

## News snaps

### Loan for distressed families

**RAJBARI, Dec 6:** District Livestock Department disbursed Tk 2.35 lakh interest-free loan among 34 distressed families in the current fiscal year for self-employment, reports UNB.

The loans were given to rear four cows and 30 goats by each family to make them self-reliant and lead a decent life. Meanwhile, local MPs Kazi Keramat Ali and Mohammad Zillul Hakeem disbursed cattle and goats among the distressed families in Sadar and Panchganga thanas under the poverty alleviation scheme. The Livestock Department also gave vaccination training for poultry birds to 500 unemployed women. Besides, some other schemes are also being taken to improve the socio-economic condition of the poor people.

### 35 shops gutted in Rangamati

**RANGAMATI, Dec 6:** A devastating fire that raged through a rural bazar in Sadar thana on Thursday gutted 35 shops, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the fire, originating from a tea stall, broke out at Dhanpatamukh Bazar at 2 am and burned down goods and property worth about Tk 39 lakh during its two hours fury. Shopkeepers and local people failed to extinguish the late night flame as the firefighters could not reach the spot due to backward location of the bazar. Another fire incident in Kalindipur area of the town, gutted a dwelling house on Thursday morning. Firefighters rushed to the spot and put out the blaze.

### Discussion on life of Bhasani

**DINAJPUR, Dec 6:** A discussion meeting on the life and politics of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani was held last week at local press club to mark the 21st death anniversary of the great leader, reports BSS.

Organised jointly by Dinaipur Press Club and Jatiya Sangbadik Sangstha (JSS) the discussion was presided by the press club general secretary Sadaqat Ali. Vice-president of the central committee of the JSS advocate Abdul Majid was present on the occasion as chief guest. Among others, Maniruzzaman Bablu, Asaduzzaman Liton, Abdul Hye, Abul Hasnat and SR Mukul took part in the discussion. The speakers paid tributes to Maulana Bhasani and said he championed the causes of the oppressed throughout his long life.

### Man chopped to death

**KISHOREGANJ, Dec 6:** A middle aged man, who was chopped allegedly by his nephew recently, succumbed to his injuries at Pakundia Thana Health Complex, reports UNB.

Hospital sources said Nizamuddin, 39, of Char Doudkandi village in the thana received serious injuries when his nephew Moghul Mia attacked him with a ramdao following an altercation. He was rushed to Pakundia Thana Health Complex where he died.

### 25 hurt by terrorists

**SHERPUR, Dec 6:** At least 25 people, including five firebrigade men, were injured in an attack by armed terrorists at Kushumhati Bazar in Sadar thana recently, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the hoodlums attacked different shops, including hotels and pharmacies, and looted goods. They also set fire to eight shops during the attack. Three of the injured were admitted to Sherpur Sadar Hospital. The firefighters were injured as the attackers swooped on them while putting out the blaze. Local people feared that a conflict between the authorities of a Junior High School and the shopowners of the bazar over the possession of a land might be the reason behind the attack.

### 5,000 cft timber seized

**KHAGRACHHARI, Dec 6:** Some timber traders alleged that Armed Police seized 5,000 cft timber from the town's Panchmili area ignoring their valid papers, reports UNB.

Traders said patrolling AP battalion seized the timbers worth of Tk 30 lakh while being taken to the plain land against valid papers issued by the authorities concerned. Meanwhile, the owners of the timbers demonstrated in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office demanding release of their timber. The seized timbers loaded in 11 trucks were, earlier, deposited with the district administration. When contacted the DC said the timbers were handed over to the local forest department following some complication.

### Massive potato farming scheme

**BHOLA, Dec 6:** Some 2,850 hectares of land in 11 southern districts of Barisal Division have been brought under potato cultivation for this season, reports UNB.

The Agriculture Extension Department has fixed the production target at 3.32 lakh metric tons, officials said. District wise break-up: 4,800 mt on 400 hectares in Barisal, 6,000 mt on 500 hectares in Pirojpur and Bhola, 600 mt on 50 hectares in Jhalakati, 1,200 mt on 100 hectares each in Patuakhali and Gopalganj, 3,600 mt on 300 hectares each in Barguna and Madaripur and 2,400 mt on 200 hectares each in Faridpur and Shariatpur districts. Local farmers apprehended that the target may suffer setback as there were severe lack of high yielding seeds. They alleged that all the BADC seed sale centres at district headquarters, except Faridpur, are in short supply of potato seeds.

