

Armed Burmese groups active in Bandarban

From Reaz Ahmed

BANDARBAN, Nov 5: Despite hopes for peace through the current talks between the NCHT and the PCJSS, fear of militant activities by some outlawed Burmese armed groups persists among the people in remote areas of this hill district.

People in general irrespective of tribal and non-tribal communities are now talking about the peace treaty likely to be signed on November 16. But they expressed their profound concern over off and on attacks by certain Burmese armed groups in remote hilly pockets of Bandarban, particularly in three thanas — Ruma, Thanchi and Rowanchhari. Such fear is, however, less in the just four thanas in the district — Sadar, Lama, Ali Kadam and Naikkiyanchhari.

Local MP Bir Bahadur and Chairman of Bandarban Local Government Council Twaol Chaw Prue Master admitted to newsmen yesterday that there was fear among the people of far-flung areas in the district.

Talking to a cross section of people in Bandarban today, this correspondent got an impression that governments in the past allowed those armed

groups to operate as a strategic tool to encounter militancy by Shantibahini. But when Shantibahini agreed to a ceasefire with the government, those Burmese armed groups began to launch attacks on general people for collecting tolls and looting.

Bir Bahadur, MP, also admitted this and told newsmen that he had already brought the issue to the notice of the Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, 'Murong Bahini' is learnt to have been passing days in fear. Some 3000 armed men of Murong tribal community, known as 'Murong Bahini', has been working as an auxiliary force of army, BDR and Police in Bandarban since the early '90s to protect hill people from the attacks by Shantibahini. They have already expressed fear that once the peace treaty is signed, they might fall victim to the wrath of Chakmas, who had mainly comprised Shantibahini.

Some leaders of Murong community met me yesterday and expressed their concern. I assured them that as once the government had engaged you to play this role, the present government will in no way refuse

to take care of your security," said Bir Bahadur.

About a recent rally in Bandarban organised under the banner of Parbatya Soradollya Oikya Parishad against the proposed peace treaty, some local people said it was organised by bringing people from Chittagong and only a few local people joined it.

Kamaluddin, district unit president of the Oikya Parishad, backed by BNP and Jamaat and Osman Gani, district unit organising Secretary of BNP told newsmen here today that if the proposed treaty ensured equal rights for both the tribal and non-tribal communities "we will support it." Otherwise, they said, movement would be launched against it.

Chairman of Bandarban Local Government Council Twaol Chaw Prue Master said some Burmese terrorist groups were indulging in unlawful activities, putting on uniforms similar to that of Shantibahini in a bid to camouflage.

Deputy Commissioner of Bandarban Md. Atiqul Islam Chowdhury, however, claimed that situation in the district had improved substantially over the last couple of months.

Postponed HSC English 2nd paper exam to be held Nov 9

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 5: The postponed 2nd paper English examination of last HSC examination of government Sahabzpur Degree College of Lalmonira in Bhola will be held on November 9, according to a decision taken by the Jessore Education Board recently.

The examination was postponed following widespread clash between police and examinees of that college on May 9 last. Inspectors and an onduty magistrate then resisted some examinees from copying in the 1st paper English examination. On the next day clash erupted during examination hours. The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Bhola then postponed the examination of 2nd paper of English. Result of 600 examinees of that college was withheld at the time of publishing the HSC exam result.

Virus attack on aman field

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Nov 5: Widespread virus attack has been reported from Magura Sadar and Sripur Thana in the district. Standing transplanted aman paddy on a vast tract of land has been damaged.

According to the report, transplanted aman on hundreds of acres of land in Masalia, Chatusia, Joka, Sabnagar, Nabogram, Charjoka, Kalinagar in Sripur Thana and Gobindopur, Kukila, Ghoranach, Juitara, Baleswarup, Sajir Kandi, Nishintopur, Laskarpur, Darmadab, Bishnupur, Baordanga in Sadar Thana have been affected by virus.

Local farmers said, green leaves of the aman plants are turning white due to attack of virus.

Body recovered

By Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 5: Police recovered the body of Salahuddin Jhantu, 30, owner of a fish enclosure, from Atharobaruki river on Friday evening.

The body, bearing stab injuries, was found floating since Thursday. Police said he was kidnapped on Wednesday by some unidentified armed miscreants for ransom. A case has been lodged with Rupsha thana in this connection.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Environment and Forest
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000

No MOEF/Sec-1/26/97/602 Dated: 29 October, 1997

Re-Tender for Computers and Intercom System

Sealed tenders in prescribed forms are hereby invited from eligible bidders for supply of 2 sets brand machine Computers and Printers and 1 (one) set of Intercom System along with necessary accessories of internationally reputed brand and easily maintainable in Bangladesh for Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Tender documents shall be available on cash payment (non-refundable) of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only in the office of the undersigned at Room No 1310, Building No 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000, on all working days during office hours up to 16-11-97 on submission of written application only. All the tenders should be dropped in the tender box to be kept in front of the office chamber of the undersigned on 17.11.97 up to 2.00 PM and will be opened on the same day at 2.30 PM in presence of the bidder (if any). No tender documents will be sold on the opening day.

