



CHANDPUR: Boulders being eroded from the town protection embankment by the river Meghna in Chandpur town. — Sun photo

## Disputed khas land in S-dists Bloody clashes being apprehended as harvesting season nearing

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, Nov 10: As the 'aman' paddy reaping season is nearing, clashes between land lords in different areas of southern districts are getting ready for bloody clashes over reaping of paddy from disputed char land including unsettled government khas land along different riverside areas. Meanwhile, district administrations of Patuakhali under Barisal division has already taken precautionary measures to curb illegal armed activities of musclemen and local land-lords. Patuakhali district administration sources said, decision has already been taken that at least 16 police camps would be set up in different shoal areas under four thanas of the district. According to sources, these police camps will be set up at Char Lata, Char Kajal, Darbarharchar, Char Ganga, Char Montaj and Char Biswas of Galachipa thana. Char Bash-

baria, Char Borhan and Char Haidi of Dashmina thana, Daukhali and Chakamaia of Kalapara thana and Char Pakal, Mominpur, Char Baret, Char Pranta and Char Basudevur of Baulal thana in Patuakhali district within a very short time. Old police camps in this district and other southern districts will remain as usual. One platoon commander, one assistant platoon commander and 12 Ansars will be posted in each police camp. It has been learnt. There will be one deputy magistrate for each police camp to control the police camps. The district administration sources also added, there are now 9870 acres of government khas land which have been leased out in different char land in this district. It has been revealed from a statement of district land office, 4470 acres of government khas land have been distributed

during June 30, 1996 last year while 5,400 acres of such land are yet to be distributed. And as disputes of different types could not be settled as yet for some other char areas, that lands remained still unsettled and undistributed. Final decision from the authority is yet to be taken. The farmers and people have been residing on these char lands and cultivated and produced food paddy. Now the interested and vested quarter will engage musclemen to reap the paddy or evacuate the people. As a result bloody clashes are likely to take place. It will leave many people dead and hundreds of people injured. It happened every year. The trouble spots are Char Zahiruddin, Char Nizam, Char Montaj, Char Baret, Char Kajal, Char Lata, including some other disputed char land of Bhola, Pirojpur, Barguna and Laxmipur.

## Pachabdi Gazi: Legendary tiger hunter of the Sundarbans

From Abu Ahmed

SATKHIRA, Nov 10: Pachabdi Gazi, a living legend of the Sundarbans is no more. At the age of 81, Pachabdi Gazi, a world famous tiger hunter, passed away unsung at his village home of Sora under Shyamnagar thana in Satkhira district on October 12. Pachabdi Gazi who killed 61 Royal Bengal Tigers, 25 crocodiles and numerous wild boars and deer, had been suffering from different kinds of ailments like gastric ulcer, diabetes and many intestinal diseases for a long time. Poverty stricken Pachabdi Gazi could not manage square meal a day. He also could not purchase medicines and diets. He lost his eyesight and power of hearing. Due to old age ailments and growing infirmity, he remained bed ridden and none came to help him. As a result, on October 12, he left the world silently leaving his courage and also his eight daughters, sons, six grandchildren and a host of admirers. Pachabdi Gazi, a great hunter, followed the footprints of his father. He went into the jungles at an age when children usually attend schools. He got the proper training in hunting from his father. As a recognition of his matchless bravery in tiger hunting, he was awarded Saned-E-Khidmatgar (certificate for serving humanity) during the Pakistani rule. Pachabdi Gazi came from a hunter family of the village Sora under Shyamnagar thana, situated on the edge of the evergreen Sundarbans. His family have been hunters for generations. His grandfather, Kinu Gazi, was also a noted tiger hunter. Ismail Gazi, a brother of Kinu Gazi was also an expert hunter. Meher Ali Gazi, his illustrious father who is said to have slain 50 tigers, fell victim of a tiger. At least seven of his kith and kins were killed by tigers. In spite of all these mishaps, Pachabdi Gazi, the record-maker in the history of tiger hunting had kept his reputation unspooled for about half a century by dint of his match-

