PABNA, Mar 3: Electric motors of the Deep Tubewells (DTW) are being stolen by a gang from different villages in Sadar thana at night hampering the irri-boro cultivation, reports

Different sources informed that organised armed gangs in the town and Maligachia union are involved in stealing electric motors, motor cycles, TV and shallow tubewells from differ-

ent areas. The sources alleged that a section of electric motor mechanics are linked with the gang. They collect the motors from the gang and sell the same

to the deep tubewell owners.

Meanwhile, some activists of the gang have already been arrested with stolen goods. Local people have urged the authorities to take necessary action against the gang.

Clash over cutting tree: 8 injured at Daulatpur

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, Mar 3: A bloody clash ensued recently between two rival groups armed with deadly weapons over cutting road side trees in village Jhoudia under Refayetpur union of

Daulatpur thana causing injury

to eight persons seriously. Both the groups resorted to gun fire. Eyewitnesses said when Ishaque group of village Jhoudia went to cut down trees standing on both side of road Bablu group intercepted. Two groups locked in altercation which culminated in bloody clash resulting in the injury of eight persons belonging to Ishaque group.

On receiving information police rushed there and brought the situation under control. The injured who have been admitted in Daulatpur Thana Health Complex were Ansar Ali, 60, Ishaque Ali, 50, Atahar Ali, 65, Khalil, 28, Dukole, 25, Affarul, 22 and Mongol, 30.

Police have arrested 28 persons in this connection. A case has been registered with Daulatpur Police Station in this connection.

Measles in serious turn in Meherpur

From Our Correspondent MEHERPUR, Mar 3: Measles has broken out in Meherpur district in an epidemic form. Hundreds of children have become the victims of this disease even after taking inoculation. Many affected children were Shifted to Meherpur Sadar Hospital and others are being treated by to village quacks.

Although national immunisation programme was launched successfully recently but in the remote areas hundreds of children need proper attention of the authorities concerned.

Two killed in Ullapara road mishap

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 3: Two people were killed and five others injured when a truck rolled into a ditch on Bogra-Nagarbari highway at Jonglipur in Ullapara thana Sunday, reports

Police said the mishap occurred at about 2 pm as the Nagarbari-bound urea laden truck skidded off the road and tumbled into the ditch.

Helper Habibur Rahman, 40, and an unidentified man aged about 35 died on the spot. Police seized the truck and filed a case with Ullapara

In another incident, a young man, Entaj, was electrocuted at Lunthan village in Belkuchi thana Sunday morning.

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The mighty Brahmaputra turning into a canal

From Md Meherullah



A railway ferry, MV Sarwardi lying stranded at Kalasona point on last Wednesday after it hit a hidden shoal in the mid-stream of Jamuna river. - Star photo

JAMALPUR, Mar 3: The Brahmaputra river is turning into a canal due to rapid siltation. It lost its original current from its source of the eastern Himalayas down to its mouth.

The river is 1830 miles long streaming through Dibrugarh. Guwahati and Meghalaya and pours into Bangladesh from the

western side at the Garo Hills. From Dewanganj, Nalitabari, Jamalpur town to Mymensingh to Bhairab Bazar where the river meets Meghna it has created thousands of shoals and sand banks on its way

People cross the Brahmaputra walking these days. A brisk business is being carried out digging sand and dumping those on the bank for sale. Cultivators plant transplanted boro on the sand banks. Frogs croak in the evening and at night jackals howl and break the silence of the hour.

M A Jalil, a day labourer of Nandina bazar area, under Jamalpur sadar thana said he along with other colleagues come down to Brahmaputra everyday to dig sand which provides them means of living. He earns Taka 55 a day. He said, all along Dewanganj, Nalitabari, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Islampur, Nandina, Begunbari, Nurundi, Riazapur, Biddaganj, and Mymensingh Brahmaputra is drying up and leaving chars (shoals) Lifting his hands from the ankle-deep water at Shamb-

huganj Bridge side Abdul Khaleque, a local farmer said, "We do

GAIBANDHA, Mar 3: About

four kilometre areas from Chi-

rakuti to Rasoolpur of Gai-

bandha district along the

western bank of river Brahma-

putra adjacent down stream of

FAP-21 groyne project are being

hard hit by the continuous ero-

areas of cultivable land to-

gether with home-stead, trees

and bamboo groves are being

eroded away by the surging wa-

ter of river Brahmaputra.

Within the last three months

about 1,500 families of villages

Rasoolpur, Sayedpur, Baguria,

Falierghop, Analerchara, Dhu-

tichora rendered shelterless due

(FAP-21) project could not pro-

duce any effective result in re-

spect to controlling erosion in

the district. Under FAP-21 pro-

ject six groynes were con-

The Flood Action Plan

to strong erosion.

