MADARIPUR, Nov 11: Launch journey here with other parts of the country has become hazardous with the emergence of shoals in river Arial Khan since the beginning of the dry

### Fake 'peer' gets life term

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Nov 11: One fake 'peer' was sentenced to life term for raping a housewife. Md Mominullah, Special

Additional Judge announced the verdict recently under Women and Children Repression Especial Act.

He was also fined Taka 5000. in default to suffer 2 years' Rigorous Imprisonment (RI). Other three accused were acquitted. The prosecution story in brief is that fake peer Hossein Shiali raped Shahanaz Begum Shilpi wife of a mason Abdus Salam Sarder of village Miarchar under Gournadi thana of Barisal on September 11, '96. In that night Shiali entered into a house in absence of Abdus Salam and raped Shahanaz Be-

Later a case was filed by Abdus Salam Sarder. Earlier Hossein Shiali tried to make Shahanaz his disciple, but failed.

season, reports UNB. Official sources said only channel between Tekerhat and Khulna in river Madhumati had already been stopped two months back and the launch service on Madaripur-Dhaka via Laukhola-Jajira route may be stopped any time.

The route with the capital became troublesome as several shoals have emerged in Ganga Prasad, Paler Char, Kachi Kata, Kazir Hat and Jajiya points on Madaripur-Dhaka route. As a result, the launches in

this route are compelled to go a long way bypassing Chandpur to reach the destination taking extra seven hours time. Usually, it takes about 10 hours to reach Dhaka from Madaripur.

On the other hand, the cargo ships and passenger launches on Khulna and Takerhat routes are using Barisal-Uzirpur route to reach their destinations taking extra times.

Every year, the riverine routes of the district remain stopped during seven months of dry season causing untold suffering to the passengers. The channels remain navigable for only five months during the rainy season.

Passengers alleged that they have to pay extra fare while travelling by launch.

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Office of the Executive Engineer

Construction and Maintenance Management Unit (CMMU)

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Jhautala Police Line

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**Notice Inviting Bid** 

Bids in sealed covers for construction of remaining works

of some packages for Repair & Renovation Works of

Health & Family Welfare Centres are hereby invited from

the Contractors/Firms of CMMU prequalified for the

project "Construction of 100 Health & Family Welfare

Centres (HFWCs). Upgradation of 500 Rural Dispensaries

(RDs) into HFWCs and maintenance of HFWCs. Time

for completion of work will be 2 (two) months to be

reckoned from 7 days after date of handing over of

Interested contractors may purchase bid documents on

submission of applications addressed to Executive

Engineer, CMMU, Comilla in letterhead pad of their

firms with attested photographs of intending bidder. Bank

Draft/Pay Order of Tk 750/- (Taka seven hundred fifty)

only (non-refundable) from any scheduled bank of

Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, CMMU.

Those contractors presently working under CMMU and

who have failed to achieve at least 50% of the

proportionate progress they were supposed to achieve

within the time elapsed may not be allowed to participate

in bids. List of such defaulter contractors has been

circulated by the office of the Chief Engineer, CMMU and

Bid documents will be available during office hours in all

i. Office of the Executive Engineer, CMMU, Comilla

Package list, name of sites and other necessary

information will be available for inspection in

abovementioned offices during office hours in all working

Earnest money at the rate of 2.5% of the quoted amount in

the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank

of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, CMMU,

Comilla Divison must be enclosed with the bid. Earnest

Bids in sealed covers will be received in boxes kept in the

office of Executive Engineer, CMMU, Comilla Division

up to 14.00 hours on 23.11.97 and will be opened on the

Successful bidders will be communicated after evaluation

of tender documents. The authority reserves the right to

accept or reject any and/or all bids without having any

obligation to communicate reasons thereof and this

The notice will also form a part of the contract and will be

contractors for the undermentioned work of Mongla Port Authority.

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**Executive Engineer** 

Comilla Division, Comilla

**Mongla Port Authority** 

Office of the Chief Engineer (S&H)

Mongla, Bagerhat

**Tender Notice** 

Earnest

money

Tk.

60,350/-

Tender document with terms & conditions can be purchased at the abovementioned price in cash

Rest House of the Liaison Officer, Liaison Office, MPA, 90, Nayapaltan (Ground Floor),

Contractor himself can purchase the tender or representative can purchase the tender on

depositing letter of permission with the representative's signature duly attested by the contractor.

