

Seven killed in lightning in 3 districts

From Our Correspondent KHULNA. At least seven persons were killed and 10 injured in lightning in Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira districts recently.

According to police, the dead were identified as Monir Hossain, 16, of Beel Dakatia under Phultala thana, Paritosh Biswas, 40, of Kapilmuni under Paikgacha thana, Niranjan Sarder, 27, and Robindra Mondal, 32, of Atalia under Dumuria thana, Nuhu Amin, 13, of Dhanshagar village in Bagerhat, Nepal Mondol, 28, and Brojan Rajbangshi, 32, of Gualpara under Tala thana of Satkhira district.

Abducted woman, child yet to be rescued

NILPHAMARI. June 3: A young woman and her five-year old child, abducted a month before from a village in Kishoreganj thana are yet to be rescued, reports UNB.

Police said Sakhina Begum, 25, and her son Moshir were kidnapped by some miscreants from Monthana village on April 22. Later, Sakhina's husband filed a case with the police seeking help to recover his wife and son. But police failed to trace out the victims.

The relatives of the victims have urged the higher authorities to take immediate steps to rescue Sakhina and her son for the sake of humanity.

Cultivation of hemp along border areas raises alarm

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE. June 3: The cultivation of hemp is growing alarmingly in six border districts of Khulna division keeping an adverse effect on national revenue.

The trend was going on for the last few years despite government ban on its cultivation.

According to sources, hemp cultivation is gaining momentum in the bordering districts of Jessore, Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Kushtia and Satkhira.

During an unofficial survey, it has been found that the area

where hemp is being cultivated are adjoining to the border of India. Hemp seeds are easily available from across the border. Its rewarding market price, short term of cultivation and minimum labour cost are the main causes that allure the poor farmers to cultivate hemp, a banned item in the country.

It may be mentioned here that hemp cultivation was banned here in 1987. The violators of law were warned of severe punishment.

It is alleged that failure of the Narcotics Control Department

has created this situation. Incidentally, its cultivation in India is free and encouraged under law of the land.

So far a few stray incidents of hemp cultivation were found in Jessore district.

A source of the local office of Narcotics Control Department informed that a total of 450,225 grams of hemp were recovered from July 1996 to April this year and nearly five thousand hemp plants were also recorded from different areas under Khulna division.

One gets life term for violating woman

NILPHAMARI. June 3: A man was awarded life imprisonment for violating a housewife, court sources here said on Monday, reports UNB.

The prosecution story in brief is that Jahani Ali and his accomplices stormed the house of Asraf Ali and violated his wife Rafiza Begum at Natir Chapra area in Sadar thana on August 27, 1995.

A case was filed and police submitted charge-sheet against five people.

Special District and Sessions Judge Abdul Hannan on May 27 after examining the witnesses and records awarded punishment to Jahani Ali and acquitted four others.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Chief Engineer
Construction & Maintenance Management Unit (CMMU)
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
House No. 94, Road No. 4, Block-B
Banani Model Town, Dhaka

Memo No. MOHFW/CMMU/HFWC-Maintenance (9th Phase)/(RE-Bid)/1035 Dated: 25/5/97

Notice Inviting Re-Bids

1. Re-Bids in sealed covers for certain packages for "REPAIR AND RENOVATION WORKS OF EXISTING HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE CENTRES" are hereby invited from the Contractors/Firms of CMMU, prequalified for the Project "Construction of 100-Health & Family Welfare Centres (HFWCs), Upgradation of 500-Rural Dispensaries (RDs) into HFWCs and Maintenance of HFWCs". Time for completion of work will be 2 (two) months to be reckoned from the date of commencement.

2. Interested contractors may purchase bid documents on production of applications addressed to the Chief Engineer, CMMU in letterhead pad of their firms with attested pre-qualification letters, a Bank Draft/Pay Order of Tk 750.00 (Taka seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineers, CMMU of respective Divisions.

3. Re-Bid document will not be sold to contractors who have not renewed their pre-qualification for the year 1996.

4. Re-Bid document will be available during office hours in all working days from 7.6.97 to 9.6.97 in following places:

- (i) Office of the Executive Engineer, CMMU, Dhaka/Rajshahi/Khulna/Comilla/Chittagong/Rangpur/Faridpur/Bogra/Sylhet/Mymensingh/Barisal Divisions.
- (ii) Office of the Consultant, M/s. Shaheedullah and Associates Ltd, 137, Jahanara Garden, Green Road, Dhaka.

