

Diarrhoea takes alarming turn in Gopalganj

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, June 1: Diarrhoea has broken out in Gopalganj district and at least 4,017 persons have been attacked till now. A total of 569 persons were admitted in Gopalganj Hospital, 1021 persons admitted in Tungipara health complex, 673 persons in Kotalipara health complex, 239 in Kasiani thana health complex and 1515 were admitted in Mukaddapur thana health complex. Most of the affected persons were children and women. According to hospital sources, 15 persons died of diarrhoea from April 20 to May

31. Out of them, 7 died at Gopalganj, 4 died at Kotalipara, 2 died at Tungipara and 2 others died at Mukaddapur. Diarrhoea has broken out in almost all the villages. The affected villages are: Ghearchar, Bedgram, Shonakari, Khattr, Ragunathpur, Ghasghati, Kwadanga, Golabaria, Borasha and Busbari. No medical team reached the affected areas till now.

Acute scarcity of drinking water has been prevailing in the affected area.

Shortage of oral saline, cholera vaccine and other drugs has been prevailing in the affected villages. Poor patients are worst sufferers as they are quite unable to buy medicine from the open market. In open market these medicines are sold at a very high price. Every day about one hundred diarrhoea affected people are shifted to Gopalganj Modernised Hospital for treatment. The number of patients are increasing day by day, it was learnt.

One held for stealing fuel from train

JAMALPUR, June 1: Railway police arrested a man on charge of stealing diesel from a train at Langoljora crossing in Vadur and seized 11 diesel containers on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said local people caught one Babul red handed while siphoning out diesel from a Rajshahi-bound train along with his accomplices early in the morning.

Being informed police rushed to the spot and arrested Babul, a member of an organised gang.

They also recovered 11 containers, nine of them full of diesel, and a pipe from the tank of the train.

Acute water scarcity in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, June 1: Acute scarcity of water has been prevailing in remote areas of the district as 550 low lift tubewells became out of order.

Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) has installed 19 thousand 568 low lift tubewells with a view to supplying pure water in remote areas of the district. According to the population of Gaibandha district, a single tubewell has been set up for every one hundred people. Out of those, 550 tubewells have gone out of order due to lack of proper maintenance. As such the overall supply position of water is not satisfactory. There are 28 PHED mechan-

ics who are engaged in repairing and maintenance of disorder tubewells. According to allegations of local people no departmental mechanics perform duties sincerely. Besides, miscreants took away different parts of tubewells even the heads of tubewells were also stolen during night time.

In many areas especially at Gobindaganj thana and partially at Palashbari under Sadar Thana the tubewells do not supply adequate water due to fall in ground water level.

People of remote areas in the district are compelled to use water from ponds and nearby water bodies. As a result they suffer from various intestinal diseases, it is alleged.

An engineer of PHED told that the requirement of additional tubewells was forwarded to the concerned ministry for approval.

But the authorities supplied 250 Tara pumps which are being installed in deficit areas of Gaibandha district. Besides, 205 more hand operated tubewells will be installed soon in different remote areas where crisis of water is prevailing.

CUJ hails PM for approving WBA

CHITTAGONG, June 1: Representatives of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) Saturday hailed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for approving the 5th Wage Board Award (WBA) for the journalists and newspaper employees and notifying it in a gazette, reports BSS.

Anjan Kumer Sen and Shahidul Alam, president and general secretary of the CUJ congratulated the Prime Minister and the State Minister of Information Prof. Abu Syeed, for their goodwill and sincerity in announcing the award.

They expressed concern at non-implementation of dearness allowance in most of the newspapers of Chittagong although they were required under law to pay it from January 1996.

They urged the government to constitute a special committee and a special tribunal for ensuring implementation of the Fifth Wage Board Award in all newspapers and news agencies of the country.

They urged the journalists to remain alert to resist unitedly any attempt to create disturbances in the newspaper industry.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Feni PWD Division, Feni

