

## National

## News snaps

**Caesarian operation begins at thana level**  
KHULNA, Sept 21: Caesarian operation at thana level in Khulna division has started with the cooperation of ICDDR,B, according to an official handout, reports BSS.

For the first time such operation was conducted on one Mira Rani Das at Abhoinagar Thana Health Complex, under Jessore district. Dr Manjur Morshed conducted the operation under the supervision of Thana Health and Family Planning Officer Dr Keramat Ali. Health and Family Welfare Ministry and ICDDR,B are jointly implementing some research projects on health and family planning under "operation research project." Mother and child health care is one of such projects.

**Housewife killed by husband's brother**

SYLHET Sept 21: A young pregnant housewife in Goinghat thana of the district was killed by the younger brother of her husband on Monday, reports UNB.

Police said Sahida Begum, 24, a five-month pregnant wife of Moklesur Rahman of Fatehpur village in the thana died on the spot when she was mercilessly kicked by him following a family feud. The body was sent to Osmani Medical College and Hospital for autopsy and a case was filed with the police. The hoodlum went into hiding after the murder.

**Clash over teasing leaves 50 hurt**

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 21: A clash that erupted centering eve teasing left at least 50 people, including women, injured in Sadar thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash ensued between villagers of Bootara and Mour when a group of misguided youths of latter village disturbed some women who were going to see the under-construction Jamuna Bridge. Of the injured, nine were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital in a critical condition. Both the groups used lethal and sharp weapons in the two-hour clash.

**Progress of uplift works reviewed**

NOAKHALI, Sept 21: A meeting of the district development coordination committee was held last week at the deputy commissioner's conference room here, reports UNB.

Presided over by deputy commissioner K M Abul Kalam, the meeting discussed the progress of development works in various sectors including agriculture, public health, education, communication and family planning. District-level officers of different departments were present in the meeting.

**Rat killing drive ends in Madaripur**

MADRIPUR, Sept 21: A four-day long rat killing drive concluded here on Friday, reports BSS.

The drive was launched to save crops from the attack of the rodents. Agriculture Extension Department organised the drive. Principal, Government Nazimuddin University College Md Shamsuddin Ahmed inaugurated the drive at the auditorium of thana parishad. Presided over by Deputy Director of Agricultural Extension Department (AED) Md Fazlul Huq, the function was also addressed by Additional Deputy Commissioner Md Shaidul Huq Bhuiyan.

**Discussion on fishery**

COMILLA, Sept 21: The 'fish week' began on September 16 in the district through elaborate programmes which included rally, colourful procession, discussion meeting and prize distribution ceremony, reports BSS.

Deputy Commissioner Chowdhury Golam Maula inaugurated the week at a function held at town hall premises here. A discussion on fishery was held in the district council auditorium. Deputy Director of Fisheries Department Saeeduddin Sarker presided over the discussion. Deputy Director of Youth Department A K M Amanur Rahman and District Fisheries Officer Sabir Ahmed, among others, spoke on the occasion.

**Rat killing drive in Narsingdi**

NARSINGDI, Sept 21: A month-long rat killing campaign has begun here on September 16 at a function held at Ghoradia High School premises, reports BSS.

Organised by the district agriculture extension office the function was attended by Shamsuddin Ahmed, MP, as the chief guest. The inaugural function was presided over by Deputy Director of Agriculture Extension Department Shamsul Huq. Deputy Commissioner of Narsingdi Rajshri Islam, Additional Deputy Commissioner Bijan Kanti Sarker, Deputy Director (cash crop) Khamarbari, Dhaka, Fazlul Huq, Deputy Director (cash crop) Mirza Ali Amzad and others.

**Scientific pisciculture stressed**

MANDARI (Luxmipur), Sept 21: Shipping Minister A S M Abdur Rob on Friday expressed his firm optimism that Bangladesh would be able to export substantial quantity of fish after meeting domestic needs if pisciculture is run in a scientific and planned manner, reports BSS.

He called upon the fishermen to avail of the opportunities provided by the government to raise fish production. The minister was speaking at a function for free distribution of fish fry among poor fishermen from government hatchery near the Mandari Bazar. District Fisheries' Officer Hasan Mahmud and local chairman Fakhrul Islam Jehadi also spoke on the occasion.

**Cheques handed over to land owners**

BOGRA, Sept 21: State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharraf handed over cheques to the owners whose lands were acquired for Spices Research Project of Raynagar under Shibganj thana of Bogra on Thursday, reports BSS.

