

News snaps

Contraband phensidyl recovered

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, June 10: Barisal Katalwal police recovered 220 bottles of contraband phensidyl syrup from a house of one Tofazzal Hossain of Kaunia in Barisal town Monday afternoon. Police also recovered and seized loose phensidyl syrup with a container from them.
Police arrested Tofazzal Hossain, 40, and Abu Mia, 18, in this connection.

Donation to PM's Relief Fund

From Our Correspondent
KUSHITIA, June 10: The Deputy Commissioner of Kushtia, AFM Serajul Huq has declared that all officers and employees of Kushtia district administration will contribute one day's salary to Prime Minister's Relief Fund for helping the distressed people of the cyclone affected areas of the coastal belt.

Massive jute farming programme

NILPHAMARI, June 10: About 12,700 hectares of land in the district have been brought under jute cultivation with the production target of 1,17,387 bales in the current season, reports UNB.
Agriculture Extension Department sources said of the total land, Tosa variety would be cultivated in 2,287 hectares of land and local variety in 10,413 hectares. Sources added that about 28,000 hectares of land in six thanas of the district have been brought under summer vegetable cultivation. The production target has been fixed at 35,000 tons of vegetables. Thana-wise break-up of lands are as follows: Sadar thana — 800 hectares, Saidpur — 250 hectares, Domar — 400 hectares, Dimla — 450 hectares, Jaladhaka — 450 hectares and Kishoreganj — 450 hectares.

Directive to finish road works by June 30

TONGI, June 10: Communications Minister Anwar Hossain visited the construction work of Tongi-Asulia-EPZ road on Wednesday and directed the official concerned to complete the road by June 30, reports UNB.
The 18.6 km road involving Tk 40 crore is directly connecting the Dhaka EPZ to the Zia International Airport and new dimension will be added in the export sector. With the completion of the road, communication would be more easy from North Bengal to Dhaka and pressure will be reduced on the Aricha road. Construction works on two bridges and two culverts and 5.5 km pucca road have already been completed and herring bone work of 13 km road is on.

School boy's killers get life term

SYLHET, June 10: Five people were awarded life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) for killing a school boy, court sources here said today, reports UNB.
The convicts — Babul, Kabur, Dulal, Rehan and Sohel — were also fined Tk 1,000 each, in default, to suffer another one month RI. According to the prosecution, the accused killed Raju, a student of Class VII, for protesting gambling at the railway station area on August 17, 1993. A case was filed and police after investigation submitted charge sheet against the accused. After examining the records and witnesses, Additional Sessions Judge AFM Salimullah delivered the judgement on June 3. The two others were acquitted.

One drowns as trawler capsizes

CHANDPUR, June 10: A man drowned while seven others managed to swim ashore when a Chandpur bound trawler M V Tania from Moheshkhali suddenly capsized in the Meghna on Thursday, reports UNB.
Police and witnesses said the accident occurred when the trawler with seven people and 1400 maunds of crude salt was hit by another trawler at Wiarar char about 20 km north from Chandpur. The Sareng of the trawler M Chowdhury Mia, 35, of Moheshkhali drowned in the mishap. The trawler M V Faisal which hit M V Tania sped away to Narayanganj. It was coming from Teknaf. A case was filed with the Chandpur river police.

Contraband goods worth Tk 2 lakh seized

COMILLA, June 10: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) in separate drives seized contraband goods worth about Tk 2 lakh from different border areas here, reports UNB.
The contrabands seized during their drives from May 25 to 27 included Indian sugar, wine, phensidyl, saree, salt, by-cycle, medicine etc. Acting on a tip-off, a patrol team of Jawans of Court Bari led by Subedar Altaf Hossain raided Razapur area of Burirchar and seized 2,600 kgs Indian sugar on May 25. In another drive a special patrol team seized 1178 kg Indian sugar from Razapur railway station on the following day.