Up to date renewed licence book should be produced at the time of purchasing tender document,

from the undermentioned offices up to 1400 hours on all working days up to 01/12/97 and will be

received in the tender box kept at the same offices up to 1200 hours of 02/12/97 and will be opened

Office of the Deputy Traffic Manager, Benapole Land Port, MPA, Benapole.

Office of the Executive Engineer Division-4, MPA, Khalishpur, Khulna.

Sealed tenders in Form No-2911 are invited from Mongla Port Authority's S&H Division enlisted

Price of

tender

Tk. 500/-

Class of

contractor

"B" & above

class

same date at 14.30 hours in presence of bidders (if any).

working days till 20.11.97 in the following places:

no appeal will be entertained against that lists.

M/s. Shaheedullah & Associates Ltd.

money of unsuccessful bidders will be returned.

decision shall not be subject to appeal.

binding upon the bidders.

Name of work

Construction of RCC Road

within the housing colony at

Permanent Port Area (3rd

on the same day at 1230 hours at the due place.

Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna.

otherwise no tender document will be sold to anyone.

Office of the Chief Engineer (S&H), MPA, Mongla.

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137, Jahanara Garden, Green Road, Dhaka.

Memo No. MOHFW/CMMU/Com-Div/FWC-Maint

possession of site to the contractor.

Comilla Division.

Divison.

ii. Office of the Consultant



observed in Sylhet recently through Prodip Puja. - Star photo

# Arsenic pollution spreading fast

Arsenic pollution has been spreading in the districts of Pabna and Jessore very fast.

Our Pabna Correspondent says: Arsenic pollution has been spreading in different thanas of Pabna district, Very recently, it was detected in Pabna pourasabha. Several patients have been affected by drinking arsenic polluted water from a number of tubewells.

The Civil Surgeon of Pabna disclosed this recently while talking to The Daily Star correspondent recently.

The Civil Surgeon further said that already four thanas out of nine in Pabna district have been affected by arsenic pollution. These are: Pabna Sadar, Ishurdi, Bera and San-

The Civil Surgeon further disclosed that during the year 1997, at least 11 persons died and 200 others attacked with various incurable diseases caused by drinking arsenic polluted tubewell water. Out of the total 200 patients, 40 were under treatment in different hospitals.

The Civil Surgeon stated out of 11 dead victims, four belonged to the same family and all of them hailed from Paksey Paper Mills area under Ishurdi

The dead victims are: Fazlu, 34, son of Mozibar Rahman, Baby, 25, wife of late Fazlur, Kanak, 12, son of late Fazlu and Jahan Ara Begum, 25, daughter of Mulibar Rahman. They belong to the same family and residents of village Nalgari adjacent to North Bengal Paper Mills, Paksey.

Besides, Tara Banoo, 26, wife of Moksed Ali, 45, son of Fakir Ali, Tashima Begum, 28, wife of Atiar Rahman, Abul Hossain 25, of village Beelkada, Hamid Ali, 50, Hasi Begum, 15, and Moslem Uddin Bhegal, 35, of Char Ruppur under Paksey union of Ishurdi thana also fell victims.

Water of those tubewells contained arsenic above 0.05 mg per litre as against the safe quantum of 0.001 mg per litre.

The Civil Surgeon stated that recently, during the month of October, four patients were attacked with diseases caused by arsenic pollution. They were detected from Arifpur and Salgaria areas — both under the Pabna pourasabha. The patients were: Jahan Ara Begum, 35, wife of Imran Ali, Hazera Parveen, 15, daughter of Imran Ali Joarder and Bilquis, 10, daughter of Said Imran Ali of Arifpur. Besides, one Masud Rana, 25, son of Kamiruddin of Salgaria under Pabna pourasabha was also found to have been attacked with diseases caused by arsenic pollu-

In Ishurdi thana health complex, according to the same source, 32 patients of arsenic pollution related diseases were being treated. All of them were inhabitants of villages surrounding the North Bengal Paper Mills of Paksey.

Dt: 16-10-97 1-07-1404 BS

Time for completion

of work

180 (one hundred

eighty) days.

By Staff Correspondent The Civil Surgeon expressed

his apprehension that excessive arsenic pollution in the water of tubewells surrounding the North Bengal Paper Mills might

have been caused due to waste of the mills. Meanwhile, NIPSOM and Public Health Engineering Department have tested samples of water from over 200 tubewells, out of which 30 tubewells were found to contain arsenic above the standard level and all

sealed by PHED.