Local MP Kamrunnurahat Putul, Awami League leader Mahmodur Rahman Manna and Joint Secretary Bangladesh Krishak League M A Wadud were present at the function. In his speech, the state minister for land said the country needs four lakh tons of different spices. The country at present and now spends crores of hard-earned foreign exchange against import of the items.

**Users of old weighting equipments punished**

RANGPUR, Sept 21: Mobile courts have started functioning in northern districts to detect and punish users of old weighting equipments and violators of the government instruction to use decimal system of weightings, reports BSS.

Supervised by the Bangladesh Standard Institution (BSI) of Rajshahi division, the teams during the last month have visited many hats and bazaars and fined many traders on the offences of fraudulent weighting. In the current month the teams are now visiting the hats and bazaars in the remote corners of the zone.

**Touch stone statue recovered**

NATORE, Sept 21: The BDR have recovered two statues made of touch stone worth about Tk 3.25 crore from a village in Singra thana of Natore district, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, the border guards recovered the statues from a cow-shed at village Koi on September 9. The statues, each weighing 65 kg, were deposited to Rajshahi Customs office.

**Arms recovered from outlaws**

MAGURA, Sept 21: Police recovered an SMG and four bullets following an exchange of fire with the activists of outlawed Purba Bangla Communist Party, at a village in sadar thana of the district early Friday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, police gheraoed the armed outlaws, known as the members of Haque group, during a meeting at Sreerampur village at about 2 am. Sensing the police presence, they fired towards the law enforcers. Police also fired several rounds of gunshots, but the outlaws managed to flee the scene leaving behind an SMG and four bullets. A case was filed in Sadar thana.

**Youth killed by unknown assailants**

From Our Correspondent RANGPUR: Sept 21: One Nabi Hossain, 25, of Mahinjor was killed by some unknown assailants recently. The miscreants kept concealed the dead-body in a canal at Tajhat. On September 11 when the decomposed dead-body of the victim was floating over the canal, people of the area informed the police.

According to police, the victim might have been killed by some local youths who had an illicit love affair with his wife Farida Begum. Two persons have been arrested so far in this connection. Further investigation is going on to learn the motive of the killing, police said.

# 15 fish species abolished from water bodies in Magura

From Monojit Kumar Das

MAGURA, Sept 21: About 15 species of fishes have abolished from water bodies in four thanas of the district due to various reasons.

About 40 species of fishes existed in different natural water bodies of the district 50 years ago. The species of fishes were of Sarput, Baroput, Tipputi, Raiputi, Roina, Khaira, Chanda, Rupchanda, Tengra, Pabda, Kol, Gajar, Sholl, Boal, Taki, Potal, Magur, Sing, Kakhle, Baim, Kuche, Pangash, Rita, Betkia, Fasa, Chapila, Rayek, Tetupi, Karsala, Ruli, Chitol, Mrigel, Kalbaish, Bale, Chingri. Most of the abovementioned species of fishes are not available in the water bodies of the district now-a-days due to unplanned embankments, drainage and canals, random use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers and above all indiscriminate fishing especially in the rainy season.

While talking to local experts they informed the construction of embankments over Kumar river and different irrigation project including the Heavy downpour

## Low lying areas of Kushtia submerged

KUSHTIA, Sept 21: Unprecedented heavy downpour from Friday afternoon inundated low lying areas and damaged newly sowed crops in several parts of the district till Saturday.

The worst affected areas are: Courtpura, Thanapara, Mampur, Gate Housing Estate and Hospital road. Newly sowed Aman paddy and vegetable fields have been submerged causing heavy loss to the farmers.

Sagarkhali Sluice Gate of Ganges Kobadak (GK) Project in Mirpur thana suffered a set back due to water logging.

The 10-hour continuous rainfall also submerged different roads and overflooded drains of the town and damaged many kutchha houses.

All modes of vehicles went off the road. Normal life and activities of the people were disrupted due to the rain.

The old fishermen informed that all types of traditional fishing traps have disappeared in the villages due to scarcity of fish in the local water bodies.

A group of fishermen at Arpara under Shalikha thana of the district told this correspondent, many factors are responsible for declining of different species. Construction of

canals, drains and embankments are some of the major causes of declining in natural fishes in the district. The environmental changes and gradual silting of rivers including Gorai, Kumar, Naboganga, Fatki have also reduced the natural flow of water in ponds and canals.