The bidders shall submit their tenders with catalogue/brochure accordingly and will have to submit tenders along with earnest money 2 per cent of the total quoted amount in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned. The authority shall not bear any cost related to preparation and submission of tender.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Incomplete tenders will be rejected directly.

A M Mousarraf Alam
Senior Assistant Secretary-1
Tel: 865436

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G-2647

PWD Notice Inviting Tender No-17 of 1997-98

Sealed tenders in BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from approved special class-I, class-II, III & IV (Civil) contractors of PWD for the undermentioned work & will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/B'baria/Chandpur/Feni/Lakshampur in their respective offices up to 12-00 Noon of 18-11-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the contractor who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

- Name of work : Estimate for site improvement with carted earth to the proposed 1st class Meteorological Observatory Building at Char Eshar Roy, Oskhali, Hatiya.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 6,52,007/=
- Earnest money : Tk. 13,040/=
- Time for completion is : 60 (Sixty) days.
- Contract documents consisting of BD Form No. 2911, tender notice, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen & purchased up to 17-11-97 from the office of undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Feni/Lakshampur/Comilla/B'baria/Chandpur & the Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division, Noakhali during the office hours on all working days on payment of usual charges.

(a) If more than one contractor stood lowest quoting same rate, then the lottery for the same will be held on 01-12-97 at 12:00 Noon in the office of the undersigned in presence of tenderers, if any.

- (b) The rates, items & quantities will be corrected as per approved estimate.

DFP-24623-2/11 Executive Engineer
G-2651 Noakhali PWD Division.

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Faridpur PWD Division

Memo No. 2049 Dated: 23.10.97/8.7.1404 Bang

Notice Inviting Tenders No. 32 of 1997-98

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from the approved Special Class-I/Class-II bldg contractors of PWD, Class-II bldg contractors of PWD Zone, Khulna, Class-III bldg contractors of PWD Circle, Jessore and Class-IV bldg contractors of this Division for "Repairs to Perimeter Wall attached to District Jail in 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 17.11.97. The estimated cost of the work is Taka 2,43,349/- only and the earnest money is Taka 4,870/- in TC/PO/BD from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh or Pratirakha Sanchay Patra, Bonus Sanchay Patra, 5 Yrs BD Sanchay Patra must accompany each tender duly endorsed to the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Faridpur. Otherwise his/their tender shall be declared informal. No tender form, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc will be sold after 16.11.97. 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 charge of Tk 400/- (Taka four hundred) only per set of tender schedule and a sum of Tk 25/- (Taka twenty-five) only per copy of Tender Form No. 2911 (both non-refundable). Details may be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

DFP-24615-2/11 Executive Engineer
G-2648 Faridpur PWD Division
Phone No. 3257



Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence, New Airport Road
Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

- Sealed tenders in local currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/indentors/dealers (enlistment with this Directorate General is not necessary) for supply of following items for Bangladesh Army:

Sl. No	Nomenclature	Qty	Selling date	Date of opening	Cost of I/T and currency
1.	Gloves Canvas	3000 Nos	24.11.97 to 21.12.97	22.12.97	Tk. 10.00 (Local)
2.	Various Type of Utensile Cooking	06 Line Items	-do-	-do-	Tk. 15.00 (Local)
3.	Various Type of Welding Metals	06 Line Items	-do-	-do-	Tk. 30.00 (Local)
4.	Equipment Camouflage Net Size 9 Mtr-9 Mtr (30'x30')	500 Nos	-do-	-do-	Tk. 40.00 (Local)
5.	05 Line Utensile Cooking Items	420 Nos	26.11.97 to 23.12.97	24.12.97	Tk. 10.00 (Local)
6.	Various Type of Steel Mild Angle.	6 line Items	-do-	-do-	Tk. 15.00 (Local)
7.	Various type of Steel Mild and Welding Metals	6 line Items	-do-	-do-	Tk. 15.00 (Local)

Detailed specification, nomenclatures and quantity of items have been mentioned in the tender schedule. The tender schedule will be available on cash payment against the mentioned amount (not refundable) at abovementioned dates on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on aforesaid date of 1000 hrs in presence of all tenderers.

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Major
For Director General

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
LGED, Kushtia

Memo No: XEN/LGED/KUSH/87/2416

Dated: 29-10-97

Tender Notice

No-08/97-98
The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from Asian Development Bank (ADB) under ADB Loan No: 1059 BAN (SF) towards the cost of Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project (STIDP) for 10 Poursashava namely — Sylhet, Mymensingh, Rangpur, Bogra, Kushtia, Pabna, Bhola, Barguna, Feni and Cox's Bazar. The undersigned intends to take up under same loan different types of works as shown below under the FY 1996-97 implementation programme. Sealed tenders for implementation of the works are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from the contractors (Specified class against the group below) pre-qualified for the Project and from the pre-qualified contractors of other Projects under Local Government Engineering Department (LGED).