Corruption in disbursement of agri-loan

NETROKONA, June 10: Corruption and malpractice have been rampant in disbursement of agricultural loan at Atpara, Modan, Mohanganj, Khalinzuri, Barhatta, Kalmakanda, Purbadhala and Kendua thanas of the district, affected farmers alleged, reports UNB.
Some of the representatives said loans were being disbursed quickly if the applicants negotiate with agents and middlemen on payment of a certain percentage of fees. Direct approach by loanees invites harassment and rejection or if at all granted, disbursement is made after the season is over, they said. Some farmers said that the usual rate of fees at present range between Tk 100 and Tk 200 per thousand taka of loan amount, which is now an open secret.

Madrasah teacher electrocuted

NARAYANGANJ, June 10: Helaluddin Ahmed, 35, a teacher of Kashipur Madrasah here, was electrocuted on Thursday at his home, police sources said, reports BSS.
The sources said that ill-fated Ahmed came in touch with a live electric wire, dangling over his head, while he was repairing the water supply pipes of his home. The body was sent to Narayanganj Hospital for autopsy.

Pipegun making pipes, bullets recovered

SATKHIRA, June 10: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) recovered eight pipegun making pipes and 79 rounds of 303 rifle bullets from border area under Kalra police station here on Saturday, reports UNB.
BDR sources said on getting secret information, they checked smuggled sugar bags coming from India that left behind by the smugglers after a hot chase and recovered pipegun raw materials and ammunition from a bag of 30 kg sugar. A case was filed with the police.

Massive 'aus' cultivation programme

PATUAKHALI, June 10: Around 3,500 hectares of land have been brought under 'aus' cultivation in the five thanas of Barisal district in the current season, reports BSS.
According to Agriculture Extension Department, about 2,500 hectares have been brought under high yielding variety and about 1,100 hectares under local varieties. The thana-wise break-up is: Amtali 1100 hectares, Bamna 500 hectares, Betagi 700 hectares, Patharghata 500 hectares and sadar thana 700 hectares.

Tk 30 lakh uplift project in Tangail

TANGAIL, June 10: Tangail Zila Parishad is implementing six projects at a cost of Tk 30.87 lakh in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.
Official sources said, these projects include repair work of Gopalpur College, reconstruction of Hemnagar College, development of Samadia madrasah under Gopalpur thana, construction of bridge on Kualzani khal in Mirzapur thana, construction of Boalzani bridge in Deldaur thana and construction of Charjal bridge in Bhuyapur. The projects will be completed by this month, the official sources added.

Decision of 2-day weekly holiday hailed

CHITTAGONG, June 10: Chittagong University Syndicate on Tuesday hailed the government decision of two-day weekly holiday, reports BSS.
In a meeting held at the vice-chancellor's office with Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Mannan in the chair, the Syndicate members termed the new office timings as time befitting, according to a university press release.

10 hurt in rivals' clash

SIRAJGANJ, June 10: At least 10 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of people at Kazipur Ghat in the town on Sunday, reports UNB.
Police said the clash ensued between villagers of Ranigram and Dattabari at 10 am over establishing supremacy in the ghat area. Three of the injured were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital with head injury.

Diarrhoea takes epidemic form in Bandarban

From A K M Zahoorul Huq

BANDARBUN, June 10: Diarrhoea has broken out in the district, following the devastation, caused by the May 19 cyclone. It has taken an alarming turn at different places of the district, claiming life of eight people, including four children within a week and over 3,000 people along with the civil surgeon of the district have been attacked.

The victims include two children of Rupashipara, one person of Mubarakghona in Lama thana on May 28 last along with a baby child of Amir Hussain of Amtalipara in the district town.
Four old widows from Roangchhari and Thanchhi thanas in the district reported died of diarrhoea on May 29 and 30 last, relatives of the victims said.

Admitting this the civil surgeon of the district who has just recovered from the disease said, the waterborne disease has broken out due to scarcity of drinking water. He, however, said that eight medical teams

have been engaged to combat the disease. Medicine with adequate quantity of saline has also been sent to all the seven thana headquarters to face the crisis, he added.