Meanwhile, every day huge

Brahmaputra erodes huge

areas of land in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

structed at Dhutichora which

now stands on a huge area of

river Brahmaputra has turned

toward western bank by passing

FAP protection scheme instead

of eastern destination. The ero-

sion turned serious along four

kilometres of western bank ad-

jacent down stream of FAP-21.

six groynes were constructed

spending Taka two hundred

crore with a view to protecting

25 kilometre area from Gideri

under Gaibandha sadar thana

to Fulchari thana headquarters

along western bank of river

Brahmaputra. Under this ex-

perimental project France.

Germany and Netherland ex-

tended all financial and techni-

cal assistance. The work of the

project was however completed

In June '95 a portion of main

In 1993 under FAP project

The main current of the

sady desert.

Engine boats waiting to carry passengers at Bahadurabad ghat last week as ferry services at the ghat remained suspended. — Star photo

not blame any one for our misfor tune of not having water in

Brahmaputra. In reply to a question why Brahmaputra is running dry, an engineer of Water Development Board (WDB), Mymensingh, said the seventeenth century earthquake has caused this river to adopt a major change.

Centuries ago the river was flowing through Bahadurabad ghat as Jamuna-Brahmaputra. There were torrential stream. But due to severe earthquake its course had been diverted and it ran through Mymensingh-Shambhuganj. Numerous haors, baors, oxbow lakes, depressions have been formed due to the earthquake. Besides, due to creat ion of several barrages in its upper streams the natural water flow has been interrupted.

There is tremendous siltation all along the length of the river and dredging is very expensive, the WDB official said. Dredging at this stage cannot bring; any fortune. Agriculture has been seriously affected in the entire region. Underground water level is declining, navigation has tween almost ceased. Within a couple of years the river may not exist any more, experts

In reply to a question whether the river would totally dry up in future, the Executive Engineer of WDB of Tangail zone said, "This is not true, we have signed a water treaty with India, we

monitoring groyne made of

steel pipe was damaged and a

large chunk of adjacent ring

embankment was washed away

by the high velocity of flood wa-

ter. As a result the future of

FAP-21 project plunged into

darkness. However, next dry

season the damaged groyne and

embankment were repaired for

further monitoring the activi-

in the flow of river current

during mid-1996. Just after the

main stream for the time being

was removed to eastern block

but surprisingly from the

month of August '96 the flow of

current rebounded and hit the

areas of western bank forming

shape of a large scale erosion

The erosion now has taken a

serious turn and hit from sixth

groyne of FAP to four kilometre

long areas. Facing rapid erosion

temporary staff quarters of

foreign experts and workers

of Dhutichara told The Daily

Star that about 200 families

were rendered homeless during

the last month since the erosion

Live programme

of Betar from

Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

Bangladesh Betar, Rangpur will

broadcast an hour long live

programme on population and

agriculture directly from open

stage erected at Gaibandha

Shadhinata Prangon ground on

authorities completed all pos-

sible arrangement for broad-

Meanwhile. Rangpur Betar

February 26 at 5 pm.

casting live programme.

GAIBANDHA. Mar 3: The

Rahimuddin, an old villager

were removed to safe place.

started hitting the areas.

completion of FAP project

A rapid change was noticed

ties of the project.

700 bottles of

Indian phensidyl

recovered: 1 held

tream of Narcotics Control De-

partment of Dhaka range re-

cently arrested one person and

recovered 700 bottles of Indian

phensidyl from Masimpur vil-

large under Tongi Pourashava.

of recovered phensidyl is about

with Tongi thana in this con-

riection. Police sources further

staid, 149 bottles of phensidy

were recovered on February 16

and two persons were arrested

from Mariali under Tongi

Indian tortoise

worth Tk 5

lakh seized

seeized a huge quantity of Indian

tortoise from two Jessore-

bound trucks at Paleshpole in

raided the trucks and recovered

the tortoise worth above Tk five

the district on Wednesday, re-

SATKHIRA. Mar 3: Police

Acting on a tip off, police

A case was filed with

Sylhet Manpower

Office gheraoed

From Staff Correspondent

varnees from Kuwait and Iraq

oheraoed the Labour and Man-

power Office here for 5 hours

from 11am Tuesday to press

demand for immediate pay-

ment of compensation money

given by the United Nations.

The gherao programme was or-

ganised by the Sylhet divisional

unit of the Kuwait-Iraq

called upon the government to

accept their demand by March

15. Otherwise, they said they

would announce a fresh agita-

At a meeting, the speakers

Returnees Association.

tion programme

SYLHET, Mar 3. The re-

Police sources said, the value

A case has been registered

reports BSS.

thana.

ports UNB.

Kalaroa thana.

