

## News snaps

## Ex-TNO imprisoned for violating court order

HABIGANJ, Oct 6: A court here has sentenced a former Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) to 90 days imprisonment for violating court order, a delayed report said on Sunday, reports UNB.

According to the prosecution story, one Rafiquddin Chowdhury had filed a case with 2nd Munsef Court in Habiganj sub-division in 1975 on behalf of Samsunnessa Waki Estate, demanding announcement of ownership and status quo on Patna, Hawarul, Uttarsur and Bawal 'jalmahals' of Satkapan union in Bahubal thana. The court had issued an order on March 10, 1975 to maintain status quo of the 'jalmahals'. But on December 9, 1993, the then Bahubal TNO Saefuddin, who is now posted in Dhaka, handed over the 'jalmahals' in favour of Satkapan Union Parishad violating the court order. The plaintiff filed a case against the TNO and another five people on August 26, 1995. After examining the records and witnesses Senior Assistant Judge M. Mohiuddin Khan delivered the judgement on September 14.

## Preparations afoot to observe Durga Puja

RANGPUR, Oct 6: Preparations are afoot to observe the Durga Puja, the main religious festival of the Hindu community, in a befitting manner, in the district.

At least 256 puja mandaps have already been erected in all eight thanas and paurasava areas of the district, a spokesman of the puja observance committee told BSS. The members of the Hindu families are now busy in buying new dresses and other items of the festival to observe the Durga Puja amidst great festivity. The district administrative, in the meantime, has planned necessary measures to maintain law and order during the puja festival.

## Students of RU Computer Deptt on strike

RAJSHAHI, Oct 6: Students of Computer Department of Rajshahi University went on indefinite strike from Sunday to press home their demands, reports UNB.

The demands include appointment of more teachers, resolving the classroom problems and purchasing of necessary educational appliances. The agitating students also kept the laboratory and the classrooms of the department under lock and key, campus sources said.

## BCL-Chhatra Samaj clash leaves 10 hurt

JHALAKATI, Oct 6: At least 10 people, including a police officer, were injured in a clash between the activists of ruling party-backed Chhatra League and Jatiya Party-supported Chhatra Samaj at Rajapur Degree College here on Saturday, reports UNB.

Campus sources said the clash took place as the college was opened after 27 days' closure following a dispute over removal of the principal of the institution. The warring groups used bricks, stone and sticks during the clash when several crackers were blasted. The office of principal was also damaged. Later, police brought the situation under control.

## LGED completes comm sector projects

MEHERPUR, Oct 6: The Local Government Engineering Department recently completed four projects under communication sector at a cost of Taka 1.70 crore in the district, reports BSS.

An LGED source said the work of the projects taken up in 1996-97 fiscal year included reconstruction of four rural roads. The roads are: Meherpur-Mohajpur road under Meherpur sadar thana, Bamundi-Kazipur road and Gangni-Dhankhola road under Gangni thana and Meherpur-Katuly road under Meherpur-Gangni thana.

## 10 hurt in BCL-JCD clash

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct 6: At least 10 activists were injured when BCL and JCD locked in a clash at Babuganj College of Barisal district recently.

Police said witnesses said, both BCL and JCD brought out processions in the college campus. When they met at the college gate then the clash erupted between the two groups following a trifling matter. Both groups activists pelted bricks, == and counter chased with indiscriminate explosion of hand bombs. Police came and brought the situation under control.

## 4 arrested in Sylhet

SYLHET, Oct 6: Police arrested four people and seized a microbus from near Keen Bridge in the town on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Police said Ashkur Rahman, Akir Hossain and microbus driver Sabu Mia and his helper Abu Mia were arrested with some fake seals of different government offices. A case was filed with the local police.

## Reception to college principal

FARIDPUR, Oct 6: Faridpur Press Club accorded a grand reception to Professor Mohammad Taleb Ali, Principal of local Government Sarada Sundari Mahila College for being adjudged as the best college teacher at the national level for 1997, reports BSS.