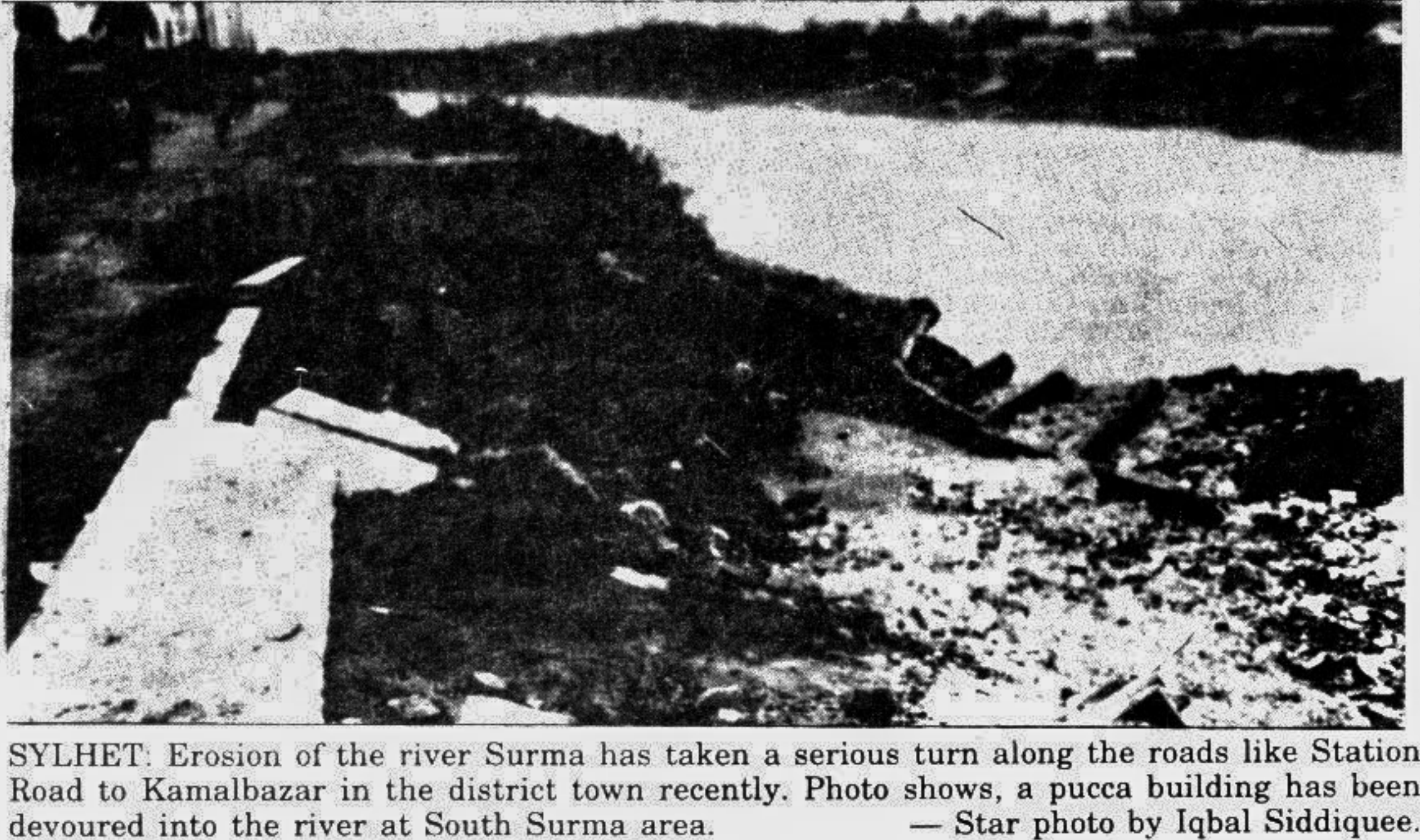
The Civil Surgeon, Dr Ahmed Kabir, told The Daily Star on Monday evening, over 2,500 people have been attacked with the disease. He added, the information on diarrhoeal death of eight people including four children in a week is yet to be confirmed officially. He, however, claimed the situation in the district is under control as eight medical teams with all necessary supports have been working in the endemic areas.

