

News snaps

Training course for journalists

MADARIPUR, Aug 8: A six-day training course on in-depth reporting for the journalists under the auspices of the Society for Environment and Human Development concluded at the conference room of Madaripur Legal Aid Association Training Centre on July 26, reports BSS.

A group of 23 journalists and two legal aid members from eight districts of southern zone participated in the course.

Tangail Jail bldg being built anew

TANGAIL, Aug 8: Tangail Public Works Department is constructing a three storied building for Tangail District Jail at a cost of Tk 36.61.575 during this fiscal year, reports BSS.

Official sources said, the building will have capacity for lodging of 200 prisoners. Of the total amount Tk 32.11.718 will be used for building construction, Tk 3.18.932 for internal sanitary and water supply works and rest Tk 1.30.925 for electrification.

BKB loan for farmers

COMILLA, Aug 8: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB), Comilla region disbursed a total of Taka 16.36 crore among 11,167 farmers of 12 thanas as agriculture loan in the 1996-97 fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the target for disbursement was fixed at Taka 23.82 crore. The loan was disbursed through 33 branches of the bank. During the same period the Krishi Bank recovered outstanding loan amounting to Taka 21.26 crore. The target of loan recovery was fixed at Taka 36.75 crore.

Law, order situation reviewed

PATUAKHALI, Aug 8: A meeting to discuss the law and order situation was held at Galachipa Health Complex premise on July 29 last, reports BSS.

Md Nazrul Islam, Thana Nirbahi Officer, presided over the meeting. Local police officials, leaders of different political parties and administrator of Galachipa pourashava Advocate Abdul Barez Dhal attended the meeting. Vice President of thana Awami League Haroon-or-Rashid, former Upazila chairman and president of Jatiya Party Abdul Khaleq Miah, local press club president Golam Mostafa Tito, UP Chairman Mozammel Hoque and Advocate Abdul Barez Dhal spoke in the meeting on law and order situation in the area.

Boy drowns

PABNA, Aug 8: Rana, 16, son of Md Ismat and grandson of Dr Ishaq, a prominent physician of Pabna, drowned in the river Padma, opposite to Shilaidah ghat in Kushtia on Tuesday noon, reports BSS.

Rana, who along with eight of his friends was going to see the Tagore's memory-tangled Shilaidah kuthibari, suddenly slipped off the ghat into the swirling Padma. Friends, police and fire-service personnel conducted a frantic search, but could not recover his body till writing of this story.

Cash, valuables worth Tk 5 lakh looted

BHERAMARA, Aug 8: A bus dacoity was committed on Monday evening at Baromile under Bheramara police station, reports BSS.

Local people said the bus was on its way to Kushtia from Bheramara. The dacoits looted cash and valuables worth Taka five lakh. They also stabbed 10 passengers of the bus. Five injured persons have been admitted to Kushtia Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. Later five alleged dacoits were caught by the local people and handed over to police.

M'bar flood damages huge crops

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 8: Standing crops worth more than Taka 7.24 crore were damaged by flash flood during the last one month in Moulvibazar district, the Agriculture Extension Department sources said, reports BSS.

The flood caused by nine breaches in the embankments on the rivers Monu and Bholai hit the district in July. Crops on 15,748 hectares were damaged. The thanawise break-up of loss is estimated as follows: Taka 44.63 lakh in sadar, Taka 71.09 lakh in Srimgol, Taka 38.75 lakh in Rajnagar, Taka 3.05 crore in Kamalganj, Taka 2.51 crore in Kulaura and Taka 13.42 lakh in Baralekha.

Tree-fair in Natore

NATORE, Aug 8: A 10-day tree-fair began at Kaniyakhali Stadium here on Wednesday to inspire people about the tree-plantation drive, reports UNB.

