Newssnaps

Tk 9.43 cr Habiganj poura budget

HABIGANJ, June 15: Habiganj Pourasava has announced its development budget of Tk 9.43 crore for the 1997-98 fiscal year,

reports UNB. Pourasava Chairman Shaheed Chowdhury announced the budget at a press conference at pourasava conference room re-cently. Of the total budget, Tk 2.57 crore will be provided under foreign grant and Tk 1.15 crore under government's development budget while Taka three crore is expected from the revenue budget. Special allotment for construction of inter-district bus terminal, shopping complex and auditorium was also provided in the present budget on the availability of grants.

Seminar on 'development journalism'

COMILLA, June 15: A two-day seminar on 'development journalism' ended here on Saturday with a call for highlighting development endeavours through various media for attaining a sustainable development in the country, reports BSS.

The seminar also suggested that organisations like Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) should play an encouraging role for the media peo-ple in covering more and more development activities for the nation's overall uplift. Held under the joint auspices of the PIB and the Inter-Press Service (IPS) at the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) here the seminar was participated by 37 persons including journalists, NGO activists and media trainers.

Body recovered

RANGPUR, June 15: Police recovered the unidentified body of a young man lying under the Bural railway bridge in Kaunia

thana of the district on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The deceased, aged about 22, with several marks of stab injuries on his head, was found under the bridge. The reason behind the murder could not be known. A case has been registered with the police and further investigation was on.

Sewing training course at Valuka

VALUKA (Mymensingh), June 15: State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof Dr M Amanullah has said the present government is working hard to achieve the goal of poverty alleviation and change the lot of common people, reports UNB.

The state minister was inaugurating sewing training course at Mahmudpur Senior Madrasa premises here on Saturday. Amanullah said most of the people in our country is illiterate and are living under poverty line, so the government is pledgebound to make the poor people self-reliant.

18 branch post offices in bad shape

MADARIPUR, June 15: The branch post offices in the rural areas of Rajoir thana in the district are beset with problems, reports UNB.

These post offices do not have any definite room or place to run the office. Most post offices are set up in postmaster's house, rooms at union parishads and in different shops. At present, number of letters, money orders, parcels have increased due to expansion of education. This has increased the post master's responsibility. There are 18 branch post offices under Rajoir and Kalia thanas. Due to lack of definite room and almirah often valuables are found missing from these branch post offices causing suffering to common people.

Manpower shortage in Microwave Office

NARAIL, June 15: A total of three posts, out of four, have been lying vacant in the microwave office at Narail sadar since its establishment in 1978, reports UNB.

Only a technician who has been here since beginning has been looking after the office. The well equipped office building and adjoining staff quarters have been constructed on three acres of land. The posts of one sub-assistant engineer, a wireman and a guard have remained vacant negating the main objectives of the office.

Electrification programme opens

NARSINGDI, June 15: Energy and mineral Lt General (retd) Nooruddin Khan said the government is pledge-bound to bring the whole country under electrification network, reports BSS. The minister was inaugurating the electrification programme of Dewanchar area under Belabo thana here. The electrification of the area has been implemented by the Rural Electrification Board (REB) creating 276 connection facilities. For the electrification of the region a seven-kilometre distribution line has been set up spending Taka 35 lakh.

Budget aims at poverty alleviation

KISHOREGANJ, June 15: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman said the proposed budget will play a very effective role in poverty alleviation and development of rural infrastructures, reports BSS.

Addressing rallies at Kuliarchar, Sadikpur and Bhairab here the minister said the budget has attached top priority to rural development reflecting the hopes and aspirations of the common masses living in villages.

Pry Edn Week begins in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, June 15: National Primary Education Week began here with a call for creating awareness among the people about the importance of primary education for overall devel-

opment and progress of the nation, reports BSS.

To mark the day, Directorate of Primary and Mass Education. Chittagong Division organised various porgrammes which included holding of rally, discussion and cultural function. A big procession was brought out from Municipality Model High School premises and it passed through some important city roads.