5. Package list, name of sites and other necessary information will be available for inspection in above-mentioned offices during office hours in all working days.

6. Earnest money as mentioned in the Contract Data in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer of respective Divisions of CMMU, must be enclosed with the bid. Earnest money of unsuccessful bidders will be returned.

7. Re-Bids in sealed covers will be received in following manner:

- i) In boxes kept in the offices of Executive Engineer, CMMU: Dhaka/Comilla/Rajshahi/Khulna/Chittagong/Faridpur/Bogra/Sylhet/Rangpur/Mymensingh/Barisal Divisions up to 14:00 hours on 12.06.97.
- ii) By post/courier service at BIDDER'S RISK in the office of the Chief Engineer, CMMU. The document sent by post/courier services be addressed to the Chief Engineer, CMMU, House No. 94, Road No. 4, Block-B, Banani Model Town, Dhaka-1215. Bids will be received up to 12.6.97 till 14:00 hours only. Documents received after the above mentioned time will be returned unopened.

Name of work, location of work, package No. and name of bidder must be clearly written on the sealed cover containing bids (for both dropping in box or for those sent by post/courier service).

8. Re-Bid documents received in boxes/by post or by courier service will be opened in respective offices at 14.30 hours on the last date of dropping in presence of bidders (if any).

9. Successful bidders will be communicated after evaluation of tender documents. Evaluation will be done centrally after closing together of all bids dropped in different places. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids without having any obligation to communicate reasons thereof and this decision shall not be subject to appeal.

10. The notice inviting Re-Bids will also form a part of the contract and will be binding upon the bidders.

DFP-13052-29/5 Colonel Md Ahsan Habib
G-1556 Chief Engineer

Notice Inviting Tenders

- Notice No: 37/1996-97 (3rd call).
- Name of work: Constn of constable qrts 600 sft (4 units) inc/sanitary and water supply arrangement and internal electrification with the compound of police station of Monpara.
 - (a) Civil part = Tk 14,19,863/=
 - (b) S/W arrangement part = Tk 1,31,556/=
 - (c) Internal electrification part = Tk 65,333/=
 - Total = Tk 16,16,752/=
- Estimated cost: (a) Civil part = Tk 14,19,863/= (b) S/W arrangement part = Tk 1,31,556/= (c) Internal electrification part = Tk 65,333/= Total = Tk 16,16,752/=
- Earnest money: Tk 32,350/=
- Last date of selling: 10-6-97 during of office hours.
- Date of receiving on: 11-6-97 up to 12-00 Noon.
- Time for work completion: 5 (five) months.
- Eligibility of contractors/firms: Special class-I contractor/firms and class II building contractors/firms have consortium with class II sanitary and plumbing contractor firms and class-I, II & III E/M contractors/firms (ABC/BC/C licence holder).
- Place of selling and receiving: (a) Office of the all Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Barisal. (b) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal.

Md Mizanul Karim Executive Engineer PWD Division, Bhola Phone-531
DFP-12991-29/5 G-1571

Jamuna erosion victims locked in grim survival struggle

By Ruhul Motin and Shahela Akhter

SIRAJGANJ. June 3: Standing outside a mud-walled hut Asmani Mia, a white-bearded man, surveys the turbulent Jamuna River and points to a whirlpool.

"My house was there. There was also a piece of fertile land where I used to grow rice," says the old farmer pointing to an area of the river where some fishing boats ride the waves.

Barely six months ago Asmani Mia was a happy farmer. Today he is a pauper and a destitute. Thanks to the river that has devoured his home and the farmland. When the tragedy occurred he had no other choice but to take shelter in a filthy slum at the town's railway colony with his wife and five children.

The railway colony has grown into a shelter for thousands of people who are left homeless by the river's erosion. Nearly 4,000 families are living in a one-kilometer area from Leather Godown to Raipur Station.

"The homeless people take shelter in the colony every year. Nearly 600 families came here last year alone," said Ramzan Ali, a shopkeeper in the area.

