stores

### Tender Notice

Sealed tenders on prescribed form are invited from the bonafide Manufacturers/ Importers/Suppliers for the following materials:

Sl No	Tender No & date	Description of Stores	Last date of tender sale	Date of opening of tender	Cost of tender form
1	2918 Dt 11-01-97	Wooden & Steel Furniture	18-02-97	19-02-97	Tk 100 (one hundred) only (non-refundable)

Tenders must be submitted in prescribed tender form to be obtained from the office of the Controller of Stores, Chief Finance & Accounts Officer Office/CPA on all working days within the above date on payment of cost as shown above plus Tk 15/- if the form is to be sent by post. Tender form will also be available from Chittagong Port Authority's Liaison Office, House No 49C, Road No 4A, Dhanmondi Residential Area (Telephone No 865492).

Tender must be dropped in the tender box kept in front of the Chamber of the Controller of Stores, Chief Finance & Accounts Officer/CPA by 11.45 AM on the date shown above and will be opened at 12.00 Noon on the same day. No tender form will be sold on the day of opening. Tenderers or their authorised representative may remain present at the time of opening of the tender. The original copy of up-to-date Trade Licence & valid GIR/TIN must be shown and photostatic copy of the same must be submitted at the time of purchase of tender schedule. Otherwise tender schedule will not be issued.

The Port Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in part or whole without assigning any reason thereto.

**Controller of Stores**  
Chittagong Port Authority.

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