

News snaps

Work of pontoon bridge progressing

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, July 22: Work of the pontoon bridge over the river Khowai at Shaistaganj on Dhaka-Sylhet road began on Monday.

The original bridge collapsed on July 13 due to pressure of flood waters. As a result direct road communication of Sylhet with the rest of the country was snapped. Over one hundred jawans joined the construction work. A contingent of the military engineering services has been entrusted with the task. The pontoon bridge will be ready for vehicular traffic within 5 days, said an official.

200 BL College students join BCL

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, July 22: Two hundred students government of BL College belonging to different student wings of political parties joined Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on Monday.

The new entrants include 56 Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists. They joined (BCL) in protest against the chaotic situation at Baitul Mukarram in presence of President Shahabuddin Ahmed at the Miladunnabi function. In a rally the new BCL workers vowed to resist the conspiracy of fundamentalist at any cost against national independence and sovereignty.

Asharee Purnima celebrated in Comilla

COMILLA, July 22: Asharee Purnima, a religious festival of the Buddhists was celebrated in Comilla district on July 19 with solemn devotion and traditional enthusiasm, reports BSS.

The members of the Buddhist community celebrated the day through different programmes which included, hoisting of the national and religious flags atop all monasteries, chanting of the sacred verses from the holy Tripitak, breaking of fasting by the monks, shilgrahan, feeding the monks, pradip puja, discussions and mass prayer.

Farmers' rally in Netrakona

NETRAKONA, July 22: A farmer's rally organised by Bangladesh Krishak League, Netrakona district unit was held at Khaliujuri bazar recently, reports BSS.

The rally was presided over by Nurul Islam Khan, President, Khaliujuri thana unit of the organisation. The speakers of the rally said that the new budget will play an effective role in poverty alleviation and development of rural infrastructure.

New police camp at Kaliganj

SATKHIRA, July 22: A new police camp has been set up at Kaliganj Hospital building on the north side of the river Kakkali under Kaliganj thana of the district recently, reports BSS.

The police camp has been set up to check anti-social activities in the area. One Sub-inspector, three constables and six Ansars have been posted in the camp.

Workshop on molasses production

MADARIPUR, July 22: A workshop on how to increase production of molasses outside the mill areas concluded here recently, reports BSS.

Thirty sugarcane growers from Shibchor thana participated in the day long workshop. Additional Director of Agriculture Extension Department Md Mozammel Huq, subject-matter specialists and training officers conducted the workshop.

24 gamblers held from Meherpur

MEHERPUR, July 22: Police in a drive against the anti-social elements recently arrested 24 gamblers from Meherpur town, reports BSS.

Acting on a tip-off, the police raided a den of gamblers and arrested them. Most of the arrested persons are students and branded criminals. A case was filed in this connection.

Indian goods seized

SATKHIRA, July 22: The members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized contraband Indian goods worth over Taka 43 lakh on Friday last, reports BSS.

Acting on secret information, the members of Bangladesh Rifles of 21 battalion raided a house of one Moshir Rahman of village Goga and seized Indian goods from his house. The BDR source said, the goods include saree and other cloth. Moshir Rahman was arrested and handed over to Kalanoo police.

73,032 immunized in Barisal

BARISAL, July 22: A total of 73,032 children and mothers have been immunized under Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI) in 10 thanas of Barisal district during January-June 1997, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the children have been vaccinated against six fatal diseases-tuberculosis, diphtheria, polio, whooping cough, tetanus and measles. Of the total, 33,911 children have been given DPT injections, 31,055 children measles vaccination, 33,911 children polio drops, and 36,922 children BCG vaccines.

Discussion on Population Day

PATUAKHALI, July 22: A discussion on 'Adolescent reproductive health care' was held at local poura auditorium recently, reports BSS.

The discussion was held in observance of the World Population Day. Deputy Director, District Family Planning KM Anwaruzzaman presided over the meeting, while ADC (General) Md Azmal Hossain was present as chief guest.

419 ring-wells inoperative in Bandarban

BANDARBAN, July 22: Drinking water supply system in the district is threatened as 419 ring-wells in seven thanas are affected by the flood, reports UNB.

Local people said government has sanctioned only 50 ring-wells for the affected areas which is too meagre to cater to the need and it is time consuming to repair the affected ring-wells. Executive Engineer of the Public Health Department here said that the lone pump house of drinking water supply project and another pump house in Uzanipara may be damaged any time by the river erosion.