Prof. Md. Taleb Ali was awarded gold medal by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on September 16 at a function in Osmany Memorial Hall. The reception function was addressed, among others, by Principal of Rajendra College Prof. Subhash Chandra Ghose, Principal of Yasin College, Prof. Alauddin Chowdhury, journalists Abdul Ali Sikdar, Mizanur Rahman, press club secretary Mantu Das Gopi and Prof. Md. Shahajahan.

## Training course for TBAs

COMILLA, Oct 6: A two-day training course for the traditional Birth Attendants (TBA) of Barpara TBA project concluded at the branch office of Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) here on Friday, reports UNB.

Prof. AKM Delwar Hossain, FPAB president of the branch was the chief guest at the function, organised by FPAB, Comilla branch. Presided over by Abdul Halim Sarkar, honorary treasurer of the branch of the association, it was also addressed by Papri Basu, Golam Mostafa Chowdhury and Mohammad Bashir Rahman. Fifteen TBAs participated in the training course.

## Dacoits rounded up in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Oct 6: A gang leader with two other dacoits were rounded up by the villagers while committing dacoity in his brother's house at Ghungdhum village in Naikhangchhari thana on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The gang leader Shamsul Alam and his accomplices Abul Kashem and Salimullah were later handed over to the police. A country made gun was also recovered from their possession. Police said the dacoits numbering 12 entered the house of Mokhtar Ahmad, elder brother of Shamsul, at the early hours of the day. On hearing the hue and cry the villagers rushed to spot and caught three of them red-handed.

## Memo submitted to Gazipur DC

GAZIPUR, Oct 6: Workers of three garment factories at Laxmipura in sadar thana submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, demanding arrest of the miscreants who attacked them on Sunday, reports UNB.

At least 20 garment workers were injured in the attack when the workers were observing a work abstention programme in the garment factories, demanding their backlog salaries. Some 1500 workers of the three garment factories of Abedin Group of Industries have been demonstrating for last few days to realise their seven-point demand, including fixation of office time from 8 am to 5 pm, issuance of appointment letter, overtime and weekly holiday as per the labour law. Earlier, the garment workers brought out a procession and staged a two-hour sit-in in front of the DC office.

## Seminar on Islamic economics

MANIKGANJ, Oct 6: A seminar on 'Islamic economics and banking' jointly sponsored by Islamic Economics Research Bureau and Islamic Bank Bangladesh Ltd was held at the auditorium of Manikganj Government High School recently, reports BSS.

Md. Abdur Razaque, Deputy Commissioner, Manikganj was present at the seminar as chief guest. Md. Harun Chowdhury ADC (gen) and M. Tajul Islam were the special guests in the seminar. The seminar was presided over by Mir Quasem Ali, Chairman, executive committee, Islamic Bank Bangladesh Ltd. Principal Ali Ahmed, Principal Ali Akbar, Prof. Md. Majibur Rahman and Sultan Uddin Ahmed took part in the discussion.

## 10 hurt as public clash with circus party

SATKHIRA, Oct 6: Public and members of a circus party locked in a clash at Razzak Park in the town on Friday leaving 10 people injured, reports UNB.

Police sources said the clash ensued when a group of people tried to enter the circus pandal without ticket. On receiving information police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control by resorting to baton charges. A case was filed with the police in this connection.



GAIBANDHA: Hundreds of engine operated big country boats have been plying to and from Balashi ghat and other places. The old ghat will be shifted due to sharp fall in water level from Teestamukh ghat to Balashi ghat. — Star photo

## 4 children rescued: Child lifter arrested

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Oct 6: Four children were rescued and the child lifter was arrested by police on Thursday night from Batar Mor area in the town, according to police sources.

Police said, Abdul Malek, 20, a lame beggar of village Bauchi in Rangpur district allegedly, convinced Farida, 9, and Seema, 5 of village Sholoboldia in Chuadanga district, Palash, 8, son of Shimul Sheikh of Sreepur thana under Magura district and Jamal Sheikh, 10, son of Ayub Sheikh of village Rupabad under Boalmari thana of Faridpur district to provide them with suitable job in India.

When abductor Malek along with four children reached Batar Mor area at about 10:30 on Thursday night, police challenged and caught them.

The abductor said, all the children are engaged in begging at Aricha ferry ghat in Manikganj.

