



CHITTAGONG: Many dwelling houses were damaged by Monday's cyclone at Laldiar char under Patenga thana here. The owner of one such house, Akhter Mia is seen engaged in rebuilding it anew, while his wife and two children look on. - Star photo by AKM Mohsin

Tiger hunting alarmingly increases in Sundarbans

From Quazi Amanullah

KHULNA, May 24: As many as three hundred and twenty-five persons were killed by man-eater tigers of the Sundarbans during last ten years, according to a reliable source.

Sources said 33 persons were killed in 1987, 52 in 1988, 33 in 1989, 43 in 1990, 42 in 1991, 13 in 1992, 42 in 1993, 32 in 1994, 16 in 1995 and 18 in 1996. Most of the victims were honey collectors, *baouli* and fishermen. Tigers attack honey collectors and wood cutters in the deep forest.

The sources further said that most of the dead bodies remain untraced because, man-eaters conceal dead bodies in the deep forest. They prefer decomposed flesh for eating.

The sources further said that forty-two man-eaters were also killed during the same period by professional hunters and villagers.

The DFO, when contacted, said that those who were killed by tigers were either poachers or intruders involve in the acts in violation of the wild-life Preservation Act. The intruders or poachers did not follow proper way in getting into the forest.

Meanwhile, there are lot of allegations that the intruders are allegedly killing tigers for collecting skin, head, fat, nails and teeth for smuggling. As a result, the population of Royal Bengal Tigers has been reduced. At least twenty-two Royal Bengal Tigers are reported to have been killed by the alleged poachers in last five years, said a Forest Ranger who prefers anonymity. The poachers enter into the forest, bribing a section of forest officials. By constructing make-shift camps they kill deer and tigers. A Forest Guard said that the poachers kill deer for killing tigers. The *modus operandi* is that poison is injected into the dead body of a deer and placed in an open space at least half-a-kilometre from poachers' make-shift camps. The tiger dies after eating poisoned flesh of the deer.

It is learnt from a reliable source, skin, teeth, nail, fat and head of tigers killed are processed in the forest and thereafter sent to the smugglers through their local agents. Skin of a Royal Bengal Tiger is sold at between Taka two and three lakh.

On November 9 of 1989, BDR jawans of Satkhira recovered three pieces of tiger skin from a boat plying in the Ichamati river near India-Bangladesh border. On July 30, 1990 police recovered eight pieces of tiger skin and some teeth of Royal Bengal Tiger (RBT) from Khalpetua river of Satkhira district. On July 9 in 1991, police recovered four pieces of skin of RBT from a passenger bus bound for Dhaka from Satkhira. On August 17, 1992 members of the customs intelligence recovered three pieces of skin from a first class residential hotel in Dhaka.

On October 12, 1992 police recovered two pieces of skin from a passenger bus bound for Dhaka from Jessore. But fact remains that no smuggler could be nabbed during these raids. Of course, on July 19 of 1995 police recovered two tails and a piece of eleven-feet long skin from an alleged smuggler named Aziz Master who was going to Satani border on bicycle, a few miles off Satkhira town.

Forest officials said that tigers enter into local villages they become fed up with the disturbance by the poachers. In last one year at least twenty people of Joimoinirghol and Burhigolani villages under Swarankhola thana were killed by man-eaters. Official sources said at least 15 tigers died in the devastating cyclone and tidal surge that lashed the Sundarbans on November 29 of 1988.

According to official source, a project of one crore and ninety six lakh taka was taken up during 1981-82 fiscal for preservation of wildlife in the Sundarbans.

Loadshedding cripples life in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, May 24: Power disruption in greater Khulna Zone has taken an alarming turn in recent days.

Khulna City, in particular, remains plunged into darkness for at least 14 to 16 hours on average everyday beginning May 19 onward. The citizens are facing a severe water crisis due to frequent power dislocation.

Loadshedding has not only hit the production works of all industries, but affected medicare services and printing of local newspapers also. Exportable frozen foods are rotting in the freezing plants and small and cottage industries have been closed down.

At present, Khulna Zone needs 300 megawatts (MWT) of electricity. In fact, 137 MWT is being supplied. Out of 137 megawatt, Khulna Power Station produces 27 megawatt only. The shortage is being met from Barisal and Bheramara station and also from the national grid.

