

Shyampur Sugar Mills closed

From Our Correspondent
RANGPUR, Mar 29: The Shyampur Sugar Mills has incurred financial loss to the tune of about Taka eight crore, a high official of the mills told The Daily Star.

The mills sources said that due to non-delivery of required sugarcane, the mills authorities had abruptly closed down its production of sugar about two months ahead of the targeted crushing period.

The mills had a target to produce 9,000 MT sugar during 1996-97 season by crushing 1,20,00,000 MT sugarcane up to the end of current month, March. But, following indifferent attitude of the farmers the mills authorities were compelled to stop the operation of the mills on Feb 22 last by producing only 4,229 metric tonnes of sugar.

A high ranking official of the mills said that an organised group of molasses traders were active in producing molasses in large scale by using crusher machines before the nose of the law enforcing agencies, although using crusher machines is prohibited within the sugar mills zone.

Explaining the failure of the law-enforcing agencies to curb the rampant production of molasses, a mills source said that police in day time visit the mills zone to seize the crusher, but during the day time the crushers are never used and most of these machinery are kept hidden inside jungles and other safe places to avoid police action. After sunset the crushers are used to produce molasses. In such a way the molasses production was running unhindered within the mills zone for years together causing huge financial loss of the sugar mills, it is alleged.

Shrimp export target from Khulna zone may fail

From Quazi Amanullah

The existing power crisis has severely hit procurement, preservation and processing networks of the exporters most of whom started this trade with bank loans. Frozen shrimps worth about Taka 300 crore are rotting in the cold storages in Khulna, Bagerhat and Sathkira districts. As a result of all these, it is now a far cry to reach even one-fourth of output and export target.

KHULNA, Mar 29: The country will be losing several hundred crores of taka in foreign exchange if urgent steps are not taken to save the export-oriented shrimp industries from the curse of unprecedented loadshedding.

Frozen shrimps prepared for export worth about three hundred crore of taka are rotting in the frozen food firms in Khulna, Bagerhat and Sathkira districts due to acute power crisis. The shrimps have already lost quality for consumption.

The existing loadshedding has also severely hit procurement, preservation and processing networks of the exporters who started this trade with huge bank loans. As a result, it is now a far cry to reach even one-fourth of the production and also the export target.

Entirely dependent on electricity, the export-oriented shrimp industries are on the verge of closure. Because, they need electricity round-the-clock to keep its standard quality for consumption as well as export. Even generators are failing to function properly due to frequent power failure. Most of the generators set up have

gone out of order due to constant fluctuation of power voltage.

At least 75 per cent of prawns and shrimps (such as *Bagda*, *Harina* and *Galla*) are grown in the month of March, April and June. So, electricity is badly needed for its production through scientific process and ice is one of main factors for processing and preservation. But the fact remains that 90 per cent of ice factories are now closed due to acute crisis of power.

Meanwhile, the Secretary General of Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters' Association, when contacted, told this correspondent that 37 countries including the USA, UK, Japan, Germany, France, Saudi Arabia, Austria, Singapore, Denmark and Malaysia are the main buyers of our frozen shrimps. They are now reluctant to import it due to unnecessary delay in shipment. The delay in shipment is caused by power crisis, he said. Only undisturbed and non-stop supply of power in the ice plants can save the export-oriented shrimp industries, he added.

Arsenic poisoning: About 5 crore people may indirectly be affected

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Mar 29: At a seminar held on 'Arsenic Disaster in Bangladesh Environment' held in Pabna Radhanagar Mazumdar Academy Auditorium on Thursday, Dr Quazi Kamruzzaman Mukta, Chairman, Dhaka Community Hospital, disclosed, during his presidential speech that Pabna district was one of seriously arsenic poison affected districts of Bangladesh.

Nearly five crore people out of the 12 crore, were suspected to be indirectly or directly affected or likely to be affected by arsenic poisoning in 42 districts of Bangladesh. Dr Quazi Kamruzzaman further disclosed.