### Dewan Golam Murtaza Award distributed

**HABIGANJ, Dec 6:** Dewan Golam Murtaza Award-1997 has been awarded to renowned writer and researcher Dr Mustafa Nurul Islam, reports UNB.

The award was distributed in a reception organised by Golam Murtaza Smriti Sangsad at Sirishtola in the town on Friday. The ceremony was attended by the Director General of National Museum Mohammad Shamsuzzaman Khan and Joint Secretary of Science and Technology Ministry Shah Nazmul as special guests. The recipients of the awards, so far distributed since 1991, are poet Delwar, novelist Humayun Ahmed, Dr Anisuzzaman, Gazi Shamsur Rahman, Prof Momtaz Uddin Ahmed and Litterateur Shawkat Osman.

### Shortage of computer teachers

**PATUAKHALI, Dec 6:** Students of SSC-level here have been suffering badly for want of successful computer teachers in different schools, reports UNB.

Guardians said most of the teachers who have been assigned to teach Computer Science in class IX and X are not capable to give proper lesson to the students about the subject. As a result, students are forced to take private coaching from the commercial computer training centres by spending a lot of money. But the poor students who have taken Computer Science are passing their in anxiety as they cannot afford to outside coaching.

The guardians have urged the authorities to take necessary steps to alleviate the problems of the students without further delay.

### Discussion on compulsory pry edn policy

**COMILLA, Dec 6:** A discussion meeting on compulsory primary education policy of the government was held on November 29 at Barura thana poura Girls Primary School premises, reports BSS.

Abdul Hakim MP was present at the meeting as chief guest while Nurul Amin Chowdhury, district primary education officer were present as special guest. Thana education officer Shawkat Hossain presided over the meeting. Three hundred-odd primary school teachers including headmasters attended the meeting.

### Toaha's anniversary of death

**LAKHIMPUR, Dec 6:** An elaborate programme was chalked out by different organisations in the district on November 29 to mark the 10th death anniversary of the communist leader Comrade Mohammad Toaha, reports BSS.

A discussion on the life and political ideal of comrade Toaha was held at Toaha Smriti Balika Bidyalaya at Ramgati. Presided over by Nurul Islam, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Comrade Abdur Rouf, president, Bangladesh Chashi Samity. Another discussion meeting was held at Harjhat Primary School premises. Presided over by Ali Haidar, a teacher of the school, the meeting was addressed, among others, by comrade Abdur Rouf, Dr Mazluz Huq, Zahurul Islam, Shahiduddin, Abdul Ali and Harun Chowdhury.

### Pest-attack on Boro field

**SUNAMGANJ, Dec 6:** Boro paddy cultivation in 10 thanas of the district is likely to be affected adversely due to large scale pest attack on the seed-beds, reports UNB.

Farmers, mainly depended on Boro paddy in the season, said the seed-beds prepared to cultivate the crop on 6,000 hectares of land have become dry and pale as pests have been eating up the leaves and tip of the seeds. They alleged that local Agriculture Extension Department (AED) failed to supply pesticides and spray machines to them. The district has only 400 spray machines which is quite inadequate to meet the requirement. AED officials, however, admitted that the only means to combat the menace was to spray pesticides on the seed-beds but it was not possible with such small number of machines working in the district.

# 36 injured in post-poll violence in 2 dists

By Staff Correspondent

At least 36 persons were injured in post-election violence in the districts of Rajshahi and Narsingdi on Thursday.

Our Rajshahi Correspondent says: Twenty persons were injured, 10 seriously at village Hat Madhnapur under Bagmara thana in the district.

A total of 20 houses, 100 shops, 25 granaries, about 400 trees and crops on about 100 acres of land were also damaged and looted.

According to police, supporters of the winner chairman of Naradas union Moslemuddin brought out a victory procession on Thursday noon. When the procession was passing through

Madhnapur, village of the defeated chairman candidate Jonab Ali, the processionists got agitated. They went on rampage. They ransacked, looted and set ablaze houses including that of Jonab Ali.

