

## News snaps

### Punishment to killers demanded

**SIRAJGANJ, Dec 10:** District Awami League and its front organisations demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the killers of local Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader Ruhul Amin Jewel, reports UNB.

The demand came at a press conference held at the residence of District Awami League president Motahar Hossain Talukdar on Tuesday. Jewel was hacked to death by his rivals at Kobdaspura in the town on November 16. District Awami League General Secretary Abu Yusuf Surya, Chhatra League general secretary Moinuddin Khan and Golam Haidar were present at the news conference.

### Motor-bike parts recovered: 8 hurt

**SYLHET, Dec 10:** Eight people were arrested from a residence in the satellite town here on Thursday and recovered huge motor-bike parts from their possession, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house at midnight and nabbed Titu, Alamgir, Farouque, Selim, Bikash, Monju Shingho, Tota Miah and Alfu Miah. Police said all the arrested are involved in stealing motor-bike parts for a long time. Also on the same day, police arrested a man for his alleged involvement in stealing a pick-up van which was later recovered from in front of the gate of Osmani Medical College Hospital's emergency department. The car was stolen from Bandarbaraz area of the town in the morning on the same day. The arrested was identified as Jahangir of Munshipara of the town. Separate cases have been filed.

### 16,000 sq ft timber seized

**RANGAMATI, Dec 10:** Forest department of southern region of Chittagong Hill Tracts seized 16,000 square feet timber and arrested six people on Sunday and Monday, reports UNB.

Official sources said the timbers were recovered after raiding two trucks, an engine boat and 12 wooden made Dhulis while being smuggled to and from the district. The value of the timbers including Segun and Koroi was estimated at Tk 85 lakh. Separate cases were filed in this connection.

### 301 anti-socials arrested

**CHANDPUR, Dec 10:** Chandpur police in a series of raids arrested 301 anti-social elements from the seven thanas of the district in one month, reports BSS.

According to police, most of the arrested persons were being wanted by the law enforcing agencies for their involvement in various crimes including murder, arson, dacoity, theft and other anti-social activities. The law and order situation in Chandpur district has improved following arrest of the criminals.

### Eye-camp begins

**JAMALPUR, Dec 10:** A week-long eye-camp began at Singha-jani High School auditorium here on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Local MP Rezul Karim Hira and DC Achatapada Goswami opened the eye-camp jointly organised by Jamalpur Rotary Club and Inner Wheel Club. It was addressed, among others, by BNSB representative Dr Borhan Uddin, Rotarian Saldur Rahman Khoka and convenor SM Yusuf Ali with Jamalpur Rotary Club president Engineer Abdus Salam in the chair.

### Comilla unit of human rights commission

**COMILLA, Dec 10:** Comilla district unit of the Bangladesh Human Rights Commission was formed recently with GM Mahfuz as its president, reports BSS.

Other office-bearers are: Ali Akbar Masum-general secretary, Ashok Kumar Barua and advocate Nurul Islam-vice-presidents and Bishnupada Shaha-treasurer.

### 3 toll collectors arrested

**NARAYANGANJ, Dec 10:** Fatullah police arrested three toll collectors for demanding toll from a housewife at Paschim Deobhog in the town recently, reports BSS.

According to police sources, a group of armed toll collectors, numbering about 10, raided the house of Saika Akhtar, 35, equipped with pistol, and demanded Taka one lakh from her. Failing to realise their demand, they opened fire at her but the bullets hit the corrugated tin of the house. Hearing Akhtar's hue and cry, the people chased the toll collectors and caught three of them — Shahain, 25, Ali Asgar, 35, and Kabir, 30, police said. They were taken to police remand.

### Tk 2cr road construction project

**RANGPUR, Dec 10:** The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) has taken up a project at an allocation Taka 2,37,31,238 for construction and reconstruction of 27 roads in three districts under Rangpur zone in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

The districts are — Gaibandha, Kurigram and Nilphamari, an official source said. The works of the project are in full swing and will be completed by June 1998.

### Efforts on to improve farmers' lot

**NARAIL, Dec 10:** State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharrar called upon all to work unitedly to materialise the dream of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for improving the lot of the farmers, reports UNB.