The seminar, organised by Dhaka Community Hospital and sponsored by the Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd, was attended by a large number of people from different walks of life. It was addressed by Dr Mahmudur Rahman, a skin specialist of Dhaka Community Hospital, Dr A M Ishaque, President, Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners' Association, Pabna Branch, Dr Shibtosh Roy, Dr Abu Jafar of Holy Family Hospital, Dr Iftekhar Mahmud of Pabna General Hospital, Naveum Jahangir of Disaster Forum of Bangladesh, Advocate Nazmul Haque Nannu and an Indian journalist Shubhransu Choudhury.

The speakers disclosed that

arsenic poisoning was first detected in underground water, specially in the tubewells in 1990 in our country and during the same year, the problem was brought officially to the notice of the government. But they lamented, that the government was not yet being found to pay due attention to the problem as yet. They stressed that immediate decision should be taken and a national consensus should also be formed to arrest the situation which has already taken an alarming shape in most areas of Bangladesh — both on the eastern and western parts of the river Jamuna and also in the northern and southern zones of the country.

The specialists called upon the NGOs, specially to immediately take up the arsenic poisoning of water issue to save the people of the country. The philanthropists, social, cultural and political workers should also come forward to face the situation, they stressed. The speakers said that the adjacent areas of Pabna town, vast areas of Ishurdi and Bera thanas became already affected as arsenic-polluted water was detected in these areas from a large number of tubewells.

The speakers said that the danger lies, in the fact, that there was no treatment for the arsenic-affected patients in Bangladesh and hence, all out

efforts were to be taken to provide water containing permissible amount of arsenic for drinking and cooking purposes. For that, the speakers suggested use of surface water instead of under-ground water.

The speakers advised the people to take boiled water in the areas where arsenic was found disproportionately in the tubewells. Surface water was available in the rivers, tanks, ponds wells and ring-wells, they stated.

They also suggested, in unavoidable cases, to consume arsenic-poisoned tubewell water 12 hours after lifting and then filtering them. But, in such cases, only upper portion of water from the preserved pots may be used.

They said that arsenic poisoning does not spread through touching the patients and hence there is no risk of marrying any such patient nor to sit together in the schools colleges or universities or in the hats, bazaars or in any such localities. The specialists regretted that simply due to ignorance, social problems have been created in many affected areas. Motivational programmes need immediately to be taken in both rural and urban areas by the government agencies, NGOs, local government bodies, social organisations, political parties and elected representatives in different tiers.

New woman assoc in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, Mar 29: A meeting was held at the Courtpara residence of Shamsuddin Ahmed with the aim of forming Gonotantik Mohila Samity with Shamima Nasrin Mumu in the chair.

Shamuddin Ahmed, acting president of Gonotantik Front spoke in the meeting as the chief guest. Swapna Chakravarty spoke on the occasion as special guest. Besides, those who spoke on the occasion were Sabnam Mustari, Swapna and Rina Khatun.

The meeting unanimously formed an eight-member committee with Shamima Nasrin Mumu as convener and Sabnam Mustari Swapna and Rina Khatun as joint conveners. The members are: Shahina Akter, Sahana Khatun, Rehana Khatun, Selina Khatun and Rekha Mahbub.

Office-bearers

From Our Correspondent
MOULVI BAZAR, Mar 29: The new executive committee of Moulvibazar Press Club was declared elected as all the candidates who submitted nomination papers elected unopposed.

The convener Election Sub-committee of the Press Club declared the new committee elected on Friday.

The newly elected office-bearers are: President-Radhika Mohan Goswami (BSS), Vice-President-Azizul Haque Iqbal (Bangladesh Times), Golam Mohit Khan (Janapad), Secretary-MA Salam (Sangbad), Assistant Secretary (Office), Ratan Kanti Chaklader (Banglar Bani), Assistant Secretary (Literature and Publication) — Akmal Hussain Nipu (Bhorer Kagol), Assistant Secretary (Sports and Culture) — Radhapa Deb Sajal (Ajker Kagol), Treasurer-Abul Kalam Zila (Khabar), Members — Syed Atahar (Jalalabad), Syed Abu Zafar Ahmed (Editor-Momtu Barta), Abdul Hamid Mahbub (Sylhete Dak), Syed Mohasin Pervez (News Media) and Nurul Islam Sheful (UNB).