Two senior bank officers in Khulna suspended

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, May 24: Four officials including an Assistant General Manager and a senior officer of the divisional head office of Sonali Bank have been placed under suspension for their involvement in the misappropriation of Taka six crore.

According to Department of Anti-Corruption Bureau (DAB) source, the suspended officials Abdul Ahad and Mollah Akram Hossain helped a fake shrimp exporting firm 'Star Sea Food Industries' to receive Taka 5 crore 20 lakh from the bank in 1991. But the entire money was embezzled instead of utilising it for exporting shrimps.

Meanwhile, the District Anti-Corruption Bureau, Khulna has seized necessary documents of Star Sea Food Industries for the sake of investigation.

4 Bangladeshi children rescued

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, May 24: Four Bangladeshi children were pushed in Bangladesh by the Border Security Force (BSF) of India through Sonamajid Check post of Bangladesh on May 12.

The pushed back children are: Shahjahan Mondal, son of Quim Mondal of Baul thana under Sylhet district, Rubel Mondal whose address could not be known till writing of this report, Ripon Mondal, son of late Mojibar of Dhaka district and Mostafa, son of Jafar of Koiwali thana under Sylhet district.

According to police sources these children were rescued by BSF from the clutch of traffickers. The immigration police of Sonamajid check post received them from BSF and sent them to police of Shibgonj thana.

The children are now under Nawabganj jail custody.

Tk 2 cr multi-storied market building project in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, May 24: Jhenidah Poursabha has taken a plan to construct a multi-storied market at Sher-e-Bangla Road in the town at a cost of Taka two crore, according to poursabha office sources.

Anisur Rahman Khoka, Chairman, Jhenidah Poursabha, said that the market would be constructed under 16-town Development Project with the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The construction work of the market is likely to be started soon, the poursabha chairman hoped.

Lightning claims 1

COX'S BAZAR, May 24: A young man was killed when a lightning struck him at a salt belt in Maheshkhali thana of the district on Sunday, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Ahsanullah, 32, salt cultivator. He was struck at Jagaiyona area at 4 pm and died on the spot.



CHITTAGONG: The cyclone on Monday has left a trail of devastation at Maizdar Tek under Anwara thana in the district. The actual extent of damage is yet to be ascertained. But undoubtedly it will be a huge loss. The sight of this 'saw mill' in the picture testifies the truth. A worker of mill is seen removing the damaged tin sheets from the rubble. - Star photo

Health services on brink of breakdown in Sherpur

SHERPUR, May 24: Health services in five hospitals of the district are facing a fatal breakdown due to lack of physicians and medicine, negligence and corruption, reports UNB.

The allegations were made at a public meeting organised at the New Market crossing recently to protest indifference of the authorities to the development of health services in the district.

Speakers said nearly 400 patients go for treatment to the Sherpur Sadar Hospital everyday, but return home without prescription or medicine. Same situation has been prevailing in four other thana level hospitals at Nalitabari, Sreebardi, Jhinaigati and Nakla thanas, they said.

Patients alleged they are often maltreated by the nurses and other staff if they protest any irregularities.

A mass-petition has been sent to the State Minister for Health and Family Welfare drawing his attention and demanding steps to remove the grievances and resolve the problems.

Local leaders said some staff of the hospitals smuggle out the medicine and sell those in the black markets. A section of the physicians are reportedly involved in the racket.

It is reported that there is no blood bank in the 50-bed Sadar hospital and its two ambulances have been out of order for a long time due to inaction of the authorities.

However, sources in the civil surgeon's office explained that the total budget of Tk 27 lakhs for five hospitals was highly inadequate to meet the expenses for medicines and good food to the patients.

They said only 29 doctors have been working in five hospitals of the districts, and as a result it was difficult to render good services to the patients. Some 19 posts of doctors have been lying vacant for a long time, they said.



Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in the Authority's approved tender are invited from bonafide printing presses for printing of Deck log book and Engine log book:

1. Tender No : Purchase 23/97 dated 10-5-97.
2. Earnest money : 2% (refundable) of the total tender price as earnest money should be submitted with the tender through Pay Order, Call Deposit, Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority.
3. Price of tender : Tk 50 (fifty) only (non-refundable).
4. Place where tender will be available : Accounts Division, BIWTA, 9th Floor, BIWTA Building, 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka.
5. Place, date & time of submitting tender : Purchase & Procurement Division, BIWTA Zone Office, 1st Floor, BIWTA Building, 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka on 01/06/1997 up to 11:00 AM.
6. Date & time of opening tender : On 01/06/97 at 11:15 AM before the tenderers (if any) present.

No tender will be sold on the date of opening tender. No tender will be received after the prescribed time. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Director (Purchase & Storage)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Superintending Engineer
Public Health Engineering
Project for Water Supply, Sanitation & Waste Disposal
at Municipality, Thana & Growth Centre
Maizdi-Noakhali

Tender Notice

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Health Engineering Directorate's 1996-97 financial year enlisted/renewed and VAT registered 'C' 1st class contractors for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Noakhali Division/Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong Division up to 1:30 PM of 1/6/97 and the tenders received will be opened together at 12:00 Noon of 2/6/97 before the contractors/firms or their representatives (if any) present. Tenders may be purchased in cash at the price (non-refundable) fixed by the Executive Engineer, Pub. HE, Lakshipur District/Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong Divisional Office during office hours up to 31/5/97. No tenders will be sold on the date of opening tender.

Sl No	Description of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for work
1.	Construction of office of the Superintending Engineer, Noakhali District under Public Health Engineering DANIDA Project.	16,15,237/-	32,305/-	90 days

Engr Kazi Nasir Uddin Ahmed
Superintending Engineer
Public Health Engineering
Project for Water Supply, Sanitation & Waste Disposal at Municipality, Thana & Growth Centre
Maizdee, Noakhali

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

Re-Tender Notice

No. 45/Government/PSS/Madrasa/FD/NZ/96-97 Dated: 14/05/97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department's A/1 & A/2 class enlisted contractors for construction work of three-storied pucca classroom building at thana level under Secondary Educational Institution Development & Rehabilitation (Govt & Private) Project. List of district, thana and names of educational institutions are given below:

Gr No	District	Thana	Name of educational institution	Name of project	Time limit for work	Remarks
259	Noakhali	Sadar	Noakhali Islamia Kamil Madrasa	GoB-M-2	4 (four) months	4th call
260	Do	Chatkhil	Chatkhil Kamil Madrasa	GoB-M-2	4 (four) months	3rd call
261	Do	Chatkhil	Sreeraj Women's Aalim Madrasa	GoB-M-2	4 (four) months	3rd call

A)	Estimated cost of each group	Tk 8,01,589/00
B)	Earnest money of each group	Tk 16,050/00
C)	Date & time of purchasing tender document	02/06/97 up to office hours.
D)	Date & time of receiving tender document	03/06/97 up to 12:00 Noon.
E)	Date & time of opening tender document	03/06/97 at 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any present).

Tender document will be available on cash payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) per set from the office of the undersigned and office of the Executive Engineers of the Zones under Chittagong Circle Office and offices of the Assistant Engineers of the respective districts under this Zone during office hours on all working days. And tender documents will be received at the said offices up to the prescribed date & time.

Earnest money must be submitted with the tender document through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the "Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Noakhali Zone, Noakhali."

Instructions to Contractors

- 1) Project Improvement Committee will discharge the responsibility of overall inspection of development work and final bill of contractors will be paid subject to certificate of Project Improvement Committee.
- 2) VAT and Income Tax will be deducted from bill as per Govt rules.
- 3) Tender will be treated as cancelled if rate quoted by the contractor/firm is more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost.
- 4) Contractors who have deposited renewal fee for 1996-97 financial year can purchase tender document on production of their original registration book and necessary papers of VAT.

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

Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
Noakhali Zone, Noakhali

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Jhenidah police recovered seven Indian made revolvers, 29 rounds of bullets and arrested three youngmen from a Dhaka bound night coach of Metro Paribahan bearing number Khulna BA 861 near Hatgopalpur recently. The coach was coming from Khulna and the arrested persons are: Manik and Azad of Dhaka, while Azibar hails from Sharsha in Jessore district. The arms were being carried in a briefcase, police said. - Star photo

Accused confesses killing of wife, minor daughter

SIRAJGANJ, May 24: Police have recently arrested a 36-year-old man for killing his second wife and minor daughter last month, reports UNB.