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Re-Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন

Description of work: 1) Construction of 600 sft 10-unit (five-storey) residential building (Building No-3) with cast-insitu pile foundation. 2) Construction of 600 sft 10-unit (fivestorey) residential building (Building No-5) with cast-in-situ pile foundation. 3) Construction of 1000 sft 6-unit (threestorey) residential building (Building No-5) with foundation Eligibility of contractor: Power Development Board's & Public Works Department's 'A' class/1st class Civil & Electrical/Civil (should be contract with BC licence-holder firm) enlisted contractory firms. Only those contractors who have completed civil construction work worth minimum Tk 30 (thirty) lakh in time under a single work order of any Govt/Semi-Govt organisation. Experience of cast-in-situ pile construction is necessary for the said work. Past experience certificate from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent should be submitted with the application to purchase tender. Estimated cost: 1) 48,24,839/67 (Taka forty-eight lakh twenty-four thousand eight hundred thirty-nine & sixty-seven paisa), 2) 48,97,147/17 (Taka forty-eight lakh ninety-seven thousand one hundred forty-seven & seventeen paisa), 3) 44,17,243/55 (Taka forty-four lakh seventeen thousand two hundred forty-three & fifty-five paisa) only. Price of tender: Taka 1) 1,000/= (one thousand), 2) 1,000/- (one thousand), 3) 1000/- (one thousand) only (non-refundable) through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Deputy Director (Accounts), ZAO, PDB, Siddhirganj. Place & date where & when tender will be available: From Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka/Chief Engineer, Power Station Construction Project, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka/Project Director (Addl. Chief Engineer, 210 MW Siddhirganj TPS Project/Superintending Engineer, Civil Construction Circle, 210 MW STPS Project/Manager, Agrani Bank, Siddhirganj Branch, Siddhirganj, Narayanganj up to 03-07-97. Date of receiving & opening tender: 06-07-97 up to 12-00 Noon & on the same day at 12-30 PM. Other terms & conditions of tender and all rules & regulations must be complied with properly.

> Executive Engineer 210 MW Siddhirganj TPS Project Power Development Board Siddhirgani



AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Shah Muhammed Hussain delivering his speech as chief guest at a five-day training course on Journalism held at the Mymensingh Press Club recently.

Move to privatise 13 sugar mills protested

JAMALPUR, June 15: Several hundred workers of Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills in Dewanganj thana recently staged demonstration, protesting the government move to denationalise the mill, reports UNB.

They also observed a six hour rail-road barricade pro-

During the barricade programme, traffic on Dewanganj Islampur-Jamalpur road was disrupted and two mail trains were stranded.

In Pakundia thana of Kishoreganj some 3,000 sugar mills workers and sugarcane growers observed a six-hour barricade programme, demanding reopening of Kaliachapra Sugar Mills.

The demonstrators brought out processions and held rallies during the programme, protesting the government decision to privatise the mill.

The workers also put up barricade on Kishoreganj-Bhairab and Dhaka-Sylhet roads adjacent to the mill area, disrupting communication from 6 am to noon.

The Kaliachapra Sugar Mills remained closed as the government laid it off on May 10.

Chandpur farmers deprived again

From Our Correspondent CHANDPUR, July 15: The price of newly-harvested IRRI-

Boro paddy have gone down due to shortage of private and government buyers in the rural markets of the district. According to Chandpur Dis-

trict Agriculture Office sources, bumper IRRI-Boro were produced during the current season due to favourable climate and availability of fertilizers and The target of IRRI-Boro cul-

tivation have been achieved in seven thanas of the district. Chandpur is one of the important IRRI-Boro producing area of the country. There are two biggest irrigation projects of Bangladesh Water Development Board. About one lakh fifty hectares of land were brought under IRRI-Boro cultivation in Chandpur and Matlab-Meghna-Dhonagoda irrigation projects.

About 80 maunds of paddy were produced in per hectare of land. Due to shortage of buyers in the markets, the poor cultivators are compelled to sell their paddy between Tk 170 to 190 per maund, where as the production cost of per maund of paddy is more than Tk 250.

Meanwhile, a group of middlemen are now very much active in the markets to keep the prices of the paddy at a lower rate. They are acting as the agents of some unscrupulous traders. The agents compelled the cultivators to sell their paddy to the middlemen at a lower price. The frustrated farmers have been waiting with paddy at the mercy of the middlemen. So the farmers are not getting fair prices of their products due to absence of proper buyers.

The food department should immediately start procurement drive so that the farmers get fair prices. Otherwise it is apprehended that the farmers and their future cultivation will face a severe setback in the dis-

Only 10 pc use safe water in household work

PATUAKHALI, June 15: Although on an average 80 per cent people of the southern parts of the country are taking drinking water but only 10 per cent are using it in their household purposes, reports UNB.