A case has been filed with Jhenidah Police Station (PS) in this connection.

## Headmaster indeed!

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Oct 6: A headmaster of a government primary school under Afghanistan thana in the district has allegedly violated a girl reading in his school in Class III.

The incident has sparked tension in the area.

It has been alleged, Mohammad Mujibur Rahman, 42, entered into the house of Abdur Rahman of nearby village Kutipara at about 12 in the night of September 26 and violated the houseowner's 10-year-old daughter Salma Khatun, 10, in a room where she was sleeping. The girl cried out and on hearing her cries, neighbours rushed to the spot. But the headmaster managed to escape.

The local matbars held a *salish* and fined the headmaster to pay an amount of Tk 10,000 to the father of Salma. But the headmaster is yet to hand over the amount of money to the victim's father.

Meanwhile, the guardians of female students of the school have stopped sending their girls to the school. The girls are still boycotting their classes.

Father of the victim wanted to file a case, but due to intervention of the teachers, they refrained from court proceedings.

Local people, guardians and students of the school have been demanding the removal of the headmaster.

## Seminar on nursing in Kurigram

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Oct 6: A day-long seminar on 'Nursing as a Job' was held at the premises of Kurigram Nursing Institute recently.

Organised by the Nursing Institute, Kurigram, the seminar was inaugurated by Civil Surgeon, Kurigram, Samsuddin Ahmed, as the chief guest. Prof. Md. Amirur Rahman, Principal of Kurigram Government Mahila College was present as the special guest.

Presided over by instructor of the Nursing Institute Zoytun Nesa, the seminar was addressed, among others, by Dr. Mabinul Islam, Ayesha Khatun, Ayesha Banu Siddiqui, Shahinur Parvin, Shahinur Khatun, Meena Begam, Majeda Khatun, Raziatun Humayra, Salma Khatun, Rahima Khatun, Shefali Khatun, besides special guest Prof. Md. Amirur Rahman, chief guest Dr. Samsuddin Ahmed and Zoytun Nesa.

The keynote paper on the subject was presented by Mirza Nasir Uddin, lecturer in the Department of Botany, Kurigram Government Mahila College while a paper on the nursing services was read out by Prof. Md. Amirur Rahman.

## 10 Rohingyas hurt in clash

COX'S BAZAR, Oct 6: Ten people were injured in a clash between two groups of Rohingya refugees at Nayapara refugee camp today, reports UNB.

Police said the clash between the two rival groups of Rohingyas occurred over lifting ration from the Red Crescent godown of the camp this morning.

## Rape incidents on rise in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 6: Incidents of rape and torture on women are increasing alarmingly in Satkhira district.

A total of seven women including three girls have been violated during July 1 to August 10.

According to police sources, one Hamida Parvin, 25, daughter of Ishaque Ali of village Dhulihar under sadar thana was gang raped by a group of miscreants on July 1.

The victim, Hamida Parvin was returning home when three miscreants namely Arshad Ali of Dhulihar, Anil Karmakar, son of Becha Karmakar and Belayet Hossain son of Punja Sardar all of village Dhulihar of the same thana caught her. They took her inside a jute field where they raped her.

The villagers rescued her from the spot in a critical condition. She was admitted to Satkhira hospital. A case was filed with Satkhira police station.

On July 17, one minor girl was violated by one Baidullah, son of Bakkar Karikar of village Dhulihar under sadar thana of the district.

According to police sources, the victim, Jesmin Sultana, 5, daughter of Abu Siddique of village Dhulihar of the same thana was going to a shop for buying biscuits. One Baidullah caught her and took inside a jute field where he raped her.

Later the villager rescued her

from the spot.

A case was lodged with Satkhira PS.

In the other incident, one newly married housewife Rizia Khatun, 17, wife of Shafiqul Islam was gang raped by a group of miscreants here at the office premises of a non-government security service office at Palashpole under Satkhira paurasava on July 20.

According to police sources, at dead of night, four miscreants namely Khokon, Rashed, Abul Hossain and Ashraf Ali all of village Palashpole under Satkhira paurasava, entered into the office forcibly and raped Rizia Khatun one after another in front of her husband Shafiqul Islam who is also the peon of the security office.