Saiful Islam confessed to the police and the district magistrate court that he had killed his second wife Marzina Khatun, 30, and daughter Shahida Khatun, 6, on April 30.

According to prosecution, Saiful of Noornagar village in Kamarkhand thana married Marzina of Kurigram district in 1990. As his first wife refused to accept Marzina, Saiful moved to Savar and started living together with Marzina. Meanwhile, they had been blessed with a daughter, Shahida.

Later, Saiful started to insist Marzina to go back to her village home in Burungamari of Kurigram district. But Marzina refused to go back.

Angered by her refusal Saiful and his associates took Marzina and their six-year-old daughter to a place in between Garhatta and Gajibanpur villages in Ullapara thana on the day and strangled them to death.

Police arrested him on May 19 from Savar.

Truck hits rickshaw van, one killed

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, May 24: One person was killed and another sustained injuries when a fleeing truck loaded with smuggled sugar dashed a rickshaw van at Bagda on Gobindaganj-Hill road under Gobindaganj thana on Thursday.

According to police, a Bogra bound truck Dhaka Metro-TA-11-0100 loaded with smuggled sugar from Hill border was chased by BDR personnel. Failing to stop the vehicle BDR personnel opened fire aiming at the truck, in which front wheel of the said truck was punctured. The truck however plunged into the road side ditch after hitting a rickshaw van. Due to impact of the collision, Shamul, 60, died on the spot and another co-passenger sustained serious injuries.

On getting the death news, local people chased the vehicle of BDR personnel. With a view to avoiding further untoward incident the BDR personnel left the scene.

Meanwhile people looted away all the sugar bags on board of the ill-fated truck. A case was filed with Gobindaganj thana.

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

Re-Tender Notice (3rd Call)

No. 281(T)/Development/Latrine/EE/FD/Raj/96-97 Dated: 13/05/97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby reinvited from Facilities Department's A/1 & A/2 class contractors for construction work of two-unit sanitary latrine at private secondary schools in Rajshahi & Nawabganj District under Facilities Department, Rajshahi Zone under Selected Private Secondary School Renovation & Development Project during 1996-97 financial year.

Group List:

Group No	Name of district	Name of thana	Name of educational institution	Number of two-unit sanitary latrine	Estimated cost
11	Nawabganj	Nachol	1. Sonaichandi Hi: Sch:	1 (one)	1,63,106/-
	-do-	-do-	2. Kharibari Hi: Sch:	1 (one)	
	-do-	-do-	3. Diara Dimkoi Hi: Sch:	1 (one)	

1. Last date & time of purchasing tender document : 08/06/97 (up to office hours).
2. Date & time of submitting tender document : 09/06/97 (up to 12:00 Noon).
3. Date & time of opening tender box : 09/06/97 (at 12:30 PM).
4. Place of purchasing & submitting tender document : Can be purchased from the office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rajshahi/Dinajpur/Bogra/Panchagarh/Pabna/Kurigram/Naogaon Zone and office of the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Rajshahi/Nawabganj District. And tender document will be received at the said Zone offices and by the Assistant Engineer, Rajshahi/Nawabganj District at the office of the Deputy Commissioner of the respective district and will be opened on the same day in presence of the contractors (if any present).
5. Earnest money : 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost as earnest money must be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft/ Pay Order (refundable) from any scheduled bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi.
6. Time limit for completion of work : 02 (two) months.
7. Price of tender document per set : Taka 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable).

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

Instructions:

- A) Contractors/contractory firms shall have to purchase tender document subject to obtaining permission from the proper authority on production of their enlistment registration book (renewed for 1995-96) and VAT registration certificate at the time of purchasing tender document.
- B) Contractory firms who have not submitted related papers for renewal of licence during 1996-97 financial year, cannot purchase the tender document.
- C) Tender will be treated as cancelled outright if the quoted price is more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost.
- D) Other terms & conditions of tender document are mentioned in the tender document.

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