Taka two lakh

GAZIPUR. Mar 3: A special



Railway passengers crossing the river Jamuna at Bahadurabad ghat heading for Teestamukh ghat. - Star photo

are hopeful about retrieving the flow of the river."

The present picture of the Brahmaputra river is very grave. Ferry services of Ghenai, Jamalpur-Sherpur, Jamalpur-Shanandabari, Jamalpur-Mymensingh and Jamalpur-Sharishabari still remain suspended.

Meanwhile, the water transport including ferries and country made boats plying between Jagannathganj ghat-Sirajganj ghat, Bahadurabad ghat-Teestamukh ghat, Bahadurabad ghat-Chilmari ghat, have to cover additional distance of four to five miles to reach destinations, local launch owners said.

Besides, the narrow passage near Kulfur char, Kalasona ghat three miles upstream from Bahadurabad ghat is about to be abandoned, according to witnesses.

It is learnt that BIWTA has undertaken a plan for dredging of the river Jamuna at many points.

Bahadurabad ghat-Teestamukh ghat route may also face heavy siltation problem and ultimately the distribution of essential items including fertilizers and fuel to the northern district may shut down.

Meanwhile, country-made mechanized boats have become the main river transport for carrying passengers and merchandise. At present over one thousand such engine boats have been plying on different routes of the district.

11 including 2 magistrates

GAIBANDHA, Mar 3: Eleven persons including two magistrates received severe injuries in a road mishap when a truck loaded with question papers of ensuing SSC examinations dashed with a road side tree in the morning on February 27.

Dhaka-NA-6258 loaded with SSC question papers and other materials for Rangpur, Gaibandha and Kurigram districts came to Gaibandha at night of February 26. After delivery of the consignment of Gaibandha. the said truck headed towards Rangpur in the morning of February 27. When it reached near Goreya bridge on Gaibandha-Palashbari highway it dashed with a road side tree after the driver had lost control over the wheel. Due to impact of the collision the front part of

injuring 11 persons including the Assistant Commissioner of Kurigram Rafiqul Islam, magistrate Nurul Islam Chowdhury of Rangpur and nine other police personnel. The injured persons were admitted to Palashbari Health Complex.

Later Assistant Commissioner Rafigul Islam, magistrate Nurul Islam, Sadek, 25, Shahan Khan, 30, Naik Mozhar, 35, Habilder Anis, 45, were removed to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

After receiving the information ADC (Gen), TNO, Palashbari and OC, Palashbari rushed to the spot and recovered all the

15 get life-term for murder

From Our Correspondent NATORE, Mar 3: At least 15 persons were convicted for a murder and sentenced to suffer life-term imprisonment each.

Each of them was also fined Taka 5,000, in default, to suffer another 3 months' Rigorous Imprisonment (RI).

The convicted persons are: Anwar Hossain, Dulu Mia, Salam, Zohrool, Izzat Ali, Abdul Kader, Baten, Nurul Islam, Abdul Khaleq Abdur Rahman

and Amin. Amin, one of the convicted was absconding.

The prosecution alleged that Monir, 30, of Gouripur village under Sadar thana of the district was killed on May 25 '94 near the house of accused Dulu Mia at the same village.

.The prosecution also alleged that Salam, an accused, was husband of Ambia, sister of the victim Monir who was killed in a dispute over dowry.

Sadar police submitted chargesheet against the accused persons after investigation.

Sirajul Islam, District and Session Judge, Natore, while delivering his judgement on February 27, awarded the above verdict against those 15 per-

10 hurt in clash over land dispute From Our Correspondent

KAPTAI (Rangamati), Mar 3: A total of 10 persons were officially listed as injured, five fatally in a clash erupted following a land dispute between two brothers at Raikhali Kazibari in Kaptai thana of the district Thursday morning.

The critically injured five, victims of sharp and lethal weapons, were admitted Thursday in the Chandraghona Christian Mission Hospital. were again shifted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital in an unconscious state with multiple grievous wounds the next day. They were identified as Kazi Hamid Sharif, 65, Zahangir Alam, 25, Kazi Aman, 35, Kohinoor Begum, 18, and Arifa Begum, 55. The other five were released from the local hospital after first-aid, hospital and Kaptai thana police sources

The five who were rounded up in this connection were identified as Rubi Akhtar, 25, Anowara Begum, 28, Sakina Begum, 45, Monowara Begum, 18 and Rina Ara Begum, 16. The arrested were sent to Rangamati court, police sources said.