According to sources at Public Health Engineering Directorate and UNICEF, about 80,000 shallow and deep tubewells are now operating for 75 lakh population of six districts of Barisal division providing one tubewell for every 105 peo-

Among these districts, Patuakhali is leading having 30 per cent achievement in using safe water in household works and 80 per cent in taking pure water.

But the situation of Barguna district in the case of household work was only 8 per cent. Another survey revealed that only 50 per cent people of these diarrhoea-prone districts

are using ditch and sanitary la-

trines. Every year, water-borne diseases like diarrhoea, dysentery and cholera break out in these southern districts claiming lives of several hundred people and affecting about 50,000.

Official sources, however expressed satisfaction at the overall development of the sit uation with the installation of tubewells and ensuring sanitary latrines

A half-day road barricade programme was observed here protesting the government move to privatize 13 sugar mills

of the country. The employees and workers of Kushtia Sugar Mills observed the programme called by Bangladesh Sugar Mills Workers and Employees Federation.

During the programme, they brought out procession in the town. Trucks and buses remained stranded for 6 hours due to barricade programme.

Our Natore Correspondent writes: The Bangladesh Sugar Mills Workers Federation (BSMWF) observed a halfday rail-road barricade programme

The BSMWF called the programme protesting the government's decision to privatise 13 sugar mills in the country.

Hundreds of officials, employees and workers of the Natore Sugar Mills put up a barricade on Natore railway crossing on Rajshahi-Dhaka highway at 6 am and continued till noon.

Three trains including an intercity express and hundreds of trucks, buses remained stranded on both sides of the crossing. Workers of North Bengal Sugar Mills at Gopalpur also observed the programme at Gopalpur railway crossing.

A protest meeting was held at Natore Sugar Mills premises with M Ataur Rahman, president of local unit in the chair.

The speakers urged the workers and employees to make its next programme to gherao

Shilpa Bhaban at Dhaka on June 16 a success.

Our Islamic University Correspondent adds: All the academic and administrative activities in the University became paralysed as the sugar mills workers enforced a halfday blockade on Kushtia-Khulna highway on Thursday morning in protest against the government move to denation

alise 13 sugar mills. They erected blockaded at Kushtia bus Depot and railway station early on the day. They blocked the movement of all sorts of vehicles to and from Kushtia and Jhenaidah town which also compelled the university transport to remain off the roads, said eye witnesses.

The administrative activities of the varsity came to a halt as officials and employees could not come to offices during blockade hours. The university central library and all departmental offices were closed However, no untoward incident occurred during the blockade

Meanwhile, the university authorities rescheduled the office time of the university in a syndicate meeting held here recently. According to the new schedule, the official activities will start at 7 am and it will continue till half past 2 pm. It will be followed from June 15.

It is worth mentioning, the official activities have been going on here from 9 am to 5 pm following the recent order of the government



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Prof M Farukuzzaman, the newly appointed administrator of Press and Public Relations Office of the university made a courtesy call and exchanged views with the working journalists here at RU Press Club on June 12. — Star photo

Kushtia Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, June 15: The Department of Narcotics and Drug Control conducted a raid at Chourhash at the outskirts of the town recently. One Asan was arrested for possessing 22 bottles of phensidyl and two bottles of rectified spirit from

The Assistant Director of the department. Abdul Jalil led the raid. A case has been filed in this connection.

JCD workers' meet The workers' meeting of

Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) of Kushtia Polytechnic Institute was held recently at its premises. Ashraf Ali, Vice-President of the Institute's Chhatra Sangsad was in the chair. Alhaz Shorabuddin former MP was the chief guest and M A Shamim Arzoo was present as special guest.

Among others, JCD leaders Mahbub Murshed Sumon Shamimul Hasan Apu, Ismail Hossain Murad, Abdul Muyeed Bablu, General Secretary, Ashraful Islam Gama, Emdad Ali Khan, Abu Shahed Ronju and Pro-VP Hamidur Rahman spoke on the occasion.

Phensidyl recovered

In an anti-smuggling drive, the jawans of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), Mohiskundi Company seized several gunny bags filled up with vegetables from the river Padma near Sonatala hat under Daulatpur thana recently. BDR recovered 500 bottles of phensidyl and 50 bottles of liquor from the bags.