Price of Boro paddy falls

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, July 22: Prices of newly harvested Boro paddy in different parts of Chapainawabganj and Rajshahi district have marked an unusual fall creating frustration among the growers, reports UNB.

Local people said marginal farmers are incurring a loss of Tk 20 to 30 per maund because of low price. Boro paddy is now being sold between Tk 180 and 200 per maund in different thanas and bazars of the two districts. Taking advantage of the situation a group of middle men have taken control of the paddy market. These middle men buy paddy at low price for selling the same at high prices later.

387 RIPP schemes implemented

PIROJPUR, July 22: District Relief and Rehabilitation Department has implemented 387 schemes here under Rural Infrastructure Preservation Programme (RIPP), reports UNB.

About 898 mts wheat were utilised for the schemes which included repair of roads, embankments, renovation of madrasas, mosques and other educational institutions. Of the schemes, 62 each in Bhandaria, Nazipur and Sadar, 41 in Kaokhali, 90 in Mathbaria and 63 in Nesarabad were implemented. Besides three schemes were executed in Mathbaria pourashava and four in Pirojpur pourashava.

Extortionist arrested

SIRAJGANJ, July 22: Police nabbed a youth along with a revolver from a village in Belkuchi thana for his alleged involvement in extortion on Sunday, reports UNB.

Anisur Rahman, 20, son of Matiur Rahman of village Bowra, was caught by villagers and later handed over to police. He was collecting illegal toll from some co-villagers. A case was filed with Belkuchi police, and the accused was sent to hazat.

Body recovered

CHITTAGONG, July 22: Pahartali Police recovered body of a woman at the corridor of Alhaj Mohabbat Ali Academy High School at Haleshar here on Monday police said, reports BSS.

The guard of the school who went to open the gate of the school saw the body of the woman and informed Pahartali Police. Police found the body wrapped up with saree at her neck, the sources said. The woman aged about 30 could not be identified. The body was sent for autopsy. A case was filed with Pahartali Police in this connection.

Foundation of Shilpakala bldg laid

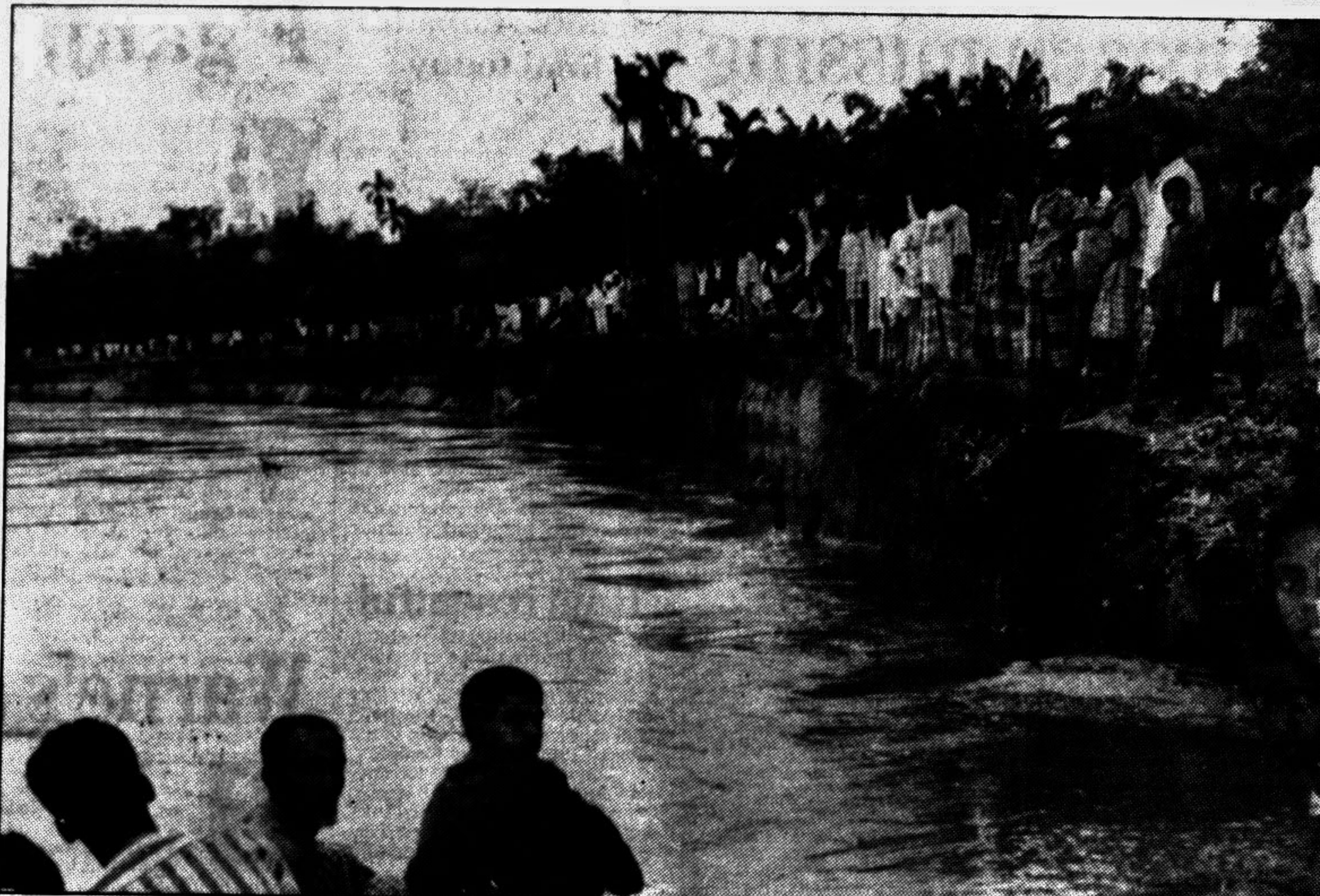
BORGUNA, July 22: State Minister for youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Gauder on Sunday laid the foundation of Borguna District Shilpakala Academy building being built at a cost of Taka one crore and sixty-two lakh, reports BSS.

