

'Supply modern arms for Bandarban police'

BANDARBAN, May 20: Police force in this hill district are helpless in facing insurgents and criminals with conventional arms and lack of logistics, the district Police Superintendent and local leaders said here.

SP Majedul Huq told UNB that in the May 2 encounter with the insurgents, who attacked the BDR outpost, police force of the Thanchi thana could fire only one shot from their second world war rifles.

Three police constables of Roangchhari thana were killed on February 15 in the battle with Santibahini men who, on the other hand, were equipped with modern arms.

It is reported that police forces in the 30 camps of the district fight against the insurgents with their worn-out conventional arms of the British period.

The district police authorities have discussed the matter with the DIG of Chittagong range and sent proposal for supplying G-3 rifles, SMGs and other logistics for the police force in the district.

100 fishermen missing in Patuakhali

BRISAL, May 20: More than 100 fishermen from off-shore Patuakhali district were missing, failing to return from the deep sea during the cyclonic storm on Monday.

A Red Crescent worker from Patuakhali told UNB by phone that the fishermen on board some 25 trawlers from Khepura, Kuakata and Alipur areas of the district went to the Bay before the cyclone was formed. They did not return till Monday evening.

An official in Khepura Radar Station said the cyclone wind with a speed 75 kph hit Patuakhali and Barguna districts at about 3.45 pm. Under its influence, off-shore areas of the two coastal district were inundated by 4-5 feet tidal surge.

In Barguna, a boat with 30 people capsized at Majherchar in Patharghata thana, while they were being shifted by Red Crescent workers to a safer place. They were rescued immediately but five of them with injuries.

The cyclonic storm also hit and inundated Tajmuddin, Char Fashion.



A microcredit programme for creating self-employment of the rural poor in Fenchuganj thana of Sylhet district was launched by Association for Social Advancement (ASA) recently.

18 lakh MT IRRI-Boro paddy expected from North Bengal

From M A Ali Himu

NATORE, May 20: Despite chronic power crisis and occasional pest attack on IRRI-boro crop lands of North Bengal, the farmers were resilient enough to combat the crisis hoping a bumper crop yield after long seven years of gap since 1989.

The northern districts of greater Rajshahi, Pabna and Bogra including the vast Chalan Beel — the main paddy producing areas of the country, this year witnessed the splendour of a bumper IRRI-boro paddy production on six lakh fifty thousand hectares of land exceeding the crop sowing area target of 6 lakh 30,000 hectares.

Power crisis, which severely hit irrigation in the entire region, did not stand in the way of the expected bumper output of crop. The farmers depended on rain — nature's gift for irrigation through much poor in quantity.

Following the bumper crop output in 1989-90 in the aftermath of the devastating flood of 1988 and 1992-93 and the overall stagnation of cereals production in the 1990s, the farmers of this region have been re-

warded with the bumper yield in the last and this season. The harvesting has begun already. About 18 lakh metric tons of paddy is expected from this region this year.

There was apprehension of crop failure and poor harvest by the experts this year. Almost all the power driven irrigation-machines remained inoperative during the cultivation period of the paddy largely due to severe power shortage. The depletion of surface and ground water level for irrigation caused by ill-effects of the Farakka Barrage through drying up of rivers, beels and canals of this region, pest attack, locally known as 'Chita rog', and the regular seasonal nor-westerly and hailstorms put the prospects of good harvest to bad stresses.

In the face of dire projections of serious food deficit by the experts, the field reports say, the farmers have begun harvesting plenty of IRRI-boro paddy in the northern districts of Natore, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Chapainawabganj, Pabna, Sir-

ajganj, Bogra and Joypurhat.

This correspondent, while visiting some parts of the vast Chalan beel — the biggest beel of the country under Natore district, a good harvest was witnessed. The harvesting farmers looked very happy. They informed that the yield this year is between 15 and 18 maunds of rice per 'bigha' of land. They also added that the crop yield could have been more if they could find more water for irrigation at the farm-ertd.

While talking to The Daily Star about the success scenario, Abdus Sattar, Additional Director of Rajshahi Divisional Agriculture Extension Department said that there had been some welcome showers during end of March and the paddy fields hardly experienced any storm or hail-storm here. Moreover, he added, the severe heat in the last two weeks in April paradoxically proved to be a boon for the good crop yield as it prevented pests and consequently lessened the use of pesticides. Another reason, Abdus Sattar pointed out, that this year, the government was alert about the management and distribution of fertiliser resorting to precautionary measures. On the other hand, he said, ill-effects of the Farakka Barrage failed to pose any serious problem to the farmers this year. The cultivators by and large managed to take maximum advantage of the available waters with aggressive ingenuity and efforts.