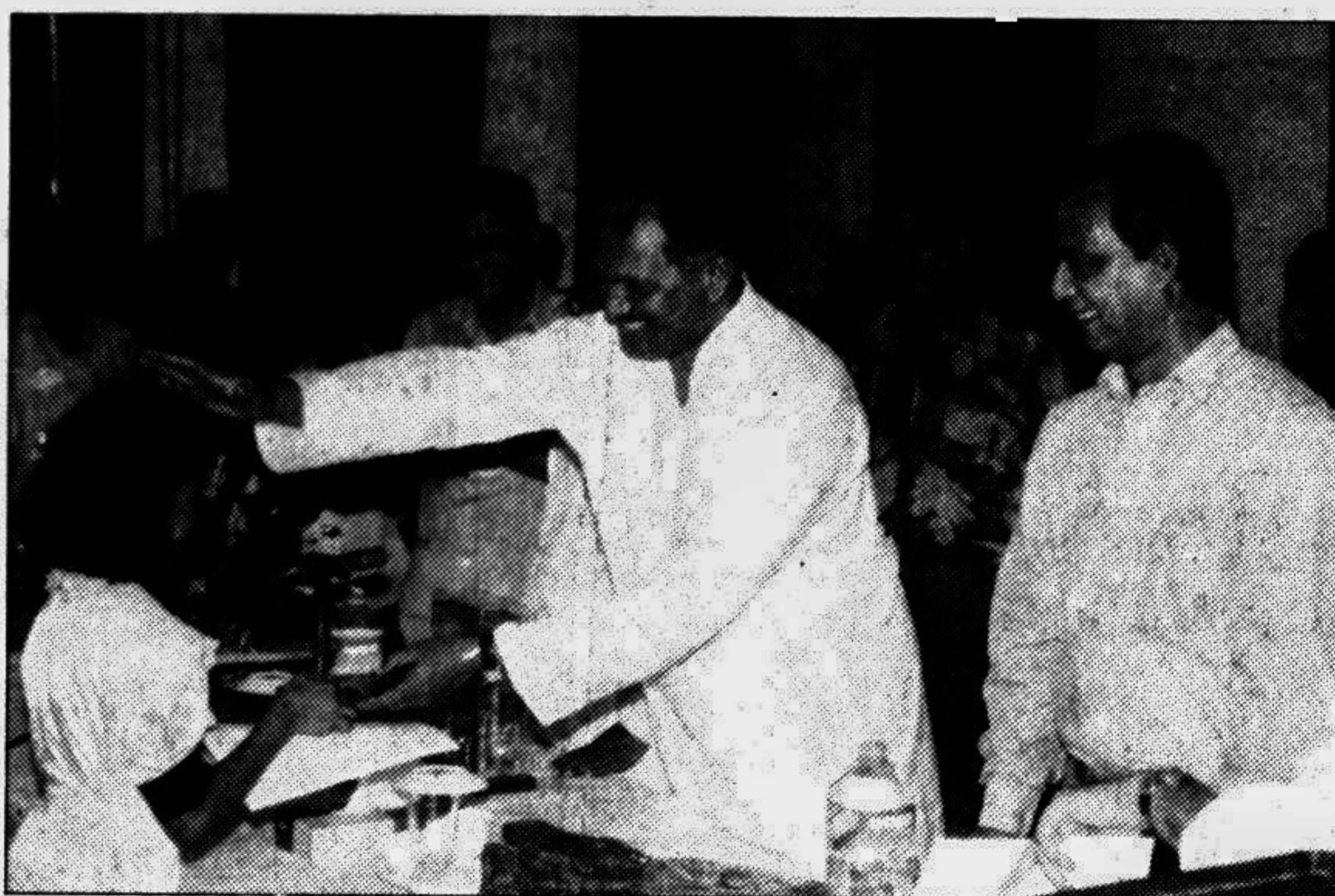
Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Zinnatun Nesa Talukder inaugurated the fair, jointly organised by Natore district administration and Forest Department. A total of 60 stalls from government and non-governmental organisations have been set up at the fair. Speaking on the occasion, the deputy minister said that the quantum of forest in northern region is much less than that of other part of the country. She stressed the need for a massive afforestation in the northern region to maintain ecological balance and called upon all to plant trees on unutilised land.

