

News snaps

BAU Employees Union poll held
 MYMENSINGH, June 14: The annual general meeting and election of the Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) Employees Union was held at the university recently, reports BSS. Mohammad Abdul Bari and Mohammad Joyal Abedin have been elected president and general secretary respectively of the union, a press release of the university said.

Sanction for educational instts
 FENI, June 14: Facilities Department of the Education Ministry has sanctioned Taka 22 lakh for the development of three government colleges and two government high schools in Feni district, according to an official source, reports BSS. The institutions are: Feni Pilot High School, Chhagalnaiya Girls High School, Chhagalnaiya College, Feni College and Feni Teachers' Training College.

Roads renovation programme
 PATUAKHALI, June 14: Local Government and Engineering Department has taken up a programme to renovate two roads Dasmina and Bauphal thanas here in the current fiscal year, reports UNB. Official sources said Tk 21.43 lakh has been sanctioned for Dasmina-Barogopaldi road and Tk 36.63 lakh for Bauphal-Chandrapara road. Besides, a 36-metre RCC bridge on Bauphal-Chandrapara road costing Tk 35.59 lakh will be constructed during the period.

1061 uplift schemes in Sunamganj
 SUNAMGANJ, June 14: A total of 1,061 uplift schemes have been implemented in 10 thanas of the district by utilising 4814 metric tons of rice and wheat during the current fiscal year, reports UNB. This was disclosed at a review meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room with Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad in the chair on Tuesday. The schemes included rural infrastructure development, maintenance, post-flood rehabilitation and renovation of different organisations. The meeting also informed that a total of 874 metric tons of wheat have also been distributed among 2,430 poor women, under the Vulnerable Group Feeding programme in the current fiscal year.

Call to attend Urs
 MANIKGANJ, June 14: A two-day annual Urs of Hazrat Khawja Syed Tamjuddin Ahmed Chishti (R) will be held on June 17-18 at Jhitka Darbar Sharif under Harirampur thana, reports BSS. Khatme Quran, milad mahfil and discussion on the lives and teachings of the great Muslim saints will be held on the occasion. The khadem of the darbar sharif, Chishti Syed Nuruddin Ahmed, has requested all to attend the Urs.

No Sc labs in Narail schools
 NARAIL, June 14: Science education here is being hampered due to lack of science laboratories in most of the secondary schools, reports UNB. About 90 per cent science laboratories constructed long ago have become dilapidated and most of the laboratory apparatus have already been damaged due to lack of proper care and replacement. Meanwhile the number of science students is increasing in the district with the passing of days, but they are deprived of adequate practical classes for want of laboratory facilities in the schools.

Move to boost cotton production
 BANDARBAN, June 14: Twentyfour experiment centres have been working in the hill district under the District Cotton Research Centre to find out ways and means to boost its production, reports UNB. According to an official of the research centre, these centres have been assigned to upgrade the Comilla cotton variety and innovate new methods of cultivation. The official also said five to six years are needed to innovate new variety of cotton and to go on its cultivation. The Comilla Cotton Research Centre was established in 1994.

Fund shortage hampers uplift work
 HABIGANG, June 14: Sixteen development projects out of 19, which were supposed to be implemented in the district during the 1996-97 fiscal, could not be completed due to delay in fund approval, reports UNB. Sources said the district council had undertaken eight development projects in the 1996-97 financial year at a cost of about Tk 1.10 crore. But the works on the projects could not be completed for want of fund. Only two of the projects under ADP were completed during the period. The project works included — pavement and HBB works on different roads, construction of quarters for zila parishad employees and construction of approach roads and box culverts.

Notorious dacoit held
 NARSINGDI, June 14: Raipura police arrested the gang leader of inter-district dacoits and absconding convict from Narayanpur at Dhaka-Sylhet highway on Sunday, reports UNB. Police arrested Burzu Mia alias Rafiq, convicted for 33 years imprisonment for murdering a man, from Narayanpur bazar area while he was preparing to commit a dacoity. The Officer-in-Charge of Raipura thana informed that Rafiq, 35, son of Abdul Hai of Gakul Nagar village in the thana was wanted in connection with three dacoity and one murder cases. While looting Shajahan's house in Sadar, Rafiq murdered Kulu Mia on July 22, 1992. Additional District and Sessions Judge of Narsingdi awarded him the punishment in absentia.

