

## National

## News snaps

## Bridal party members killed in road mishap

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 21: Five members of a bridal party, including the bridegroom, were killed and two others injured in a road accident at Bypass crossing in Sathia thana on Thursday. reports UNB.

Police said the mishap occurred when the microbus of the bridal party from Shyamolipara in Ullahpara thana collided with a Dhaka-bound bus at the crossing while it was going to Rajahali for wedding of Bulbul. Bridegroom Bulbul, 25, his uncle and aunt Abdur Razzaq and Jeanmin Ara, sister Firoza and Firoza's father-in-law died on the spot. The injured, father of Bulbul and wife of Abdur Razzaq, were admitted to the Rajahali Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. A case was filed and police seized the bus.

## Roads in bad shape in Naria

MADRIPUR, Nov 21: The roads in Naria thana of Sharifpur district are in dilapidated condition causing untold suffering to its 2.5 lakh population, reports UNB.

Local people said their sufferings could be lessened if the authorities took up schemes to metal and reconstruct a few roads in the thana. The 9 km Naria-Sharifpur and Naria-Botala roads, 8 km Bhojeshwar-Chanchpura road, 9 km Bhojeshwar-Mohishkhola and 7 km Kathlughi-Chistinagar roads are needed to be metalled. Besides, 12 bridges and one culvert on Naria-Nashashon road, 10 bridges on Kathlughi-Chistinagar road, three bridges on Naria-Dashkin Shonsingho road, four bridges on Sureshwar-Shorishad road need to be repaired.

## Discussion on Bhasani's work

KALIGANJ, Nov 21: A discussion no 'peasant community of the country and Maulana Bhasani' was held here recently under the auspices of Muktar union Chashi Samity, reports BSS.

According to a press release of the Chashi Samity, Abdul Huq, member of the central committee of Chashi Samity, presided over the meeting, while comrade Abdul Rauf, president of the samity was the chief guest.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Facilities Department, Ministry of Education

Shiksha Bhaban, Dhaka

Memo No. 8712/FD Dated: 9-11-97

## Notice

Facilities Department has decided to prepare a list of sub-soil investigation firms for sub-soil investigation of proposed sites of new building construction of different educational institutions. Applications in form to be supplied are invited from Sub-soil Investigation firms for verifying pre-qualification.

Application form will be available from this office Accounts Section against cash payment of Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only (non-refundable) during office hours up to 27-11-97.

The authority reserves the right to accept/reject application of any/all firms.

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Executive Engineer  
for Chief Engineer  
Facilities Department  
Shiksha Bhaban, Dhaka

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G-2837



TANGAIL: Prizes were distributed recently among the students of Belayet Hossain Multilateral High School at village Nallapara under Delduar thana in the district for their outstanding results in the Junior Scholarship examination and Secondary School Certificate examination. Among the noted guests and speakers (from right) Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Justice Kamaluddin Hossain, Mohammad Delwar Hossain, one of the founders of the school and president of the school managing committee, Prof Rehman Sobhan, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiquee, Prof Anisur Rahman and Prof Anisuzzaman (hidden behind the fan) were present at the function.

## Faulty operation by gynaecologist

## Tension mounts over death of patient in Natore

## From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Nov 21: The untimely death of a poor mother of five children due to faulty operation by a gynaecologist has sparked tension in the town.

Soneka Khutun, 25, died on November 16 at Natore Sadar Hospital.

Soneka, wife of Abdul Hai, a day labour of Reesher-Naogaon village in the Sadar thana suffered for one and a half month due to the faulty operation by a gynaecologist. The faulty operation resulted in continuous bile and blood leakage from her body. She was also attacked by Jaundice after the operation, hospital sources said.

According to family sources, the victim was admitted at Natore Sadar Hospital on October 10 as her condition

was worsening gradually. On October 17, Dr Ghosh referred Soneka to RMCH finding no other alternative to save her life.

When talking to this correspondent, some senior physicians at Surgery unit -2 of RMCH termed the operation performed by Dr Ghosh as a 'major erroneous one'. They also said that a gynaecologist should not conduct a surgical operation like gall bladder stone operation, which is a risky one.

However, Soneka was released from RMCH on November 14 and was referred to I.P.G.M. (Bangabandhu University) for better treatment.

But the poor father of the patient, Pachai Sardar was not able to afford the expenditure of treatment.

So, he brought his daughter back for the third time to Natore Sadar Hospital where she died.