Acute scarcity of drinking water has attributed to the main reasons behind the outbreak of diarrhoea. The supply system of water has been crippled with the disruption in supply line of electricity in the district following May 19 cyclone. The supply of electricity was restored in the town on June 01 after 13 days of disruption. The recent cyclone has

damaged 29 electrical towers along with relevant infrastructures. Virtually, the urban life in Bandarban, within the network of electricity supply has very miserably been jeopardized due to absence of supply of electricity and water, sufferers said.

Some two lakh people living at Lama, Alikadam, Naingkhlongchhari, Roangchhari, Thanchhari and sadar thana of the district have reportedly been compelled to drink contaminated water of rivers, canals and hilly Jhrees as more than 80 per cent of the tubewells, ringwells and tara pumps are out of order. A few of them are also found choked up reportedly for sharp fall in ground water level.

The Public Health Engineering Directorate (PHED) authorities care little to repair the tubewells and other sources of drinking water which went out of order. PHED authorities are ignoring the public interest, local leaders alleged.



SYLHET. Erosion of the river Surma has taken a serious turn along the roads like Station Road to Kamalbarazar in the district town recently. Photo shows, a pucca building has been devoured into the river at South Surma area. — Star photo by Iqbal Siddiquee.

Slow progress in double murder investigation

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, June 10: Police are yet to make any headway in the investigation into the 'double murder case' lodged with the Rupsha Thana on Friday. In the early hours of Thursday, a farmer — Jabbar Fakir, 70, and his youngest son, Ghasi Fakir, 15, were gunned down by an organised gang of terrorists at their village home at Gyeswargati under Rupsha thana.
Police said, the killers are the activists of an outlawed party who had killed eight persons during the last 15 months.

Mystery shrouds over death of housewife

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, June 10: Mystery shrouds over the death of a housewife and mother of one child.

Rabima Khatun, 22, wife of Sanuar performed her family work for the whole day and as usual she went to bed at night on May 13 at village Choruikuri under Damurhuda thana in Chuadanga district. Her husband slept under a tree for sultry weather. The next morning Rabima was found dead and her husband declared she died of snakebite.
The neighbours, however, did not find any sign of snakebite on her person. The neighbours suspected that she was killed by strangulation.
Police was informed and her body was sent to Chuadanga morgue for postmortem. A natural death case has been registered with Damurhuda police station in this connection. No body has yet been arrested.

BAU convocation in December

MYMENSINGH, June 10: The first convocation of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) will be held in December next, according to a decision, taken in the academic council, reports UNB.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Education

No. S14/10M-7/96/ Dated: 28.5.97

Notice

Sub: Regarding Attestation of Certificate/Testimonial

Of late it has been observed that students (male/female) or job-seekers while going abroad at own cost or on scholarship or for employment demand counter signature/attestation by officers of the Ministry of Education on certificates issued by different Education Boards/Universities.

2. Such counter signing/attestation is not the job of the officers of the Ministry of Education. Besides, the act is risky too. Because attestation/countersigning of any certificate without verification by the respective Board/University, as the issuing authority, is not proper.

3. So, the government has decided that, hence for the attestation/countersigning of academic certificate of anyone going abroad or staying abroad, if required, should be got done from the respective Education Board or University as the certificate issuing authority.

DFP-13412-3/6 G-1628 Md. Mosharraf Hossain Senior Assistant Secretary

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Principal

Chittagong Govt. Veterinary College Pahartali, Chittagong

Memo No. CVC/Admission-31/97/185

Notice Regarding Admission

It is notified for information of the students (male/female) applying for admission to first year DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) course during 1996-97 Academic year at Chittagong Govt Veterinary College that, the Admission Committee has already completed its primary selection. The viva voce of the primarily selected students (male/female) will be held from 15 June 1997 to 17 June 1997, selected students (male/female) have been sent Admit Card stating specific date and time, from the office of the undersigned. If any applicant securing total minimum 1461 marks with 1st Division in both SSC/equivalent examination of 1993 or 1994 and HSC (Science)/equivalent examination of 1995 or 1996 (in case of tribal selected students (male/female) or greater Chittagong Hill District, minimum 1233 marks with 1st Division in both examinations) has not received the Admit Card for any reason, he/she is asked to collect the Admit Card personally by attending the office of the undersigned with one copy attested photograph on 14 June, 1997. Original certificates/testimonials and marksheets should be produced at the time of viva voce. If, for any satisfactory reason one fails to do so, he/she must submit the original marksheet and certificate/testimonial, after being finally selected, at the time of admission, otherwise will be treated as disqualified for admission.

