

Fish scarcity in Chandpur 2,000 derelict ponds yet to be revived

CHANDPUR, Mar 7: Acute scarcity of fish has been prevailing in the district causing great inconvenience to the poor and middle class consumers. Hilsa fish is being sold between Tk 150 to 200 per kg. According to Chandpur Fisheries Department, the fish production has fallen down drastically in the district due to drying up of canals, beels, rivers, ponds and other waterbodies. About twenty thousand fishermen of this district have become jobless and passing their days in great hardship due to scarcity of fish. Chandpur Fisheries Department told this correspondent that about two thousand

From Our Correspondent ponds in seven thanas of the district have been lying uncultivated mainly due to dispute among the owners. If these ponds are brought under fish culture, a huge quantity of fishes worth about Tk 10 crore might be produced.

Besides, about 50 per cent of the ponds are under share ownership. These ponds have got silted and dried up due to lack of maintenance. On the other hand, numerous ponds are lying covered with water hyacinth making fish cultivation impossible. If a comprehensive scheme is not taken by the Fisheries Department, a large number of ponds would be left

fallow incurring heavy losses. Everyday a large number of fishermen go to catch fishes in the river Meghna, Padma and other waterbodies. In the evening the fishermen return home without any fish. The fishermen opined that the fish production in the waterbodies has reduced to a great extent.

Meanwhile, catching of fish fry is going on unabated in different waterbodies, shattering the prospect of fish production.

Current nets are being used for this purpose. The fish fries are being sold openly in different markets of the town and in rural areas despite government ban on it.

Shaheed Capt Bashar's mother appeals for posthumous award

The mother of Shaheed Captain BM Khairul Bashar, a martyr of the Liberation War, has appealed to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for officially awarding state gallantry awards posthumously to her son, according to a press release.

Rizia Asir Uddin Ahmed, the Shaheed's mother revealed that on the historic 7th March in 1971, his son Shaheed Bashar, first hoisted the national flag of Bangladesh atop the perambulator of his baby daughter and dared move around Chittagong Cantonment.

He did so following the historic March 7 address of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1971. This act is a unique testimony to his patriotism, the Shaheed mother said. From that day Capt Bashar was always ready to make supreme sacrifice for his beloved country, she said. Ultimately he made the supreme sacrifice for Bangladesh, she added.

As witnesses of his bravery Rizia Asir named the then Captain Bhuiyan, Major (Dr) Rezaur Rahman and Major Mohsin. She also disclosed, the then Captain Bhuiyan is now alive, while Major (Dr) Rezaur Rahman embraced martyrdom during the Liberation War and Major Mohsin died after the killing of President Ziaur Rahman in Chittagong. It is worth mentioning, Capt



Capt Bashar

Bashar came out of his Chittagong Cantonment residence on the night of March 25, '71 and actively led and participated in the Liberation War. At one stage of the war in April the then Occupation Pakistani Army took him into custody. He was flown to Dhaka and ultimately tortured to death at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Field Interrogation Centre. His fellow Prisoners of War last saw him on May 29, 1971. His dead body was also vanished by the Occupation Pak Army.

Shaheed Bashar was the eldest son of noted educationist late Asir Uddin Ahmed, a former Headmaster of Nilphamari Government Boys' High School.

CHTDB makes 2,000 neglected tribal families prosperous

From CHT Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Mar 7: About 2,000 down-trodden tribal families were permanently rehabilitated under the Upland Settlement Project of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB) with a cost of Tk 50 crore at its first phase, officials said.

The once rootless tribal families now rehabilitated have so far earned an amount of Tk three crore against sale-proceeds of the raw rubber, produced on an area of 8,000 acres of upland, they were given settlement under the programme to raise rubber plantation, officials said.

According to official sources, 2,000 insurgency-battered rootless tribal families were rehabilitated in Baghaichhari thana of Rangamati hill district, as well as, Dighinala and Sadar thana of Khagrachhari hill district under the Upland Settlement Project (USP) of the CHTDB in 1980-81.

