

BRTC Pabna depot abandoned?

PABNA, Apr 25: The Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) Pabna depot appears to have been abandoned with chassis, spare-parts and equipment worth lakhs of taka destroyed due to negligence, reports UNB.

A reliable source said some local terrorists have occupied a room of the abandoned building which was being looked after by two guards and a caretaker.

The depot, he said, had been functioning since 1966 and a number of BRTC buses used to be operated in the northern region with maintenance and repair done at the depot.

BRTC buses plied from Pabna to all routes including Nogarbari, Dhaka, Kushtia, Khulna, Ishwardi and Nababganj between 1966 and 1982. Shutdown in 1982, the depot had then about 20 buses in working condition.

Some buses were transferred to Bogra zonal head office and the building turned into a meeting place of extortionists, alcoholics and drug addicts, the sources said.

Massive crop damage due to continuous hailstorm

SUNAMGANJ, Apr 25: Continuous hailstorm from 18-22 April severely damaged standing crops including IRRI-boro on 3,605 hectares of land in five thanas of the district, UNB reports says.

According to farmers, crops worth some crores of taka were already damaged by the unprecedented hailstorm. Agriculture officials said the target of production of 3.73 lakh tons would not be achieved due to the worst disaster.

The affected thanas are, Sadar, Tahirpur, Jamalganj, Bishantapur, Dowarbar and the other one third of the cultivated paddy and Rabi crops on 20 haors of the district were completely damaged.

The worst hit haors are located at Tahirpur, Jamalganj and Sadar. The local MPs and local leaders demanded emergency help for the distressed farmers in a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

School girl kidnapped

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Apr 25: A school girl was kidnapped by a group of armed miscreants from Phulatala bazar in the district on April 20.

Sultana Parveen, 14, only daughter of the Chairman of Damodar Union Parishad under Phulatala Police Station (PS) was kidnapped on the day.

Parveen, a student of Vi-quarunnesa Girls' School, Dhaka, came to Phulatala to celebrate the Eid-ul-Azha with her parents. A case has been registered with Phulatala thana in this connection.

Tk 69 lakh agri loan in Sylhet

SYLHET, Apr 25: Bangladesh Krishi Bank has taken up a programme here to disburse Tk 69 lakh to aush cultivators, reports UNB.

The loan will be disbursed through its 22 branches among the farmers. The bank has already disbursed Tk 75.32 lakh to boro cultivators. About 590 farmers were benefited by it.

Besides, the bank has also disbursed Tk 26.10 lakh loan in 11 thanas to 278 farmers for buying cattle for cultivation.



A WASTED PLAN: The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority last year decided to construct an alternative passenger launch terminal at the northern side of the present site of launch terminal in river Dakatia in Chandpur town near the well-known river port of Puranbazar. The decision was taken following continuous erosion of the terminal site which has severely affected docking of all river crafts there. About Taka two crore was sanctioned for the purpose. To everyone's surprise, heavy siltation around the terminal threatened progress of the construction work of the terminal which includes building of thick concrete embankment, partly seen in the picture. Farmers, in the meantime, have taken advantage of cultivating paddy in the highly fertile river bank near the terminal site possibly thinking the place might have been abandoned.

Frustrating progress in WFP aided fisheries development projects

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, Apr 25: The authorities of the fisheries development projects, taken up under Food for Works Programme (FFW) assisted by World Food Programme (WFP) in the district by Fishery Department during the current dry season, has failed to complete the works of the project within the deadline. Three of the total projects, out of 13, remained untouched till expiry of the deadline. The deadline was April 15.

The three projects are re-excavation of pond at Zafarnagar of Jhinkergachha thana, re-excavation of the Chitra river of Bagherpara thana and re-excavation of Purakhali baor of Obhainagar thana.

The other 10 projects are, re-excavation of the river Bhairab under Hoibatpur union, re-excavation of the river Bhairab under Kashimpur union, re-excavation of the river Mukteswari, re-excavation of river Bhairab at Jungal Badan and re-excavation of Hamidpur baor under Kotwali thana, re-excavation of Bergobindapur baor, re-excavation of Kadgara baor and re-excavation of Chakia beel of Chowgachha thana and re-excavation of Sunanadia baor of Sharsha thana.