Dr Nitish Chandra Debnath Principal (Acting) Chittagong Govt Veterinary College Pahartali, Chittagong

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

Allenbury, Dhaka

Notice Inviting Tender No-6/1996-97 (4th call)

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are hereby invited from approved enlisted contractors of Titas Gas (T&D) Co. Ltd. for gas line for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineers Azimpur/Motijheel/Narayanganj/Narsingdi/Munshiganj/Eden Bldg. PWD Division, Dhaka on 22-6-97 up to 12:00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the contractor who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. No tender will be sold to the contractor/firm who has no "VAT" Registration.
- Name of work: Construction of 2000 flats at different places in Dhaka City (SH-Providing and installation of low pressure and domestic gas connection pipe for the construction of 5-storied 1 No Bldg. having 10 flats of 1000 sq ft. for Govt. Officers/Staffs at Azimpur Govt. Colony compound, Dhaka.
- Estimated cost: Tk 1,57,528/-
- Earnest money: Tk 3,151/-
- Time allowed for: 1 (one) month from the date of issue completion of the work order.
- Contract documents, consisting of Bangladesh Form No-2911, detailed tender notice, schedule of items, additional terms & conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, Azimpur/Motijheel/Narayanganj/ Narsingdi/Munshiganj/Eden Bldg. PWD Division, Dhaka on all working days during office hours up to 22-6-97 on payment of usual charges of Tk. 400/= (Tk. four hundred) only (non-refundable) per set of schedule of items, special terms and conditions etc. and a sum of Tk. 25/= (Tk. Twenty-five) only (non-refundable) per copy of Bangladesh Form No-2911. The tender form may be purchased by the contractor/firm himself/herselves or his/his/her representative on production of authorisation letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor/firm along with the Registration Book of Enlistment and "VAT" registration certificate. No tender form will be sold after 19-6-97 Eng.
- In case more than one contractor stood lowest by quoting same rate, lowest contractor will be selected by lottery in presence of contractors on 29-6-97 Eng. at 12:00 Noon in the chamber of undersigned.

Md Toazmal Hossain Executive Engineer PWD Resources Division Allenbury, Dhaka

DFP-13714-5/6 G-1631

Corrigendum on BCIC Short Notice Tender

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিলায়নে জাতীয় অর্থগতির প্রতীক
Tender notice for construction of boundary wall with RCC column and pile foundation at BCIC Housing Colony, Mirpur, Dhaka published in National dailies has been slightly modified. As per modified schedule, the tender documents will be sold up to 15-6-97 instead of 14-6-97 and will be received on 16-6-97 instead of 15-6-97.
All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.
BCIC 460-3/6/97 DFP-13636-5/6 G-1630 S A Fakir General Manager (Const)