Deputy Minister for shipping Dhirendra Debnath Sambu and local MPs were present.

Training course on tailoring

MANIKGANJ, July 22: A four-month long training course on tailoring began last week at the office of the Assistant Director of Youth Development here, reports BSS.

A total of 50 unemployed female youths from seven thanas of the district are taking part in the training.



JAMALPUR: Erosion of the river Jamuna has taken a serious turn in district. Photo shows an affected area of Kulkandi union under Islampur thana.

River erosion takes alarming turn in Jamalpur, C'nawabganj

By Staff Correspondent

Erosion of the rivers Jamuna, Brahmaputra and Padma has taken serious turn recently in Jamalpur and Chapainawabganj districts.

Our Jamalpur Correspondent says: the rivers Jamuna and Brahmaputra have already devoured a vast tract of land in the district. It is continuing to grab fresh areas. As a result educational institutions, markets, government offices, residential areas and railway ferry ghat are threatened.

The river erosion has taken serious turn with rise in water level in the aforementioned rivers. Like previous years this year also river erosion has rendered thousands of people homeless. About five lakh people mostly poor, have taken shelter on roads, beside railway line, embankment and other places. The railway ghat was shifted several times. Many shops of Bahadurabad ghat area have already been destroyed.

Inadequate measures have been taken by the concerned authorities so far to check the erosion in the district. Thousand acres of land have been devoured by the rivers. This has seriously affected crop out put of the district. This year too, standing crops have been affected by both drought and river erosion.

According to unofficial sources, more than 80 per cent area in six unions of Islampur thana have been lost by the river erosion during the last five years. The worst affected unions are Kulkandi, Chinaduli, Nowarpara, Shoppadi, Belgassa and Char-Gualini.

This river erosion has affected 50,000 acres of crop land during the past few years. About 50 villages in six unions of Islampur thana alone were affected. Hundreds of people took shelter in different places. The erosion victims were not provided with any relief goods.

This year's severe erosion has threatened many buildings and structures. The 100-year-old Gothail bazar, Gothail High

Heroin worth Tk 50 lakh seized

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, July 22: Police recovered 500 grams of heroin worth about Taka 50 lakh and arrested one person from a hotel under Kaliganj thana of the district recently, according to police sources.

Police said, acting on a tip-off, a contingent of police led by Shibli Norman, Office-in-Charge (OC) of Jhenidah thana raided Hotel Shahee at about 10-30am on the day.

