

National

News snaps

Best teacher of Faridpur selected

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR. Aug 23: Prof Md Taleb Ali, Principal of Government Sarada Sundari Mahila College has been adjudged the best college teacher of the district.

The selection was made by a committee formed for the celebration of National Education Week '97.

Relief goods distributed

BANDARBAN. Aug 23: 'Shaed Board,' a non-governmental organisation recently distributed relief materials among 1,000 flood affected families of Bandarban district town, reports BSS.

The relief materials were distributed at a function held at Bandarban Poushavane hall here. A *poushavane* sources said, Taka three lakh was distributed among 300 families. Besides, mosquito nets were distributed among 500 families and clothes among 200 families.

Shaheed Flt Lt Matiur's death anniversary

JESSORE. Aug 23: The Bangladesh Air Force observed the death anniversary of Shaheed Flt Lt Matiur Rahman, Bir Shrestha on Wednesday with due solemnity, reports BSS.

On this occasion, a *mafil-e-milad* was held at the central mosque of BAF Base Matiur Rahman here. Prayers were offered for the peace of the departed soul and also for continued peace and prosperity of the motherland. Air-Officer Commanding of the local air base Air Commodore Lutful Rahman, officers and airmen of the base attended the milad.

Workshop on health, population project

FARIDPUR. Aug 23: A two-day workshop on 5th Health and Population Project (HAPP-5) concluded here at the auditorium of River Research Institute recently, reports UNB.

The workshop was held with a view obtaining suggestions and recommendations for improving the present condition of health sector and also to substantiate the health and population strategy. The concluding session was presided over by Deputy Commissioner A F M Abdul Huq while Joint Secretary of the Health and Family Welfare Ministry A H M Rezaul Karim attended as chief guest.

2 women killed by wild elephants

KHAGRACHHARI. Aug 23: Two women were killed by wild elephants Wednesday midnight at a frontier village in Ramgarh thana, reports UNB.

Police said the elephants swooped on Chandrapara village, leaving two housewives — Momena Khatun, 40, and Sahera Khatun, 50 — seriously injured. They succumbed to their injuries on way to hospital. The wild animals also left a trail of damage to thatched houses and crops. The panic-stricken villagers are now passing the nights with bonfire and beating drums.

3 arrested in Narail

NARAIL. Aug 23: Three people, including a convicted young man, were arrested on various charges from the *poushavane* area and Louhagara thana recently, reports UNB.

Local Detective Police arrested Swapani, 27, convicted and sentenced to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment, in absentia, in a case of firing arms during the 1993 *poushavane* elections. Swapani, son of Abdur Rouf of Raghunath village of the *poushavane*, had been hiding since the judgment was delivered on February 28, 1994. On the same day, Shahidul Islam, 35, of Monirampur thana was arrested from Maijpara area of the *poushavane* for distributing leaflets with indecent and objectionable comments against Bangabandhu. Witnesses said Shahidul who was the owner of a watch shop at Rupganj bazar was beat up by local people when he was distributing the leaflets but he managed to escape from the spot. Later, police managed to nab him.

Breastfeeding Day observed

MANIKGANJ. Aug 23: A week-long programme to observe the World Breastfeeding Week concluded here recently, reports BSS.

The programmes included discussion meeting, painting and essay competition, mothers' conference and prize giving ceremony. On the concluding day of the week a discussion meeting was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner. The meeting was chaired by Md Abdur

Khader, Deputy Commissioner of Manikganj.

4 miscreants arrested

CHITTAGONG. Aug 23: Police arrested four people, two of them fake journalists, in separate drives in the city on Thursday, reports UNB.

Two young men — S M Obaidul Alam and M Chan Mia — were nabbed as they demanded toll from the Imam of Ameerbagh Jame Mosque, introducing themselves as newsmen. They were handed over to police. Acting on a tip-off, DB police raided a restaurant at Bulwadihi in Kotwali thana and arrested Abdur Rab and Shawkat along with a rifle and two bullets.

Bridge construction work begins

TANGAIL. Aug 23: The construction of a 250-metre bridge over the river Bangali at Hatubanga has begun recently at an allocation of Taka 11 crore, reports BSS.

According to the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) the project is being financed jointly by the government of Bangladesh and the GTZ, a German organisation. Another bridge at Chapri under Tangail district has already been completed at a cost of Taka 60 lakh, the LGED source said.

Timbers seized

RANGAMATI. Aug 23: Acting on a tip-off the Khagrachhari forest division has recovered illegally extracted costly timbers of about 200 cubic feet (CFT) worth about Taka two lakh from different places of the hill district of Khagrachhari, reports BSS.

