

BRIEFLY

Relief for tornado victims

BAGERHAT, June 8: State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukder Abdul Khaleque visited tornado-hit areas of Morrelganj thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

He went round Panchgaon village under Panchagarh union and directed concerned authorities to take necessary steps to assist the affected people. The state minister also distributed relief materials, including cash, among the tornado victims.

Telephone exchange capacity extended

JHENIDAH, June 8: Jhenidah telephone exchange capacity has been extended to 1100 lines from 800 as per a decision taken on Thursday, reports UNB.

According to local telephone and telegraph authorities, with the new facilities 300 more customers will be benefited who were waiting for long. The new connections will be given very soon. After the installation of these new connections the demand of the customers will be met to some extent. Mentionable that hundreds of applications seeking new connections are lying pending with the telephone department.

Acid thrown on housewife

SATKHIRA, June 8: A housewife received serious burn injuries at Shyamnagar thana here when her husband with the collaboration of his first wife and son threw acid on her on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said Sattar, an agriculture supervisor, following a family feud threw acid on his second wife Rijia while she was sleeping at night. His other accomplices are his first wife Momtaj and son Sohul. Rijia was rushed to the Sadar hospital in a critical condition. A case was filed with the police.

16,328 farmers get agri-loan

BHOLA, June 8: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) disbursed agri-loan about Tk 8.56 crore among 16,328 farmers in seven thanas of the district during the current fiscal, reports UNB.

Officials said the loan was disbursed through 14 branches of the bank to purchase agricultural machineries and bullocks, and boost crop production. Thanawise break-up: Sadar thana — Tk 1.93 crore, Borhanuddin — Tk 81.85 lakh, Daulatkhan — Tk 72.94 lakh, Lalmoan — Tk 1.33 crore, Charfasson — Tk 2.55 crore, Tajmuddin — 49.62 and Monpara — 70.64 lakh.

2,247 demonstration plots set up in S-dists

BARISAL, June 8: A total of 2,247 demonstration plots have been set up in the 11 southern districts under Barisal Agriculture Zone (BAZ) in the current summer season, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the demonstration plots have been set up for the cultivation of aus, aman, vegetables, jute and pulse. Of the total, 333 demonstration plots have been set up in Barisal, 145 in Shariatpur, 139 in Gopalganj, 168 in Pirojpur, 158 in Rajbari, 224 in Patuakhali, 334 in Madaripur, 118 in Jhalakathi, 114 in Barguna, 205 in Bhola and 289 in Faridpur.

Seminar on female education

PATUAKHALI, June 8: A seminar on creation of mass awareness for spread of female education was held at Amtali M U High School, under Amtali thana recently, reports BSS.

Organised by the 'female secondary school assistance project', the seminar was presided over by Jamaluddin Ahmed, Thana Nirbahi Officer, Amtali thana. Delwar Hossain, project manager, project implementation department, Dhaka attended the seminar as chief guest. Earlier, a rally participated by thana-level officers, teachers and students was held at the main street of Amtali town to motivate the people on female education.

24 leprosy patients treated in Bakerganj

PATUAKHALI, June 8: At least 24 leprosy patients have been detected and treated in Bakerganj thana health complex in Barisal district during the last few months, reports UNB.

According to informed sources patients attacked with leprosy usually avoid attending the hospital and doctor. It is apprehended that there are more leprosy patients in rural areas of the district. Mentionable that first leprosy patients were given treatment in Bakerganj thana health complex in February, 1994.

42,000 MT of wheat produced in Chuadanga

CHUADANGA, June 8: Around 42,000 metric tons (MT) of wheat was produced in the four thanas of Chuadanga district this year, reports BSS.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, around 9,000 metric tons of wheat was produced in Chuadanga sadar, 16,000 metric tons in Alamdanga, 10,000 metric tons in Damurhuda and 7,000 metric tons in Jibannagar thana. A total of 21,400 hectares were brought under wheat cultivation in the district this year.

Training course on land management

JAMALPUR, June 8: A five-day training course on "Temporary Land Management" concluded here on Thursday, reports UNB.

The course, jointly organised by the district administration and Land Administration Training Centre, provided training on various aspects of land distribution, its management and rent system. A total of 54 tahsildar and assistant tahsildars took part in the training programme. Deputy Commissioner Auchchutopada Goswami distributed certificates among the participants.

Workshop on molasses production

COMILLA, June 8: A three-day workshop on how to increase production of molasses outside the mills area concluded here recently, reports BSS.