The State Minister, who is also the president of Bangladesh Krishak League, was addressing as chief guest the conference of Krishak League's Lohagara thana unit of the district recently. He said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was a tested friend of the peasants and he had to undergo various oppressions by the then ruling regimes as he had much love and affection for the farmers community.

### Prices of essentials dear

**MADARIPUR, Dec 10:** Prices of some commodities are on rise in different hat-bazars of the district centering the forthcoming union parishad election, reports UNB.

Sources said prices of goods like tea, torch light batteries, kerosene and fuel have registered rise in village areas as these are being used by the candidates and supporters for the election campaign. The trend of price hike which has been observed for the last few days may continue up to completion of the elections.

### Training programme on apiculture

**NARSINGDI, Dec 10:** A month-long training programme on apiculture concluded at Pre-cadet Kindergarten at Velanagar in Sadar thana recently, reports UNB.

Mukta Scout, a social welfare body, organised the training programme with the financial assistance from the local non-government organisation 'Khudra Shilpa Shahayaka'. AGM of BSCIC industrial area Hedayet Hossain inaugurated the course while Khudra Shilpa Shahayaka official Mizanur Rahman and Alif Hossain were present as special guests. Some 25 males and females took part in the training course.

### Krishak League's convening body

**SUNAMGANJ, Dec 10:** A 27-member convening committee of Bishambarpur thana Krishak League was formed recently at a meeting held in the thana parishad auditorium, reports BSS.

The meeting was presided over by Sirajuddin. Lalit Kumar Singh was elected convenor of the committee. Banazir Ahmed and Ashak Ali were elected joint convenors.

### Illegal arms recovered

**COX'S BAZAR, Dec 10:** The Cox's Bazar police in a drive recently recovered 31 illegal firearms and arrested 139 persons on various charges from seven thanas of the district, reports BSS.

Police said of the total eight firearms were recovered from Cox's Bazar sadar, two from Ramu, two from Mohehshkhali, one from Teknaf, two from Ukhiya, three from Kutubdia and 13 from Chakaria.

### Feasibility study of upgrading border road

**SHERPUR, Dec 10:** Engineers of the Roads and Highways Department have been studying the feasibility of upgrading the border road from Nakugon of Nalitabari thana here to establish a direct road link between Bangladesh and Bhutan across Meghalaya state of India, reports UNB.

Officials said if only the existing one km kutcha road from Nakugon to a man's land is developed, it would be possible to connect the district with Dalu of Torā district of Meghalaya state.

It will be the shortest road communication link between Dhaka and Thimpu having 400 kms to 200 kms in each section between Nakugon border and Dhaka, and Dalu and Thimpu, according to the officials.

### Loan realised from farmers

**BARISAL, Dec 10:** Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB), Barisal region, realised a sum of Tk. 30.26 crore from farmers of 11 southern districts under Barisal Agriculture Extension Zone (BAEZ) through 191 branches of the bank till middle of the last month, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the loan was disbursed for the cultivation of different varieties of crops, purchasing of irrigation equipments, setting up of dairy and poultry farms and Women Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (WEDP).

## Polls-related clash in Rajshahi: 16 hurt

**From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Dec 10:** At least 16 persons were injured, five seriously, in a clash between two groups of villagers at Basantapur under Mougachi union in Mohanpur thana on Monday morning.

The clash erupted following a quarrel on casting votes in union parishad election held on Dec 7, police said.

The seriously injured are: Mozammel Huj, 32, Anwar Ali, 20, Rustam Ali, 40, Basnet Ali 50 and Robul Islam, 25. They were admitted into Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

A case was filed in this connection with Mohanpur thana.

## Rokeya Day observed

**KURIGRAM, Dec 10:** Begum Rokeya Day, the birth and death anniversary of Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain, was observed in the district, as elsewhere in the country, on Tuesday with due solemnity, reports UNB.

To mark the day, Mahila Parishad and Solidarity, an NGO, jointly organised a discussion highlighting the contribution of Begum Rokeya on women emancipation.

Shishu Academy also organised painting competition, debate, recital and extempore speech on the occasion.