Interested contractors can obtain necessary tender documents during normal office hours on all working days up to 23-11-97 from the office of either (i) The office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna Division, Khulna (ii) The Project Director, Secondary Town Infrastructure Development Project, LGED Bhaban (Floor-7), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 (iii) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia (iv) Superintendent of Police, Kushtia (v) Project Manager, PIU of Kushtia Poursashava and (vi) The office of the undersigned on payment in cash or in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order shown below (non-refundable) in favour of the undersigned. Tenders will be received by the above mentioned office up to 12:30 PM on 24-11-97. No tender will be accepted beyond this time and tenders will be opened at 1:00 PM on 24-11-97 in presence of the tenderers, if any.

Interested tenderers may gather necessary information regarding tender and work from the abovementioned offices during normal office hours on all working days. Tenders must be accompanied by all relevant papers and earnest money at 2.5% (two point five per cent) of the total quoted price in favour of the undersigned.

VAT registration certificates & pre-qualification documents must be enclosed along with the bid. Both income tax & VAT in respect of each payment will have to be paid by the contractor as per prevailing rules and regulations of the Government of Bangladesh.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. Tenders not complying with the stipulated conditions will be treated as non-responsive and will be rejected.

Description of Works:

Gr. No	Contract No	Name of the work	Earnest money 2.50%	Cost of tender document (Tk)	Completion time for work (days)	Classification of contractors
11		Const of boundary wall at Kushtia Central Bus Terminal area	58900.00	500.00	90 days	All pre-qualified class-A & B contractors of all projects of LGED.

Executive Engineer
LGED, Kushtia
In favour of PIC of STIDP

DFP-24637-2/11
G-2650

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No : 7/EKRD-IV/1997-98.
- Name of works : As per group list.
- Chargeable to : 168-RBF Dighinala-Sajek Road.
- Estimated cost : As per group list.
- Earnest money : As per group list.
- Name of officers of availability to tender documents : Executive Engineer, RHD, Khagrachari Road Divn, I/II, Khagrachari/Rangamati Road Divn, Rangamati/Planning & Design Divn, Sarak Bhaban, Chittagong/Planning Division (Road & Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka & Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Divn-3, Khagrachari/Dighinala Road Sub-Divn/Asstt. Engineer, RHD, 1st Line Workshop Sub-Divn. (Under Khagrachari Road Division-II).
- Last date of selling of tender documents : Up to 17.11.97 Eng./03.08.1404 Bag. during office hours.
- Last date and time of receipt of tender : At 12:30 PM of 18.11.97 Eng./04.08.1404 Bang.
- Name of officers to receive the tender : 1. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Rangamati Road Circle, Rangamati.
2. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
3. Executive Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Division, Sarak Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong and the undersigned. (He is requested to send received tenders in sealed condition to the messenger of the undersigned).

- Tenders in sealed condition received from different offices will be opened.
 - Name of the officer : Md. Khalequzzaman, Executive Engineer, RHD, Khagrachari Road Divn. II, Khagrachari.
 - Date & time : At 11:00 AM on 20.11.97 Eng./06.08.1404 Bang.
 - Time allowed for completion of work : As per group list.
 - Eligibility of Contractor/Firm. : "A" to "E" general category contractors.
 - Date & time of lottery : From 11:00 AM on 23.11.97 Eng./09.08.1404 Bang.
- NB: Gr. No. 1 will not be received by the Superintending Engr, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka & Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Divn, Chittagong.

Gr. No.	Name of work & location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1 (one)	Repairing by semi-grouting method and seal coat at 2nd (P), 3rd (P) & 4th KM of Dighinala-Sajek Road under Khagrachari Road Division-II, during the year 1997-98.	Tk. 4,84,914/-	Tk. 9,700/-	15 (Fifteen) days.
2 (two)	Repairing by semi-grouting method and seal coat at 5th (P), 6th (P) 7th (P), and 8th (P) KM of Dighinala-Sajek Road under Khagrachari Road Division-II, during the year 1997-98.	Tk. 6,48,665/-	Tk. 12,974/-	20 (twenty) days.
3 (three)	Providing seal coat work including repairing by carpeting method at 9th (P), 10th (P), 11th (P) and 12th (P) KM of Dighinala-Sajek Road under Khagrachari Road Divn. II, during the year 1997-98.	Tk. 6,04,536/-	Tk. 12,091/-	20 (twenty) days.