A case was filed with Satkhira police station.

On July 25, one Sadikun Nahar, 8, daughter of Shahjahan of village Narayanzone under sadar thana was violated by Abu Bakar, 35, of the same village.

Police sources said, the victim, Sadikun Nahar who is also the student of Class II went to their cowshed. Abu Bakar caught and raped her forcibly. A case was filed with Satkhira police station.

In another incident, one Salma Khatun, 19, wife of Hazrat Ali Biswas of village Dhulanda under Tala thana was violated by Azizul Biswas of the same village on July 27.

## 20 hurt as scooter drivers clash with KNM workers

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Oct 6: At least 20 persons including two policemen were injured, four of them seriously in a fierce clash on Wednesday morning.

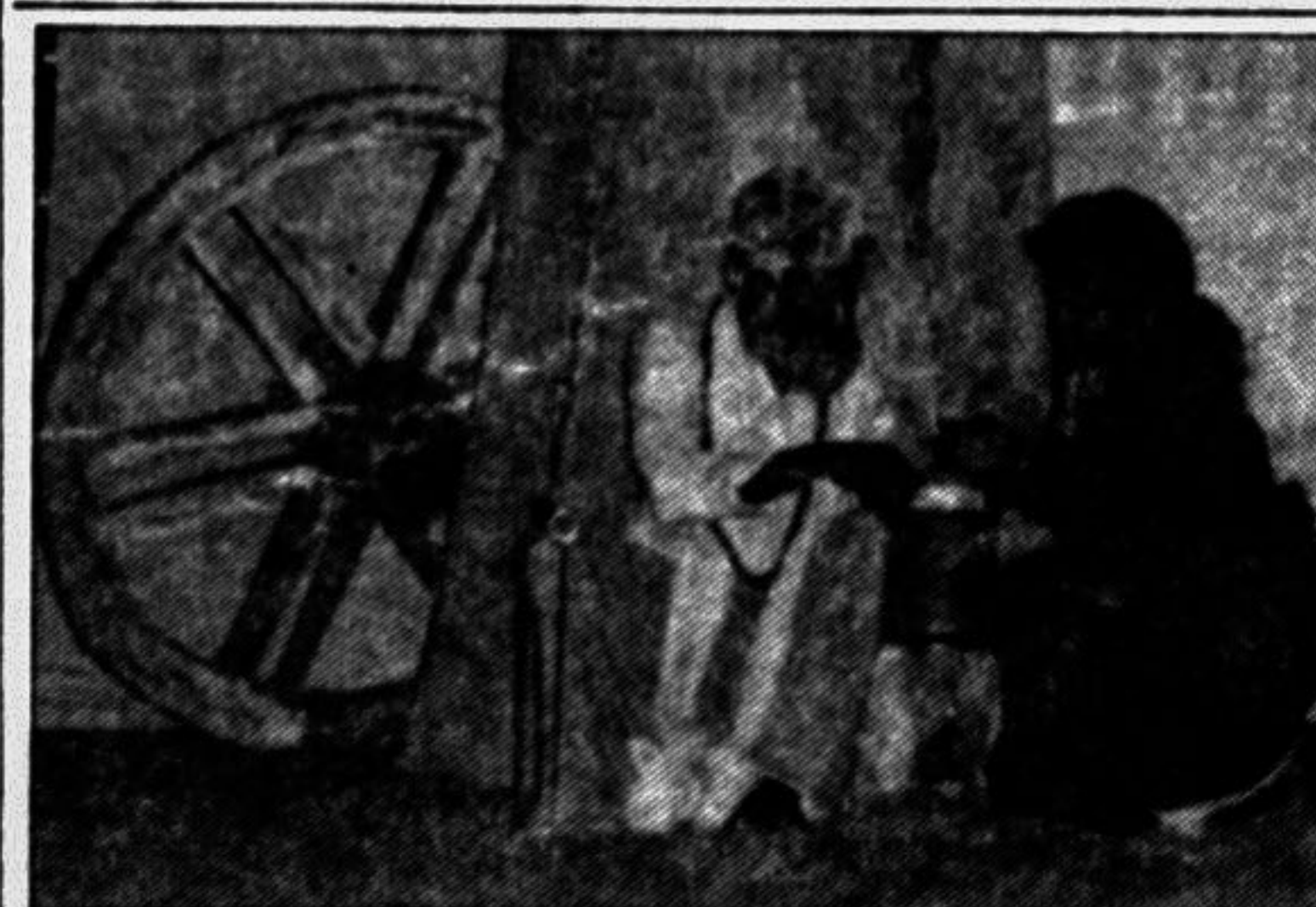
Khulna Newspaper Mills (KNM) and Khulna Hard Board Mills (KHM) workers were locked in a fierce clash with scooter drivers on the day.