Besides, colourful rallies, discussions and cultural functions were also arranged in Kurigram, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts.

## Because of delay in allotting poll symbol

**JHALAKATI, Dec 10:** A union parishad member candidate in Nalchhiti thana sought vote in favour of his fish symbol wrongly due to inordinate delay of allotting the symbol by the local election commission office, reports UNB.

Bhairabpasha union parishad member candidate Akbar Kazi applied for the fish symbol but the election commission office allotted cock symbol which was not duly informed.

Without knowing the decision of the officials he thought of his expected symbol has been allotted and he started his campaign by publishing posters and leaflets.

But all on a sudden just before 10 hours of election he came to learn that his election symbol is cock not fish.

As a result, most of the voters were confused in the election held on Tuesday. Mentioned that no candidate was allotted fish symbol in the UP election of the thana.

On the other hand, only six women voters out of 3,016 voters of Moger union of Nalchhiti thana cast their votes in the UP election held on Tuesday.

According to the local people, the women voters are reluctant to cast their votes due to a superstition for a long time.

## Health camp at Santhia

**From Our Correspondent PABNA, Dec 10:** Ex-Students Association of Bera BB High School and Lions Club of Dhaka Chawk Bazar have jointly arranged a day long health camp in Santhia High School premises on December 12.

A ten-member medical team headed by Prof Dr Shamsul Azam will conduct the camp.

## Jamalpur Free Day

**JAMALPUR, Dec 10:** Jamalpur Free Day will be observed in the district on Thursday in a befitting manner, reports UNB.

On the day in 1971, the freedom fighters freed the district from the hand of Pakistani forces fighting in the district's border area of Kamalpur.

Company Commander of sector number 11 Fozzur Rahman hoisted the flag of Independent Bangladesh first at the local WAPDA rest house premises in the morning.

To mark the day, elaborate programmes have been chalked out to pay homage to the martyrs. The day's programme will begin with 25-gun salute.

A colourful rally will also be brought out in the area. A memorial meeting will also be held on the occasion.

## Harvesting of Aman paddy begins

**NATORE, Dec 10:** Harvesting of transplanted Aman paddy has begun in 16 northern districts including Natore with much enthusiasm, reports UNB.

The newly harvested Aman paddy has flooded the local market following the bumper production.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, most of the districts of the region except Chapainabaganj, Naogaon, parts of Dinajpur and Thakurgaon are expected to produce targeted quantity of paddy.

It said 20 lakh hectares of land were brought under transplanted Aman cultivation against a target of 16 lakh hectares and it is expected that about 38 lakh metric tons of paddy will be produced this year.

## 10,000 hit by arsenic pollution in Chandpur

**From Our Correspondent CHANDPUR, Dec 10:** Arsenic contents in tubewell water has created a panic in all seven thanas of Chandpur district.

About 10,000 people are affected with arsenic related diseases. This was revealed by the Executive Engineer of Chandpur Public Health Engineering Department (PHED). According to him tubewell water of entire Chandpur district is arsenic contaminated.

PHED has already started testing the proportion of arsenic contents in tubewell water throughout the district since last two months. With limited resources PHED is unable to tackle this alarming situation. Arsenic pollution in tubewell water has been spreading fast in Faridganj, Haziganj, Matlab, Shahraisi, Kachua, Haimchar and Chandpur. In these places a large number of people have been suffering from arsenic related diseases. So far PHED has examined water of about two hundred tubewells from different areas of the district. PHED has found arsenic contents in most of these tubewells. About one hundred tubewells have already been sealed off with warning signboard. Besides, other tubewells are likely to be sealed off very soon. According to the opinion of PHED the dangerous level of arsenic content in water is .05 mg.

However, during examination of water sample from other tubewells arsenic content was found below danger level upto

.02 mg in some areas of the district.

While talking to A K M Mainuddin, Executive Engineer of Public Health Engineering Department, he told this correspondent that steps are being

## 128 residences of UZ chairmen remain unused

**NATORE, Dec 10:** Almost all the official residences allotted for the former Upazila Parishad chairmen in 16 northern districts including Natore remained abandoned for the last six years, reports UNB.