Meanwhile Abu Hena, MP from Bagmara and Mohanpur constituencies in a press conference on Friday night at Rajshahi City Press Club alleged that Awami League activists attacked village Hat Madhnapur and its market. They destroyed and looted houses, shops and granaries and injured many people.

He said that Awami League activists, created a reign of terror in Narades, Zhikra and Maria unions before the presence of police.

A huge contingent of police were sent to the spots, SP office source acknowledged.

It may be mentioned that the supporters of Awami League bagged only two seats out of 16 seats of chairman post and a few posts of member in Bagmara thana. The elections were held on Dec 1 and 3.

Our Narsingdi correspondent reports: A total of 16 supporters of two rival member candidates were injured in an election violence at village Horipur of Nilokha union under Raipura thana in the district at around 7 am on Thursday.

According to witnesses and police, the clash occurred at Horipur Bazar between the supporters of Bakul and Fazlu mem-

ber. At one stage the agitated supporters used landmines and other lethal weapons. At around 7 am supporters of Bokul attacked the house of Hossain Mollah, a supporter of Fazlu, a member-candidate.

A total of 16 supporters of both the sides were injured in the attack and counter attack. Seven of them were admitted to Sadar hospital, 5 at Raipura hospital and 4 at DMCH. They are: Illias 22, Badal Miah 28, Hossain Ali, 32, and Babu, 26.

A case was filed with Raipura police in this connection.

Another report adds: Polling at Kazirkandi centre under Alokballi union has been postponed for violence.

Polling at Khodadilla centre of the same union has also been postponed as supporters of a chairman candidate snatched ballot boxes and ballot papers from the centre.

Meanwhile, elections were held peacefully in 13, out of 14 unions of sadar thana in the district.

The elected chairmen are: Hazi Shirazul Islam (Shilmandi), Osman Goni (Punchdona), Meher Uddin (Meherpur), Usuf Khan Pinto (Haziipur), Anwar Hossain (Amdia), Aftab Uddin Bhuyean (Chinshipur), Abdull Miah (Kathalia), Mizanur Rahman (Paikerchor), Abdul Baten Shorker (Chordigold), Haris Miah (Karimpur) and Bazlur Rahman (Mohishashura union).

## Contraceptive acceptance rate up in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

**KISHOREGANJ, Dec 6:** Contraceptive acceptance rate has been increasing satisfactory in Kishoreganj district every year, according to Family Planning sources.

According to Kishoreganj District Family Planning office Kishoreganj sadar, Karimganj, Tarail, Hossainpur, Pakundia, Kuliarchar, Kotiadi, Bhairab, Bajitpur, Nikli, Itna, Astogram and Mithamon are 400,637.

A total of 134,584 couples accepted oral pill, 20,414 couples accepted condom, 15,048 couples accepted copper-T method, 49,912 accepted injection, 2,292 accepted vasectomy, 31,921 accepted tubectomy and only 654 accepted norplant method.

The contraceptive acceptance rate is 63.2 per cent. The figure has been raised to 400,637 though the number of

couples were 400,013 till September 1997.

The contraceptive acceptance rate is 66.9 per cent in Kishoreganj sadar thana, 67.7 per cent in Karimganj thana, 64.3 per cent in Tarail thana, 65.6 per cent in Hossainpur thana, 65.4 per cent in Pakundia thana, 62.8 per cent in Kotiadi thana, 67.1 per cent in Bajitpur thana, 61.8 per cent in Nikli thana, 53.9 per cent in Bhairab thana, 63.3 per cent in Kuliarchar thana, 61.6 per cent in Itna thana, 54.7 per cent in Astogram thana and 59.5 per cent in Mithamon thana in the district till October 1997.

The Deputy Director's office of Family Planning informed, they are not able to provide rural women with sufficient norplant method facilities as it is available at the district level.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Prime Minister  
Old Sangsad Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

### NOTICE

Applications in prescribed form are invited from Bangladesh nationals for higher research as well as M Phil/PhD degree in the undermentioned subjects at universities & research institutions inside the country in view of adopting own strategy & achieving technological excellence towards poverty alleviation in the country under Prime Minister's Research & Higher Education Assistance Fund Programme.