Thirty sugarcane growers from Comilla sadar and Barura thana participated in the workshop. Additional Director of Agriculture Extension Development Mohammad Fazlul Hoque, Abdul Rahman and A H Iqbal Ahmed and training officer Mohammed Sayeed Ali conducted the workshop.

Man with fake note held

JHENIDAH, June 8: Police arrested a man with fake note of Tk 500 denomination and seized three bottles of phensidyl syrup on Sunday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, thana police conducted search on a Dhaka-bound passenger bus at Hatgopalpur check post in Sadar thana and caught redhanded one Rezaul Karim with the note. He was sent to jail hajat. A case was filed in this connection.

BKB sets target to disburse loan

MANIKGANJ, June 8: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) had fixed a target to disburse Taka 11.43 crore as agriculture loan among the farmers of Manikganj district in the fiscal 1996-97, reports BSS.

A BKB source said, the loan is being distributed not only for agricultural purpose but also for establishment of dairy and poultry farms. The BKB has realised more than Taka 6.23 crore during 11 months of the current fiscal, the source said.

32 arrested from Kushtia

BHERAMARA, June 8: The police arrested 32 persons from different areas of Kushtia district on June 1 and 2 on various charges, reports BSS.

The police said there were several cases against the arrested persons. The police also recovered some arms and ammunition from their possession.



SYLHET: A big procession was brought out in the town by the local unit of Bangladesh Dhumpun Nirodh Sangstha in observance of World No Tobacco Day on May 31.

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Erratic power supply

Shortage of ice hampering fish processing in 2 dists

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, June 8: Fish processing is being hampered greatly due to shortage of ice in the coastal areas of Barguna and Patuakhali districts.

The ice mills of the area have failed to supply adequate ice due to frequent loadshedding in the area. As a result hundreds of fishermen are incurring a great loss in recent days.

Nowadays erratic power supply is not only hampering the production of ice in the ice mills, but also production of other goods in other mills and factories.

Supply of electricity has decreased to a great extent for the last few days hitting hard the industrial production in the southern region.

In this season nor'westers hit the southern districts very frequently. As a result power supply is disrupted off and on.

In Barguna and Patuakhali, electricity supply remains suspended for days together.

The fishing season is nearing now. Several thousand fishermen will be engaged in fishing in the Bay of Bengal and other rivers.

In this season fishermen

will catch fishes including 'hilsa' from the Bay of Bengal.

After fishing the fishermen have to process and preserve the fishes. They want to market fishes at wholesale markets in Barisal as early as possible.

But during this time thou-

sands of fishermen cannot procure necessary ice at Mahipur, Alipur and Kuakata of Patuakhali and Patharghata of Barguna district. Because the ice mills of the areas fail to produce necessary ice due to regular loadshedding. It is worth mentioning, there are 24 ice mills in the coastal belt.

Many fish traders with their trucks wait at the port road in Barisal town. From here the wholesale fish traders buy and send hilsa fishes and other fishes towards North Bengal.

They have to process fishes with ice. Hilsa fishes are also exported to West Bengal in India. But the fish traders cannot send their huge quantity of fishes towards different destinations due to shortage of ice.

The hilsa loaded trawlers coming from the coastal areas also cannot unload fishes from trawlers in absence of ice. Huge quantity of fishes have been rotting due to shortage of ice. As a result, the fishermen incur a huge loss.

Thousands of small and big industrial units are also incurring a heavy loss in the southern districts due to erratic power supply.

Rajshahi News Letter

Reception to Hajees

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAH, June 8: Alhaj Abul Qasem and Syed Ekramur Rasul were elected president and general secretary of Rajshahi Bar Association.

A 19-member new executive committee of the association was elected in an election held on June 2.

There panels took part in the election. Supporters of BNP and Jamaat formed Qasem-Rasul panel and those of Awami League and left parties formed Zillur-Yahia panel. A third panel of Emdad-Saadat was formed by a fraction of BNP supporters and liberals. The Qasem-Rasul panel won 9 posts and Zillur-Yahia panel won 10 posts respectively.

Other winners of Qasem-Rasul panel are — Alhaj Al-Mamun Chowdhury and Shaikh Kamaluddin — Vice-Presidents. Abdul Muttalib — Assistant General Secretary, Inamul Huq — Audit Secretary end Dewan Mohammad Abdul Khaleque, Alhaj Mahtabuddin and Rowshan Ara Begum Poppy — members.