Police and eyewitnesses said that the clash began when some scooter drivers belonging to Sramik League exploded some

crackers to scare the Khulna Newspaper and Hardboard Mills employees. They put up barricade on BICD road, Khalishpur to protest privatisation and free import of white print.

Eyewitnesses said that four shops were looted during the hour-long clash. The clash was later brought under control when riot police lathicharged.

Tension was prevailing in Khalishpur Industrial Area till filing of this report.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: A sequence from 'Bisarga', a drama written and directed by Mamunur Rashid Babul and staged by 'Theatre', drama group at Nazrul Islam auditorium here recently. —Star photo

## Ex-chairman removed on abduction charge

## New acting chairman of Ishurdi Pourashabha

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Oct 6: The suspended chairman of Ishurdi Pourashabha, Mokhesur Rahman Bablu has been detained in jail.

Police arrested him on August 27 following his alleged involvement in abducting a college girl Selina Parveen Shiuli on August 17 from the women's hostel of Pabna Edward College.

The suspended chairman was detained following lodging of an *ejhar* with Pabna thana by Hazrat Ali, father of Shiuli on August 25.

The Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives suspended Mokhesur Rahman from the chairmanship of the Pourashabha in an order issued on September 8. The Ministry has also appointed Ashrafuzzaman Jhunu as the acting

chairman of Ishurdi Pourashabha.

Meanwhile, Selina Parveen Shiuli surrendered before the court of Matir Rahman, Magistrate, First Class, Pabna, on September 7.

Shiuli told before the court that she was the legal married wife of Mokhesur Rahman Bablu. She was never abducted by the accused. She was not a minor girl and she voluntarily went away with her husband Mokhesur Rahman Bablu.

Shiuli prayed for releasing herself and her detained husband on bail. She also prayed to the Magistrate to allow both of them to go to their place of choice.

The magistrate, however, rejected the prayer. He ordered for her placement in safe custody in Pabna jail.

## 3 villages in Belabo electrified

From Staff Correspondent

BELABO (Narsingdi), Oct 6: The government under a pragmatic programme has been working hard to ensure supply of electricity to remote areas including islands, chars and coastal belts, reports UNB.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Lt Gen (ret'd) Noor Uddin Khan said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of electrification programme under REB at three villages in Belabo thana on Friday.

With the installation of the programme, 313 subscribers of Rajarbag, Haniabed and Boteswar villages will get electric connections.

While addressing a public meeting on the occasion at Rajarbag High School Ground, the minister said the government has created favourable environment for the private sector to invest to power production.

The minister said 400 megawatt power will be produced by the 1st quarter of next year with the installation of four burge mounted power plants in the private sector.

The expected power production will help exceed the target power requirement of 3,150 megawatt by the year 2000, he added.

He said foreign investors under the dynamic leadership of the present government have come forward to invest in power sector.

## Rangpur Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Oct 6: A massive aman paddy cultivation programme has been taken up in the district.

The source said that there was a target to bring 3,40,880 acres of land under aman cultivation and the production target was fixed at 2,76,000 metric tonnes. But at the end of the season, the cultivation of the transplanted aman paddy area covered 3,76,000 acres of land. The agriculturists are now expecting a bumper yield of aman crop of above 3 lakh metric tonnes.

## 2 killed in separate incidents

Two persons were killed in a day at Pirgachha thana area in two separate incidents recently.

According to the police, Fayed Chowdhury, 90, of Nagdaha village under Parul union of Pirgachha thana was burnt to death by some unknown assailants recently. The victim

was sleeping in his house when the assailants entered there and set his bed ablaze. As a result he roasted alive.