Tender Notice

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Tenders in PDB's prescribed T-1 Form under sealed cover are invited from Power Development Board's 1996-97 'A' class (ABC licence)/equivalent Govt/Semi-Govt organisation's 1996-97 enlisted contractors for production of 10,000 Nos Span Type PC Poles of different types & sizes, Anchor Block and Bottom Cover through employment of required manpower at PC Pole Construction Plant, PDB, Halishahar, Chittagong. Tenders will be sold up to 01.09.97/17.05.1404BS. Schedule of tender may be collected from the undermentioned offices during office hours. (1) Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong Division, Court Building, Chittagong, (2) Chief Engineer, Civil Works, 1, Abdul Gani Road, PDB, Biddut Bhaban, Dhaka-1000, (3) Director, Civil Works, 80, Mahakhali C/A, PDB, Dhaka-1212, (4) Office of the undersigned. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the abovementioned offices up to 12:00 Noon of 02.09.97/18.05.1404 BS and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM before the tenderers (if any) present. Interested contractors/firms shall have to submit attested copies of past experience certificate on operating mechanical, electrical workshop established for such work; work order; VAT registration; trade licence; income tax certificate & ownership affidavit with the application to purchase tender schedule. If under any circumstance, the tender cannot be received & opened on the said date, then it will be received on the next working day at all the places. By issuing Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Deputy-Director (Accounts), ZAO, CES, PDB, Agrabad, Chittagong (a) tender schedule can be purchased price of which is Tk 2,000/- (two thousand) only (non-refundable), (b) 2.5% of total quoted value should be submitted with tender schedule as earnest money. In case of contractor's representative, proper papers should be submitted for purchasing the tender schedule. No striking off/erasing/overwriting in tender or photocopy will be acceptable. The right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason will be reserved by the authority. Cost of the work is Tk 22,45,600/- (twenty-two lakh forty-five thousand six hundred) only.

Biddut/Jana-100(5)/97-98 Executive Engineer
DFF-17502-3/8 PC Pole Construction Plant
G-1939 Halishahar, PDB, Chittagong



COMILLA: Abdul Matin Khasru, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs distributing prizes to the successful participants of a painting competition arranged here recently on the occasion of Tree Fair.

DDT not sprayed for 5 yrs in Bandarban

Shortage of doctors in malaria affected area

From A K M Zahoorul Huq

BANDARBAN, Aug 8: A total of 13 medical teams have been working in inaccessible and malaria-ravaged areas of the district to keep the malarial situation under control.

Malaria situation takes an alarming turn in the district during May-September every year, Dr Ahmed Kabir, Civil Surgeon of the district said.

Malaria has claimed 47 lives and attacked over 27,000 in the first half of this year, Dr Kabir observed.

A total of 80 per cent pa-

tients who sought treatment in the district hospital are found coming with malaria parasite, civil surgeon said.

The high rate of malaria deaths has, however, been controlled in this malaria-prone district taking all the necessary and timely steps available with this office, he said. He, however regretted, due to shortage of physicians it has become difficult to render required services to the ailing patients, Dr Kabir told The Daily Star on Wednesday morning over telephone.

According to the World

Health Organisation, Bandarban is one of the High Malaria Risky Zone, out of ten in the country.

Mong Key Ching Chowdhury, Chairman of Bandarban Hill District Local Government Council and Bir Bahadur, MP, alleged that no DDT was sprayed in the district during the last five years to contain malaria. They urged the government to set up a special malaria hospital to protect the people of the zone from malaria onslaught.

5031 cases pending in Gazipur Magistrate courts

GAZIPUR, Aug 8: Some 5031 cases are pending for a long time in the Magistrate Courts of the district causing untold sufferings to the people seeking justice, reports UNB.