A total amount of 1,478 metric ton of wheat has been allocated for the projects.

The programme officer, WFP Enamul Haq and Director General, Fisheries, Liaqat Ali visited the projects to see the progress of work of the projects recently.

It is learnt that both the officials expressed their dissatisfaction over the slow pace of the works and termed the quality of work as very poor. They also were unhappy over the lapses in design and field level dressing (field levelling) besides lot of alleged irregularities.

According to information, most of the projects of fisheries department will fail to achieve even 30 per cent of the total work within the deadline which has been extended by WFP up to May 10, 1997.

Allegation received from different corners say that despite disbursement of 20 per cent wheat out of total allocation to each chairman of PIC (Project Implementation Committee), well in time hardly 10 to 12 per cent work has been completed.

When contacted, the district fisheries officer, Jessore, MA Sattar told The Daily Star that irresponsibility, negligence of PIC, has created problem for the work to start in time. He said that he was confident though only two weeks were left before expiry of the deadline that he would be able to utilize major portion of the allocated wheat by completing most of the project work.

The chairman of PIC, told that corrupt practice, unusual delay in issuing authority of delivery order of wheat was to be blamed for the total disarray of the projects.

Addendum of BPDB's Local Tender Notice

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Addendum of BPDB's Local Tender Notice for Tender Enquiry No Pur-231/96/Lot-8 dated 5-3-97 for the Procurement of Pole Fittings

The subject tender notice for Tender Enquiry No Pur-231/96/Lot-8 dated 5-3-97 is hereby amended as follows:

- The deadline for submission of tender against Tender Enquiry No Pur-231/96/Lot-8 dated 5-3-97 shall be at 11.00 AM on 4-5-97 instead of 22-4-97. Accordingly the relevant bids will be opened at 11.30 AM on the same day.
- All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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Director of Purchase
PDB, Dhaka.

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice : 164/Mkg of 1996-97.
 - Name of work : Tender for construction of flexible pavement with WBM carpeting seal coat work at part of 17th KM of Nayerhat-Dhamrai-Kaliakoir Road under Manikganj Road Divn during the year 1996-97.
 - Estimated cost : Tk 12,11,210/-.
 - Earnest money : Tk 24,225/- in favour of EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division in BD/TC/Protirakkhya Sanchaypatra and Bonus Sanchaypatra etc.
 - Time allowed : 40 (forty) days from the date of issue of work order.
 - Eligibility of contractors : A to E general category of RHD contractors.
 - Name of offices : Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer (RHD), Manikganj/Dhaka Road Divn/ Narsingdi/Narayanganj/ Munshiganj/ Gazipur/Planning, Design Divn/ Dhaka/Planning Divn (P&D), Dhaka Zone, Dhaka and SDE (RHD), Manikganj/Nayerhat under Manikganj Road Divn.
 - Name of offices : Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Divn, Segunbagicha, Dhaka/ Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka, Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Manikganj Road Divn and SDE (RHD), Manikganj/Nayerhat under Manikganj Road Divn.
 - Last date of selling of tender bids : Up to 7-5-97 during office hours.
 - Last date & time of receiving of tender bids : At 12-30 PM on 8-5-97.
 - Date and time of opening of the tender bids : At 1-00 PM on 12-5-97 in the office of the EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division.
 - Chargeable head : 266-Feeder.
 - Date and time of lottery : At 1-00 PM on 14-5-97.
 - Authority to approve estimate : Estimate has been submitted to SE (RHD), DRC for approval.
- A K M Rezaul Haque**
Executive Engineer (RHD)
Manikganj Road Division
Manikganj
- DFP-9331-15/4
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Crimes on rise Two killed, minor violated within 2 days in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Apr 25: One youth was killed, a minor girl was violated and an alleged terrorist was beaten to death in the district within a span of two days recently.

One youth was axed to death allegedly by his rivals at village Munshipara under Daulatpur thana in the district on April 19 night, the victim's family sources said.

The victim has been identified as Mostafa, 25.

The source also said that the murder was committed following a past enmity. A case has been registered with Daulatpur police station in this connection. Post mortem of the body was done at Kushtia General Hospital on April 21. However, none has been arrested.