Our Jessore Correspondent says: 4,000 people out of 5,000 villagers of Samta village under Sharsha thana in the district are suffering from diseases. caused by arsenic pollution drinking water for the last 10 years.

these tubewells were already

ple is increasing following its steady extension to new areas. Failure by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) to control arsenic, is

The number of affected peo-

worsening the situation. According to statistical report, 15 people of the village have already died of disease caused by arsenic pollution. They include Yusuf, Daud, Hossain Nahar, Osman, Lalan, Ansar, Satter Sonabhan, Meherunnesa, Ayub, Shamsu, and Hosen.

According to another report 33 are awaiting the tragic end of their life in the same village.

They are Liton, Sona. Amirul, Habiber, Sabidul Abdul Sorder, Aklima Jahanara, Jobed Ali, Monzurul Huq. Sakhina, Siraj, Rahima, Achia, Abdul Aziz, Selim Reza, Yasmin Rabeya, Jinnat Ali, Safura, Runa Tuhin, Unus, Arjina, Asadul, Zia, Anisur, Anwar, Azizur, Rabiul, Sahida, Moslem, Rokeya and Nuruzzaman.

Acting on a media report, a 20-member team of specialists on arsenic, poisoning, from Japan came on a survey to this village on October 10 last. Not to speak of Samta, presence of arsenic was found in the drinking water of other neighbouring

Mirpur Section No 9.

As eligibility of contractor —

(A) For receiving tender —

Chairman & Chief Engineer, RAJUK.

(B) Fof purchasing tender -

Chief Engineer, RAJUK"

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part of the tender.

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Secretariat, Dhaka.

villages during the survey.

Dr Dipankar Chakravarty of Jadabpur University collected nails, skin and urine of 334 people of the villages for examination. During examination it has been found that 95 per cent of the nails contain arsenic poison. 97 per cent have been found containing the arsenic germs by testing urine of 301 people. 256 tubewells out of 279 have also been detected containing arsenic and users have been advised to boycott water of those tubewells.

NIPSOM has already distributed water purifying tablets among 248 families.

It is reported, a number of NGOs are working at this village, but so far they could not play any effective role to bring change the growth of arsenic. Lack of water-testing labora-

tory in the area, in deepening the crisis.

PHED has found out layer in under ground water containing low-percentage of arsenic. It is within acceptable limit. The acceptable limit of arsenic is 0.05 mili gram while presence of arsenic in this area is 1.0 mg to 3.0 mg. Arsenic leads to pigmenta-

tion of skin, keratosis, anaemia, respiratory disorders, hepatitis, pain in abdomen and, ultimately causing cancer. According to a source, ar-

senic problem is restricted to Jessore Kushtia Chuadanga, Meherpurt Bagerhat and Khulna districts falling in the delta region. It also goes beyond West Bengal also.

If tubewells are sunk in this village in massive quantity and the layer goes below 700 feet the danger of arsenic may be avoided and people can be supplied arsenic free water.

When contacted the local member of the parliament Tabibur Rahman Sarder, urged the government to install at least 100 deep tubewells in the village to save the people from

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Office of the Executive Engineer

Dhaka Housing Division-1

Section No 2, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216

1st Amendment Notice

Under unavoidable circumstance, the undermentioned

amendments are brought to the Tender Notice No 07/1997-98

issued vide this office Memo No F-99/2671/1(20)/1(9)/DHD-1, dt 21-

7 (seven) groups land development work at 'D', 'E' & F' areas of

t should be "Housing Directorate's special 1st class enlisted."

in place of

"Housing Directorate's special 1st class/Public Works

Directorate's special 1st class/Roads & Highways

Directorate's 'A' class (general)/ MES's 'A' class/RAJUK's 'A'

should be "in the tender box kept at the office of the

Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/Executive Engineer,

Housing Project & Survey Division/the undersigned/Executive

Engineer, Dhaka Housing Division-2, Mohammadpur,

Dhaka/Public Works Eden Building Division, Bangladesh

in place of "in the tender box kept at the office of the Divisional

Commissioner, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Housing Project &

Survey Division/the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Dhaka

Housing Division-2, Mohammadpur, Dhaka/Public Works

Eden Building Division, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka/City

Public Works Division, Dhaka/any Division approved by

it should be "from Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/the

undersigned/Executive Engineer, Dhaka Housing Division-2,

Mohammadpur, Dhaka/Public Works Eden Building Division.\*

in place of

"from Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/the undersigned/

Executive Engineer, Dhaka Housing Division-2, Mohammadpur, Dhaka/Public Works Eden Building Division/

City Public Works Division office/bank approved by Chairman

Tenders will be received on 26-11-97 instead of 19-11-97 and

tender document can be purchased up to 24-11-97 instead of

Md Abdus Sabur

**Executive Engineer** 

Tele: 9000062

Other terms & conditions of the tender notice will remain

unchanged and this amendment will be treated as inseparable

class & Dhaka City Corporation's 'A' class enlisted".