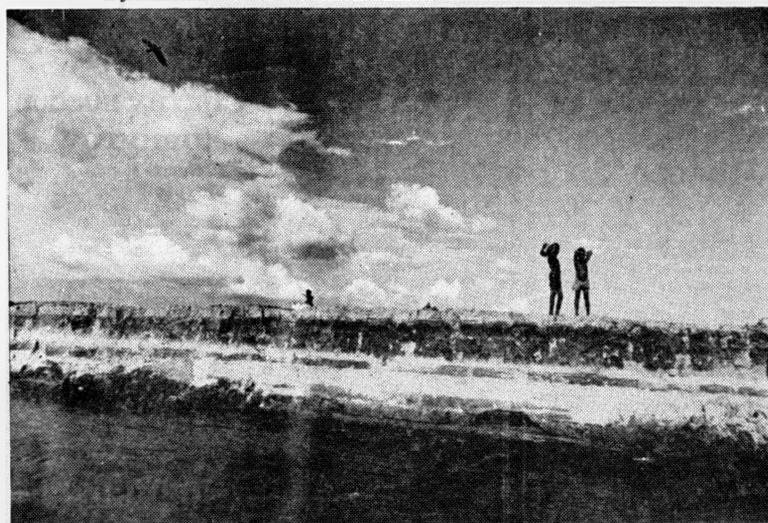
Asmani Mia's Kawakhola union is not the only union affected by the river erosion. A vast track of land of the district has been devoured by the river. Last year, 11 villages in char area of the district disappeared into the river.

Dogachhi, Berabari, Chandal, Boira, Dorta, Bara Piar, Chhotia Piar, Haribhanga, Borna, Bora Koira, Chhotia Koira and some other farming areas along the char of the district have slipped into the gorge of the river.

With the onset of monsoon, thousands of people of the areas pass their days in panic apprehending that they might lose their home and farmlands any time.

According to the district Tahsil Office, the river bank areas of the district have undergone a massive change in last 100 years. A large portion of Soidabad, Bambaria, Kawakhola, Khoksa bari, Chhangacha (Batpali) and Mehra union in Sadar thana and Shukhgachha union in Kazipur thana went into the gorge of the river. Of them, Kawakhola and Mehra unions were completely eroded away during the period.

This is, however, a phenomenon of a living delta. If the river erodes one of its banks destroying houses and property, land surface along the other bank. Thus Charland (shoals)



SIRAJGANJ: The mighty Jamuna devours chunks of farmland and homestead every year, rendering hundreds of farmers' families homeless.

are very common along the rivers of Bangladesh. Many of the homeless people dare to live in the Charland risking the life.

As one kilometer area in northern part of the district town was devoured by Jamuna, offices and business establishments have sprung up on the opposite bank of the canal that passed through the heart of the town. The offices, set up in eastern part of the town, have also been shifted to the west.

Not only are houses and croplands are destroyed by erosion, it makes the future of the homeless people uncertain and insecure. A large number of these people migrate mainly to the district town and erect houses of khas lands and thus the Railway Colony in the town has grown up.

In course of time, a large number of houses, some of them with tinshed, have been set up in the abandoned areas along the railway station. The process first started 15 years ago with homeless people arriving from the worst hit Kazipur thana. Since then, the helpless villagers continued to settle in the colony every year. There are 600 families in the colony from Kawakhola Union alone. Abul Hossain a 60-year-old ex-Union Parishad (UP) member, is one of them.

He said, "When I stepped into

this land the so-called possession takers did not allow me to construct house here. They asked me to pay Tk 300 to 600 per decimal of land."

Speaking about his union Abul Hossain said a large portion of the union vanished into the river just overnight. The current and the water flow in the area marked a sharp rise after the course of water diverted through a canal excavated over the Naichar Char to facilitate the works of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge. The union quickly disappeared in the strong current and high waves.

During a visit to the area, it was found that only 100 acres of land of the union were left with some empty dwelling houses. Hundreds of others are gone with the river.

When asked about rest of the families of his union, Hossain said they had taken shelter on the khas land of WAPDA at Mirpur, alongside the railway line at Mahmudpur, at west-ernside char area of Raipur thana, Rangati, Paikpara, on the flood protection embankment of WAPDA at Malshapara, at Old Jaikhana, Hossainpur and Dhanbandi area.

The homeless people were also soon to have taken shelter in different areas outside the town like Kaliaharipur Union, Murgram, Shaikhoh, Chandi-

dashgati, Ranigram and Terbhata. Some of the homeless were said to have found shelter as "Uthuli" (to live on a land of relatives with rent or without paying rent). This system is widely practiced in Bhangra area.

Some of the vagrants told that they primarily prefer to settle as "Uthuli" because it's difficult for them to find out a rent-free land for settlement instantly. Later, they shift to other places at their convenience.