Of those, 2,176 are CR cases and 2,852 are GR cases under general and trial files.

The cases generally relate to violence, forgery, repression on women, dowry and drug trafficking.

Official sources said, the Magistrates have to spend more time on administrative duties and cannot give adequate attention to judicial responsibilities, which is the main reason behind accumulation of many cases in the courts.

Meanwhile, 1,331 arrest warrants have not been executed by police for long.

Of the pending warrants, 522 are in Sadar thana, 164 in Tongi, 59 in Kaliakair, 189 in Sreepur, 128 in Kapasia and 162 are in the Kaliganj thana.

Local leaders alleged that the accused have been roaming about freely in public.

Broadcasting centre awaiting operation

BARISAL, Aug 8: A 10-kilowatt medium wave fullfledged Bangladesh Betar broadcasting centre now waiting for operation that had been completed recently by the Technical Associates of Bangladesh at Rupatali, about four kilometres from here, reports BSS.

According to an official source, government had sanctioned Taka 18.70 crore including foreign exchange component of Taka 6.50 crore in 1995-96 fiscal year for the construction of this centre.

Jamuna erosion victims in misery

TANGAIL, Aug 8: A vast area under Bhuyapur thana has been affected due to erosion of mighty river Jamuna, reports BSS.

The worst affected char areas of the thana are Gobendathapur, Rampur, Delata and Gabshara.

Besides, a part of Katuli, Huga and Kaku unions and part of Durgapur union under Kalihati thana have been affected due to fresh erosion of the river. The erosion affected people are passing their days in a great agony and pander. They need immediate relief and shelter.

Another report from Pangsha in Rajbari district says: State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukder Abdul Khaleque visited the river erosion area of the Padma at Sengram in Pangsha thana under Rajbari district recently.

Local MP Zillur Hakim, Deputy Commissioner Amirul Karim, local Awami League leaders and elite and concerned officials accompanied by the minister.

During his visit the state minister called upon the affected people to overcome the situation with courage and patience.

He said, the present government is the government of common people and will stay with their sorrows.

The state minister directed the local administration to take necessary measures for the victims.

VGF drive for 26,100 flood-hit families

RANGAMATI, Aug 8: The Rangamati district administration plans to bring additional 26,100 worst affected families of 10 thanas including the municipal area under Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) programme, reports BSS.

The relief operation began following the recent devastating cyclone, flash flood and landslide.

Each distressed family will be provided with 32 kilograms (kg) of rice for two months, July and August, under the special VGF programme in its second phase in addition to cash and kinks distributed as relief immediately after the natural calamities, official sources said.

Earlier, the district administration distributed rice

among 25,000 distressed families at the rate of 32 kg per family in the months of May and June.

Five persons were killed, two missing and 230 injured in the May 19 cyclone while 17 more were buried alive at Reserve-bazaar of Rangamati town and Chandraghona of Kaptai thana in the district in separate landslides on July 11 last.

Crops and property worth Taka 11.60 crore were damaged and 1.64 lakh people were affected in the district due to recent natural calamities.

The recent cyclone and flash flood damaged 117 bridges and culverts, 128 educational and religious institutions and 37,216 dwelling houses in 10 thanas of the district.

Bogra JCD calls hartal Aug 24

BOGRA, Aug 8: The district unit of pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) has called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the district on August 24, protesting the killing of its activist Masud, reports UNB.

The announcement came from a meeting held at Shaheed Khokon Park with JCD President MA Islam in the chair on Monday.

Earlier, the JCD unit also observed a two-week agitation programme, including a half-day hartal, demanding arrest of the killers of Masud.

Masud was stabbed to death by miscreants at New Market on July 14. A case was filed against 10 people, but police could not make any arrest in this connection till now.