less skill and indomitable courage. Once young Pachabdi Gazi went into the Sundarbans as a companion of the then GOC Omrao Khan. Two Pakistani soldiers of their team were attacked by a tiger while they were hunting deer. Pachabdi snatched away the rifle from one of the soldiers and killed the tiger. Charmed by the valour of Pachabdi Gazi, Omrao Khan brought him to the local forest office and appointed him as his boatman. From that very day he had been working as a boatman in the Forest Department. He was not promoted from the post of boatman to a guard though many worthless employees in the Forest Department were promoted overnight. This indifferent attitude of the official of the Forest Department frustrated the well-known hunter, Pachabdi Gazi during his life time. This famous hunter accompanied former Iranian monarch Reza Shah Pahlavi and King Mahendra of Nepal in their tiger hunting expedition in the Sundarbans. He worked as their guide in hunting. Besides he extended his cooperation to many national and international amateur hunters who came here for hunting at various times. Pachabdi could exactly imitate the roar of tiger with the help of an earthen pipe or with his palms and mouth. He was able to draw attention of deer within range by uttering their mating calls. He was an expert in applying various traps in tiger hunting. For this reason high officials who came to visit the Sundarbans took him as escort. Moreover, Pachabdi was called in whenever a man eater

ravaged any forest hamlet of and on. He had to serve the high officials of the Forest Department in their household affairs for the sake of his job. By killing tigers, with the permission of the Forest Department he saved life of many villagers. The erstwhile Pakistan government donated him three acres of cultivable land. But the donated land had been eroded by the river long ago. The deeds of khas land were awarded to him by Satkhira district administration nine years ago. But he could not possession of land till his death. In this circumstances, it was almost impossible for Pachabdi Gazi to maintain a family of 15 members. Pachabdi Gazi, the great tiger hunter, saved many fellow villagers from the jaws of the Royal Bengal Tigers, even by taking risk of his life. But it is a great regret that none came to recognise officially courageous of Pachabdi. Moreover, poverty was his life long companion. As a result, he and other members of his family had to remain unfed or half-fed. Pachabdi fought against the man eater and he won. But poverty defeated him. Pachabdi died as a neglected man of our society. Pachabdi was unfortunate as he was born in this country. If he would have been born in other western countries, his courage would be recognised. He might be the Jim Corbett who killed a number of tigers in India during the period from 1930 to 1935. Pachabdi who killed 61 tigers, 25 crocodiles and a good number of wild-boars; but he remained unknown in our society. This indifferent attitude, made Pachabdi frustrated.

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## River erosion renders 700 families homeless

MADARIPUR, Nov 10: Some 700 families of three villages in Shariatpur district have been rendered homeless due to erosion by the mighty river Padma during the last one month till October 25, reports UNB. The affected villages are — Kalubepari Kandi, Zahidpedar Kandi and Molla Kandi of Kunder Char union in Zaira thana. Officials said during the pe-

riod 5,000 acres of croplands were disappeared into the river. Besides, Kunderchar Kalubepari High School, Kunderchar Kalubepari Government Primary School and Union Parishad building were also devoured by the Padma. The distressed people have taken shelter on the safer places of Shaheer Char, Kamir Char and Char Bilashpur in the same thana and passing their days in miserable condition. Authorities have distributed 50 pieces of *lungis*, 43 pieces of sarees and rice among 168 people at the rate of eight kg per head. Meanwhile, local MP Master Mujibur Rahman visited the erosion-hit areas and asked the authorities to take immediate steps to check the erosion.

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## New poverty alleviation programme

Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) has undertaken a new poverty alleviation project named 'Peoples Participatory Building in Project Formulation and Implementation for Poverty Alleviation' covering Jaintapur thana of Sylhet and Dherai thana of Sunamganj district. The project is being financed by UNDP at a cost of Tk 20 crore, says a press release of BRDB.

## UP polls schedule in Magura

MAGURA, Nov 10: Elections in 7 union parishads (UPs) of Shalikhtha thana in Magura district will be held on December 1 and December 3, according to official sources. It has been learnt that elections in three union parishads like Dhaneshawargati, Talkhari and Arapara will be held on December 1. Elections in Shatokhali, Shalikhtha, Bunagati and Gangarampur will be held on December 3.

From Our Correspondent

will be held on December 3. Number of voters in aforesaid 7 union parishads are 71,422. Out of them, there are 10,735 voters in Dhaneshawargati UP, 15,604 voters in Talkhari UP, 10,294 voters in Arapara UP, 11,765 voters in Satokhali UP, 6872 voters in Shalikhtha UP, 7,111 voters in Bunagati UP, and 9,042 voters in Gangarampur UP. Every voter will give three

votes. One for chairman candidate one for female member candidate and one for ward member candidate. Every union parishad is divided into 9 wards. One member will be elected in each ward. 3 female members will be elected in every UP by direct votes of voters of the respective ward. Every union parishad is also divided into 3 wards for electing female members.