According to sources, 128 official residences of UP chairmen remained unused as the chairmen posts were abolished in 1991 by the then BNP government cancelling the Upazila Parishad system.

These official residences were constructed at a cost of Tk 4.86 crore in thana sadars of the region after introduction of Upazila system by the Ershad government under decentralisation programme.

For each of the two-storey building consisting of six rooms, Tk 3.80 lakh was spent. But since 1991, due to lack of maintenance and care many furniture, valuable building materials, doors, windows, electric wires, bulbs and fans have been disappeared.

taken to examine different tubewells water in all seven thanas of the district gradually. As a result of wide spread impact of arsenic the people of the district have been suffering from various arsenic diseases. PHED has already informed concern to the ministry about widespread arsenic contamination in the district. Due to arsenic contamination in tubewells water many people are drinking boiled water from tanks, ponds and rivers. The residents of Chandpur town have been exposed to arsenic pollution.

Arsenic elements have also been found in many tubewells of the town. It is posing a threat to public health. People have urged the government to take appropriate measures immediately to save the people from arsenic related diseases.

## Tender Notice

কিন্তু ব্যবহারে যিতব্যীয় হোন

Name of work: Supply of filter bag for Chittagong Power Station. Estimated cost: Tk 73,600/80 (Taka seventy three thousand six hundred and eighty paisa) only. Eligibility of contractor: PDB enlisted contractors/bonafide suppliers/manufacturers. Price of tender: Tk 100/-. Place & date where & when tender will be available: Chief Engineer (Production), PDB, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka/Manager, Sonali Bank, BIT Branch, Chittagong up to 17.12.97. Date of receiving & opening tender: 18.12.97 up to 12:00 Noon and on the same day at 12:30 PM. Detailed terms & conditions of the tender must be complied with.

**Executive Engineer (Turbine)**  
Chittagong Power Station, PDB  
Chittagong

Biddut/Jana-716 (3)97-98  
DFP-27412-2/12  
G-3067

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Chief Engineer Construction & Maintenance Management Unit (CMMU) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

## Notice Inviting Proposal for Employing Sub-Soil Investigation Firm

- Construction and Maintenance Management Unit (CMMU), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh intends to employ firms for Soil Investigation for Construction of Union Health & Family Welfare Centres at different locations in the country. For this, proposal in sealed covers for sub-soil investigation works are invited from bonafide and sub-soil investigation firms.
- Firms interested to purchase bid documents are required to submit applications to the office of the Chief Engineer in their letter head pad.
- Bid documents will be available for selling to firms on submission of Bank Draft/Pay Order of Tk. 200.00 (Taka two hundred) only (non-refundable) from any all working days from 17.12.97 to 18.12.97 in the office of the Chief Engineer.
- Earnest money of Tk. 5,000.00 (Taka five thousand) only in the form of Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh issued in favour of Chief Engineer, CMMU should be submitted along with each proposal. Earnest money of unsuccessful proposal will be returned.
- Proposals in sealed covers will be received in two envelopes, one technical and another financial in following manner:
  - In boxes kept in the offices of Executive Engineer, CMMU: Dhaka/Dhaka City/Chief Engineer, CMMU.
  - By post/courier service at BIDDER'S RISK in the office of the Chief Engineer, CMMU. The documents sent by post/courier services be addressed to the Chief Engineer, will be received up to 21.12.97 till 14:00 hours only. Documents received after the abovementioned time will be returned un-opened.
- Successful firms will be communicated after evaluation of proposal. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals without having any obligation to communicate reasons thereof and this decision shall not be subject to appeal.

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G-3070  
Colonel Md. Ahsan Habib  
Chief Engineer

## National Broadcasting Authority of Bangladesh NBA House (TV Wing) 121, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Shahbagh, Dhaka-1000

## International Tender No Para (KE) 30.51/97 Tender Notice

Bangladesh Television invites sealed international tenders from reputed manufacturers or manufacturers' authorised suppliers through their appointed local agents in Bangladesh for supply of the following item specified in the tender schedule:

VHF-Band III TV Transmitter Tube

The import will be financed by BTV's revenue fund allocation.