Notice Inviting Tender No 34 of 1996-97

- Sealed tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited for the undermentioned works from special Class-I and Class-II Civil Contractor of PWD and Class-III Civil Contractor of PWD Zone, Chittagong, Class-III Civil Contractor of PWD Comilla Circle & Class-IV Civil Contractor of this Division and will be received by the undersigned as well as the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/Noakhali/B'baria/Chandpur/Lakshimpur in their respective offices up to 12:00 Noon on 19-6-1997 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.
 - Name of work : Construction of 8-Zonal Co-operative Training Institute — one at Feni. SH-Construction of boundary wall around the Principal Qtrs during the year-1996-97.
 - Estimated cost : Tk 1,45,876/=
 - Earnest money : Tk 2,920/=
 - Time allowed for completion of work : 45 (Forty-five) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Tender form will be : 18-6-97.
sold up to
- Contract documents consisting of BD Form No 2911, tender notice, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of all Executive Engineers under Comilla PWD Circle and Feni PWD Sub-Division on payment of usual charges of Tk 400/= (Tk four hundred) only (Non-refundable) per set of schedule (Notice inviting tenders, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc) and a sum of Tk 25/= (Tk twenty-five) (Non-refundable) per copy of Tender Form No 2911.
- The intending tenderers shall have to produce their registration book of enlistment letter bearing the photo and full signature of the contractor duly attested by an Executive Engineer of this Deptt. Along with challan for depositing the current renewal fees at the time of purchasing of tender form as in absence of which no tender form will be sold. No complain in this respects will be entertained.
- The contractor/firm shall have to submit VAT Registration Certificate along with the tender failing which their tender will be summarily rejected. If more than one no contractors stood lowest quoting same rate then the contractor will be selected by drawing lottery. The lottery will be held on 28-6-1997 at 11:00 AM in the office of the undersigned in presence of tenderer if any without further information.

Md Asgar Ali
Executive Engineer
Feni PWD Division, Feni
Ph No 4038

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NAOGAON: A giant Pakur tree presiding over the Siltampur Kalitola skyline, in Naogaon, was uprooted in the May 16 norwester. Four generations of local people have known this tree, a close relative of both Bot (Ficus Indica) and Ashshattha (Ficus Religiosa) as a kind of benign and overwhelming presence. And the oldest of them vouch they have heard their forebears speak of it reverently. The popular idea is it can be 300 years old. But as plant longevity goes, this could indeed have lived at least two centuries more. The keepers of Kalitola are turning down offers up to Tk 90 thousand for the timber. They are waiting for a one-lakh plus bid. —Star photo by Shahidul Alam

Siltation hampers activities in Mongla port

KHULNA, June 1: Excessive siltation has been causing serious disruption in maritime movement hampering activities in the Mongla port channel in the current dry season, reports UNB.

Ships and cargo-vessels face difficulties in unloading goods in the port due to excessive siltation. Port authorities, however, continued dredging of the channel but so far there has been little progress.

A vessel of 7/8 meter draft, which could berth in the last dry season, is unable to present to approach at the main jetty for unloading.

Sources said that marine vessels that sunk in the Pasur river in the recent past have added to the siltation problem.

Qaumi Jute Mills DGM rescued from confinement

SIRAJGANJ, June 1: After five days of confinement, police rescued the Deputy General Manager (DGM) of Raipur Qaumi Jute Mills on Saturday night, reports UNB.

Sources said DGM Mojibur Rahman was rescued from his official residence at about 11 pm and sent to Dhaka after discussion with the leaders of workers and employees union.

Workers and employees kept him confined in his residence since May 27 demanding his removal on the allegation of corruption.

Silpacharya's 21st anniversary of death observed

MYMENSINGH, June 1: The 21st anniversary of death Silpacharya Zainul Abedin was observed here in a befitting manner on Wednesday, reports BSS.

A milad mahfil, followed by a discussion meeting, was organised by the Zainul Abedin Sangrahasala Trusty Board, Mymensingh at its premises to mark the occasion.

Presided over by the deputy commissioner and president of the trusty board Muhammad Rafiqul Islam, the discussion was addressed by ADC (Gen) and Secretary of the trusty board Mosharraf Hussain Bhuiyan, Sultan Alam and Professor Rezaul Karim of TT College, Mymensingh.

One killed in Jhenidah road accident

JHENIDAH, June 1: A middle-aged woman was killed in a road accident in Harinakundu thana of the district on Friday. The victim has been identified as Sikarannessa, 40, of village Ghoragacha under Harinakundu thana. She was crushed under the wheels of a bus, according to police sources.

Sikarannessa was crossing the road at about 2-30 pm on the fateful day when a Jessore bound bus of Padma Paribahan ran over her causing her instantaneous death.

Zia's contributions recalled

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: June 1: Speakers at a discussion meeting on "Life and Works of Shahed President Ziaur Rahman" recalled with gratitude the contributions of the late President during the Liberation War and in running the state affairs following independence of Bangladesh.

The nationalist teacher's group of the university organised the discussion on May 30.