Ganges Kobodak Project (GKP) also attributed to declining species of fishes.

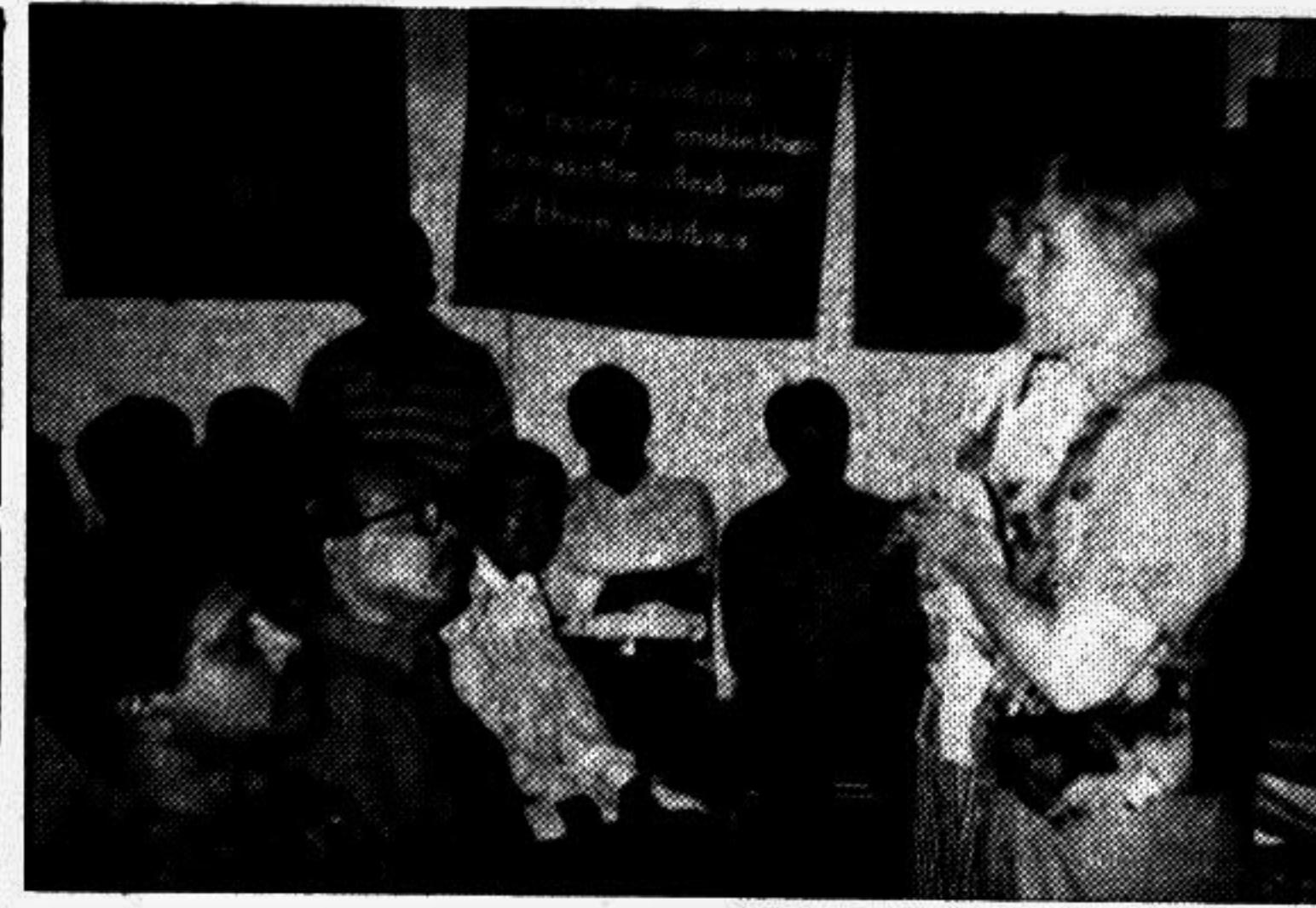
The normal life cycle of different species of fishes has hampered due to random use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers in the transplanted paddy field. Paddy cultivators in these areas apply strong poisonous pesticides to the field. As a result, spawns and eggs of different species of fishes cannot survive. About 10 species of fishes like Tinkata, Pabda, Roina, Putti, Khaira, Chanda, Sholl, Kol, Taki are not available at all in the existing natural water bodies in the district.