2 killed, 45 hurt in Gopalganj road accident

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Aug 8: Two persons were killed and 45 other injured in a road accident on Gopalganj-Takerhat road Thursday morning.

The accident occurred when the driver of the bus lost control over the vehicle which fell into a roadside ditch near Boiltally Bazar under Gopalganj Sadar thana leaving two persons dead on the spot.

The dead were identified as

Pachu, 30, and Mazed 35.

The seriously injured passengers were admitted to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital. They are Gous Farazi, 45, Samad 45, Hanif 39, Baikanta 52, Humayun Kabir 23, Monir 28, Mojeer 45, Nannu 25, Asad 40, Mannan 40, Rokeya 9, Shaheda 30, Shekender 22, Khoka Mia 75, Younus 18, Manour Hossain 65, Shraj 36, Hannan 42, Jabbar 50, Litu 22, Injam 23, and Sufia 40.

Police seized the bus but the driver fled away.

2 killed, 25 hurt in Jessore road accident

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Aug 8: Two persons were killed and 25 others injured, five of them seriously, in a road accident at Basundia on Jessore-Khulna Highway Wednesday night.

According to police, the accident occurred when a Khulna-bound night coach of Eagle Faribahan coming from Dhaka fell into a ditch after hitting a roadside tree.

The dead were identified as Abbas Uddin, 30, of Chhatrala under Kotwali thana of the district and supervisor of the coach Zillur Rahman, 28, of Saluugor under Lohagara thana in Narail district.

The injured were admitted to Jessore General Hospital, Obhainagar Thana Health Complex and Khulna Hospital.

Kotwali police sent the bodies to local hospital for autopsy.

Stalemate at IU continues

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 8: The teachers, officials and employees of the Islamic University (IU) could not draw their salaries for the month of June and July as the vice-chancellor reportedly has not been attending his office since June 26 last.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) continued their strike at IU demanding removal of the vice-chancellor for his alleged involvement in corruption and malpractices.

'Top priority on poverty alleviation'

JOYPOURHAT, Aug 8: Minister of State for Information Prof Abu Sayeed said here recently that the present government is a people's government devoted to the people's welfare and accountable to the people, reports BSS.

Speaking at a meeting at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner here on the overall law and order situation of the district, the state minister said the government is dedicated to the welfare of the people and it has given top-most priority to removal of poverty from the country.

Mymensingh road mishap claims 1

MYMENSINGH, Aug 8: A young woman was killed and 30 others were injured in separate road accidents in the town and on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway on Tuesday morning, reports UNB.

Police said an unidentified woman, 25, died on the spot when a speeding truck ran over her in front of Purobi cinema of the town. Police seized the truck.

In another accident, 30 passengers of a Dhaka-bound minibus were injured when their vehicles turned turtle into a ditch at Shikarikandi outskirts 11 am.

Of the injured, 11 passengers were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital and five to different local clinics. The rest 14 were released after first aid.

Those who were admitted to the MMCH were Atar Jan, 60, Badsha Miah, 40, Kajol, 60, Bibek, 35, Abu Taher, 20, Jamal, 26, Tahera, 26, Abdul Majid, 26, Shahib, 10, Nalita, 26, and Osman, 35.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Marine Trade Directorate Chittagong