- Economics/Social Science
- Biology & Medical Science/Community Medicine
- Engineering & Computer Science
- Food & Agricultural Science

2. Minimum educational qualification for PhD/MPhil leading to PhD is MSc, MA, MSS, BSc (Engineering), MBBS, MSc (Agri) or equivalent degree from any approved university. Should be passed in 1st Division in all stages of academic career in Science/Engineering/Medical/Agri Science. Should possess 1st Division/Class in 3 stages of academic career including graduation & post-graduation in Economics/Social Science and 2nd Division is acceptable in any one of SSC/HSC.

3. Candidates in service at Govt/Semi-govt organisation should apply through proper channel. Certificate to the effect whether the candidate is eligible to leave/study leave for whole time research shall have to be submitted. Age limit for candidates is maximum 30 years, but relaxable up to 35 years for candidates in service.

4. In general, stipend will be provided at the undermentioned rates for three years. Total number of stipends is 5.

- 1st year per month Tk 4000/-
- 2nd year per month Tk 5000/-
- 3rd year per month Tk 6000/-

One time grant will be provided for data collection, book-purchase & thesis printing/typing according to field of research.

5. Application form (price Tk 10/-) & rules & regulations in this regard can be collected from all University Registrars, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute, Bangladesh Rice Research Institute, IPRA, IPGMR, Atomic Energy Commission, BCSIR, BIDS, Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council & BIT heads.

6. Form can be collected by post also from the office of the Prime Minister by sending Postal Order for Tk 10/- in favour of Prime Minister's Research & Higher Education Assistance Fund and large size self-addressed envelope affixed with necessary postage stamp.

7. Applicant should reach the application with recent 2 copies passport size photographs, attested copies of educational qualification certificates & marksheet by post or directly to the undersigned by 24 December, 1997. Original certificates & marksheet of educational qualification should be produced at the time of interview.

Md Abdus Salam

Director

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MUNSHIGANJ : Farmers carrying paddy to their homes from land at the advent of harvesting season. The picture was taken recently from a village in Munshiganj district. — Star photo by AKM Mohsin

## Electricity creates brighter prospects for farmers

Faridpur, Dec 6: Electricity has created brighter prospects for the farming community, reports BSS.

Ayeazuddin Bepari at Tam-bulkhan village said, "I can now produce many times more crops by using the irrigation facilities created by electric connection to my village."

Ayeazuddin has set up a deep tubewell at his own cost to provide irrigation facilities to nine acres of agricultural land of different farmers of the locality.

Ayeazuddin said he sold a piece of land to buy and install the deep tubewell.

"Now every month I earn nine times more than the income I got from the piece of land I sold to buy the deep tubewell," a beaming Ayeazuddin said. He praised the local Palli Biddut Samity for going quick connection and better service which, he said, gave him a very good start in the irrigation business.

He said he was planning to set up another shallow tubewell in the area.

The farmers said they are getting better crop after they opted for power-driven pumps instead of the diesel pumps.

They said the quality of their products has also improved, may be because power-driven pumps do not leak oil in the fields like diesel driven one.

Engineer Tushar Kanti Deb-nath, General Manager of Faridpur Palli Biddut Samity (PDBS), told that there was a great demand for new connections in the area.

He said so far 8691 consumers could be connected and the growth of users is 50 per cent annually.

"We are expecting to connect over two lakh consumers within the next few years," he said.

Engineer Tushar, however, said people of the district are very eager to use the electricity not only for domestic purposes but also for irrigation and running small industries. "To fulfill the demand for electricity for the whole area nearly 5,000 kilometres of distribution lines are to be constructed but due to

shortage of fund, the REB has allocated 1400 kilometres," he said.

"So interested people will always be asking for electricity," the general manager said.

Salauddin Ali Bitar, General Manager of Magura PBS, has the same statement to make.

He said Magura PBS started functioning in 1996 and it has already given connection to 4,674 domestic consumers and 395 commercial establishments. The general manager pointed out that the people at the grassroot, level are more benefited by taking RF lines because "we do not have minimum billing system."

Executive engineer of the area Shariful Islam said as the consumers under the PBS are the owners of the organisation, it is mandatory for us to give them better service. "We run business on no loss no profit basis."