Each rehabilitated families was allotted with an area of four acres of land for raising rubber plantation, two acres for horticulture garden and 25 decimal for building dwelling houses under the USP programme, sponsored by the Asian Development Bank with an amount of Tk 50 crore at its first phase which was completed by June, 1995 last, officials told The Daily Star.

Immediately after the successful completion of the first phase, the USP at its second phase has undertaken the next programme to rehabilitate over 1,000 destitute tribal families in Matiranga thana of Khagrachhari hill district and Sadar thana in the hill district of Bandarban with the ratio of 500 families in each district with an estimated cost of Tk 29.13 crore from the government exchequer in 1993-94 for a period of seven years. The second phase of the programme is expected to be completed by the year 2,000 with raising of rubber plantation on another area of 4,000 acres, officials disclosed, adding that the implementation of the programme has been progressing fast satisfactorily with the spontaneous response of the beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries of the first phase of the project have started extracting raw rubber from 1994-95 which fetched good price to a tune of Tk three crore brought a very bright positive change in the economic life of the beneficiaries.

Under the USP programme, in addition to an area of 6.25 acres of land, each rehabilitated family was provided with an amount of Tk 3,000 in cash for the construction of the house, supplied with saplings and seedlings of rubber and seasonal plants free of cost to raise rubber plantation and horticulture garden. Moreover, each person is being given Tk 40 per day whenever he works in his own garden as per the technical advice of the experts deputed by the CHTDB, Manindra Lal Tripathy, Public Relation Officer of CHTDB said.

In view of the uplift of the socio-economic condition of the rehabilitated families, certain facilities were also arranged, such as, 50 families were grouped in a village for every 3 to 5 villages, a primary school was constructed except in those places where a primary school was already existing.

In the regard, 12 primary schools were constructed providing all the necessary supports, Manindra detailed.

One prayer house for every two villages was built in consideration of the religious feelings of the rehabilitated tribals, while two health centres were constructed where no such facilities were available. More-

over, one slab latrine was provided for every two families to wards ensuring their sanitation, Manindra says.

Over and above, a total of 133-kilometer link road was constructed to connect all the villages with the main road where the tribals were rehabilitated to enable them to be associated with mainstream of life and market their horticulture products in the dominating haats and bazaars.

The Chittagong Hill districts comprising of the three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban is an area, one tenth of the country, endowed with natural beauty and economic potentiality. The tribal people along with other Bangladeshis have been living here for long maintaining their distinct socio-cultural identities and harmony. But unfortunately, the economic plight of

the people was ignored both during the British and Pakistan times. To overcome this undesirable situation, the Bangladesh government established the CHTDB in 1976. The primary objective of the CHTDB since its inception has been to bring about positive change in the economic life of the people of this region, a highest official of CHTDB said.

Since its establishment the CHTDB has been playing a vital role for the overall development of the inhabitants of this hilly region, the Vice-Chairman of the CHTDB said. Implementation of various development activities through its normal and special programme has created tremendous momentum improving the socio-economic condition of the people of the insurgency-battered hilly region, he observed.



RAJSHAHI: Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) Mizanur Rahman Minu addressing a meeting of the coordination committee of the corporation at a local motel recently. — Star photo

Violence claims 18 in 13 months in Sariapur

MADARIPUR, Mar 7: Violence over land ownership in Sariapur district has claimed 18 lives and left more than 200 others injured during the last 13 months, reports UNB.

According to figures obtained from police sources, there have been 54 clashes in six thanas of the district during the period.

Of these, five murders and 17 clashes were recorded in Naria thana, five murders and three clashes in Bherdeganj thana, three murders and nine clashes in sadar, three murders and four clashes in Zajira, one murder and eight clashes in Damudya and 13 clashes in Gosairhat thanas.

These clashes ensued from disputed ownership or forcible

occupation of land mostly in the rural areas between January 1996 and January 1997.

Influential people were responsible for inciting the violence for selfish ends.