In another report: A man violated a 3-year-old girl in Khoksa thana on April 20. One Dulal of village Kamalapur under Khoksa thana allured Moli, a 3-year-old girl with a chocolate and took her to a lonely place near a primary school and allegedly violated her family and police sources said. Moli screamed and people nearby rushed there and caught Dulal. They rescued Moli in a precarious condition. She was profusely bleeding. Moli was first taken to Khoksa Health Complex and later on she was sent to Kushtia General Hospital.

Dulal was handed over to Khoksa Police Station. A case has been registered with Khoksa police station under Women and Children Repression Act.

In the third incident, an alleged terrorist was beaten to death and another two including a Chowkidar were seriously injured at Bheramara on April 19 night.

Eyewitnesses said that about 7 terrorists attacked one Chowkidar thinking him to be passerby and demanded money from him near Solodag broken bridge point at Bheramara thana. When the Chowkidar could not pay anything, the terrorist stabbed him. The victim shouted and people nearby rushed for help and caught hold of two of the terrorists. They were beaten severely. The three injured were rushed to Bheramara Health Complex where the terrorist, Moli, 29, succumbed to his injuries. He was an inhabitant of village Soladag. Another injured Kalon was sent to Kushtia General Hospital where his condition was stated to be serious. The Chowkidar was stated to be improving at Bheramara Health Complex. The two terrorists are allegedly absconding accused in murder cases.

Unruly passengers ransack launch cabins

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Apr 25: A group of angry passengers ransacked and damaged seven first class passenger cabins of a Dhaka-bound double-decker launch Wednesday at the Barisal launch ghat.

Witnesses and police said, some passengers not getting tickets for Dhaka from here became angry and at one stage ransacked and damaged seven first class passenger cabins of the Dhaka-bound MV Sagor-6 passenger launch docked at Barisal launch ghat at about 11 am.

Supervisor of the launch, Arefin Sikder lodged a case in this connection with Kotwali PS.

Tk 85,000 cash was looted away during the rampage, he alleged.

Police arrested one Delwar, 27, in this connection.

School student killed while irrigating

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA Apr 25: One school student, Saidur Rahman, 16, was allegedly killed when an altercation took place in connection with giving water in a paddy field on the day of Eid-ul-Azha at Damurhuda thana.

Family sources said that Saidur Rahman of village Chaighoria went to the paddy field for irrigating his field from a shallow tubewell.

But Abu Taleb, owner of an adjacent land asked him to give water in his field first. Saidur expressed his inability. Soon an altercation took place and at one stage Abu Taleb became furious and hit him with a dao causing grievous injury.