The winners of Zillur-Yahia panel are: Ahsan Ali — Vice President, Khairul Bashar — Treasurer, Akhtarul Alam Babu — Library Secretary, Ayesha Begum, Magazine and Culture Secretary and Alhaj Hasan Ali, Nasren Akhtar Mita, Abdul-lahil Baki, Hares Ali and Masum Ahmed Tipu — members.

Tagore-Nazrul joyanti

Rajshahi Shilpakala Academy organised a cultural function on June 2 evening at its auditorium to celebrate the birth anniversaries of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore and National Rebel Poet Gazi Nazrul Islam (Tagore-Nazrul Joyanti).

Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Gazi Farid Ahmed was the chief guest in the function.

750 gm of heroin seized by BDR

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel seized 750 gm of heroin worth Tk 75 lakh and arrested two persons on June 2 from Bidipur under Godagari thana of the district.

According to BDR sources, when on-duty BDR personnel of 35 Rifles Battalion posted at Bidipur checkpoint started searching a bus on the day, two persons tried to flee away. BDR personnel caught them and recovered 750 gm of heroin from their possession.

The arrested persons were identified as Mirajuddin, 55, son of late Jabel Ali of village Matikata Vata and Shaful Islam, 22, son of Asfar Ali of village Anchnakata under Godagari thana.

The recovered heroin was sent to the Rajshahi Narcotics Control Office and the arrested persons were handed over to the police. A case was filed in this connection in Godagari thana.

Wrath of a wife!

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, June 8: A housewife cut off her husband's penis here early Saturday morning following his second marriage.

According to source, Monowara Khatun, 25, daughter of late Badsha Pramanik of village Balia under Baraigram thana cut off her husband, Jalal Sarker's penis when he was sleeping with her in his house at Ibrahimpur under Natore sadar thana.

Earlier, Jalal had married another woman on June 3 without permission from Monowara.

Jalal was admitted to Natore Sadar Hospital in a critical condition, hospital sources said.

Diarrhoea claims 3 of a family at Balaganj

SYLHET, June 8: Diarrhoea has broken out in Dirarai and adjacent three villages of Balaganj thana here claimed three lives of a family within 48 hours ending Wednesday, reports UNB.

According to villagers, the victims were identified as Faisal, 6, Selina, 8, and Delwar, 3, son and daughters of Asid Ali of Dirarai village.

However, the District Civil Surgeon denying the report said food poisoning might be the cause behind the death.

Meanwhile, medical team with necessary medicines have been working in the affected areas to combat the water-borne disease.

A total of 25 people of those villages have been affected by the disease. Of them, six were admitted to the hospital on Friday.

Shop employee killed : Cash, ornaments looted

COMILLA, June 8: Miscreants killed a shop employee and looted cash and ornaments from the shop at Jafarganj bazar in Debidwar thana here, says a delayed report, reports UNB.

According to police on the night of May 29, molasses shopowner Shih Shankar Saha left the shopkeeping his staff Bhushan Chandra Saha in the shop.

At dead of night, miscreants stormed the shop and strangled Bhushan to death. They left the shop with Tk 9,000 cash and ornaments of about six tola gold.

A case was lodged with the police. The body was sent to hospital for autopsy.

Four commit suicide in a day

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 8: Four persons including three women committed suicide in a day in Jhenidah and Saikupa thana on Sunday, according to police sources.

Nasiruddin, 60, of village Bishoiakhal in Jhenidah sadar thana committed suicide by hanging in his house.

Puspa Rani, 24, of village Bankira in the same thana committed suicide by taking pesticides.

Nalika Rani, 60, of village Arappur in Jhenidah poura area committed suicide taking pesticides.

Mamata Begum, 40, of village Siddi in Saikupa committed suicide by taking pesticides.

Mob gouge out eyes of dacoit

NARAYANGANJ, June 8: A mob gouged out eyes of an alleged dacoit at Dhakir Para under Arahazara thana Tuesday reports BSS.

The victim was identified as Zakir Hossain, 25. He was wanted in two dacoity cases.

According to police, the angry villagers caught Zakir when he came to his home two months after he went into hiding.

Police sent Zakir to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment.

Indian goods seized

MEHERPUR, June 8: The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized contraband goods and Indian currency worth over Taka 3.30 lakh from different places of the district last week, reports BSS.