## Diarrhoea breaks out in Khulna: 148 babies attacked

From Staff Correspondent  
KHULNA, Nov 10: A total of 148 children were admitted to Shishu Hospital from October 27 till Thursday with diarrhoeal diseases. A child named Arif, 2, died on Tuesday. According to a source of Shishu Hospital, most of the patients came from slum areas of the city which indicate that diarrhoea has broken out in epidemic form.

## Letter of Invitation

বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন

Bangladesh Power Development Board expects to receive a fund from OECF/GOB for consultancy services for installation of cooling tower for Combined Cycle Power Plant at Fenchuganj, Sylhet. The project will be implemented on turnkey basis. BPDB now invites International bids for Consultancy Services for carrying out the detailed engineering, design, preparation of international tender documents, evaluation of bids, negotiation with bidders and supervision of works during implementation stages for installation of cooling tower for Combined Cycle Power Plant at Fenchuganj, Sylhet. The intending bidders may purchase the Terms of Reference (TOR) from Director, Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Dhaka, Bangladesh on payment of Tk 2000 (two thousand) in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of Director, Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Dhaka, Bangladesh up to 09th December, 1997. The bid shall be submitted in two-envelope system i.e. in two sealed envelopes, one for technical proposal and other for financial proposal. The proposal shall be submitted on or before 12:00 Noon of 10.12.97 to the Secretary, Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Bldg (1st floor), Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The technical proposals will be opened at 12:30 hours on the same day in presence of the representatives of the bidders, if any. Internationally reputed and qualified firms, interested in undertaking this assignment are requested to submit their bids for the services required under the Terms of Reference. BPDB would welcome any further query which the bidder may have concerning the work but any delay by BPDB in providing such additional information will not be considered as a reason for extending the submission date. The queries shall be addressed to the Secretary, Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Bldg (1st floor), Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka, Bangladesh (Fax No. 880-2-9564765) with a copy to the Chief Engineer (P&D), BPDB, WAPDA Bldg (1st floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Biddut/Jana 526(4)97-98. Secretary DFP-24009-26/10 Bangladesh Power Development Board G-2715 Dhaka, Bangladesh

## Directorate General Defence Purchase Ministry of Defence New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 Tender Notice

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

Sl. No.	Nomenclature	Qty	Selling date	Date of opening	Cost of I/T and currency
1.	SPARE PARTS FOR RADIO SET PRC-1099 Headphone H-140/U	23	27.10.97 to 24.11.97	26.11.97	10.00 (Foreign Currency)
2.	COMPONENTS OF NICAD BY MA-6982 a. Nicad By Assy-4 Cells Stack. b. Nicad By Assy (with Thermostat)-3 Cells Stack. c. Diode	952 476 513	-do- -do-	-do-	50 (Local Currency)

Detailed specification, nomenclature 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 above mentioned dates on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on aforesaid date at 1000 hrs in presence of all tenderers.  
ISPP/Misc/97/826  
DFP-22835-12/10  
G-2711  
Major For Director General

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Local Government Engineering Department Jhalakati Tender Notice

No.LGED/Jhala/OPEC/10/97-98 Dated: 27.10.97

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan (No. 631P) from OPEC fund towards the cost of Cyclone Rehabilitation Project (Cyclone Damaged Roads Rehabilitation Project) for the districts of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Laxmipur, Feni, Noakhali, Chandpur, Barisal, Jhalakati, Barguna, Patuakhali, Bhola, Pirojpur, Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the following works.