Contraband goods seized
 BHERAMARA, June 14: Acting on secret information, the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel seized contraband goods worth Taka 11 lakh from different places of Bheramara thana recently, reports BSS. According to an official source, the goods included a huge quantity of Indian sugar, salt and lentil. The contraband goods were deposited to the Customs authorities. A case has been registered with Bheramara thana, but none was arrested in this connection.

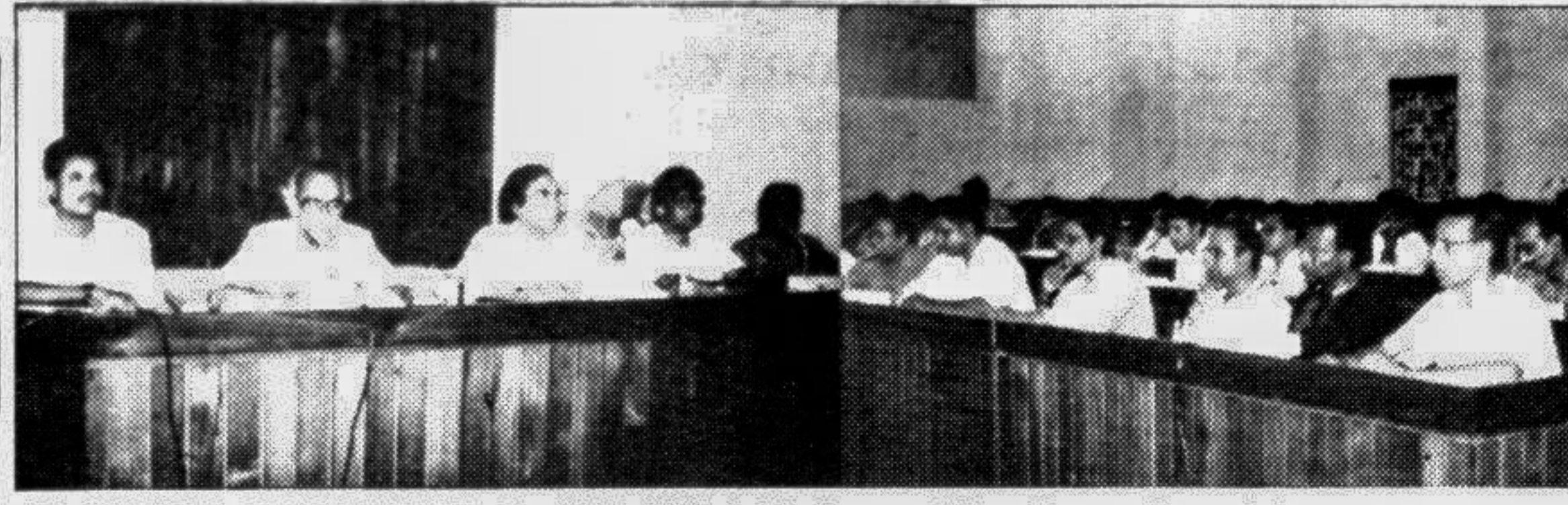
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
 Rangamati Road Division
(R&H) Quotation Invitation Notice

- Quotation Notice : 11/EE, RRD/1996-97 financial year.
- Name of work : Work of supplying survey instruments (leveling instrument, theodolite plane table and fibre glass measuring tape) for Rangamati Road Division during 1996-97 financial year.
- Earnest money : At 2% of the quoted price in favour of the Executive Engineer (R&H), Rangamati Road Division, Rangamati.
- Time allowed for completion of work : 5 (five) days from the date of issuing work order.
- Eligibility of quotationer : Any interested quotationer.
- Offices where terms & conditions of quotation will be available : Khagrachhari-1/2 (P&D) Division, Sarak Bhaban, Chittagong, Rangamati Road Division and Road Sub-Division, Rangamati-1/2/Chandraghona up to 22/6/97.
- Officers to receive quotations : Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Rangamati. Executive Engineer (R&H), Rangamati.
- Last date of receiving quotation : 23/06/97 up to 12:00 Noon.
- Date & time of opening quotation : 24/06/97 at 12:05 pm at the office chamber of the undersigned by him or his nominated representative in presence of the quotationers.

Sealed quotations vide Bangladesh Form No-2908 and terms & conditions of the quotation are invited for the abovementioned work.

Baharul Haq
 Executive Engineer (R&H)
 (CR)
 Rangamati Road Division.