The recovery was made in a day-long raid conducted by the Forest Division on August 16. According to official sources, a quantity of 155 cft of teak and 45 cft of shikorai, extracted illegally from the government reserved forests, was stacked at Muslimpara, Maischhari, Golabari and a few other places in the municipality area allegedly for smuggling outside the district.

Boy killed in road accident

SATKHIRA. Aug 23: A teenaged boy was killed when a speeding truck knocked him down at Sakhdah in Tala thana on Satkhira-Khulna road on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Abul Kalam, 15, son of Rashid Gazi of Sakhdah. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. The truck driver fled the scene. A case was filed with Tala thana.

Massive aus farming scheme

JESSORE. Aug 23: A total of 1,72,773 hectares of land in the country's south-western 10 districts have been brought under aus cultivation during the current season, reports UNB.

Of the land, some 38,582 hectares have been brought under high yielding variety and 1,39,091 hectares under local variety. The districts are: Jessor, Magura, Jhenidha, Narail, Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Meherpur. Agriculture Extension Department has set up several demonstration plots to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation.

Need for female edn underscored

BAGERHAT. Aug 23: State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukdar Abdul Khaleque recently said that the nation could not march ahead without educating the women, reports BSS.

Educated women can help solve problems of their families and societies besides making them self-dependent, he said. Addressing girl students of Kadirkhola High School at Rampal thana headquarters the state minister said facilities for female education has been expanded and as such they should take the opportunity to educate themselves.

Roads to be developed in Sylhet

DHARMAPASHA (Sunamganj). Aug 23: Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad has said the present government will take up coordinated road construction projects in the *haor* areas of greater Sylhet district for development of the communication sector, reports BSS.

He said the government was attaching utmost importance to the development of rural infrastructures to improve the quality of life in the villages. The foreign minister was speaking at a public meeting here at the Shaheed Minar ground recently.

Move to boost garlic production

JHENIDAH. Aug 23: About 2500 metric tons of garlic will be produced in six thanas of the district during this season, reports BSS.

Official sources said, during this season in all 2000 hectares of land will be brought under garlic cultivation in the district. BADC and Agriculture Extension Department supplied necessary agricultural inputs to the farmers to boost the production.



PABNA: Flood water has submerged Bera thana in the district. Sharp rise in water level of the river Jamuna has — Star photo

Padma erosion renders 1,000 families homeless in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR. Aug 23: Erosion of the river Padma has taken a serious turn here rendering more than 1000 families homeless in three unions — *Char* Harirampur, *Char* Ghawkanda and *Char* Bhadrasan under *Char* Bhadrasan thana recently.

When contacted Moazzem Hossain Mridha, UP chairman of *Char* Ghawkanda told this

The chairman also said that two government primary schools and union parishad office of *Char* Ghawkanda have

been threatened by the erosion. A total of 255 families of Harirampur union and a vast area of land with standing crops inundated into the river Padma.

A total of 500 families of *Char* Bhadrasan union were rendered homeless. Their hearth and home were devoured by the Padma. Besides, tube-wells of the affected areas were washed away causing acute scarcity of drinking water in the area.

The erosion affected families had taken shelter on the embankments and different villages under Sadarpur thana in Faridpur district and Dohar thana in Dhaka district.

The erosion victims alleged that no relief either from officials or from unofficial sources reached the affected villages.

1500 more satellite schools to be set up

RAJSHAHI. Aug 23: The government will set up about 1,500 new satellite schools this year across the country, reports BSS.

The schools will open in January next, said Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Zinatunnesa Talukdar recently. She was addressing a function at Rajshahi University auditorium organised to mark the National Education Week.

Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University Prof Abdul Khaleque, Dr Golam Murshid, Prof Hasan Azizul Haque, and Dr Shishir Bhattacharya also spoke.

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The farmers alleged, due to delay in jute purchasing they

New body of RU Taposee Rabeya Hall unit of JCD

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI. Aug 23: The annual council of Jatiyatabdhi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Taposee Rabeya Hall Unit of Rajshahi University was held recently with Shaheen Akther Belkis (Rita) in the chair.

Motir Rahman Montu, JCD central Vice-president was the chief guest. Speakers at the council urged all female activists of JCD to be vocal against all kinds of discrimination and repression on woman folk.

Mustafizur Rahman Munnu, Mabubul Alam Farhad, Taiful Islam Tipu, Farzana Rashid (Laboni) and Dilruba Parveen Haque, among others, spoke on the council. A 51-member committee was formed with Farzana Zevin Nilu and Munmaj Eteet as president and general secretary of JCD. Taposee Rabeya Hall unit following the council.

Mourning Day in N'ganj

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ. Aug 23: The people of Narayanganj observed the National Mourning Day with the respect and solemnity on August 15.