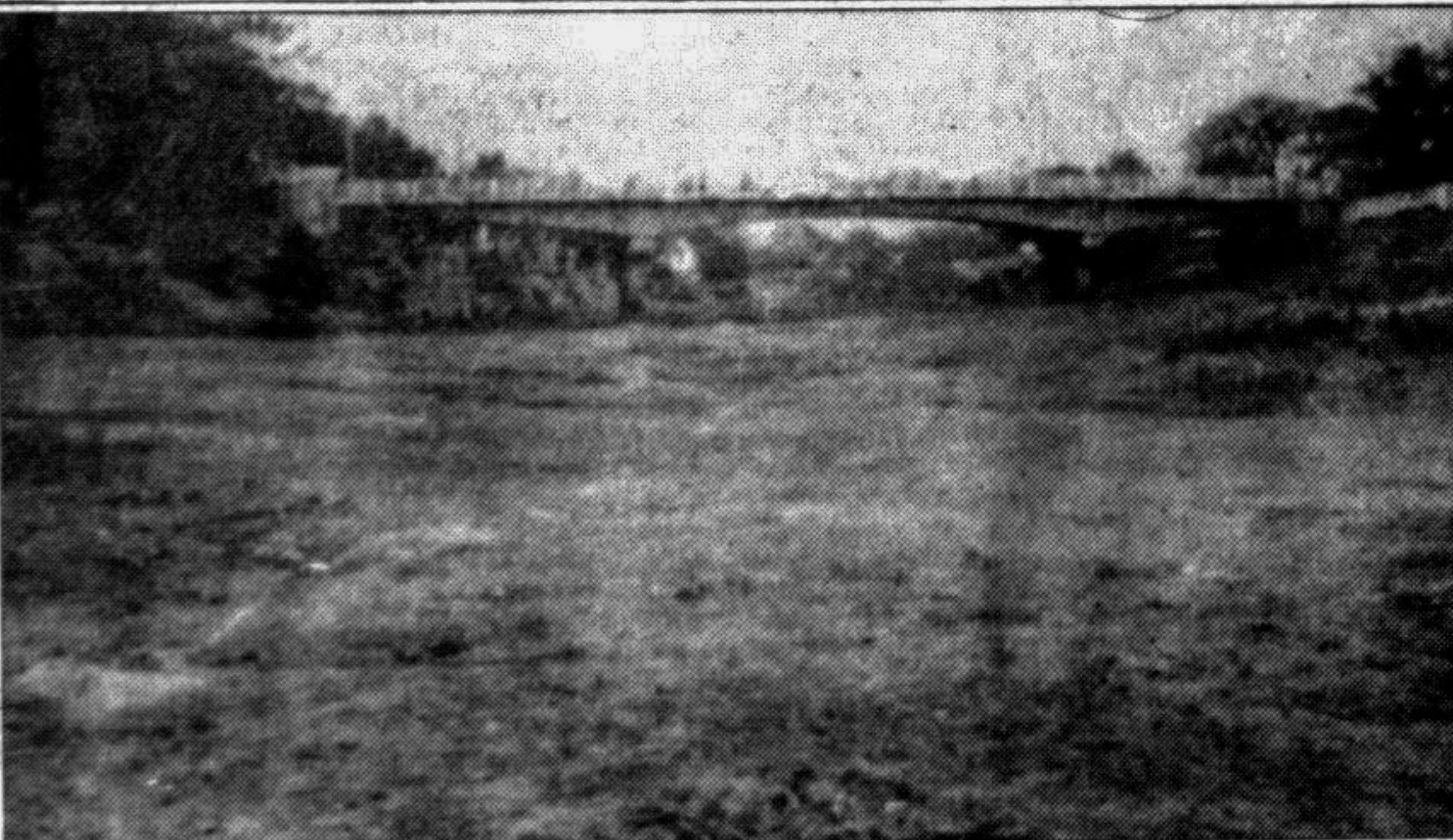
The victims were rushed to Damurhuda Health Complex. However, on way he succumbed to his injuries. Police on getting information rushed there and recovered the dao as a weapon of murder.

Three killed in Gopalganj road accident

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Apr 25: At least 3 persons were killed and 40 others were injured in a road accident on Takerhat-Muksudpur road near Prosnadi village on April 22 midnight.

Police sources said, the accident occurred when a Muksudpur bound passenger bus coming from Barisal (bearing No-Dhaka-Metro-Ja-3114) skidded off the road and fell into a roadside ditch as the driver lost control of the bus, passengers said. As a result 3 persons were killed on the spot and 40 persons injured. The seriously injured passengers were admitted to Muksudpur thana health complex.



GAIBANDHA: The Ghagat, once a mighty river has now virtually turned into a dead river due to continued siltation.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Memo No. NIO/3-37/84/722 Dated : 20-03-1997

Admission Notice

Applications are invited from intending medical graduates for admission to the undermentioned post graduate courses at the National Institute of Ophthalmology in 1997-98 academic year.

- (A) Masters of Surgery (Ophthalmology) course. Duration—3 (three) years.

Qualification for admission:

- Candidate must be a medical graduate from any university approved by Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council.
- Should have minimum 2 (two) years' whole time resident training in Ophthalmology from any hospital approved by Dhaka University or Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council.
- Should have minimum 1 (one) year's govt service experience at Thana Health Complex/Rural Health Centre. In case the candidate has not completed the said 1 (one) year duration of Govt service, a bond has to be given to the Director General, Health Service, Bangladesh to the effect that the incumbent should complete the 1 (one) year service duration in rural area after completion of the course (applicable in case of Govt service).
- Besides the above training, any medical graduate may apply for admission to MS course. But after passing the first part, the trainings described in serial 2 & 3 must be completed before joining for the second part.