Other criminal activities like dacoity involving life and property have also marked considerably rise in the district where low accessibility has been hindering enforcement of law and order.

Meanwhile, in Rajor thana of Madaripur district, 32 people, most of them were women, committed suicide last year.

Of them, 17 took their lives by taking poison and the rest 15 by hanging themselves resulting from frustration caused by family feud and intolerable hardship.

Train journey becomes hazardous

From Our Correspondent KUSHITIA, Mar 7: The railway tracks of Bangladesh Railway (BR), western zone are in a deplorable condition as most of the wooden sleepers have been damaged.

Out of 985 miles railway tracks, 685 miles are broad-gauge. Shortage of railway sleepers and pebbles on the lines has turned the route risky. Every day 124 trains including 24 inter-city, 24 mails and 76 local trains run in the western zone, which consists of Paksey and Lalmonirhat zones. The condition of rail lines on all the routes are deplorable. The major portion of the wooden sleepers have been damaged. Acute shortage of pebbles causes frequent accidents in this zone, especially in the rainy season.

Incidents of derailment of trains in these two zones are frequent. Due to deplorable condition of the rail line journey by train has turned risky.

Following introduction of long route coach services passengers of BR are on the wane. Repairing of railway lines is urgently needed to ensure safe journey of train passengers.

Road accident claims one in Magura

From Our Correspondent MAGURA, Mar 7: One Person was killed and five others injured in a baby taxi accident at village Mujdia, Madanpur of Sripur Thana on Sripur-Nakol Road in Magura district on Wednesday last, witnesses said.

According to the sources, Wahab Khalifa, 80, of village Mujdia of Sripur thana was killed when a wheel of the running baby taxi hit him detaching from the baby taxi. Five passengers of the baby taxi were wounded and admitted in the hospital, their family sources said.

Body of baby found

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, Mar 7: Jhenidah thana police recovered a deadbody of a newly born abandoned baby near the Dhoghata bridge in Jhenidah poura area at noon on March 4, according to police sources.

Police said, acting on a tip-off they recovered the body and sent it for post-mortem.

Eye-camp concludes

PANCHAGARH, Mar 7: A weeklong free eye-camp concluded recently at Boda Pathraj Degree College, reports BSS. Jointly organised by Boda thana administration, local elite and Gausul Azam BNSB Eye Hospital, Dinajpur, the eye-camp was inaugurated by AFM Saiful Islam, Deputy Commissioner, Panchagarh on February 26.

Barisal Radio Centre works nearing completion

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Mar 7: The construction works of the 10 kw medium wave fulfilled radio broadcasting centre is nearing completion here.

The works of this project was started in 1996, with an estimated cost of Tk 12.85 crore at Rupatal, some 5 km away from the town beside Barisal-Jhalakathi road, official sources said.

Meanwhile, a revised estimate of Tk 16 crore has been sent to the concerned higher authorities for approval. The original estimate included structural construction of Tk 7 crore, while the rest amount will be spent for necessary equipments with other accessories, the official sources added.

The Sub-divisional Engineer (SDE) of Public Works Department (PWD) here recently said, 80 per cent of the structural construction works of this project has already been completed and the rest works are likely to be completed within the June next.

Now the equipments which have already reached to the site are waiting to be installed soon and, according to official sources, the radio centre may be commissioned by July next.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Dept Division, Patuakhali Tender Notice No. 241 (96-97) Civil