He explained, "we will divert our funds to other socio-economic activities if some day we reach profit level."



## Directorate General Defence Purchase

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

### Tender Notice

1. Sealed tender in foreign currency is invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/indentors (not necessarily to be enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy:

Sl No	Description & Qty	Tender Selling Dt From	To	Tender opening date	Currency	Tender No
1.	GPS (Qty-15 No)	25.11.97	5.1.98	6.1.98	F/C	5394
2.	Spare parts for Radar HR 2000R/HR 3000A (Qty-12 L/T)	25.11.97	5.1.98	6.1.98	F/C	5399
3.	Capstan (Windlass Anchor winch) (Qty-01 No)	25.11.97	5.1.98	6.1.98	F/C	5400
4.	Various size of chain Block (Qty-58 No)	25.11.97	5.1.98	6.1.98	F/C	5401
5.	Gemini Boat 15 Men Capacity complete. (Qty-01 No)	25.11.97	5.1.98	6.1.98	F/C	5402

2. The tender schedule with detailed specification will be available at given rate (not refundable) 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 present tenderers.

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Commander BN

For Director General



## Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited

(A Company of Petrobangla)

PO Box No. 8, Court Road, Brahmanbaria

### Tender Notice

No. CD/HO/3(86)

Dated: 26.11.97

1. Bangladesh Gas Fields Co Ltd (BGFL) hereby invites sealed tender in prescribed forms from the enlisted bonafide tubewell contractors of Public Works Department (PWD)/Roads & Highway Department (RHD)/Public Health Engineering Department (PHED)/Housing & Settlement Directorate (H&SD)/Bangladesh Railway (BR)/Military Engineering Services (MES)/Rajdhani Unnayan Katrapakkha (RAJUK) and Petrobangla & its Companies for the following works:

Sl No	Name of works	Estimated cost	Completion time	Cost of tender document (Non-refundable)
A.	Sinking and installation of 100mm dia deep tubewell including supply of pump at Titas location-5, Khatihata, Brahmanbaria (Re-Tender)	Tk 8,06,720.00	100 days	Tk 1000.00
B.	Sinking and installation of 100 mm dia deep (2nd) tubewell including supply of pump of well No. 5 at Habiganj Gas Fields.	Tk 8,49,338.00	100 days	Tk 1000.00

2. Intending firms may obtain tender schedule from the following offices from 9.12.97 to 22.12.97 during cash transaction hours on cash payment:- Finance Department, Court Road, Brahmanbaria and Liaison Office, 97, Purana Paltan (Bijoynagar), Dhaka of Bangladesh Gas Fields Co Ltd.

3. Tender shall be received in the tender box kept in Civil Engineering Department, Court Road, Brahmanbaria and Liaison Office, 97, Purana Paltan (Bijoynagar), Dhaka-1000 up to 11 AM on 23.12.97 and simultaneously be opened at 11:15 AM on the same day in presence of bidders, if any.

4. Tenderers must submit earnest money equivalent to 2.5% of their quoted amount along with tender. If the quoted amount is less than the estimate beyond 5%, the tender must accompany additional earnest money equivalent to 10% of the quoted amount and item-wise detail rate analysis for the work. The earnest money in favour of Bangladesh Gas Fields Co Ltd, Brahmanbaria will be in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.

5. Tender must also accompany the followings:-

a) Copy of work of technically similar works completed in a single work order with own supply of materials in the last 5 (five) years amounting not less than estimated amount shown in the tender notice along with completion certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.

b) Current Bank Solvency certificate telling that the firm is capable to invest 40% of the estimated cost of the work at a time for execution of the work.

c) Income Tax Clearance certificate up to 1995-96 including Tax Identification Number (TIN), VAT Registration certificate, Up-to-date Trade Licence & Enlistment certificates.

6. All the certificates to be submitted along with the tender must be in original or duly attested by a Gazetted Officer. Original certificates and papers must be produced on demand against the attested copies which will be returned after verification or any certificate(s) submitted along with the tender may be checked on direct contact with the issuing authority.

7. The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason without accepting any liability.

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Senior Manager (Civil Engineering)