### Seminar on poor results in exams

MOULVIBAZAR, Nov 11: A seminar on "Poor Results in the SSC and HSC Examinations of Moulvibazar District: Cause and Remedy" was held at Moulvibazar pourasava auditorium recently, reports BSS.

Moulvibazar unit of the Bangladesh College Teachers Association organised the sem-

Principal Yousuf Ali, president of district college teachers association president over the seminar.

Eminent economist and chairman Bangladesh Unnyan Parishad Dr Quazi Khaliquzzaman Ahmed and Joint general Secretary of the central committee of Bangladesh Awami League Azizur Rahman attended the seminar as chief guest and special guest respec-

Md Abdul Khalique, a teacher of local women's college presented the key-note paper

The discussion was participated, among others, by Syed Mohsin Ali, chairman of local pourasava, Radhika Mohan Goswami, president of Moulvibazar Press Club, Principal Rasomoya Mohanta, Principal Quresh Khan professors AK Fazlul Haque, Fayzur Rahmnan, Habibur Rahman Abu. Rajat Kanti Goswami journalist Syed Abu Jabar Ahmed and Azizul Haq Iqbal.

#### Life term for 4 rapists

From Our Correspondent CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Nov 11: Four people were given life long imprisonment by District and Sessions Judge Md Shahiduzzaman recently for violating the chastity of 2 women.

It is known from the case, on 12th February 1997 in the evening the victims Laili Begum, 23, and Furki Begum, 24 of Baliadanga union parishad (UP) under Nawabganj sadar thana were returning home from Nawabganj town. On way, at Tikra orchard Mojibur, Serajul Arman and Aminul detained these two women and raped

Laili and Furki filed a case against them with Nawabgani thana on February 20. As the charge against those four people was proved true the court sentenced awarded them punish-

#### Jhenidah-Hatfazilpur bus service stopped

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, Nov 11: The bus service between Hatfazilpur and Jhenidah via Sailkupa has allegedly been stopped by the drivers of tempos under Jhenidah Transport Workers

As a result, several hundred passengers of the route have been suffering badly. A motor bus owner said,

they started running their buses on Hatfazilpur-Jhenidah route as requested by the passengers. At least 2,000 passengers were travelling on the route. But a section of tempo drivers allegedly attacked on their buses and damaged their vehicles. Further, the tempo drivers frequently put barricade on roads so that the buses could not ply on the route.

Some passengers told, they were travelling by buses safely with lower fair which also saved their money. But the tempo drivers frequently attacked the bus drivers and damaged their properties which compelled the bus drivers to put the vehicles off the road.

When contacted the Deputy Commissioner (DC). Jhenidah told than he would look into the matter.

#### Death anniversary observed

By Staff Correspondent



The first anniversary of death of peasants' leader Abdus Sattar Khan, a former president of Bangladesh Krishak Federation observed in the

country on Friday Various programmes includ-ing rally, milad mahfil and destitute feeding were organised by Krishak Federation and 'Kishani Shava' marking the day at different places in the country including Khan's birth place, Dashmina in Patuakhali.

# Kushtia Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Nov 11: Gorai ghat ferry service by boat has been stopped from Thursday night following arrest of one person said to be responsible for untoward incident that happened on Wednesday.

The lease holder of the ferry ghat resorted to pressurised toll collection from the travelling people and when it was protested by advocate Tapes Kumar Kandu he was assaulted by the hired mastans of lease holder. This resulted in boycotting of court on Thursday by the advocates on protest. Kumarkhali police on the basis of a case arrested one person. The advocates demanded immediate cancellation of the lease of the present lease holder. People have been suffering immensely for suspension of ferry ghat in violation of the contract.