- Name of work : a) Special repair to MO's qtr attached to Upazila Health Complex at Bauphal in the dist of Patuakhali. Gr No. I (one). b) Special repair to Class-III employees qtr old attached to Upazila Health Complex at Bauphal in the dist of Patuakhali. Gr No. II (two). c) Special repair and re-construction of Hospital Bldg to Upazila Health Complex at Bauphal in the dist of Patuakhali Gr No. III (three).
 - Estimated cost : Gr No. I = Tk 2,35,889/-
Gr No. II = Tk 2,15,650/-
Gr No. III = Tk 1,03,224/-
 - Earnest money : Gr No. I = Tk 4,718/-
Gr No. II = Tk 4,313/-
Gr No. III = Tk 2,064/-
 - Last date of selling tender : 22-3-97 on all working days during office hours.
 - Date fixed for receiving of tender & opening with time : 23-3-97 up to 12:00 Noon and at 12:15 PM on the same day in presence of any intending tenderers.
 - Time allowed : Gr No. I = 60 days.
Gr No. II = 60 days.
Gr No. III = 45 days.
 - Name of office to sell and received tender form, schedule etc : All PWD Divisions under Barisal PWD Circle, Barisal and PWD Division, Kheula-I/II.
 - Eligibility of contractor : Special Class, Class-I/Class-II/Class-III and Class-IV approved civil contractor. All other information laid down in the tender schedule.
- Ed Ekramuzzaman
Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Patuakhali
DFP-4946-3/3
G-631

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Local Government Engineering Department Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II LGED Bhaban (Floor-7), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

Memo No: LGED/PD/ST-II/V-06/96/113 Dated: 2.2.97

Tender Notice For International Shopping Procurement of 7(Seven) Nos. Garbage Dump Truck (3 Tons) Under ADB Loan No. 1376 Ban (SF)

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan No. 1376 BAN(SF) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in various currencies towards the cost of Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments for procurement of 7(Seven) nos Garbage Dump Truck (3 Tons).
- Project Director, Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), now wishes to invite sealed bids from eligible bidders from member countries of ADB for the supply and delivery of the above referenced equipment.
- Bid documents with detailed specifications, terms and conditions and other papers may be purchased by the interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Taka 5000.00 (Taka Five thousand) only at the offices of: (i) Project Director, Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II, LGED Bhaban(floor-7), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. (ii) Executive Engineer, LGED, Dhaka, 68 Ka, Shamoli Pisciculture Housing Society, Shamoli, Dhaka-1207. (v) Team leader LBLI, 68 Elephant Road, Dhaka 1205 on all working days during normal office hours up to 30th March, 1997.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of 2.0% (two per cent) of the total bid price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee in favour of the Project Director, Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II and must be delivered either via mail or in person to the above offices on or before 12:00 Noon (local time) 31st March, 1997. No bid will be considered for receipt or acceptance following expiry of the aforementioned date and time. The bids will be publicly opened at 12:30 PM on the same by the respective offices in presence of those representatives of the bidders who like to attend.
- The authority will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
- The authority reserves the right to accept any tender, or to accept any part of the tender, or to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof and in such case no compensation will be entertained.

DFP-2942-4/2
G-638 Md Abdul Gaffar
Project Director

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No : 128/Mkg of 1996-97.
 - Name of work : Tender for Bullah Palasing work with earth work at damaged portion of road at 7th KM(P) of Hemayetpur-Shingair-Manikganj Road under Manikganj Road Division during the year 1996-97.
 - Estimated cost : Tk 2,60,178/-
 - Earnest money : Tk 5,204/- in favour of EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division in BD/TC/Protirakhya Sanchaypatra and Bonus Sanchaypatra etc.
 - Time allowed : 10 (ten) days from the date of issue of work order.
 - Eligibility of contractors : A to E Class General Category of RHD Contractors.
 - Name of offices : Office of the EE (RHD), Manikganj/Dhaka Divn, Dhaka/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Planning Divn, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka and SDE (RHD), Manikganj/Nayrhat under Manikganj Road Division.
 - Name of offices to receive tender bids : Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division and SDE (RHD), Manikganj/Nayrhat under Manikganj Road Division.
 - Last date of selling of tender bids : Up to 19-03-97 during office hours.
 - Last date of receipt of tender bids : At 12-30 PM on 20-03-97.
 - Date and time of opening of the tender bids : At 1-00 PM on 24-03-97 in the office of the EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division.
 - Date and time of lottery : At 3-00 PM on 27-03-97.
 - Chargeable head : 266-Feeder.
 - Authority of estimate approved : SE (RHD), DRC, Dhaka.
- A K M Rezaul Haque
Executive Engineer (RHD)
Manikganj Road Division
Manikganj
DFP-4968-3/3
G-627

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Stores and Purchase Directorate

Ref : DACPF/Int'l Re-Tender/006/96-97 Date: 23-02-1997

Int'l Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tender is hereby invited for supply of following items to Biman Bangladesh Airlines from Manufacturers/Suppliers /Local Agents/Indentors.