The same BDR team in an other raid seized sugar, steel materials, bi-cycle parts, salt and pulse worth Taka 50 thousand. The seized goods have been deposited in Bheramara Customs godown

IU female students want more buses Two hundred female stu

dents of Islamic University (IU) brought out a protest procession recently on the campus in support of their demand for providing adequate number of buses for them.

They gheraoed the office of the Transport Administrator of the university, Shajahan Ali. The Transport Administrator was present during the gherao period. He gave a patient hearing and assured of providing more buses for them following discussing with the Vice-Chan-

It may be mentioned, acute transport problem for the female students of the university has been prevailing for a long time. The authorities concerned did not look into the matter previously.

Lightning injures 1 One Jariman Nessa, 40, of

village Fulbaria under Mirpur thana was seriously injured when lightening struck her re-She was immediately rushed

to Mirpur Health Complex. Later on she was shifted to Kushtia General Hospital

Donation to PM's Relief Fund

Employees and officers of Bheramara Pourashava donated their one day's salary to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the cyclone victims of the coastal belt recently.

The donation amounting Taka 1753 was sent to the capital through Bheramara Sonali

Islamic edn course ends The eight-day Islamic Edu-

cation Course concluded in Kumarkhali recently. It was held under the auspices of Kushtia Islamic Foundation. The inaugural function was

presided over by Syed Aminuddin Ahmed, Deputy Director, Kushtia Islamic Foundation and Nazmus Salehin, Principal. Kushtia Islamia College was the chief guest.

The function was also addressed by Abdul Mutalib, Headmaster, Kumarkhali M N High School, Moulana Khabiruddin Imam of Kumarkhali Jame Mosque. The speakers emphasised on the need for such course in check ing moral degradation.

Jamalpur people coexist with manifold problems

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, June 15: Jamalpur Pourashava is inhabited by about 5 lakh people who coexist with manifold prob-

The roads of the town are in a deplorable condition. Faulty drainage system, paucity of pure drinking water, inadequate street lights, bad sanitation and conservancy services, absence of recreational facilities and mosquito menace are some of the problems in the pourashava.

The kutcha latrines which are on use in large scale in the pourashava area are causing a serious health hazard for the public. The houseowners in most cases have constructed kutcha latrines beside their dwelling houses creating serious problems in the town. These roadside kutcha latrines create a hell, especially during the rainy season.

Most of the roads in the town are narrow. The condition of roads is very pitiable. Cracks and potholes have been developed at many points on the roads. Rain water remain stagnant for hours together on the roads, when it rains. The roadside ditches filled with filths and garbages are not cleared

regularly. These places have become safe breeding centres of

mosquitoes. The drainage system in the town is not good. Most of the kutcha drains are silted up and the pucca ones remain blocked most of the time of the year. Wa-

terlogging has become a regular

feature during the rainy season.

Scarcity of pure drinking water in the town is a most vital problem. Only one-fourth drinking water is being supplied by the Water Supply authority.

Most of the street lights of the town remain off as no bulbs are fitted there. The town plunges into darkness just after the Sunset. The anti-social elements become active in dark-

The recreational facilities are also meagre in the town. The number of floating people is increasing in the town

day by day.

The housing problem is another acute problem the town dwellers are facing regularly. The existing number of houses can not cope with the increasing demand. The poura authority should take necessary steps to solve all these problems on an emergency basis, the affected town dwellers opined.

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Office of the Executive Engineer Local Government Engineering Directorate, Kushtia

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Re-Tender Notice No-38/96-97

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 under sealed cover are invited from LGED enlisted and all projects prequalified and Zila Parishad enlisted uptodate renewed contractors mentioned against the development work for implementation of the undermentioned project work under Rural Infrastructure Development (development of important road and hat bazars) Project 2nd part under Local Govt. Engineering Directorate, Kushtia.