It was chaired by former Vice Chancellor of Islamic University Prof Dr Abdul Hamid. He said, "The 19-point programme introduced by late President Zia integrated all walks of people with the development activities of the country."

Dr Abdur Rahman Siddique, one of the discussants said that he declared independence and he was the founder of multi-party democracy in the country. Another discussant, Prof Shahadat Hussain Mondol said, "now it is time to unite all patriotic nationalist forces against all kinds of nefarious activities of present ruling party. They are out to sell the country's sovereignty and independence," he added. Prof Rafiqul Islam said, "It is time to rally under the banner of nationalist ideology dictated by late President Zia."

Prof Faisalul Islam Faruquee, Prof Rashidul Alam, Syndicate Member Prof Fakhruul Islam, Prof Samed Abdeen, Prof M

Shamsur Rahman, Prof Showkat Ara, student leader Motiur Rahman Montu and Abdul Malek were, among others, who took part in the discussion. Following the discussion meeting a munajat was offered seeking divine blessing for the salvation of departed soul of late President Zia.

Cyclone hits hard shrimp culture

COX'S BAZAR, June 1: Shrimp culture in the district has suffered a serious setback with several hundred farms fully or partially damaged by the May 19 cyclone, reports UNB.

About 1,600 shrimp production centres on some 40,000 acres of coastal land in seven thanas were damaged by the cyclone causing an estimated loss of Tk 150 crore, according to shrimp producers and packers.

It also caused destruction to seven hatcheries and two nurseries in the coastal areas.

Over 2.5 lakh people engaged in shrimp cultivation were now facing uncertainty they said. The shrimp farmers who were still to recover from the severe losses suffered in the cyclone of April 1991 and virus attack in 1994 and in April this year, have been pushed into a desperate situation by the latest onslaught on May 19, leading shrimp farmers and packers said here.

Addressing a press conference at the local press club on Saturday night, they appealed for government assistance to overcome the losses caused by the recent cyclone.

Besides, annual income of Tk 200 crore from shrimp production exports, the government earns about taka two crore as revenue every year from the leased Khas lands in the coastal areas of Cox's Bazar, they said.

The shrimp farmers and packers demanded financial grant for rehabilitation of the infrastructure of the farms, moratorium on repayment of bank loan, exemption of revenue and construction of embankments for protection of hatcheries and nurseries.

Miscreants threatening Sherpur OC

SHERPUR, June 1: Some miscreants are threatening the Officer-in-Charge, (OC) of sadar thana Abul Khair Mia and general secretary of Sherpur press club Monirul Islam Lito to suppress a rape case, reports UNB.

The miscreants also threatened the OC of the sadar thana to leave Sherpur immediately for recording the rape case.

In the Gouripur neighbourhood of the town, Narayan Chandra Dey raped his maid servant Chandana, 12, on May 12 in absence of his wife.

The matter was kept secret, but it came to light when Chandana's mother Minati Barman filed a case with the police in this connection on May 25.

The case was filed accusing seven people including rapist Narayan Chandra Dey. The journalists of Sherpur Press Club condemned the threat and demanded punishment to the miscreants.

Lightning kills mother, daughter in Patuakhali

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, June 1: A woman and her daughter were killed when a lightning struck them at Naobhanga village under Kalipara thana of Patuakhali district Saturday.

The victims were identified as Nurjahan Begum, 30, and Nilufa, 12, wife and daughter of one Abdur Rab. The incident occurred when they were returning home from Pakhimara cluster village of the same union.

One electrocuted in Pirojpur

PIROJPUR, June 1: A middle-aged man was electrocuted while cutting grass near a godown at Kawkhali thana sadar recently reports UNB.

Locals said ill-fated Montu Das, died at about 1:30 pm, after touching a live cable of poles broken by Thursday's storm. Montu died on the spot.

Protesting the incident local people brought out procession and held rally at the thana headquarters.

The processionists also chanted slogans against power officials for "negligence of their duties," and demanded exemplary punishment to those responsible.

Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road
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Re-Tender Notice (2nd Time) (Local Currency)

1. Sealed tenders in local currency are invited from bona-fide manufacturers/dealers/indentors (not necessarily be enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Defence Services:

Sl No	Description of items and quantity	Tender selling date From	To	Tender opening date	Cost of tender form	Remark
a.	SALT-600MTons (lodized Salt)	15.6.97	6.7.97	7.7.97	100.00	

2. The tender schedule with detailed specification will be available at the fixed rate (Not refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1000 hours on the abovementioned date in presence of the present tenderers.