Local administration various political, students and socio-cultural organisations chalkedout befitting programmes to mark the day.

The programmes included wearing of black badges, hoisting of national flag. It half-mast on all public and private buildings and educational institutions, garlanding the portrait of Bangabandhu at Chashara Victory Stand, holding of rallies.

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakha, Dhaka Tender Notice

No.1/97-98



Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited from the contractors of the following categories for the undermentioned works. Tenders will be received by the Member (Finance)/Member (Dev)/Member (Admn & Land)/Member (Planning)/Member (Estate)/Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer/Executive Engineer (Design)/Executive Engineer (Central Dhaka)/Executive Engineer (South Dhaka) up to 12.00 Noon of the date of receiving the tender mentioned against the work and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Other necessary informations may be obtained from the office of the tender receiving officers during office hours.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Place of availability of tender paper	Date of receiving tender	Time for completion of work	Eligibility for submitting tender
1	Repairing of Bull Dozer No. 1. (LW-16 R Machine 4/71 GM Diesel Engine) supply and installation of spare parts.	Tk. 11,65,912/90	Tk. 24,000/-	EE/D EE/E&M. EE/SD EE/ND Cashier, RAJUK, Manager, Sonali/Janata/Agrani Bank. Rajuk Bhaban Branch.	3/9/97	60 days	1st class enlisted (E&M) contractors of RAJUK and bonafide firms for similar type of works.
2	Repairing of German Tyre dozer No-02 (model-D 66 D Henomag) (Re-tender)	Rate to be quoted	2% of quoted amount	Do-	Do-	60 days	Do-
3	Repairing of Road Roller No. 16 (8 to 10 tons capacity) (Re-tender)	Tk. 2,46,866/-	Tk. 5,000/-	Do-	Do-	30 days	1st and 2nd class enlisted (E&M) contractors of RAJUK and bonafide firms for similar type of works.
4	Supplying and installation of direct projector and document feeder for Town Planning Section of RAJUK.	Tk. 1,32,500/-	Tk. 3,000/-	EE/D EE/E&M. EE/SD EE/ND Cashier, RAJUK, Manager, Sonali/Janata/Agrani Bank, RAJUK Bhaban Branch.	Do-	30 days	1st and 2nd class enlisted (E&M) contractors of RAJUK and bonafide firms for similar type of works.
5	Repairing of road cut by PDB, Titas Gas, DESA and different industrialists at Shampur-Kadamtali Industrial Area.	Tk. 7,60,867/10	Tk. 15,500/-	EE/D EE/SD EE/ND Cashier RAJUK, Manager, Sonali/Janata/Agrani Bank. RAJUK Bhaban Branch.	Do-	30 days	All class enlisted (Civil) contractors of RAJUK.
6	Constn of in-complete portion of Parthapath linkroad west.	Tk. 1,48,542/49	Tk. 3,000/-	EE/D EE/CD EE/SD EE/ND Cashier, RAJUK, Manager, Sonali/Janata/Agrani Bank, RAJUK Bhaban Branch.	Do-	30 days	Do-
7	Constn of in-complete roads for connection with service roads in Sector No. 4 at UMT.	Tk. 2,58,891/72	Tk. 5,500/-	EE/D EE/SD Cashier, RAJUK, Manager, Sonali/Janata/Agrani Bank, RAJUK Bhaban Branch.	Do-	30 days	Do-

Tender schedule may be obtained from the office of the tender supplying officers and managers of concerned banks mentioned in Col. 5 on payment of Tk. 750/- (Tk seven hundred fifty) per set of work in Sl. No. 1 and Tk. 400/- (Tk four hundred) per set of works in Sl. Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 to the Cashier, RAJUK, Manager, Sonali/Janata/Agrani Bank, Rajuk Bhaban Branch, Dhaka (non-refundable) on all working days up to 1.00 PM showing the renewal of enlistment for the financial year 1996-97.

No tender paper will be sold after 1/6/97.

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Meherpur Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

MEHERPUR. Aug 23: A prize giving ceremony on the occasion of collection of revenue was held at the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Meherpur recently.

The highest revenue collectors called *Tahasildars* and Assistant *Tahasildars* were awarded prizes and certificates of recognition.

The function was presided over the Md Shamsul Huq, Deputy Commissioner, Meherpur. It was attended by Ujjal Bikash Dutta, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) and Asadul Huq, Sadar TNO, Md. Azizul Huq Gangni, TNO, Ashraful Huq RDC and other concerned officials.

A Z M Farid Hossain, *Tahasildar* of Katihpur Union, Azizul Azim, *Tahasildar* of Dhangola Union of Gangni thana and Ansar Ali, *Tahasildar* of Kazipur Union under Gangni thana