(B) Diploma in Ophthalmology course. Duration—1 (one) year.

Qualification for admission

- The candidate must be a medical graduate from any university approved by Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council.
- Candidate should have 1 (one) year's whole time resident training in Ophthalmology from any approved university.
- Should have 06 (six) months' continuous whole time training in general surgery or medicine from any hospital approved by Dhaka University or Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council.
- Should have minimum 1 (one) year's Govt service experience at Thana Health Complex/Rural Health Centre. In case the candidate has not completed the said 1 (one) year duration of Govt service, a bond has to be given to the Director General, Health Service, Bangladesh to the effect that the incumbent should complete the 1 (one) year service duration in rural area after completion of the course (applicable in case of Govt service).

Necessary information for candidates of both MS (Ophthal) & DO courses

- Applications of Govt doctors should be sent through the Directorate of Health.
- Private candidates having the above training can also apply for the said courses. But they shall have to deposit admission fee, tuition fee, library fee & caution money.
- Except for Dhaka University, migration certificate must be submitted for admission for other universities.
- Application with all required educational qualifications — SSC, HSC certificates & marksheets, MBBS & all professional examination certificates & marksheets & training certificate as well as 3 (three) copies passport size attested photographs should reach the office of the undersigned through proper channel by 03-05-97. 1 (one) advance copy should reach the office of the Institute (with which will have to be enclosed all certificates & photographs).
- Candidates must carry with them the original certificates at the time of interview.
- Prescribed application form (admission form) should be collected from the office of the undersigned on cash payment of Tk 200/= (two hundred) only (non-refundable) during office hours.
- No candidate can apply for more than one course.
- Govt candidates should submit bio-data attached with the Admission Test form (application) and the said bio-data should be submitted with the application.
- For admission to the above courses, candidates shall have to take part in selection test as per the undermentioned time table.
- For the test, candidates shall have to collect admit card before the test from the office during office hours from 14-05-97.
- Incomplete application (admission form) will be treated as cancelled. The authority will not be held responsible for this.
- Question papers of examination will be in MCQ system. There will be negative marks.
- Any candidate being unsuccessful in final examination after deputation will not be allowed any opportunity for higher education within 3 (three) years. After three years, if nominated for admission to any subject, can participate in the course through academic vacation. The Ministry will consider academic vacation only in case of appropriate candidate.
- Any candidate on deputation for one course can not apply for opportunity/admission to any other course.
- Government doctors participating in admission test for post graduate course will not be allowed any TADA.
- In case of deputation for higher education, age limit for govt. doctors will be fixed at 45 (forty-five) years.

Time & date of admission test:

- DO/MS (Ophthalmology) written test 1 (one) hour 10-00 AM to 11-00 AM. Date: 17-05-97.
- Candidate successful in written test will be considered eligible for viva voce.

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Prof Syed Modasser Ali
Director & Professor

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

Memo No JS (CP)/97-292

Dated: 22-4-97

Subject: Invitation for Recruitment of National Consultants

Applications are invited for individual consultants for the following positions in the UNDP-funded Project "A study for Enabling Access for the Poor to the Judicial System through the Grameen Courts."

Position	No of posts	Duration	Qualification
1. National Consultant: Land and Petty Disputes	One (1)	6 person months	Renowned jurist with advanced degree in law preferably Ph.D and having experience in problems relating to land & petty disputes at the grass-root level.
2. National Consultant: Family Disputes	One (1)	6 person months	Renowned jurist with advanced degree in law preferably Ph.D and having experience in the settlement of family disputes at the grass-root level.
3. National Consultant: Institutions and Legal Personnel Specialist	One (1)	6 person months	Jurist with advanced degree in law and/or Master/Ph.d in Public Administration or in other relevant Social Science and having wide experience in legal institution building and in matter related to legal Grameen resources.

Applications accompanied by a detailed Curriculum Vitae (4 sets) and passport size photograph (4 copies) should reach the office of the undersigned within ten (10) days from the publication of this notification in the newspaper.

Consultancy fees will be some Taka fifty thousand (Tk 50,000/=) per month.

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