Executive Engineer, RHD
(Current Charge)
Road Divn. II, Khagrachari
DFP-24611-2/11
G-2652

News snaps

Mild cold wave in Panchagarh

PANCHAGARH, Nov 5: A mild cold wave has been sweeping Panchagarh, an area geographically not too distant from the Himalayan range, reports UNB.

Witnesses said local people have already started feeling the climate change with the starting of fog after midday. Forecasting signs of sharp slide in the mercury this season, locals have become more conscious of the coming cold and started buying warm clothes. Meantime, weathermen in Dhaka on Sunday forecast cold on the country's northern and western parts at the end of the current month, leading to a gradual fall in the temperature.

Steps for holding peaceful UP poll

BANDARBAN, Nov 5: A day long meeting on holding Union Parishad (UP) elections smoothly in the Bandarban Hill District was held on Sunday in the Deputy Commissioner's conference room here, reports BSS.

District and thana-level officers attended the meeting which discussed various measures for holding UP Union Parishad elections in a peaceful atmosphere. Deputy Commissioner, Bandarban Atiqul Islam presided over the meeting.

Modernisation of semester system stressed

MYMENSINGH, Nov 5: Vice Chancellor (VC) of Bangladesh Agricultural University Prof Dr Mohammad Hossain laid emphasis on modernising the existing semester course system in the university to remove session jam, reports UNB.

The VC was inaugurating a workshop on 'evaluation of semester course system introduced in the post-graduate level' at Shilpacharya Joykul Abidin auditorium here on Saturday. He also said that improved semester course system like post-graduate level would also be introduced in degree level after the decision taken in the light of guidelines of the workshop. The VC called upon the teachers to play a leading role to motivate the students in the semester course system and laid stress on united efforts to make the system a success.

5 hurt in clash over land

NARSINGDI, Nov 5: Two rival groups locked in a violent clash over land dispute at village Baretkandi in Shilpur thana leaving five people, including two women, injured seriously on Sunday, reports UNB.

According to the police, the clash took place at 9:30 am when one Abdus Sattar Mollah of the village along with his armed supporters attacked the house of his co-villager Abed Ali Mia. During the attack family members of Abed Ali — Ratan Mia, 22, Rashid Mia, 24, Badal, Sakhina Begum, 20, and Sheuli Begum, 21 — were injured. They were rushed to the Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. A dispute over a plot of land was prevailing between the groups for long. A case was filed with the police.

Acid thrown on school girl

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 5: A teenage school girl sustained burn injury as miscreants threw acid on her at village Narina in Shaljadpur thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Family sources said Bulbuli Barman, daughter of Vishnupad Barman, refused marriage proposal from her co-villager Shahtu Chandra Barman. Being refused, Shahtu and some of his accomplices entered the room, where Bulbuli was sleeping at mid-night, by breaking the door open and threw acid on her face to take revenge. Bulbuli was immediately rushed to the Shaljadpur Potashia Health Complex in a critical condition. A case has been lodged with the police.

Ferry service threatened

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 5: Navigability in the Sirajganj-Bhuapur river route has been threatened in the wake of abnormal recession of the Jamuna waters plus emergence of shoals in recent times, reports UNB.

Ferry services in the route already remained disrupted since October 12. Now with utmost risks of capsizing and fear of pirates, the passengers cross the river channel by country boats. Experts here said the Jamuna has also changed its course for the construction of guide embankment on its west bank near the under-construction bridge and also the river management works. In the absence of dredging, the depth of the once mighty river sharply fell due to accumulation of silts on the river-bed resulting in closure of navigation channels one after another.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works E/M Division-1, Dhaka

Memo No. 15-13/3308

Dated: 27.10.97/12.07.1404BS

Tender Notice No 44 (97-98)

Tenders in percentage rate through Bangladesh Form No 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate's special first class & E/M Works enlisted 1st class & 2nd class contractors for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/Public Works Mechanical Workshop Division/Public Works Timber Workshop Division/Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka offices during office hours up to 12:00 Noon of 17.11.97 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers or their nominated representatives (if any present). Tender schedule from, terms & conditions etc can be purchased against payment of usual price Tk 425/- (four hundred twenty-five) only (non-refundable) from Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/Public Works Mechanical Workshop Division/Public Works Timber Workshop Division/Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka offices during office hours latest up to 16.11.97. Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) must be submitted with each tender in the form of Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1, Dhaka. This office authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason. Contractor himself or his attended letter bearing representative can purchase the tender form on production of registration book with necessary papers. Participants in the tender must enclose/submit TIN (tax payers identification number) certificate with the tender.

Sl. No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1.	Installation work of PFI & fire extinguisher machine at the existing 500 KVA electric sub-station at Govt. Officers Colony, Sukrabad, Dhaka. (Head of expenditure: 267 CA 1000/2000 flats construction project)	-	2% (two per cent)	20 (twenty) days

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