But those who have little chance to take refuge as "Uthuli" directly go to settle on abandoned lands. "The number of this type of people will be about 25 per cent of the total homeless of the district," said Hashem Ali, a vagrant migrated from Borna village.

One will find that the habits of homeless people have grown up alongside the Sirajganj Town Protection Embankment in rows. The young and more courageous homeless travel to distant towns and cities, including Dhaka in search of shelter and jobs.

Middle class people are the worst victims of river erosion. Because they are shy to work as day labourers while the begging is beyond their imagination.

— Courtesy: News Network

New Commissioner of RMP

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAH. June 3: The new Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) commissioner AKM Shamsuddin has taken over the charge of his office on Sunday.

Previously he was the Additional Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Rajshahi Range.

Workshop on FP in Noakhali

From Our Correspondent

NOAKHALI. June 3: A day long workshop on "family planning and mother and child health care" organised by district information department was held at the sadar TNO's office here recently, reports BSS.

The workshop was inaugurated by K M Abul Kalam, Deputy Commissioner, Noakhali.

1 gunned down by rivals

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR. June 3: A middle-aged man was gunned down by rivals at a village in Sadar thana on Sunday, police said, reports UNB.

A group of armed men shot Bazul Karim, 35, point blank at the Water Development Board's crossdam near Chowfaldondi village at about 5 pm.

Paddy procurement drive in Bogra progressing

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA. June 3: Some 3,315 metric tons of paddy have been procured from the district in the current procurement drive, reports UNB.

This was disclosed at a District Food Procurement Committee's meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room on Sunday. DC Muhammad Shafiqul Karim presided.

District Food Officer Tajul Islam told the meeting that some 28,408 metric tons of paddy and 13,000 metric tons of rice would be collected from the district.

Another report adds: Krishi Unnayan Bank of Bogra (North) and Bogra (South) and Gaibandha region distributed loan amounting Tk 24.76 crore in the current fiscal year.

This was informed in a conference of branch managers of three regions held here on Sunday.

Managers of 46 branches took part in the conference, inaugurated by Chairman of Board of Directors Tajul Islam Mohammad Farook.

One held for carrying phensidyl

MANIKGANJ. June 3: The police seized 62 bottles of Phensidyl syrup and arrested a man for carrying the contraband item at Aricha ghat under Shibbalaya thana on Thursday, reports BSS.

Acting on a tip-off, the police raided a truck carrying cows and recovered 62 bottles of Phensidyl.

The arrested person was identified as Nazar Ali of Daulatpur, Kushtia. A case has been registered with Shibbalaya police station.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka

"গাছ লাগান, গাছের পরিচর্যা করুন এবং পরিবেশকে বাচান" প্রধানমন্ত্রী

বিমান বন্দরকে পরিষ্কার রাখুন

Notice Inviting of Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from enlisted E/M contractors for the undermentioned work which will be received up to 12.00 Noon, on 12/06/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the tenderers or their authorised representatives (if any).

Tender No.	Name of Work	Price of Schedule
CEMSU/EM/T&P-76/96-97	O&M of T&P Equipment (S:H-Providing & Fitting/Fixing of Tyre with Tube for Blewknex Paver PF-90C)	Taka 250/-

Earnest money @ Tk. 2.5% (Two and half per cent) of the quoted amount (refundable) must be submitted along with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order drawn on any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.

Tender paper along with terms and conditions and schedule of items of work may be had from Cash Section of the Office of the Director (Finance), CAAB, HQ, and the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka during office hours on payment of the price of schedule mentioned above against the name of work (non-refundable). The intending tenderers having experience in similar work may apply in their own letter heads including an experience certificate of similar work issued by an Officer not below the rank of an Executive Engineer to the above-mentioned offices for purchase of tender documents. No tender paper will be sold on the date fixed for opening of tender. Other terms and conditions can be seen in the office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka.

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

A F M Arshad Ali Deputy Director (E/M) For Director CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka
DFP-13036-29/5 G-1569

Notice Inviting Tender

- Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited in BD Form No. 2911 from Special Class-I (One) and Class-I (One) enlisted building contractors of PWD Bangladesh, Class-II (Two) enlisted building contractors of PWD Chittagong Zone, Chittagong, Class-III (Three) enlisted building contractors of PWD Circle-I (One), Chittagong and Class-IV (Four) enlisted building contractors of PWD Division, Khagrachhari for the undermentioned work & will be received by the undersigned and as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division No. 1/II, Chittagong/PWD Division, Rangamati up to 12.00 Noon of 17/6/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the tenderer who will remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

- Name of work: Construction of 31-bed Thana Health Complex — one at Ramgarh under Khagrachhari Hill District under the scheme construction of 50 Nos. Thana Health Complex. Sub-Head: Providing Bullah Palasiding including site improvement with carted earth at the back side of THFPO's Quarters & MO's Quarters.