Two brothers in the Kazi family were locked in quarrel after exchanging hot talks on a land dispute Thursday morning. At one stage, they attacked each other alongwith their supporters with lethal weapons injuring 10 persons on the spot. A case was lodged with Kap-

tai thana police in this connec-

hurt in road mishap From Our Correspondent

According to police, a truck

the truck damaged completely

materials from ill-fated truck and despatched those to Rangpur with another truck. The driver of the truck, however, managed to flee.

completion of

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh **Local Government Engineering Directorate** Office of the Executive Engineer

District: Manikganj

Memo No: LGED/EE/Manik/C-96/1004

Dated: 10-11-1403BS/22-02-1997

Tender Notice No-12/96-97

cost

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 under sealed cover are invited from Local Govt Directorate contractors renewed for 1996-97 financial year for implementation of the undermentioned schemes at Manikganj district under Local Government Engineering Directorate. Price of | Time limit for Class of contractor Estimated Description of work

tender

schedule work Development with 12,00,000.00 LGED enlisted special. 75 days 500.00 A & B and all projects ASS of Bangladesh pre-qualified in respective Hat Link Road under Sadar thana LGED enlisted all Development with 10,00,000.00 60 days classes and all projects ASS from Dargram pre-qualified in respective to Savar Bazar Road under Saturia thana

Tender documents/schedule etc. can be purchased at the stated price (non-refundable) from the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer (Maintenance). LGED Building, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka/Deputy Commissioner, Manikganj/ Executive Engineer, LGED, Dhaka/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Narsingdi/Narayanganj and offices of all Thana Engineers of this district as well as the office of the undersigned on all

working days during office hours up to 10-03-97 (26-11-1403 BS).
Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the offices mentioned at Para No. 2 up to 1:00 PM of 11-03-97 (27-11-1403 BS) and will be opened on the same day at 1:30 PM before the tenderers (if any) present. It is to be noted that, no tender schedule will be sold on the submitting day of tender.

Tender document only for the work mentioned at Sl. No.-1 can be purchased from office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, first twelve-storied government building, Segunbagicha, Dhaka at the time mentioned at Para No.-2 and can be submitted at the

time mentioned Para No-3. Rate quoted in the tender should be written in words and figures. There should not be any

kind of cancellation, erasing, overwriting or fluieding in writing the rate. Tender submitted at a rate more than 5% (five) per cent below will be treated as cancelled outright.

Tenderer must submit itemwise rate analysis with the tender in case of submitting tender at a rate more than 5 (five) per cent above. No photocopy of rate analysis will be acceptable. Tender without rate analysis or with striked off/erased/overwritten rate analysis will be treated as cancelled outright.

8) 2.5% of the estimated cost as earnest money should be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Manikganj.

9) Copies of income tax and VAT registration certificate, photocopy of up-to-date enlistment renewal must be submitted with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled

outright. 10) Work schedule for completion of work must be submitted with the tender. No tender will be acceptable without work schedule. Tender received without work schedule will be treated

as cancelled outright. 11) Construction materials should be got tested from LGED laboratory at contractor's own cost. No bill will be paid without satisfactory test result of the related work. It must be

enclosed with the bill. 12) Earnest money of the contractor will be forfeited and work order cancelled if the work is

not started within 7 (seven) days of issuing work order. Work order will be issued after receiving the estimate approved by the Superintending

Engineer (Maintenance). Detailed description and terms & conditions can be known from the office of the undersigned during office hours. Tender should be submitted after inspecting & properly knowing about the site of work. Later on no excuse or claim regarding the work will be acceptable.

Additional terms & conditions will be considered as part of tender.

16) The authority reserves the right to reject/accept/partly accept any tender without assigning

Md. Abdul Momin Khan **Executive Engineer**

LGED, Manikganj.

ज्वाप्नभी भवा कुष्ट जुलव कित 23 धता বাংলাদেশ ক্ষুদ্র ও কুটির শিল্প করপোরেশন

JESSORE: BDR jawans seized Indian sarees worth over

Taka 13 lakh from Sankarpur near the town recently.

১৩৭/১৩৮, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা-১০০০

- Star photo

টেভার নোটিশ

নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজসমূহের জন্য সীলমোহরকৃত খামে বিসিক–এর তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম (প্রথম) শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদার এবং অন্যান্য সরকারী, আধা–সরকারী ও স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্ত ।১৯৯৬–৯৭ আর্থিক সালের নবায়নকৃত। ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। উল্লেখ্য যে, যাহাদের ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সার্টিফিকেট রহিয়াছে তথুমাত্র তাহারাই সিডিউল ক্রয় করিয়া দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করিতে পারিবেন। এছাড়া বিসিক তালিকাভুক্ত ব্যতীত বাহিরের ঠিকাদারগণ বিসিকের নিয়ম অনুযায়ী প্রতিটি কাজের জন্য নিম্নে উল্লিখিত দরপত্র মূল্যের অত্যিরিক্ত আরও ২২৫০/ – (দুই হাজার

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