In another incident, Ashraf Islam, a student of Class XI of the same area committed suicide by taking endrine. Guardians of the deceased gave him a good beating on the day for his indifference to studies.

## Cattle lifter beaten to death

An alleged cattle lifter was beaten to death at Mokterpara village under Taraganj thana recently.

The deceased named Abu Lez was a notorious criminal of the area. On the night of the incident, the people of the area found him moving suspiciously. They caught him and killed him on the spot beating mercilessly.

Police registered a case and started an investigation.

Government of Bangladesh  
Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD  
Pabna Road Division, PabnaCorrigendum to the  
Tender Notice

No. 4-PRD/1997-98

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that due to some unavoidable circumstances the following changes in the date schedule of selling, receiving, opening and lottery of the above tenders invited vide this Office Memo No. 1746 dt. 16-9-97 is hereby made. All other terms & conditions will remain same. This Corrigendum Notice will be part & parcel of the Tender Notice which must be submitted at the time of submission of tenders.

1. Revised last date & : 14-10-97 Eng./29-6-1404 time for selling of Beng. during office hours.
2. Revised date & time of : 15-10-97 Eng./30-6-1404 receiving tender Beng. up to 12-30 PM.
3. Revised date & time : 19-10-97 Eng./4-7-1404 for opening of the Beng. at 10-30 AM.
4. Revised date & time : 23-10-97 Eng./8-7-1404 for lottery of the Beng. at 10-30 AM.

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Office of the Executive Engineer  
Faridpur PWD Division

Memo No. 1865 Dated: 25.9.97/10.6.1404 Bang

## Notice Inviting Tenders

No. 29 of 1997-98

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911, from the approved Special Class-II/Class-I Bldg. contractors of PWD, Class-II Bldg. contractors of PWD, Khulna Zone, Khulna, Class-III Bldg. contractors of PWD Circle, Jessore and Class-IV Bldg. contractors of this Division for "S/R. to hostel building attached to Govt. Deaf and Dump School at Faridpur" and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Magura, Jhenidah, Jessore, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Narail and Rajbari in their respective offices up to 12.00 Noon of 16.10.97. The estimated cost of the work is Taka 1,81,539/00 only and the earnest money Taka 3,635/00 in TCPO/BD from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh or Pratirakkha Sanchayapatra, Bonus Sanchayapatra, 5 yrs. BD Sanchayapatra must accompany each tender duly endorsed to the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Faridpur. Otherwise his/her tender shall be declared informal. No tender form, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. will be sold after 15.10.97. The tender papers, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. may be obtained from the office of the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Magura, Jhenidah, Jessore, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Narail and Rajbari on all working days during office hours on payment of usual charges of Tk. 400/- (Taka four hundred) only per set of tender schedule and a sum of Tk. 25/- (Taka twenty-five) per copy of Tender Form No. 2911 (Both non-refundable).

Details may be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

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Executive Engineer  
Faridpur PWD Division

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Director, Stores & Supplies

Central Medical Stores Depot, Tejgaon, Dhaka

## Re-Tender Notice

The Director, Stores & Supplies, Dte General of Health Services, CMSD, Tejgaon, Dhaka invites a re-tender for procurement of X-Ray chemicals against MSR fund during the year 1997-98. The particulars of tender are as under:-

Sl No	Tender No. & date	Brief Description of Stores	Value of tender schedule (Non-refundable)	Date of dropping & opening of tender
01.	HS/S-IX/X-Ray Chemicals/02/97-98 dt. 29.9.97.	X-Ray Chemicals	Tk 750.00 (Seven hundred fifty)	Dropping by 11:00 AM on 27.10.97. Opening on 27.10.97 at 12:00 Noon.

The tender documents will be obtained from the office of the undersigned on all working days during office hours.

The schedule value must be paid to the Bangladesh Bank against Head of Account "36-Health & Population Control" (non-refundable) through Treasury Challan & original copy of which must be submitted by a forwarding letter in bidders own letter pad for obtaining the tender schedule.

The tender schedule will not be sold on the dropping date.

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