Code No.	Thana	Name of work	Estimated amount (Tk.)	Completion time	Price of tender document	Class of contractor
11.22	Jhal/Sad/Jha-Rup-Khe-She/97-98	Sadar Improvement of road from Jhalakati Rupasia Kheya Ghat to Shekmat by HBB	25,00,000/-	60 days	500/-	Special or 'A' Category contractor of LGED
11.23	Jhal/Raja/Bhand-Bhand/BR/Cu/97-98	Rajapur Const of structure on Bhandaria-Rajapur R&H Junction at Gazibari Bus Stand to Putiakhal Sonali Bazar attached Rajapur-Kathalia R&H	10,00,000/-	120 days	300/-	-do-
11.24	Jhal/Nal/Nach-Baro/Iron Br/97-98	Nalchity Const. of Iron Bridge on Nachanmahal-Baroikaran Road over East Kulkati Khal.	15,00,000/-	120 days	500/-	-do-
11.25	Jhal/Kath/Amua-Baar/Iron Br/97-98	Kathalia Re-Const. of Iron Bridge over Amua-Bhandana Khal near Ghosher Hat.	10,00,000/-	60 days	300/-	-do-

2. The Executive Engineer, LGED, Jhalakati now invites sealed tenders in prescribed form for construction/re-construction and completion of the works mentioned above from **Special/A' category contractor of LGED**

3. Tenderers may obtain further information on the tender form and inspect the tender documents at the office of the undersigned as well as the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/Project Director, Cyclone Rehabilitation Project, House No-4, Road No 2/C, Pallabi, Mirpur, Dhaka-1221/the Executive Engineer, LGED, Barisal/Bhola/Perojpur & Thana Engineer, LGED, Jhalakati Sadar/Nalchity/Rajapur/Kathalia, Dist-Jhalakati.

4. A complete set of tender document may be purchased by interested eligible tenderers upon payment of non-refundable fee as per table above from abovementioned offices and that mentioned in clause 9 on or before 01.12.97 during office hours. The sale price of the tender document will be as defined above.

5. The tenderer shall quote their price at per cent above/below/at par estimated amount provided in the bill of quantities both in figures and words in the stipulated paragraph of the "TENDER FORM" attached along with the Bill of Quantities (Volume-II). Erasing, over writing or corrections of the quoted price without authorised signature shall not be accepted and the tender shall be outright rejected.

6. The tenderer who found to have quoted price more than 5% (Five per cent) less than the estimated amount shall be outright rejected.

7. The tenderer who found to have quoted price more than 5% (Five per cent) above the estimated amount shall have to submit analysis of itemwise rates. Erasing, overwriting, or corrections in the analysis, without authorised signature shall not be accepted and the tenders shall be rejected. Photocopy of the analysis shall not be accepted.

8. In the event if there be more than one lowest responsive tenderers quoting the same, the contractor shall be selected by lottery in the office of the undersigned on 09.12.97 at 11.00 AM.

9. More than one work shall not be entrusted with one contractor if selected by lottery.

10. In order that the intending tenderers can easily and freely purchase the tender documents and can submit the same conveniently, the following places are selected. The places for purchasing and submitting the tender are as below:

A. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal Division, Barisal.  
B. Project Director, OPEC Funded Cyclone Damaged Roads Rehabilitation Project, House No. 4 Road No. 2/C, Pallabi, Mirpur, Dhaka-1221.  
D. Executive Engineer, LGED, Jhalakati/Barisal/Bhola/Perojpur.  
E. Thana Engineer, LGED, Jhalakati Sadar/Rajapur/Nalchity/Kathalia, Dist-Jhalakati.

11. All tenders must be accompanied by an earnest money of 2.5% (two point five per cent) of the total tender price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Jhalakati from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. Earnest money from any non-scheduled bank or investment companies shall not be accepted and the tenders shall be outright rejected.

12. Earnest money may be forfeited if a tenderer withdraws his tender after tender opening during the period of tender validity.

13. The tenders shall be received at the offices mentioned above on 02.12.97 before 1-00 PM and the tenders shall be opened at the same offices at 1.30 PM on the same date.

14. The undersigned shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by tenderers in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders, including cost and expenses related to visits to the site.

15. The tenderers shall submit attested copy of enlistment, valid Licence, VAT & I.T. Certificate for the financial year 1997-98 along with the tender.

16. All other terms and conditions may be seen & obtained from the concerned offices during office hours.

17. The successful tenderer have to submit formal tender within 3 (three) days from the date of selection on payment of usual fees.

18. Materials have to test in the LGED Laboratory by the at his own cost contractor as per contract and specification.

19. The tenderers shall quote Group No/Code No. on the cover & Money Receipt have to be submitted with tender.

20. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders whatsoever.  
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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO Ministry of Education 1, Asian Highway, Palassy-Nilkhet Dhaka-1205

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