Sl No	Tender number	Description of goods	Cost of schedule
01.	DACPF/Int'l Re-Tender/006/96-97 dt 23.2.97	Meal foil cover medium for JCL Size: 242X216mm	Tk 1000.00 or USD 25.00 per set

Tender schedule with detailed specification, terms and conditions will be available at a cost of BDT 1000.00 or USD 25.00 per set (Non-refundable) with Accounts Officer Cash and Banking, Biman Admin Building, Zia Int'l Airport, Dhaka and Assst Manager (Accounts), Cash and Banking, Biman Head Office, Zia Int'l Airport, Dhaka as well as with Finance Manager, Biman, Bangkok, Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Frankfurt, Rome, Paris, London, Amsterdam, Dubai and New York on cash payment on all working days up to 18-03-1997. A formal application in company's letterhead pad mentioning tender number and date shall require for purchasing the tender documents.

The last date of tender submission is 19-03-1997. Biman Management reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tender increase or decrease the quantity or items without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DFP-4890-3/3 Hohammad Housuf Harun
G-625 Deputy General Manager (S&P/Comm)

Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) Road Division, Gopalganj (RHD) Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited Bangladesh Form No 2911 for the following works:

- Tender Notice No : 58 (1996-97) EE/GRD.
- Name of work : Construction of Pavement in/c seal coat work at different KM of Gopalganj-Takerhat road under Gopalganj Road Division during 1996-97 (In 3(three) groups).
- Estimated cost : As per group list.
- Earnest money : -/-
- Time allowed : -/-
- Head of accounts : 168-RBF
- Eligibility of contractors : 'A' to 'C' general category & RHD, & 'D' general category contractors of Road Circle, Faridpur.
- Name of office where tender documents will be sold : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Gopalganj/Faridpur/Madaripur/Barisal/Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Gopalganj/Bhatiapara/1st Line Workshop sub-Division, Gopalganj.
- Name of office to receive tender bids : a) Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone, Barisal. b) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Faridpur. c) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. d) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Gopalganj.
- Last date of selling tender : Up to the office hour of 17-3-97E/3-12-1403BS.
- Last date & time of receipt of tender : Up to 12:30 PM of 18-3-97E/4-12-1403BS.
- Date, time & place of opening tender : At 11:00 PM of 23-3-97E in the office of the Executive Engineer, Road Division, Gopalganj.
- Lottery date, time & place (if necessary) : At 3:00 PM of 24-3-97E in the office of the Executive Engineer, Road Division, Gopalganj.
- Group list

Grp No	Name of work with location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
I (One)	Construction of pavement repair in seal coat & primer seal coat at 32nd (P) & 33rd KM of Gopalganj-Takerhat road under Gopalganj Road Division during 96-97.	Tk 8,36,802/=	Tk 16,737/=	20 (Twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
II (Two)	Construction of damaged pavement in/c seal coat work at 29th (P) & 30th (P) KM of Gopalganj-Takerhat road under Gopalganj Road Division during 1996-97.	Tk 9,57,146/=	Tk 19,143/=	25 (Twenty five) days from the date of issue of work order.
III (Three)	Construction of damaged pavement in/c seal coatwork at 9th (P) KM of Gopalganj-Takerhat road under Gopalganj Road Division during 1996-97.	Tk 8,23,421/=	Tk 16,469/=	20 (Twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.

Kazi Najibul Haque
Executive Engineer (CC)
Road Division, Gopalganj
DFP-4792-2/3
G-640