The arrested was identified as Omidul alais Patu. Two others fled away.



JHENIDAH: The old mother of slain Jubo League leader Kabiruzzaman waiting after hearing the news of her son's death at her village home at Hazampara in Sailakupa thana in the district recently.

Pry school teacher indeed!

JAMALPUR, July 22: An assistant primary school teacher secured promotion as headmaster by submitting a false HSC certificate, misappropriated government money and went into hiding for the last 18 months, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the teacher identified as Ashequr Rahman, son of Ijar Ali, of Dalbari village in Dewanganj thana became the headmaster of Kandirgaon government primary school in the locality by fraudulently means.

The district anti-corruption bureau unearthed the matter and since then he remained absconding. A case was filed with the police on June 17.

It is found that the teacher submitted a false HSC certificate of government Amanada Mohan College claiming himself passed as a private candidate in 1994.

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Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from bonafide citizens of Bangladesh to prepare a panel for appointment to the undermentioned posts in the pay scale on purely temporary basis for the project tenure of Non-Formal Education Project-I of the Directorate of Non-Formal Education under the Department of Primary & Mass Education.

Sl No	Name of Post & Pay Scale	Number of Post	Age	Description of qualification & experience	Candidates of the districts eligible/ineligible
01.	Administrative Officer 2850-5155/-	01 (one)	Maximum 30 years	Should possess 2nd class post-graduate degree from any approved university with minimum 3 (three) years service experience in administration/general service/protocol etc at any Govt/Semi-govt/autonomous organisation.	Candidates of all districts are eligible to apply.
02.	Accountant 1725-3725/-	01 (one) (Number of post may increase)	Maximum 30 years	Should be B Com passed with minimum 01 (one) 2nd Division in the academic career and have 03 (three) years' practical service experience at Govt/Semi-govt/autonomous/private organisation.	Candidates of all districts except Tangail are eligible to apply.

Interested candidates should reach their application in plain paper stating name, father's name, home district, permanent & present address, educational qualification, date of birth, age on 31-07-97, nationality, religion & experience to the Director General, Directorate of Non-Formal Education, 2/6, Block 'E', Lalmitia, Dhaka by post within 31-07-97. Attested photocopy of educational qualification & experience certificates, 03 (three) copies recent passport size attested photographs, nationality certificate from Municipality/union council chairman or attested copy of certificate and two self-addressed stamp affixed envelopes should be attached with the application. Those not having required qualification & experience as per description above, need not apply. Incomplete application will be treated as cancelled. Pay Order/Bank Draft for Tk 50/- (fifty) only (non-refundable) in favour of Director General, Directorate of Non-Formal Education, should be sent with the application. Name of the post prayed for should be superscribed on the envelope. No application will be received by hand. Candidates in service should send their application through proper channel.

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Notice Inviting Tenders

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted special class-I, contractor/firm under PWD and Consortium form among Civil, Sanitary & Electrical Contractors/Firms of PWD according to their financial limit for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Jessore/Narail/Rajbari/Faridpur/Magura/Kushtia/Chuadanga/Meherpur and Commissioner, Khulna Division up to 12:00 Noon of 4.8.97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

Sl No	Description of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed for completion of work
1	Construction of 22 Nos. Dist Register Office & Sadar Sub-Register Office in/c record room in Bangladesh one at Jhenidah (S.H.: Constr of Building in/c sanitary & water supply arrangement, underground reservoir, internal EI works, pump motor set, Gate light & approach road).	A) Civil work (Main Bldg) Tk 75,90,386/- B) Approach road Tk 3,94,504/- C) 5000 Gallon underground Tank Tk 1,49,974/- D) Sanitary & Water Supply arrangement Tk 2,45,279/- E) Internal Electrification Tk 4,97,511/- F) Pump Motor set Tk 34,811/- G) Gate light Tk 15,205/- Tk 89,27,670/-	Tk 1,78,555/-	240 (Two hundred forty) days

Item of works tender notice description of terms and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased from the office of undersigned all the Executive Engineers under Jessore PWD Circle, Jessore & Commissioner, Khulna Division on all working days during office hours up to 3.8.97 on payment of usual charges (non-refundable).

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PWD Division, Jhenidah

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