In the backdrop of bumper crop out put this year, the farmers are now apprehending about the drastic fall in prices of paddy. Generally, they do not get economic return for their crop. At present IRRI-boro paddy is being sold at between Taka 210 and Taka 225 per maund. This leaves a disincentive for them to grow more rice in the following years.

Five of a family shot at by gunmen

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, May 20: A total of five members of a family at Shamlagachi of Sharsha thana in the district were shot at by a group of armed terrorists of a Political party on Friday.

All of them were admitted to Jessore General Hospital and 250-bed Khulna Hospital. The injured were Osman, 40, Mozammel Haque, 35, Shafikul, 32, Abdur Razzak 25, and Azizul Haque, 20. Condition of Shafikul was critical till filing of this report.

According to reports, leader of a local terrorist gang and chief of smugglers syndicate, Bere Babu demanded handsome amount of money from a businessman Osmani. He expressed his inability to make the payment. This has enraged the gang leader and a group of their party stormed the house of Osman and opened several rounds of fire aiming at the inmates of his house injuring five of them.

According to another source, the group of musclemen, hired by Bere Babu from Jessore were used in this operation.

Minor boy strangled to death

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, May 20: A minor boy of village Bebaripara in the town was strangled by unidentified miscreants in the night of May 17 last, according to police.

Police said, Dipu Biswas, 9, was missing from about 4 pm on the same day. The next day, his body was found in Paglakana area.

The body was sent to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue.

One person was arrested in this connection.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Comilla Public Works Division, Comilla Tender Invitation Notice No-142/1996-97

1) Tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Department enlisted special 1st class & 1st class building contractors and Chittagong Public Works Zone enlisted 2nd class building contractors and Comilla Public Works Circle enlisted 3rd class building contractors for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Chandpur/Noakhali/B'baria/Feni/Laxmipur up to 12:00 Noon of 29-5-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers interested to be present. Each tender superscribing the name of work on the sealed cover should be submitted in the tender box kept at the respective office. No contractor/contractory firm can purchase tender without VAT registration.

- (a) Name of work : Construction work of 4000 gallons capacity underground water reservoir and pump house for Police Barrack 1/2 & Telecommunication of Comilla Police Line. Financial year 1996-97.
- (b) Estimated cost : Tk 2,93,426/=
- (c) Earnest money : Tk 5,880/=
- (d) Time for completion of work from the date of issuing work order : 60 (sixty) days.

2) Tender schedule may be seen & purchased up to 28-5-97.
3) Schedule consisting items of tender and terms & conditions may be seen and purchased on payment of Tk 400 (four hundred) only (non-refundable) for each set of tender and Tk 25/= (twenty-five) only (non-refundable) for each Bangladesh Form No 2911 from the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Chandpur/Noakhali/B'baria/Feni/Laxmipur and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under this Division during office hours.
If more than one tender is received with the same rate then the tender will be settled through lottery at the office chamber of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Comilla on 10-6-97 at 11:30 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any) present.

Md. Akhtarul Alam Executive Engineer Comilla Public Works Division, Comilla DFP-11612-13/5 G-1435 Phone No-6935

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Tax Commissioner Tax Zone-5 28/F, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from the permanent citizens of Bangladesh under Dhaka Division for filling in the undermentioned posts under Tax Department, Tax Zone-5, Dhaka.

Sl No	Name & number of posts	Pay scale	Age	Educational qualification & experience
1	Upper Division Assistant 2 (two)	1375-2870/-	18 to 30 years	Minimum Graduate.
2	Steno-Typist 2 (two)	1375-2870/-	-d-	HSC passed or equivalent. Should have short hand speed of 60 & 80 words per minute respectively in Bengali & English and typing speed of 25 & 30 words per minute respectively in Bengali & English.
3	Office Assistant-cum-Typist 2 (two)	1200-2335/-	-d-	HSC passed or equivalent. Having typing speed of minimum 30 words in English & 20 words in Bengali per minute.