According to the fisheries department, about 12 foreign fish species like Nailotika, Thalputi, Carp, African Magur, Japanese Ruihi, Common Carp, Silver Carp, are being cultivated in ponds and canals in the district. Local expert said, the abovementioned foreign fish species would be able to provide protein to the people.

They apprehended that the foreign fish species would not be able to fulfil the demand of the protein to the people of the district. Many people are not interested to take these kinds of foreign varieties of tasteless fishes.

It was also learnt from market observers, that acute crisis of fish have been prevailing in the local hats and bazaars in the district.

The complexities arising out of the degree examination in



CHANDPUR: Two representatives of a Norwegian non-governmental organisation (NGO) recently visited the local unit of Bangladesh Mentally Retarded Association here.

— Star photo

Arsenic detected in ground water in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Sept 21: Arsenic was detected in ground water in

About 0.18 mg per litre arsenic was measured in ground water of Mahishbathan in the city against the normal highest acceptable limit of 0.05 mg per litre, local Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) sources said.

They measured it recently when a victim of arsenic poisoning was detected on Sept. 4. This is the first case of arsenic poisoning in the city area. About a year before arsenic was found in ground water in the district at many places outside the city.

## 2 killed in road accident

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Sept 21: Two persons including a college girl were killed and seven others sustained injuries in a road mishap at Mokamtol on Bogra — Rangpur highway recently.

A passenger loaded tempo was proceeding toward Mokamtol from Amtali bazar. When the tempo entered the highway near Mokamtol a Rangpur bound speeding truck hit the tempo.

As a result, the administrative functions of the college is being hampered seriously. At present, an assistant professor has been looking after the administrative matters as officer-in-charge.

Besides, the students are deprived of practical education as the chemistry and physics laboratories are not repaired which were burnt in 1995.

## Atomic Energy Research Establishment

Central Administration Division Savar, Dhaka

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## International Tender Notice

Sealed international tenders are invited from bonafide producing firms/international suppliers or their local agents for supply of "Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer" for Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Ganakbari, Savar. Each set of tender can be collected on payment of Tk 750 (seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) from the Office of the Accountant (Cash), Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka or Accountant, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, 4, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Ramna, Dhaka, subject to filling in the prescribed application form, during office hours on all working days up to 03/11/1997. As earnest money, 2% of the total price as earnest money should be submitted with the tender through Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee in favour of "Atomic Energy Research Establishment", Savar, Dhaka. Tender should be dropped in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned or, Administrative Officer (Procurement), Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, 4, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Ramna, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon of 04/11/97 and will be opened at the office of the undersigned at 12:00 Noon on the next day before the tenderers (if any) present.

If the office remains closed on the date of submitting and opening tender for any unavoidable reason, then tender can be dropped and opened on the next working day in the usual way.

The Atomic Energy Research Establishment reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

### Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)

Narayanganj Road Division

Simral, Narayanganj

## R&H Tender Invitation Notice

37/Narayanganj Road Division, year 1997-98.

Repair with seal coat and earth filling work of different kilometres of Bhulta-Rupganj road under Narayanganj Road Division during 1997-98 financial year, divided in 8 (eight) groups. As per the attached group list. As per the attached group list. Through Bank Draft/Treasury Challan/Pratirakha Sanchay Patra/5-year Bangladesh Sanchay Patra and Bonus Sanchay Patra from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.

As per the attached group list.

As per the attached group list, R&H Directorate enlisted contractors.

Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Dhaka/Manikganj/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Bitikandi/Narayanganj Road Sub-Division, Simral, Narayanganj.

Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and Executive Engineer, R&H, Narayanganj Road Division, Simral, Narayanganj.

1/1097 up to office hours.

2/10/97 up to 12:00 Noon.

6/10/97 at 1:00 PM, Executive Engineer (R&H), Narayanganj Road Division.

9/10/97 at 1:00 PM.

Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka.

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Tk-500 (non-refundable) per set.

### Group List

Description of the names of road, group nos, name of work, estimated cost, earnest money, time limit and eligibility of contractor for Tender Notice No-37/Narayanganj Road Division, under Narayanganj Road Division during 1997-98 financial year. Divided in 8 (eight) groups.

| Group No. | Name of road        | Name of work                         | Estimated cost | Earnest money | Time limit | Eligibility of contractor |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 1 (one)   | Bhulta-Rupganj Road | Repair with seal coat at the 2nd km. | Tk-            |               |            |                           |