Pachai Sardar who is also a small farmer of Reesher Naogaon village told The Daily Star that Dr. Ghosh had told him that the patient would be completely cured within 7 days after operation. But, he said, 'my daughter suffered for 44 days and died afterwards.'

He also said that over Tk 35,000 was spent for her treatment in 44 days. He added that he collected money by selling his cultivable lands and trees.

Pachai Sardar also said that Dr Ghosh tried to release the dead body at the very dead night of her death but failed as he (Pachai) started shouting for help.

When contacted, Dr. Somar Kumar Ghosh admitted his fault during the operation but he said that a conspiracy was going on to hurt his reputation.

When asked about performing the surgical operation done by a gynaecologist, he said that he was the in-charge of Surgery unit of Natore Sadar Hospital.

Dr. Ghosh remained mum when asked about his advice for going to a private clinic from a government hospital.

However, he denied other allegations. When contacted Dr. Zahangir Alam, Civil Surgeon of Natore told The Daily Star that he was yet to be informed about the matter. He also said that he would look into the matter soon.

However, most of the officials of Health Department, Rajshahi and physicians of RMCH and Natore Sadar Hospital were aware of the incident of faulty operation.

According to sources, there are many other similar complaints against Dr. Ghosh. Meanwhile a report was published in The Daily Star on January 28. It was revealed that Dr. Ghosh was assaulted by the town dwellers for his alleged attempt to violate a female patient at his official chamber at Natore Sadar Hospital.

A three-member probe committee allegedly suppressed the fact in its report.

It is worth mentioning, dead body of the victim was buried at Reesher-Naogaon village in Natore thana.

According to report, acting on a tip-off a contingent of BDR led by Naik Abdul Halim, raided the Sharsha bazar and seized Indian sugar from different shops of the bazar.

## Ferry passengers being harassed by lease-holders

BARGUNA, Nov 21: The people who are travelling through different ferry ghats of the district are facing harassment by the lease-holders every day, reports UNB.

Mostly owned by the Roads and Highways Department and Zila Parishad, these ferry ghats are leased out annually under specific terms and conditions including fixation of ghat charges.

But the leasees hardly comply with these terms and conditions. Moreover, they raise high ferry fare violating the scheduled rates.

Besides, the ghats are in deplorable condition having neither waiting sheds nor any lighting arrangements. As a result, the travellers have to undergo a lot of inconvenience in passing through these ferry ghats.

The boats, being used in the ghats, are too small and worn out causing accidents frequently. Sinking of ferry boats in this season is a common feature.

People here alleged that quality of service in the ferry is very low causing innumerable trouble to the passengers.

They urged the authorities concerned to take appropriate measures to stop all sorts of harassment by the leasees and improve the ferry services for mitigating the sufferings of the people.

## Smuggling up along Kushtia, Bheramara border areas

## From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Nov 21: Smuggling of Indian goods have been intensified after a pause of 15 days.

S M Shamsul Alam, Divisional Commissioner of Khulna Division held a meeting at Hosonabad of Daulatpur thana recently to convince the bordering people about the ill effects of smuggling on our national economy.

## RHD Quotation Inviting Notice

1. Quotation Notice : 04/97-98.  
No

2. Name of work

Carrying of 2 Nos. Pontoon (Pontoon No. PM 22 & 23) and Utility type-II Ferry (Ferry No. 002/79) from Fenchugan ferry ghat under Sylhet Road to Thakrona ferry ghat under Road Divn., Netrokona Road Divn. in 2 (two) groups. As per schedule. (Ch. to : ATC Road Divn., Netrokona).

3. Estimated cost : 25 (twenty-five) days from the date of issue of work order.

Quoted rate.

Quoted rate 2%.

4. Earnest money : 25 (twenty-five) days from the date of issue of work order.

5. Time allowed : Prequalified Dockyard/Shipyards of RHD and general contractors of RHD.

6. Entitled contractors : Executive Engineer, RHD, Ferry Construction Divn., Dhaka/Ferry Maintenance Divn., Dhaka/Ferry Divn., Sylhet & SDE, RHD, Ferry Construction Sub-Divn., Dhaka.

7. Name of offices for selling tender documents : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Ferry Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Ferry Construction Divn., Dhaka/Ferry Maintenance Divn., Dhaka/Sylhet.