Terms & conditions:-

- A) Application should be addressed to the Tax Commissioner, Tax Zone-5, 28/F, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka, stating applicant's name, father's/husband's name, present & permanent address, date of birth, educational qualification, nationality, home district, experience (if any) with copies of all certificates of educational qualification attested by gazetted officer, 2 (two) copies of recent passport size photographs, character certificate from 1st class gazetted officer and citizenship certificate from local Union Parishad Chairman/Ward Commissioner.
- B) Maximum age limit is 32 years in case of Freedom Fighters.
- C) District and other quotas will be reserved as per govt rules. Candidates in service should apply through their respective proper channel.
- D) The authority reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason.
- E) No TA/DA will be admissible for test/interview.
- F) Erroneous & incomplete application will be treated as cancelled.
- G) Name of the post applied for should be superscribed on the envelope.

Abu Bakar Siddique Member-Secretary Departmental Scrutiny/Selection Committee Tax Zone-5, Dhaka
DFP-11552-13/5 G-1436

Directorate General Defence Purchase Ministry of Defence New Airport Road Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 Re-Tender Notice

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

Sl. No.	Description and Qty	Tender Selling Date up to	Tender Opening Date	Tender No.
A)	Air Cooler & Accessories (Qty-01)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5087
B)	Out Board Motor (Engine) (Qty - 03)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5088
C)	Fire Control System Repaired (Qty-39 Line Items)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5090
D)	Fire Control Spare Parts (Qty - 06 Line Items)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5091
E)	Spare Parts For Caterpillar M/E (Qty - 27 Line Items)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5092
F)	Spare Parts For Radar MTU Main Engine (Qty-03 Line Items)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5111
G)	Heating Elements (Qty - 02 Line Items)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5108
H)	Radar RM 1226C & TM 1226C spare parts (Qty-114 Line Items)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5110
I)	Ammonia Printing Machine (Qty - 01 No.)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5113
J)	Chain Cable & Accessories (Qty - 02 Line Items)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5114
K)	Soda Lime (Qty - 100 kgs)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5116
L)	Rope Manila 3.5" & 4" (Qty - 18 coils)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5120
M)	PC-based Message Terminal (Qty-10 Line Items)	29-5-97	31-5-97	5109

2) Tender with necessary terms & conditions can be collected at prescribed price (non-refundable) from this Directorate General on any working day during office time from morning 0800 hours to 1200 hours. Time of opening the tender is morning 1000 hours before the tenderers present.
ISPR/Misc/97/452 DFP-11326-11/5 G-1433
Commander BN for Director General

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Facilities Department Kurigram Zone, Kurigram Tender Notice

No. EE/FD/KZ/96-97(21) Dated: 03-05-97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 are invited from Facilities Department's A-1 (A-One) Class contractors (1996-97 financial year renewed) and bonafide furniture manufacturers & suppliers for the work supply of furniture to the selected Govt Primary Schools under Government Primary School Reconstruction & Renovation Project.

Gr No	Sl No	District	Thana	Name of selected Govt Primary School	Number of high-low bench	Number of chair-table	Time limit for completion of work
01.	1.	Lalmonirhat	Sadar	Burirdighi GPS	39 pairs	04 pairs	3 (three) months
	2.	-do-	Sadar	Teesta KR Khadem Govt Pry School	39 pairs	04 pairs	
	3.	-do-	Sadar	Kachairpar GPS	39 pairs	04 pairs	
	4.	-do-	Sadar	Heera Manik Kachairpar GPS.	39 pairs	04 pairs	

A) Last date of purchasing tender document : 28-05-1997 up to 1:30 PM.
B) Date & time of receiving tender : 29-05-1997 up to 12:00 Noon.
C) Date of opening tender : 29-05-1997 at 12:30 PM.
D) Offices where tender document will be available from & received at : Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Kurigram /Rangpur/Dinajpur/Panchagarh/Bogra/Pabna/Naogaon/Rajshahi Zone Office & Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Lalmonirhat district office under this zone.
E) Earnest money : Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of quoted amount should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft /Pay Order from any nationalised/scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Kurigram Zone, Kurigram.
F) Price of tender document (per set) : Tk 400/- (four hundred) only in cash (non-refundable).

Terms & Conditions:

1. This Department enlisted A-1 (A-One) class contractor & bonafide furniture manufacturer or supplier can purchase the tender document on production of the copy of successful completion of work & work order (issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer) of similar work worth Tk 1.00 (one) lakh in a single work order under Facilities Department or any Govt organisation and photocopies of the same should be attached with the tender.
2. Tender document can be purchased through application in own letter head pad on production of 1996-97 financial year renewed registration book, VAT registration certificate by A-1 (A-One) class contractors of this office and up-to-date renewed trade licence, up-to-date income tax clearance certificate, VAT/turn-over registration certificate by bonafide furniture manufacturers & suppliers themselves or through their representatives (representative's signature attested by contractor/furniture supplier in the pad).
3. Income Tax & VAT/turn-over will be deducted from bill as per Govt rules.
4. Number of furniture mentioned in the tender may be reduced or increased.
5. The authority is not bound to accept the tender of the lowest tenderer.
6. Other terms & conditions will be given in the tender document.