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RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Prof M Abdul Khaleque, Vice-Chancellor of the university exchanging views with the local journalists on the prevailing situation in the campus at the Senate House of the university recently. — Star photo

Situation forces JRAP fund back to exchequer

From CHT correspondent
 KHAGRACHHARI, June 14: An amount of Taka four crore specially allocated to implement the Jhumia Rehabilitation and Afforestation Project (JRAP) during 1996-97 at its first phase will be returned to the government due to prevailing insecure situation in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) region, officials said. A Taka-28 crore project was undertaken in a high level meeting of the government to rehabilitate about 3,000 Jhumias through afforesting over 17,000 acres of denuded hills in the three hill districts of Khagrachhari, Rangamati and Bandarban. The project worth was scheduled to start in the fiscal 1996-97, officials detailed.

The down-trodden tribals, who survive on shifting cultivation crippling the mountain of hills and imbalancing the ecology, are considered as Jhumias in the CHT. The continued rowdism stepped up by the tribal terrorists, abduction for ransom and extortion of tolls taking advantage of the ongoing truce have made the fate of the aforementioned project uncertain said a highly placed official of the Forest Department. He added, we have become very much afraid of the prevailing insecure situation as officials of the implementing agency. As the JRAP was designed to implement in the in-accessible areas of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) and the spots for implementation are not at all safe and secure for officials of the implementing agency, the fund allocated for the project is going to be surrendered, he observed. "All the places, except the districts and thana headquarters in the CHT, where we have no access at all. Armed terrorists, roam in those places and dominate," said Altaf Hussain Khan, the Divisional Forest Officer of CHT North Forest Division.

Tension among growers Paddy, rice procurement target reduced in N-dists

From Our Correspondent
 NATORE, June 14: IRRI-Boro paddy and rice procurement targets in seven northern districts has been revised on June 10, official sources said. The revised target has triggered tension among growers and officials at four thanas of Natore, Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts. According to the sources, 1,396 metric ton (MT) of paddy and 3,776 MT of rice will be purchased instead of 6,677 MT of paddy and 3,684 MT of rice in Natore district. A total of 2,807 MT of paddy instead of 7,807 MT of paddy will be collected now from Rajshahi, 2,688 MT of paddy instead of 3,688 MT paddy from Chapainawabganj, 9,576 MT of paddy instead of 9,376 MT of paddy from Nilphamari, 2,331 MT of rice instead of 2,131 MT of rice from Gaibandha, 11,787 MT of paddy instead of 11,587 MT of paddy from Rangpur and 10,036 MT of paddy and 2,377 MT of rice instead of 888 MT of paddy and 878 MT of rice, will be collected from Thakurgaon district this season.

The Rajshahi Regional Controller of Food, Mohafez Ali confirmed about the revised target to this correspondent. But he, however, could not tell any reason behind the sudden change. An official of the Food Department in Rajshahi told further on condition of anonymity, when the procurement drive in Rajshahi region was gaining momentum, all on a sudden such new order came. The Agriculture Extension sources said, Shingra, Godagari, Tanore and Nachele thanas are among the surplus Boro paddy producing areas. A bumper production has been recorded this year from these areas. When asked about reducing procurement target, the Regional Controller of Food told the total procurement target has not been lessened, rather in many places paddy procurement target has been increased. When talking to this correspondent, a food official of Natore told only 58 MT of rice was targeted to purchase from Bagatpara thana of Natore while there was no target for collecting paddy. But now 115 MT of paddy and 42 MT of more rice have been fixed for procurement. Meanwhile, the officials of LSD godowns at Shingra, Godagari and Tanore thanas are passing their days in fear and anxiety as growers are getting infuriated being failed to sell their paddy, reliable sources said. The sources said, the procurement drive was due to begin on June 10 at Kusumbi-Kaliganj LSD godown of Shingra. The procedures were also going on. But the growers became angry. They have started agitations when they heard about the new revised target. It has stopped the procurement drive. However, no untoward incident was reported till writing of this report.