Sunken Vessel/Wreck Ship Sale Re-Tender Notice

- Sealed tenders in two copies two-envelope system are invited by "Receiver of Wreck" & Convener, Tender Committee and Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Chittagong, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh from experienced & reputed salvage firms & companies for "as it is where it is" basis sale & salvage-removal of BIWTA's 32, Chittagong Port Authority's 11, Mongla Port Authority's 9 & Marine Trade Directorate's 9 — total 61 sunken vessels/wreck ships.
 - Local firms/representatives willing to participate in the tender with foreign cooperation can also take part.
 - Tender form & documents can be purchased on deposit of Tk 500.00 (five hundred) only (non-refundable) through Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Agrabad, Chittagong, from his office on all working days from 20.08.1997 to 21.09.1997. No tender form & documents will be sold on the date of submitting tender i.e. 22.09.1997.
 - Tender addressing "Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong should be deposited at his office. Besides, tender can be simultaneously submitted on same date & time at BIWTA, Dhaka Office and Chittagong & Mongla Port Authorities' Port offices as well as at the undermentioned address. Moreover, it can also be submitted at Divisional Commissioner's Office, Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Barisal & Sylhet.
- BIWTA's Dhaka Office:**
"Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong & Convener, Tender Committee.
C/o Joint Director (Marine) Marine Maintenance & Operation Division, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, 10th floor, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- Mongla Port Authority's Office:**
"Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong & Convener, Tender Committee.
C/o Harbour Master Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat
- Chittagong Port Authority's Office:**
"Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong & Convener, Tender Committee.
C/o Harbour Master Chittagong Port Authority, Chittagong
- Divisional Commissioner's Office, Dhaka:**
"Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong & Convener, Tender Committee.
C/o Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka, Divisional Commissioner's Office, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka.
- Divisional Commissioner's Office, Chittagong:**
"Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong & Convener, Tender Committee.
C/o Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong Divisional Commissioner's Office, Court Building, Chittagong.
- Divisional Commissioner's Office, Khulna:**
"Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong & Convener, Tender Committee.
C/o Divisional Commissioner, Khulna Divisional Commissioner's Office, Khulna.
- Divisional Commissioner's Office, Rajshahi:**
"Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong & Convener, Tender Committee.
C/o Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi, Divisional Commissioner's Office, Rajshahi.
- Divisional Commissioner's Office, Barisal:**
"Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong & Convener, Tender Committee.
C/o Divisional Commissioner, Barisal Divisional Commissioner's Office, Barisal.
- Divisional Commissioner's Office, Sylhet:**
"Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong & Convener, Tender Committee.
C/o Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet, Divisional Commissioner's Office, Sylhet
- "Technical Proposal" & "Financial Proposal" in two separate envelopes must be deposited by 11:30 hours of 21.09.1997 simultaneously in two separate tender boxes kept at the above offices. Date & time of opening tender will be intimated through correspondence to tenderers' addresses after collection of tenders from all the places by "Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong & Convener, Tender Committee.
 - No tender will be received under any circumstance after expiry of the time limit for submitting tender.
 - "Receiver of Wreck" & Principal Officer, Marine Trade Directorate, Agrabad, Chittagong reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.
- Receiver of Wreck & Principal Officer**
Marine Trade Directorate
Chittagong & Convener
Tender Committee

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Public Works E/M Division-7, Dhaka

Memo No. E/M-7-126/464

Dated: 30-7-97/15-4-1404 BS

Tender Invitation Notice

No. 18/1997-98

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited on percentage basis from Public Works Directorate's electrical/mechanical works enlisted 1st/2nd class contractors having valid ABC/BC contractory and supervisory licence issued by Bangladesh Electrical Licensing Board and registration certificate from Electrical Licensing Board, Dhaka for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-12/3/4/5/6/7/8, Workshop Division, Timber Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon of 11-5-1404 BS 26-8-97 and opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

Tender form, schedule of items, terms and conditions etc can be purchased from the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-12/3/4/5/6/7/8, Dhaka, Public Works E/M Workshop and Timber Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka subject to cash payment of Tk 425/- only (non-refundable) during office hours up to 10-5-1404 BS 25-8-97. Contractor himself or his authorised representative can purchase the tender form on production of registration book with necessary papers. Earnest money at the rate 2 per cent of total quoted value should be deposited with each tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Treasury Challan/Call Deposit from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.

Serial No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1.	Supply and installation of service cable with related work at the head office of International Jute Organisation at Monipuri Para of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.	Tk 1,59,225/-	At the rate 2 per cent of total days quoted value	12 (twelve)

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