The authority reserves the right to accept any or all tenders or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

Md. Harunur Rashid Executive Engineer Facilities Department Kurigram Zone, Kurigram DFP-11662-14/5 G-1438

House to Rent

Wanted a house of 6/7 rooms measuring 2,000-2,500 sq ft with garage facility for minimum 2 (two) vehicles in Mohammadpur, Shyamoli, Kalyanpur and Mirpur area for the office of World Health Organisation aided "Pilot Project for Development of Maternal and Neonatal Health Care" under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Directorate of Health. Persons interested to rent out house are requested to contact at the undermentioned address with written proposal stating plan, description, rental of the house during office hours.

Contact address:
Project Director
Pilot Project for Development of Maternal & Neonatal Health Care
6/3, Sir Syed Road, Mohdpur, Dhaka
Phone: 818756

DFP-11541-13/5 G-1434

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Directorate of Public Health Engineering Rajbari, Dist-Rajbari Tender Notice No. 08 (1996-97)

Dated: 11-5-97

Tenders under sealed cover are invited from Directorate of Public Health Engineering enlisted current financial year (1996-97) renewed 'A' & 'D' category contractors for sinking 38 mm dia 8 nos shallow tubewells and 22 nos. Tara tubewells in different thanas of Rajbari district for pure water supply under the country wide Rural Water Supply GOB-4 Project.

Tenders can be purchased from the office of the undersigned; Executive Engineer, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Faridpur Divisional Office up to office hours of 27-5-97. No tender will be sold after 5:00 PM of 27-5-97. Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned, Executive Engineer, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Faridpur Divisional Office and Executive Engineer, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Gopalganj up to 1:00 PM of 28-5-97. All tenders taken together will be opened on 29-5-97 at 11:00 AM at the office of the undersigned before the contractors/contractors' representatives (if any) present.

All information including earnest money, allotted amount of tender, number of tubewells in each group, time limit etc. and other rules and regulations will be available from the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Faridpur Divisional Office during office hours.

Shaheed Iqbal Executive Engineer, DPHE Rajbari District, Rajbari Phone: 428 DFP-11656-14/5 G-1440

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Jamalpur Public Works Division, Jamalpur Tender Notice No. 57 (1996-97)

Tenders in BD Form No. 2908 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate's all class enlisted electrical/civil/sanitary contractors/firms with respective financial capacity for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be opened on the same day of submitting tender at 12:15 PM in presence (if any) of the intending tenderers. Tender must be submitted under sealed cover superscribing thereupon name of work, address & address of whom the tender is submitted to.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work
1.	Work of supplying submersible pump motor set for installation of deep tubewell at Madarganj, Melandah, Islampur Thana building & Sarisabari Labour Welfare Centre under Jamalpur district.	Quoted amount	2% (two per cent) of quoted amount	15 (fifteen) days

2. Name of office to sell & receive tender : Public Works Division, Jamalpur/Mymensingh/Netrakona/Kishoreganj/Tangail/Sherpur.
3. Last date of selling tender : 27-5-97/13-2-1404 BS (during office hours).
4. Last date of receiving tender : 28-5-97/14-2-1404 BS (up to 12:55 PM).
5. Ready tender schedule with Bangladesh Form No. 2908 and additional terms & conditions can be seen at the above offices & purchased on payment of usual price Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) for each tender schedule & usual price (non-refundable) for Bangladesh Form No. 2908. Tender schedule can be purchased by contractor/contractory firm himself/himself or his/their representative carrying authorisation letter with the representative's signature attested by the contractor/contractory firm on production of the original register of enlistment.
6. Attested copy of VAT certificate, signature attested leaf of contractory renewal register, supervisory licence registration certificate should be attached with the tender.
7. Any attestation should be by 1st class gazetted officer.
8. If more than one lowest tenderer is found in the tender, then to select one contractor, lottery will be held on 5-6-97 at 11:00 AM in the office chamber of the undersigned. All or his/their nominated representatives are requested to attend the lottery. No objection will be acceptable after the lottery.

Md. Nuruzzaman Mia Executive Engineer Jamalpur Public Works Division, Jamalpur DFP-11641-14/5 G-1441