Essentials being marketed sans BSTI approval

NETRAKONA, June 14: Essential commodities produced in greater Mymensingh region are being marketed without proper approval of the BSTI despite revenue, reports UNB. Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institutes BSTI is responsible for quality control of the commodities produced in the country. Accordingly, it is compulsory for the producers to obtain fitness certificate from the BSTI before marketing. About 1,500 items including edible oil, coconut oil, electric appliances, biscuit, cement, match boxes, cosmetics, packet foods jelly, pickles, soft drink fertilizer, sugar and salt have been included under BSTI. Of these, 130 items must be produced before the BSTI for marketing. But the BSTI, Mymensingh region, has allegedly no system for standard testing and examining the commodities. Besides, the imported goods from different foreign countries, specially from India are being marketed without any examination. The BSTI also responsible for introducing metric system for weighing a product throughout the country. But the system is yet to be introduced in many hats and bazars of Netrakona, Kishoreganj, Mymensingh, Sherpur, Jamalpur and Tangail districts.

Two killed in road mishaps

From Our Correspondent
 SATKHIRA, June 14: Two persons including a baby were killed in two separate road accidents recently. According to police sources, one Alamgir Hossain, 35, of Assamuni thana crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck (No. Jessore TA 02-119). He died on the spot while crossing the road near at Hagachha under Satkhira pourasava on Satkhira-Kaliganj road recently. The body has been sent to the sadar hospital for autopsy. A case has been lodged with Satkhira thana.



The organisation for Social Action and Development (OSAD) organised a day long participatory seminar on "Kartikpur Khal Fishery: Integrated fish production and development activities of OSAD and the aspiration of the people living on both sides of the canal" at Dohar thana complex recently to form the working committee by the beneficiaries and for the beneficiaries living on both sides of the canal. Photo shows: Moinuddin, TNO, Dohar thana delivering his speech and Siddiqui Rahman, Divisional Deputy Director (Fisheries), Dhaka Division, Sumodra Gupta, member OSAD and Dewan Md Abed, Executive Director, OSAD are seen beside him.

Rangpur Newsletter

From Our Correspondent
 RANGPUR, June 14: Indian non-iodized salt has flooded the hats and bazars of the northern districts recently. The government ban on using non-iodized salt is being defied through this practice. Indian non-iodized salt is being smuggled in the country by rail and road routes, eyewitnesses said. The smuggled salt is being marketed in 16 districts of the northern region without any resistance. The main smuggling route is Hilli border. The other safe smuggling routes are: Patgram, Burimari, Mughal hat, Dangapara, Birampur and Panch Bibi railway stations. Buses plying through Hilli, Joypurhat Panch Bibi, Ghoraghat, Fulbari and Saidpur usually carry Indian non-iodized salt. The unscrupulous traders of non-iodized salt carry on their illegal trade with the active collaboration of bus drivers and conductors. In Hilli, Panch Bibi, Dangapara, Birampur, Fulbari and Parbatipur areas several dishonest traders have set up wholesale markets for selling Indian non-iodized salt. Prices of smuggled Indian non-iodized salt are cheaper. Poor consumers procure it for their domestic consumptions due to its cheaper rate.

721 TR schemes executed
 The Relief and Rehabilitation Department has executed 721 TR schemes in the district during the current dry season. A total of 1,594 metric tonnes of wheat were already been distributed for the purpose. The department has also implemented 220 schemes under Food for Works Programme (FWP) in the district.

Rural water supply scheme
 The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) has taken up a programme to ensure supply of pure water in the remote areas and diarrhoea prone areas of the district recently. Under the programme, 350 shallow tubewells, 265 tara pumps are being installed and 300 inoperative shallow tubewells will be repaired during the current fiscal year.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 Office of the Executive Engineer
 Comilla Housing Division, Sylhet

Quotation Invitation Notice
 No 2/1996-97

Sealed quotations in prescribed schedule are hereby invited from interested pisciculturists or any one interested for leasing out the pond at Block 'A' of Shahjalal Housing Estate, Sylhet for 3 (three) years, under Comilla Housing Division, Sylhet. Quotations will be received in quotation box by the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Housing Division, Chittagong up to 12-30PM of 25-6-97 and opened on the same day at 12-35PM in presence (if any willing) of the interested quotationers. Earnest money at the rate 10% (ten per cent) of the total quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the undersigned should be attached with the quotation. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled without any consideration. The lessees participating in the quotation should be VAT registered for only such firms/pisciculturists as have been registered under VAT system of the National Board of Revenue can only participate in this quotation bidding. Quotation of the NBR certificate attested by gazetted officer must be attached with the quotation. Otherwise quotation will be treated as cancelled. Quotation's schedule of items and terms and conditions of quotation can be purchased on payment of Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable) per set from the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Housing Division, Chittagong on all working days during office hours up to 24-6-97. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason. Detailed description of pond is given below:

Serial No	Location of the pond	Surface area of water	Time limit of lease
1.	Sylhet Shahjalal Housing Estate, Block 'A' Sylhet	0.86 acres	3 (three) years.

Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury
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 Office of the Executive Engineer
 Directorate of Public Health Engineering
 Mechanical & Electrical Division, 36/37, Mahakkali C/A
 Mohakkali, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212

Memo No-988
 Dt. 3/6/97
 "গৃহস্থালীর সকল কাজে নলকূপের পানি ব্যবহার করুন"

DPHE Tender Notice
 No-84 (96-97)

Separate tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2908 under sealed covers are hereby invited from bonafide pump manufacturers/local agents of the undermentioned foreign pump manufacturing firms for supply of the undermentioned pumps. Tender documents of the said work can be purchased at the prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned as well as the undermentioned Divisional Office up to 24/6/97 and will be received up to 1:00 pm of 25/6/97 and opened at the office of the undersigned on 26-6-97 at 1:30 pm before the tenderers or their nominated representatives (if any) present. Place where tender will be sold from & : Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Electrical Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, SIR Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Dhaka Division, Dhaka.

Sl. No.	Description of work	Quantity of work	Amount of earnest money	Price of tender	Time limit for completion of work
1)	Supply of 2 sets submersible pump and accessory materials for installation of 2 new production tubewells at Laksam under 23 towns Water Supply Project. Capacity : 6,000 IGPH = 1 set	2 sets	2% of the quoted price	Tk 750/-	25 (twenty-five) days

Terms & Conditions :
 1) Detailed specification, documents of contract, bill of quantities, Bangladesh Form No-2908 and other necessary documents will be available at the office of the undersigned and all offices mentioned in the notice of tender during office hours on all working days.
 2) Earnest money should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.

Shawkat Ali Chowdhury
 Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering (M/E) Division, Mohakkali, Dhaka

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 Office of the Executive Engineer
 Bandarban Public Works Division
 Bandarban

Memo No.10-18/1462
 Dated : 1/6/97Eng/ 18/2/1404BS

Tender Invitation Notice
 No-E/M-6/96-97

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted contractors for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received simultaneously by the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No-3/4, Chittagong & Cox's Bazar Public Works Division, Cox Bazar at their respective offices up to 12:00 Noon of 25/6/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:05 pm before the tenderers present. Attested copy of VAT registration certificate and valid A,B,C licence should be attached with each tender and tender should be submitted superscribing the name of work on the sealed cover.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work	Eligibility of contractor
1)	Construction of office building of soil conservation centre at Bandarban (Sub-head: supply & installation of compound light)	Tk 1,76,887/=	Tk 3,550/=	25 (twenty) days.	Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class and 1st class. Chittagong Public Works Zones 2nd class electrical contractors (having valid A,B,C/B,C licence from the Licensing Board/ Authority)

2) Tender documents consisting Bangladesh Form No-2911, tender invitation notice, schedule and additional terms & conditions may be seen and purchased on payment of usual price Tk 400/- (four hundred) only per set of document and Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only for each Bangladesh Form No-2911 (both non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned and offices of the Executive Engineer, Chittagong Public Works Division No-3/4 and Cox's Bazar Public Works Division, during office hours. Contractor himself or his authorised representative can purchase the tender on production of enlistment book, valid A,B,C/B,C and supervisory licence book on all working days before 24/6/97. If more than one tenderer submits tender quoting the lowest price than to select only one lowest tenderer lottery will be held at the office chamber of the undersigned on 37/97 at 11:00 am in presence of the interested tenderers.

Quazi Mahiul Alam
 Executive Engineer
 Bandarban Public Works Division
 Bandarban

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Terrorists kill one in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent
 KUSHTIA, June 14: A day labourer was brutally killed by terrorists on Tuesday night at village Mirpur under Chapra Union of Kumarkhali thana in the district. Family sources said that some terrorists of the area used to tease the daughter and wife of the victim, Hossain Shaikh. He protested against it. As a result those terrorists picked him up at the fateful night from his house and stabbed him to death.

Young man murdered in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent
 SYLHET, June 14: The body of a youngman allegedly killed by his rivals Wednesday was recovered from the river Surma in Kanishal area Thursday. The body with marks of injuries was found floating, witnesses said. Police said, Ali Kaisar Jabril, 23, was called out of his house at Chharpar area by a rival group Wednesday afternoon.