SI. No		Price of tender	Earnest money	Time limit for implementation of work	Class of contractor 6 All projects pre-qualified and LGED's special and 'A&B' class and Zila Parishad's 'A' class.	
1	2	3	4	5		
	Development with ASS + 25mm carpeting of Kumarkhali- Kalitala Road	Of wasterproperties	At 2.5% of the quoted rate			

Tender schedule, Bangladesh Form No-2911, schedule of work in the tender form and other terms and conditions may be purchased (at non-refundable price) from the office of the Superintending Engineer (Maintenance), LGED, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207; Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia; Police Super, Kushtia; Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Chuadanga/Meherpur; Manager, Sonali Bank, Principal Branch, Kushtia; Office of the Thana Engineer, Kumarkhali and office of the undersigned on production of licence during office hours up to 24/6/97 and will be received in the tender box kept at the said offices up to 12:30 PM of 25/6/97 and will be opened on the same day at 1:00 PM before the tenderers (if any) present. Contractor may inspect the project site if interested. Besides, income tax and VAT will be deducted from the bill of the contractor as per rules. Detailed information may be known during office hours.

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Environment

Day in Ctg

Environment Day was observed

here Thursday with renewed

pledge to create mass awareness

about environmental degrada-

tion for building a healthy and

pollution-free society, reports

gramme, different non-gov-

ernmental and socio-cultural

bodies have observed the day

through day-long programmes

which included holding of

rally, exhibition of video and

posters, discussion meetings

distribution of saplings and

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cultural function.

Besides the national pro-

CHITTAGONG, June 15: World

Executive Engineer Local Govt. Engineering Directorate, Kushtia

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



Bangladesh Ordnance Factories Ghazipur Cantonment, Ghazipur

Tender Notice Sealed tenders in prescribed form (BOF No. 76) are invited from bonafide manufacturers/ local agents/importers/suppliers for supply of materials in local currency to BOF as

mentioned below: Qty Name of item Sl. No. Tender No. & Date BOF/132/Cap/D/Pur dt. Sloting machine & Vartical type Draw 02 (Two) Lapping machine 22-5-1997

Tender shall be dropped in the tender box kept in Directorate General of Defence Purchase Office, Ministry of Defence, New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 and the Purchase Office of Bangladesh Ordnance Factories on 23 July, 1997 up to 11.00 AM and will be opened on the same day at 1300 PM in presence of participants or their representatives (if any) at Purchase Office, BOF, Ghazipur Cantt.

Tender forms with details specifications and terms & conditions will be available from the representatives of BOF in Directorate General of Defence Purchase Office, Ministry of Defence, New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 and the Purchase Office of Bangladesh Ordnance Factories on cash payment of Tk. 200/-(non-refundable) per set on all working days between 8-30 AM and 12-30 PM up to 22 July 1997. Schedule will not be sold on the opening day.

Commandant, Bangladesh Ordnance Factories reserves the right to reject any or all of the tenders without showing any reason thereof.

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schedule

Manager Material for Commandant

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Ferry Division, Barisal (RHD), Tender Notice

67 of RHD, Ferry Divn, Barisal/1996-97. Tender Notice No. As described below. Name of work Eligibility of contractor

'A to E' general category contractor of RHD, as per financial capacity and territorial jurisdiction. (1) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl Ferry Divn. Barisal/ 4. Availability of tender :

> Khulna. (2) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Ferry Sub-Divn. Barisal (During office hours only. No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender schedule).

> > 1,20,600/-

(1) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mechl Ferry Circle, 5. Tender receiving officer (2) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl Ferry Divn.

Barisal/Khulna. 22.6.97/8.3.1404 (only office hours). 6. Last date of selling tender documents

23.6.97/9.3.1404 at 12 Noon. Last date of receiving : tender in sealed cover Date and time of opening: 24.6.97/10.3.1404 at 1 PM. Date and time of lottery (if : 24.6.97 at 4 PM.

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money
1.	Supplying of spare parts for 75 HP Ford Engine's gear	Tk	Tk 2074/-
	box and propulsion unit of different type uniflote ferries under Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal during the year 1996-97.	1,03,700/-	
2.	Supplying of spare parts for 150 KW Man engine of	Tk	Tk 2160/-
	different utility ferries under Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal during the year 1996-97.	1,08,000/-	
3.	Supplying of spare parts for repairing of 2 Nos Fuel	Tk	Tk 2396/-
	pump of 150 KW Man engine in workshop under Ferry	1,19,800/-	
4.	Sub-Divn, Barisal during the year 1996-97. Supplying of spare parts for repairing of 2 Nos Fuel	Tk	Tk 2412/-
1000	Supplying of space participation of the same	1 20 600/	

pump of 150/290 HP Volvopenta engine in workshop under Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal during the year 1996-97. **Executive Engineer, RHD** DFP-14096-10/6 Ferry Divn, Barisal G-1669