### Fire at petrol

A fire broke out at a local petrol pump on Thursday night when petrol was being unloaded from trunk lorry. Fire gutted many valuables. Local people called the fire brigade which extinguished fire by applying gas and water after 20 minutes. One person was burnt seriously He was identified to be Rana, 19. He was rushed to Kushtia General Hospital in a critical con-

#### Boy killed in road accident

A boy Shahabul, 5, was crushed under the wheels of a bus at 12th mile point on Kushtia-Bheramara road on Thurs-

He is the son of Shahjahan Ali of Bahirchar Union of Bheramara thana. Police sent the body to Kushtia General Hospital where autopsy was

Tender Notice No

where

Name of offices

where tender will

be received

11. Last date and time

sold

done. A case has been registered with Bheramara Police Station in this connection.

#### Arms, ammunition recovered

Kushtia police have recovered 11 live hand bombs and a

chapati from a house of A Block of Kushtia Housing Estate on Thursday noon. Police said, some terrorists brought those for committing dacoity in the area. Their bid was foiled as the raid was con-

ducted.

#### Valuables worth Tk 50,000 looted

A dacoity was committed in the house of Kamrul Huq alias Kara Mridha in village Gachia Daulatpur under Bheramara thana on the night of October

Inmates and villagers said that a gang armed dacoits numbering about 15/20 took position behind the house on the night. They tried to bring out a Honda Motor cycle No Dhaka Metro HA 12-0607. After that they called Zahurul, son of Mridha. Zahurul without opening the door shouted for help.

The dacoits broke open the door and on gun point took Zahurul out of the house and kept him in a field fastening his hands and legs. Then dacoits started looting properties.

When villagers came to their rescue dacoits blasted bombs and fired indiscriminately. Villagers then chased them in a group braving gun fire. When fleeing dacoits took Taka 2600, one VCR, one colour TV, two watches worth taka 50 thousand. The villagers chased them. At one stage the dacoits fled away. A case has been registered with Bheramara Police Station in this connection.

#### Notice Inviting Tender of RHD Tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No

2911 in sealed cover.

Name of work Construction of Jetty approach for Jamalpur-Sherpur-Ferryghat at 2nd KM. of Jamalpur-Sherpur-Bongaon Road (Sherpur end) under Jamalpur Road

16/JRD of 1997-98.

Division during the year 1997-98. Chargeable to 168-RBF. (Ferry). Estimated cost Tk. 2,20,913/-

Tk. 4,419/-Earnest money 7 (seven) days from the date Time allowed of work order.

Eligibility , of RHD. general category contractor as per financial contractor

capacity and territorial jurisdiction. Name of offices Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jamalpur/ documents will be

Mymensingh/ Tangail/ Kishoreganj/ Netrokona/ Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-I/II/1st Line Workshop, Jamalpur/Sherpur. Superintending Engineer,

Executive Engineer, RHD, Jamalpur Road Division, Jamalpur/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Sherpur.

On 20.11.97 upto 12-30

RHD, Mymensingh Road

Circle, Mymensingh/

10. Last date for On 19.11.97 upto office selling of tender hours. documents

for receiving tenders On 24.11.97 at 11-00 AM. Date and time for

opening of tenders On 26.11.97 at 11-00 AM. Date and time of (if lottery

necessary) All tenders will be opened at a time in the office of the

Executive Engineer, RHD, Jamalpur Road Division, Jamalpur on the due date & time fixed for opening after collecting all tenders (if any) from all tender receiving offices in sealed condition.

Executive Engineer, RHD (Current Charge)

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Jamalpur Road Division Jamalpur

# Ministry of Defence

## Tender Notice

supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy: Sl. No. Description of Tender Selling Date Stores & Qty From **Boat Crane** 

18-12-97 Tachometer 10-11-97 **Test Bench** Qty — 2 Complete Sets **Generator Sets** Qty - 4 Sets with

control panels

Lt. Cdr BN

Directorate General Defence Purchase New Airport Road

Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers & dealers/indentors (Not necessarily enlisted with this Directorate General) for

Tender Opening Date Qty - 01 in No. 21 Dec '97

The tender schedule with detailed specification with the second to be a local to the conducted on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1000

hours on the abovementioned date in presence of the tenderers. ISPR/Misc/97/876

For Director General

Dhaka Housing Division-1 Section No 2, Mirpur, Dhaka DFP-24222-28/10 G-2733

Detailed terms & conditions will be available with the tender document.

MPA/Board PR/1387 DFP-24939-5/11 G-2726

Dhaka.

Chief Engineer (S&H)