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Deputy Director Purchase (Army)
for Director General

SGFL Sylhet Gas Fields Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)
Gas Infrastructure Development Project (GIDP), Drilling Component
House # 33, Road # 4, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh
Dated: June 01, 1997

IFB No: SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-12, 14-16

INVITATION OF BIDS FOR PROCUREMENT OF THE FOUR VARIOUS THIRD PARTY SERVICES FOR DRILLING OF WELLS UNDER IDA CREDIT FOR GIDP-DRILLING COMPONENT OF SGFL

Contract Identification No.: SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-12, 14-16
IDA Credit No.: 2720-BD
IDA Credit Name: GAS INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (GIDP).

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) has received a credit from International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Gas Infrastructure Development Project (GIDP) — Drilling Component and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts against IFB nos. below:

- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-12 : OIL WELL CEMENT ADDITIVES AND CEMENTATION SERVICES
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-14 : WELL LOGGING (WIRELINE/ELECTRIC LOGGING) SERVICES
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-15 : DST AND PRODUCTION TESTING SERVICES
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-16 : MUD LOGGING EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

This invitation to Bid is open to the Bidders from eligible source countries as defined under "Guidelines for Procurement" of the World Bank in accordance with Clause 4 of the "Instructions to Bidders".

The Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL), a company of Petrobangla (Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation), invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the abovementioned 4 (four) various services for the drilling of three wells in the Rashidpur Gas Field. The drilling is tentatively scheduled to start in January, 1998 and be completed by the September, 1998. Each well will be drilled through sand and shale to the depth of ± 10,000 ft.

Bidding documents (and additional copies) for each of the 4 (four) services as mentioned above will be available and be purchased in all working days during office hours with effect from June 05, 1997 at the office of the Project Manager, GIDP-Drilling Component at the address given hereinafter upon payment of the following respective non-refundable fee for each set of document per item:

- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-12 : Tk 3,000/- or US\$ 75.00
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-14 : Tk 3,000/- or US\$ 75.00
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-15 : Tk 2,000/- or US\$ 50.00
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-16 : Tk 2,000/- or US\$ 50.00

No bidding document will be sold on the respective last date of submission of bids.
Bidder shall submit its single envelope sealed Bid (one original and two copies of the proposal) in accordance with Clause 12 of the "Instructions to Bidders" using the pre-addressed envelope enclosed, not later than 11:00 Hrs. (BST) of the respective dates as mentioned below:

- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-12 : July 24, 1997.
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-14 : July 21, 1997.
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-15 : July 21, 1997.
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-16 : July 24, 1997.

Each of the proposals must remain valid for 150 days, and its extension (if any) from the date of bid opening, and be submitted to the undersigned at the office of The Project Manager, GIDP-Drilling Component, Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, House # 33, Road # 4, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh, Phone: 880-2-864973/9662350, Fax: 880-2-9660240. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the same address.

In accordance with Clause 21 of the "Instructions to Bidders," the Bids will be opened at 11:30 hours (BST) on the respective last date of bid submission. All Bids qualifying for opening will be opened in presence of bidders' representative, if any, at the office mentioned above.

Bid Security in the respective following amount will be required for Bid submitted, pursuant to Clause 15 of the "Instructions to Bidders":

- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-12 : Tk. 800,000.00 or US\$ 19,050.00
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-14 : Tk. 1,500,000.00 or US\$ 35,710.00
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-15 : Tk. 250,000.00 or US\$ 5,950.00
- IFB NO. SGFL/GIDP/DRILL-16 : Tk. 250,000.00 or US\$ 5,950.00

Rates quoted for the services, goods and materials shall be as per schedules and others of the requirement by the respective bidding documents. Such quoted prices shall be fixed and firm throughout the duration of the Contract (Part II).

Special care and consideration must be taken by Bidder to understand both Parts I & II of the Bidding Documents fully and to respond correctly to this invitation to Bid. Bid Form and all the Price Schedules as well as other required Forms/Schedules provided in the bidding documents shall be filled in by the Bidder. The Bidder is expected to review in detail all instructions, forms, terms and specifications in the Bidding Documents so that the bidding is detailed and complete in every respect. Failure to furnish all informations required by the Bidding Documents or submission of a Bid not substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents in every respect or not complying with any instruction contained therein will be at Bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of its Bid.

The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his bid, and SGFL will, in no case, be responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd. (SGFL) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Dr. Humayun Ashraf
General Manager & Project Manager
GIDP-Drilling Component.