One shot dead during robbery

KISHOREGANJ, Mar 29: A man was shot dead by dacoits at Balikandi haor in Nikli thana here on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said Chan Mia, 35, son of Jamat Ali of village Indarchulli in Karimganj thana while returning home after selling his cow in Singpur bazar was attacked by a gang of dacoits.

On hearing his hue and cry local people rushed to the spot. But the dacoits opened fire on them, killing Chan Mia on the spot.

Later, the villagers caught three dacoits — Mafiz, Ripon and Kamal — with a pipe gun and five rounds of bullets who were handed over to the police after mass beating.

The body was sent to sadar hospital for autopsy. Two separate cases were filed with the police.

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Tender Notice

Sealed tender in Local Currency is invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/indentors (not necessarily enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy:

SI No	Description & qty	Tender selling dt up to	Tender opening date	Currency
1.	Public Address System (PA System) complete sets Qty — 03 sets	3-4-97	5-4-97	Local
2.	Target vessel/Barge Length-100 Mtr or above Breadth-7.5 mtr or above Depth-2.5 mtr or above Qty-01 No	3-4-97	5-4-97	Local

The tender schedule with detailed specification will be available at given rate (not refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1000 hours on the above-mentioned date in presence of the present tenderers.

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Commander BN
for Director General

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Health Engineering Directorate
Narsingdi Division, Narsingdi

Tender Invitation Notice

No-08 (1996-97) Dated: 16-3-97/02-12-1403 BS.

Separate tenders in prescribed form under sealed cover are invited from Public Health Engineering Directorate's 1996-97 financial year 'C' category enlisted/renewed contractors/contractor firms for the undermentioned work:

SI No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit
1.	Supply of photocopier machine for Narsingdi office of the Public Health Engineering Directorate	1,50,000/=	3,000/=	7 (seven) days

Detailed information of the tender can be known and tender document can be purchased at the prescribed price (non-refundable) on production of the original copy of licence, from the office of the undersigned and office of the Executive Engineer, Dhaka Division of the Public Health Engineering Directorate during office hours up to 5-4-97/22-12-1403BS. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned, Public Health Engineering Directorate's Dhaka and Narayanganj Divisional offices up to 2:00 PM of 6-4-97/23-12-1403BS. On receipt of tenders in sealed condition at Dhaka Divisional office & Narayanganj Divisional office, all tenders together will be opened at the office of the undersigned on 7-4-97/24-12-1403BS at 1:30 PM before the contractors or their representatives (if any) present. Tender will be treated as cancelled outright if the terms & conditions mentioned in the official specification were not followed properly. Bill will be paid only on receipt of necessary fund allotment.

The authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Detailed terms & conditions and information of work will be mentioned in the related document of tender.

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Narsingdi Division, Narsingdi

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G-858

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Facilities Department, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur

Tender Notice

No.15/EE/FD/RZ/96-97 Dated: 09-03-97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department's enlisted contractors for the undermentioned work under 'Revenue' head during 1996-97 financial year.

(a) Group list:

Gr No.	Name of educational institution with description of work	Estimated cost (Taka)	Earnest money (Taka)	Time limit for completion of work	Class of contractors	Remarks
1.	Repair & renovation, sanitation & water supply work of the Academic building of Rangpur Govt Girls' High School.	1,50,000/-	3,000/-	45 (forty five) days	A ₁ , A ₂	
2.	Repair & renovation of Administrative building, repair of doors & windows, construction of sewerage and boundary wall of Rangpur Zilla School.	1,50,000/-	3,000/-	45 ..	A ₁ & A ₂	
3.	Repair & renovation work of Block-1, 4, 5 & 6 of Pirganj Govt High School.	1,00,000/-	2,000/-	45 ..	A ₁ & A ₂	
4.	Roof water proofing, repair of doors & windows, white washing and painting work of Gaibandha Boys' High School.	1,75,000/-	3,500/-	45 ..	A ₁ & A ₂	
5.	Repair & renovation work of (Block-B) Sundarganj AM Govt High School.	1,50,000/-	3,000/-	45 ..	A ₁ & A ₂	
6.	Repair & renovation work of (Block-B) Sundarganj Amina Girls' High School.	2,00,000/-	4,000/-	45 ..	A ₁ & A ₂	
7.	Repair & renovation work of female students' auditorium of Palashbari Govt College.	2,03,677/-	4,075/-	45 ..	A ₁ & A ₂	
8.	Repair & renovation work of Zoology & Botany Laboratory of Palashbari Govt College.	4,96,323/-	9,950/-	60 (sixty) days	A ₁	
9.	Repair & renovation work of the Academic building of Govt Rangpur College.	4,98,652/-	9,975/-	60 ..	A ₁	
10.	Repair & renovation work of including Porch Toilet Block & link road 1st floor of the Academic building of Govt Rangpur College.	2,01,348/-	4,050/-	45 (forty-five) days	A ₁ & A ₂	
11.	Repair & renovation work of the 3rd floor of Administrative-cum-Academic building of Govt Begum Rokeya College.	2,50,192/-	5,090/-	45 ..	A ₁	
12.	Repair & renovation work of roof of the 3rd floor of the Administrative building of Govt Begum Rokeya College.	4,99,806/-	10,000/-	60 (sixty) days	A ₁	
13.	Horizontal extension, repair & renovation work of Gaibandha Govt Women's College.	4,84,569/-	9,700/-	60 ..	A ₁	
14.	Repair & renovation work of the Administrative building, Academic building, and Science building of Gaibandha Govt Women's College.	2,15,430/-	4,350/-	45 (forty five) days	A ₁ & A ₂	
15.	Repair & renovation work of the super quarters of Science Education Development Centre of Rangpur Teachers' Training College.	3,37,781/-	6,760/-	45 ..	A ₁	
16.	Repair & renovation work of the Administrative building of Science Education Development Centre (Block-1) of Rangpur Teachers' Training College.	1,61,977/-	3,240/-	45 ..	A ₁ & A ₂	

b) Last date of purchasing tender : 6/4/97 (up to office hours).
c) Last date & time of receiving tender document : 7/4/97 up to 12:00 Noon.
d) Date & time of opening tender : 7/4/97 at 12:30 PM.
e) Offices/officers where tender documents will be available from and will be received at : Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Bogra, Dinajpur, Panchagarh, Pabna, Kurigram, Naogaon Zone office and office of the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Gaibandha District.
f) Earnest money : Amount of money mentioned in column No. 4 above must be submitted with each tender through Bank Draft/ Pay Order from any nationalised/scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur.
g) Price of tender document per set : Taka 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable).
All other detailed documents and terms & conditions of tender will be available in the tender document.
The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Terms & conditions:
1) Contractors must produce their respective registration book of licence renewal for 1995-96 and Value Added Tax (VAT) registration certificate before purchasing tender document.
2) Tender will be treated as cancelled outright if the quoted price is more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost.
3) Income tax & VAT will be deducted from the bill as per govt rules.

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SSC examinee killed in road mishap

From Our Correspondent
MOULVI BAZAR, Mar 29: An examinee of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination was killed when she was run over by a speeding truck on Rajnagar-Munshibazar-Fenchugonj road recently.

It is reported that Juthsna Begum, 16, an SSC examinee of Khalagaon Karpur High School under Rajnagar thana of the district was returning home after appearing at the SSC examination on March 6. When she came near her home on the road, a Fenchugonj-bound speeding truck (No-Narayan-gonj Ta-02-0107) hit her and ran over her. The girl died on the spot.

Rajnagar thana police seized the truck, but its driver managed to escape from the scene of the accident.

To protest this accident the students of different student organisations brought out a procession. The processionists submitted a memorandum to Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO), Rajnagar and demanded punishment to the truck driver.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Sherpur Public Works Directorate Division, Sherpur

PWD Tender Notice No-37 (1996-97)

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate's special first class and 1st class, Dhaka Public Works Directorate Zone's 2nd class and Mymensingh Public Works Directorate Circle's 3rd class enlisted building contractors for execution of the undermentioned work.

SI No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work
1.	Construction of resource room & hostel in Sherpur district (adjacent to Sapmari High School) under integrated Blind Education Extension Programme under Directorate of Social Welfare	Tk 2,84,061/=	Tk 5,682/=	60 (sixty) days

Bangladesh Form No 2911 as well as design of the items of work, additional terms & conditions etc can be seen and will be available from the office of the undersigned and offices of all Executive Engineers under Mymensingh Public Works Directorate Circle during office hours up to 5-4-97/22-12-1403 BS.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned and all Executive Engineers under Mymensingh Public Works Directorate Circle up to 12:00 Noon of 6-4-97/23-12-1403 BS.