Gazipur PWD Division Tender Notice

- Tender No. : 203/96-97.
- Name of work : Renovation and development of BIT's in Bangladesh — one at Gazipur (SH-Vertical extension of student dormitory building (Kazi Nazrul Islam Hall) over 2nd floor including sanitary & water supply arrangement and internal electrification works) during the year 1996-97.
- Estimated cost : (A) Civil works Tk 45,38,130/- (B) Sanitary works Tk 2,10,593/- (C) Electrical works Tk 2,34,516/- Total Tk 49,83,239/-
- Earnest money : Tk 99,665/-
- Time allowed for completion of the work : 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Place of tender : Tk 775/- (Tk seven hundred seventy-five) only per set.
- Place of selling tenders : (a) Office of the undersigned including all Executive Engineers, office under Savar PWD Circle, Dhaka. (b) PWD E/M Division, VI, Dhaka. (c) Divisional Commissioners' office, Dhaka Division, Dhaka. (d) Sub-Divisional Engineers, office, PWD Sub-Division No. V of Dhaka PWD Division-IV, Dhaka.
- Place of receiving & opening tenders : (a) Office of the undersigned including all Executive Engineers' office under Savar PWD Circle, Dhaka. (b) PWD E/M Division-VI, Dhaka. (c) Divisional Commissioners' office, Dhaka Division, Dhaka. (d) Office of the Executive Engineer (Staff office), PWD, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling tenders : During office hours up to 2.7.97.
- Date of receiving & opening of tenders : Up to 12:00 Noon on 3.7.97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM.
- Eligibility of contractors : (a) Special 1st class contractor of PWD. (b) 1st class bldg contractors of PWD having consortium with 1st class sanitary & 1st class electrical contractor of PWD for this particular works.
- To participate in the tender pre-conditions, terms & conditions with special terms & conditions along with relevant information are put in the tender schedule with the tenderer should go through before going for bidding.
- The undersigned reserves the right to reject or accept any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason.

DFP-13732-5/6 G-1632 Executive Engineer Gazipur PWD Division Gazipur

Erratic power supply cripples life

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, June 10: Erratic power supply in the district town and its adjoining areas has crippled normal activities of daily life. It is also affecting the production in mills and factories.
The town dwellers allege almost every night the power supply is being disrupted plunging the town and its surrounding areas into complete darkness.
Erratic power supply causes immense sufferings to the people. The patients of hospital and students of school and colleges are worst sufferers. Businessmen and journalists are also affected by this phenomenon. Sometimes in the operation theatres in hospitals the serious patients have to risk their lives due to sudden power disruption.
Besides, mills, factories and processing plants have been incurring a huge loss due to load-shedding.

Meanwhile, the town dwellers become victimized due to faulty metre reading. Very frequently they receive electric bills of huge amount which is not proportionate to their electricity consumption. Some unscrupulous employees of the electricity department are making a good amount as they receive bribe in exchange of renewed electric bills.

Rangpur Mohila AL executive body

RANGPUR, June 10: A 41-member executive committee of Rangpur district Mohila Awami League was elected at the triennial conference of the unit held at Shilpakala Academy here on Wednesday, reports UNB.
Shafiq Khanom and Rogi Rahman have been unanimously elected president and secretary respectively for a three-year term.
Presided over by district unit president Shafiq Khanom, the conference was attended, among others, by Mohila Awami League president Ily Rahman, HM Asheque Rahman MP, Anisul Haque Chowdhury MP, Farida Rouf MP, Mohila Awami League secretary Khaleda Khanom.

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD (RHD), Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No. : 63 of RHD, Ferry Division, Barisal/1996-97.
- Name of work : Repairing of master bridge, Engine room, shade, passenger shade, cabin, latrine fender including painting and carpeting of utility type-1-004/79 at Shikerpur ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Division Barisal, during the year-1996-97.
- Estimated cost : Tk 3,06,440/-
- Earnest money : Tk 6,129/-
- Eligibility of contractor : 'A' to 'E' general category contractor of RHD as per financial capacity & territorial jurisdiction.
- Availability of tender : (1) Executive Engineer, RHD, Ferry Division, Barisal/Khulna. (2) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Ferry Sub-Division, Barisal (During office hours) only. No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender schedule.
- Tender receiving : (1) Superintendent Engineer, RHD, Mech Ferry Circle, Khulna. (2) Executive Engineer, RHD, Ferry Division, Barisal/Khulna. (if applicable) 19.6.97 (only office hours).
- Last date of selling tender documents : 22.6.97/8.3.1404 at 12:30 PM.
- Last date of receiving tender in sealed cover : 23.6.97/9.3.1404.
- Date and time of opening tender : 23.6.97 at 4 PM.

DFP-13706-5/6 G-1629 Executive Engineer, RHD Ferry Division, Barisal