- Estimated cost: Tk. 1,45,239/-
- Earnest money: Tk 2,905/-

5. The tender form together with schedule of items, specifications, special-1 terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division No. 1/II, Chittagong/PWD Division, Rangamati and all offices of the Sub-Divisional Engineers under this Division during office hours on all working days on or before 16/6/97 on payment of usual charges.

Md Nazrul Islam Executive Engineer
DFP-12990-29/5 Khagrachhari PWD Division
G-1570 Khagrachhari

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Higher Secondary Education Project
Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education
House # 13, Road # 4
Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka

Tender No. HSEP/Pro-D/Sc. equip (ADB)/44/96/3181 Dated: 25-05-97

Re-Tender Notice for Local Competitive Bid (3rd Call)

for Procurement of Scientific equipments (Chemistry)

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from Asian Development Bank [Loan # 1123-BAN (SF)] for Higher Secondary Education Project under Ministry of Education. A portion of the loan proceeds has been earmarked for procurement of scientific equipment (Chemistry).

2. The Programmes Director, Higher Secondary Education Project, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, House # 13, Road # 4, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205 now invites sealed tenders in prescribed form from the manufacturers/agents/distributors/bonafide dealers/suppliers of scientific equipments (Chemistry) of ADB member countries for the project institutions.

3. A complete set of bidding documents with terms & conditions can be obtained on submission of written application (along with a set of documents mentioned in Clause No. 4 attested by Class-I Gazetted Officer) on cash payment of Taka 1,000.00 (one thousand) only (non-refundable) in favour of Programmes Director, Higher Secondary Education Project, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, Road # 4, House # 13, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka from the office of the undersigned or from the Ministry of Education (Sr Asstt. Secretary, Section -12, Room-1825, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka) or from the office of Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka or from the office of Director General, Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education, Shikha Bhaban, Dhaka on all working days during the office hours from 10/06/97 to 21/06/97.

4. The Bid must be accompanied by the following documents: (a) Valid up-to-date Trade Licence (b) Manufacturers and agency/dealership certificate/supplier certificate from any Govt. or autonomous organisation, (c) Up-to-date Income Tax payment certificate/TIN, (d) Bank solvency certificate, (e) VAT Registration certificate, (f) Experience certificate/performance certificate (Tk. 10 lac in a single work order of similar nature) (g) Previous bill of lading & bill of entry indicating the port of shipment (where applicable), (h) Certificate of financial capability from any scheduled bank to execute minimum work value of Tk. 50 lac only, (i) Location of showroom, factory and office of firm (where applicable).

5. The bidders will have to submit their technical proposal and financial proposal in separate envelop properly sealed. The technical offers will be opened in the bid opening date in presence of the bidders, if any. After preliminary evaluation of the technical offers, the qualified bidders will be asked to submit the sample of items. After technical evaluation of the bids on the basis of submitted sample, technically qualified/suited firm's financial envelop will be opened in the meeting of the tender committee in presence of technically qualified bidders (if present). Technically unsuccessful bidders' financial offers will be returned unopened.

6. Each bid must be accompanied by bid bond of Tk. 1.25 lac in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Programmes Director, Higher Secondary Education Project, House # 13, Road # 4, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

7. All the bids should be delivered either via air mail/courier/or in person to the undersigned or in the office of Ministry of Education (Sr. Asstt. Secretary, Section-12, Room-1825, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka) or in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka or in the office of Director General, Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education, Shikha Bhaban, Dhaka on 30/06/97 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon & will be opened on the same date at 1:00 PM in presence of the bidders or their representative (s) if any.

The authority is not bound to accept the lowest priced bid and reserves the right (a) to accept or reject any or all bid wholly or partially without assigning any reason whatsoever; (b) to drop out any/all items; and (c) to increase or decrease quantity of any/all items.

Saleh Motin Programmes Director
DFP-13032-29/5 Higher Secondary Education Project
G-1568