Tender must have to produce original copy of VAT registration certificate before purchasing tender. Otherwise tender will not be sold to them.

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G-857
Sherpur Public Works Directorate Division, Sherpur

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Public Works EM Division-7, Dhaka

Memo No-EM/7/126/4345 Dated: 5-3-97/21-11-1403BS

Tender Invitation Notice No-120/1996-97

Tenders on item rate basis in Bangladesh Form No 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted special 1st class/1st class E/M contractors having valid A, B, C class contractor and supervisory licence from Bangladesh Electrical Licensing Board, Dhaka and registration certificate from Value Added Tax Department, for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, 1st twelve-storied building (2nd floor), Segunbagicha, Dhaka/Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Eden Building Division/Mechanical Workshop Division/Timber Workshop Division/Office of the Executive Engineer (staff Officer) of Dhaka Public Works Zone/Office of the Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon of 23-12-1403 BS/6-4-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any present).

Tender form, schedule of items, terms & conditions etc can be purchased on cash payment of Tk 775/- (non-refundable) from the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, 1st twelve-storied building (2nd floor), Segunbagicha, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Public Works Eden Building Division/Mechanical Workshop Division/Timber Workshop Division/Public Works Sub-Division-5, Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka under Dhaka Public Works Division-4 as well as the office of Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Dhaka during office hours up to 22-12-1403 BS/5-4-97. Contractor himself or his authorised representative can purchase tender form on production of registration book as well as necessary papers. 2 per cent of the total quoted price as earnest money should be submitted with each tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order/Treasury Challan/Call Deposit from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.

SI No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Allotted time
1)	Supply & installation of service cable as well as other works for the 12 (twelve) underconstruction buildings at the low cost quarter complex at Taltala in Dhaka under the project construction of 2000 flats for different govt officers & employees of Dhaka city.	-	At 2 per cent of the total quoted price	1 (one) month

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Facilities Department, Ministry of Education
Chandpur Zone, Chandpur

Tender Notice No 52/Reno & Dev/PHS/Madrassa/Tubewell/ FD/Chand Z/96-97

Dated: 17.3.97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department's A-2/A-3 class enlisted contractors for installation of shallow tubewells under selected Private Educational Institutions Renovation & Development Project. Thanawise name/number, estimated cost of each educational institution are given in the tender, which are included in the above project.

a) Last date of purchase of tender document : 7.4.97.
b) Last date & time of receiving tender document : 9.4.97 up to 12:00 Noon.
c) Date & time of opening tender : 9.4.97 at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.
d) Place where tender document will be available from & received at : Office of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Chandpur Zone/Executive Engineer's Office under Chittagong Circle & office of Assistant Engineer, Laxmipur district.
e) Price of tender per set : Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable).
f) Earnest money : 2 (two) per cent of the estimated cost in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Chandpur Zone should be deposited with the tender.

Terms & Conditions :
1. Those obtaining approval for renewal of enlistment for '96-97 should produce the original registration book, current year VAT registration, Income Tax certificate prior to purchasing tender document and attested copies of the said papers should be submitted with the tender.
2. Tender quoting rate more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost will be cancelled outright.
3. Contractor will be paid the bill subject to receipt of allotment. But the contractor will be bound to complete the work within the prescribed time.
4. VAT will not be deducted from bill. But the contractor should pay the VAT amount through challan prior to payment of bill.
5. Name of educational institution may be cancelled any time but the contractor cannot claim any additional financial compensation for that.
6. There may/not be 1 (one) shallow tubewell instead of 2 (two) shallow tubewells at the educational institution. The contractor cannot claim any additional financial benefit for that.
7. The Sub-Assistant Engineer concerned & the head/authority of the institution should be present at the time of installing the shallow tubewell and joint certificate to this effect should be submitted with the bill, otherwise bill will not be paid. The authority reserves the right to reject the tender in part or full without assigning any reason.

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