The BDR special patrol team in a raid seized Indian bicycles worth over Taka two lakh from Mujibnagar village under Meherpur sadar thana.

The seized goods and Indian currency were deposited to the Customs authorities.



BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিফায়নে জাতীয় অর্থগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd, Rangadia, Chittagong invites sealed tender from bonafide importers/suppliers against Tender No. CUFL/PUR/96-97/6(167) dated 17.5.97 for Purchase of Steel Wire Rope. Tender documents are available at the cost of Tk 25/- (Twenty-five) only (Non-refundable) per set up to 29.6.97 during office hours in the following offices (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (2) BCIC Branch Office, 06, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & (3) CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong. Tender will be received in Purchase Section, CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong up to 11:30 AM on 30.6.97 and to be opened simultaneously both the places immediately thereafter.

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for Managing Director

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Comilla Public Works Division, Comilla

Tender Invitation Notice

No. 155/1996-97

1. Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Department enlisted special 1st class & 1st class building contractors/Chittagong Public Works Zone enlisted 2nd class building contractors & Comilla Public Works Circle enlisted 3rd class building contractors for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received by the office of the undersigned & Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Chandpur/Noakhali/Feni/B'baria/Laxmipur 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 tenderers willing to be present. Each tender under sealed cover superscribing the name of work thereupon should be deposited in the tender box kept at the respective office. No contractor/contractory firm without VAT registration can purchase the tender.

(a) Name of work : Construction of Devidwar Thana-cum-barrack building in Comilla district (Sub-head: Construction of internal road & surface drain). Financial year 1996-97.

(b) Estimated cost : Tk 3,34,238/-
(c) Earnest money : Tk 6,700/-
(d) Time for completion of work from the date of work order: 90 (ninety) days.

2. Tender schedule can be seen & purchased up to 16.6.97.

3. Schedule containing items of tender and terms & conditions can be seen & purchased from the office of the undersigned & Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Chandpur/Noakhali/B'baria/Feni/Laxmipur and all Sub-Divisional Engineers' offices under this office on payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) for tender per set & Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only (non-refundable) for each Bangladesh Form No. 2911 during office hours.

If more than one tender is found at the same rate then the tender will be settled through lottery on 26.6.97 at 11:30 AM at the office chamber of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Comilla in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

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Md Akhtarul Alam

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Facilities Department, Ministry of Education

Comilla Zone, Comilla

Tender Notice

No. 26/350-Pri.C/Development/FD/(CZ)/96-97

Dated: 27.5.97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department enlisted A-1/A-2 class contractors for the undermentioned development work under selected 350 Private Colleges (GoB) Development Project.

A) Description of work:

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work
1)	Vertical extension work of third floor of the Academic Building of Kasba T. Ali College under Kasba thana of B'baria district.	11,09,819/-	22,500/-	4 (four) months
B)	Last date of selling tender document	16.6.97 (up to office hours).		
C)	Last date & time of receiving tender document	17.6.97 (up to 12:30 PM).		
D)	Date & time of opening tender document	17.6.97 at 1:00 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any present).		
E)	Price of tender document	Tender document will be sold on cash payment of Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable).		
F)	Earnest money	Amount mentioned as earnest money should be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the 'Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Comilla Zone, Comilla.'		
G)	Offices where tender documents will be sold from and received at	Tenders will be sold and received at the office of the Chief Engineer, Facilities Department, Shikha Bhaban, Dhaka, offices of all Executive Engineers of the Facilities Department under Chittagong & Sylhet Division, Office of the Assistant Engineer and Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Comilla/B'baria as per the abovementioned date & time.		

Terms & conditions:-

- Contractors/contractory firms shall have to purchase tender document subject to obtaining permission from the proper authority on production of the original copy of enlistment registration book renewed for 1996-97, VAT registration certificate and up-to-date income tax certificate at the time of purchasing tender document and attested copies of the said registration book and certificates should be attached with the tender.
- Tender submitted at rate more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost will be treated as cancelled outright.
- Tender will be treated as cancelled if the tenderer attaches any additional terms & conditions.
- Additional terms & conditions attached with the tender document will be treated as part of the tender.

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

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Md Fazlur Rahman

Executive Engineer

Facilities Department

Comilla Zone, Comilla



RAJSHAH UNIVERSITY: A discussion meeting on the life and works of late President Ziaur Rahman was held at Zuber's Guest House here on May 30.

— Star Photo by Tareq Chowdhury