8. Name of office for receiving tender documents : 30-11-97 Eng./16-08-1404 Bang.

9. Last date of selling tender documents during office hours : 01-12-97 Eng./17-08-1404 Bang. up to 12:30 PM.

10. Last date & time of receiving tenders : 04-12-97 Eng./20-08-1404 Bang. at 12:45 PM.

11. Date & time of opening of all the tender by the undersigned : 05-12-97 Eng./21-08-1404 Bang. at 12:30 PM.

12. Date & time of lottery (if applicable) : Sealed tenders are hereby invited from entitled contractors mentioned above in prescribed schedule along with the BD Form No. 2908. Tender if received after the fixed time will be treated as rejected. Tender will be opened and lottery if applicable will be drawn in the fixed date & time in presence of the interested contractors (if any). The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason. At the time of submission of formal tender a bank guarantee not less than Tk. 5.00 (five) lac should be deposited as additional security for each group.

Executive Engineer, RHD

Ferry Construction Divn.  
House No. 536, Road No. 11  
DOHS, Baridhara, Dhaka Cantt.

DFP-25861-17/11  
G-2842

Government of Bangladesh  
Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD  
Pabna Road Division, Pabna  
Notice Inviting Tenders

1. Tender Notice : 8-PRD/1997-98.  
No

2. Name of work

Construction of brick pavement work (HBB) at 2nd (P) KM of Notakola Ferry approach road starting from Boranogon of Kashinathpur-Kazirhat road under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98. (link to low water ghat)

266 C/A.

3. Chargeable head : 1k. 21.82,480/-

4. Estimated cost : Tk. 43,650/-

5. Earnest money : 30 (Thirty) days.

6. Time allowed for completion of work

7. Eligibility of bidder : "A" to "D" general category of RHD contractor.

(i) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi.

(ii) Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pabna/Sirajganj/Natore/ Rajshahi/ Planning & Programming (Road & Bridge) Division, Dhaka.

(iii) Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-I/II, Pabna/Ishurdi 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Pabna.

(iv) Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi.

(v) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi.

(vi) Office of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Pabna Road Circle, Pabna/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (Road & Bridge), Dhaka.

(vii) Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pabna/Natore/Sirajganj.

30-11-97 Eng./16-8-1404 Beng. during office hours.

11. Date & time for receiving tenders : 1-12-97 Eng./17-8-1404 Beng. up to 12:30 PM.

12. Date & time for opening tenders : 3-12-97 Eng./19-8-1404 Beng. at 10:30 AM.

Executive Engineer, RHD (CC)  
Pabna Road Divn, Pabna.

## 4 BDR men hurt in clash with smugglers

## From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Nov 21: The student's union election of Satpar Government Kazi Nazrul Islam College under Gopalganj Sadar thana was held peacefully recently.

According to college source, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), students wing of Awami League and Jatiya Chhatra Samaj Students wing of Jatiya Party contested in the student union poll.

BCL captured 16 posts including VP, G.S and AGS out of 17 posts. Jatiya Chhatra Samaj captured only one post Drama Secretary.

Dhiman Bhadra, Alok Biswas and Paritosh Maitra were elected Vice President, General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary.

## Victory for BCL at Satpar College students union poll

## From Our Correspondent

SHERPUR, Nov 21: A court here today convicted two persons and sentenced them to life imprisonment for throwing acid on a woman in 1996, reports UNB.

Judge M. Ismail Miah also fined the convicts — Abiluz Miah, 26, and Abdus Sabur, 25, of Alepanpara village in Sadar thana — Tk 5000, in default, to suffer two years more rigorous imprisonment. The judgement was announced this evening.

The case history in brief: Abiluz along with his friend Sabur threw acid on his ex-wife Rina at the dead of night at her father's house at the same village on October 30, 1996 for divorcing him.

After the incident, her father Abdus Kuddus filed a case against Abiluz and Sabur with Sadar thana.

In the tender notice for the abovementioned work it has inadvertently been typed as "Contractors to be allowed to purchase tender document." Actually it will be "Enlisted contractors of PIW will be allowed to purchase the tender document."

Besides, date of selling and receiving of tenders have been extended as follows:

Items : Written in the tender notice : Extended date

Date of selling the tender documents : From 15-11-97 to 20-11-97 : 20-11-97 to 25-11-97

Date of receiving the tenders : Up to 1:00 pm on 23-11-97 : Up to 1:00 PM on 27-11-97

All other terms and conditions of the tender notice will remain unchanged.