Tender document with detailed specification & scope of supply is obtainable from the Accounts Section of NBA (TV) on payment of Tk 750.00 (Taka seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable), per set on all working days between 10:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs (BST) up to 22nd January, 1998 at the above address. No tender document will be sold on the day of opening of tender. Tender bid must accompany an earnest money in favour of Drawing and Disbursing Officer, NBA (TV) equivalent to 2% (two per cent) of total C&F price in the form of Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee/Pay Order from any local scheduled bank.

Tenders will be received in the office of the Chief Engineer (TV), NBA House, 121, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbagh, Dhaka-1000 up to 12:00 hrs (BST) on 25 January, 1998. The received tenders will be opened at 12:10 hrs (BST) on the same date (i.e. 25-01-1998) in presence of the representatives of the bidders (if any).

Bangladesh Television reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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DFP-27706-7/12  
G-3068  
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## Medical Consultant (Cardiologist) Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from bonafide Bangladesh nationals for filling in the post of a part-time cardiologist at a progressive insurance organisation. Qualification & experience—Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council recognised & registered medical graduate and should possess FCPS, MRCP & MD (Cardiology) with years practical experience in related field. Age—Maximum 50 years. Relaxable in special case. Honorarium—To be fixed through negotiation. Interested candidate should reach application with one copy CV, one copy recent passport size attested photograph, attested photocopy of educational qualification & experience certificates & registration etc. to GPO Box No 346, Dhaka-1000 by 18.12.1997.

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DFP-27341-2/12  
G-3065

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Comilla Division, Comilla

## Tender Invitation Notice

Separate tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited by the undersigned from Public Health Engineering Directorate's 1997-98 financial year contractor enlisted/renewed/VAT registered 1st class 'A' and 'D' category contractors for installation of Tara deepset tubewell/38 mm dia shallow tubewell at different thanas of Public Health Engineering, Comilla Division under GoB-04 Project. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, B'baria Division/Chandpur Division/Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Health Engineering Sadar (S) Sub-Divisional Office and this office up to 1:00 PM of 21.12.97. And all tenders received from the tender boxes taken together will be opened at the office of the undersigned at 11:00 AM of 22.12.97 in presence of the contractors or their representatives (if any). Schedule of tender and other papers can be purchased at the prescribed price (non-refundable) in cash from the office of the undersigned, Executive Engineer B'baria/Chandpur office up to 18.12.97. No schedule of tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender. Detailed description of the said work and other information can be known from the office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, PHE, B'baria/Chandpur District Office any day during office hours.

**Executive Engineer**  
Public Health Engineering  
Comilla Division, Comilla  
Phone-6143  
DFP-27293-2/12  
G-3066

## International Tender for Purchasing Motor Vehicles Bangladesh Rifles

No 900/7(Vehicle-99)/EME Dated: 04 December 1997

1. Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide suppliers/dealers/manufacturers/local agents for purchasing the following new motor vehicles subject to the approval of Ministry of Home Affairs, Bangladesh Government:

S/No	Name of vehicles	Quantity	Rate of schedule (non-refundable)	Delivery period
a.	4x4, 5 Doors, Hard Top Diesel Jeep (CBU).	15 (fifteen) Nos	Tk 750/-	120 days from the date of opening LC
b.	4x4 Diesel Pick Up (CBU).	18 (eighteen) Nos	Tk 750/-	-do-
c.	4x4 Diesel Truck (CBU).	4 (four) Nos	Tk 750/-	-do-
d.	Diesel Ambulance (CBU).	3 (three) Nos	Tk 750/-	-do-

2. Tender schedule and other terms/conditions may be obtained from 18 December '97 to 28 January '98 during office hours from 0800 hours to 1400 hours at Headquarters, Bangladesh Rifles, Gate Nos 3 and 4 except on government holiday. Tender will be received up to 1200 hours on 20 January '98 and will be opened at 1230 hours on the same day in presence of the bidders (if any present). The quantities of vehicles may increase or decrease.

3. Director General, Bangladesh Rifles reserves the right to accept or reject any tender.  
DFP-27789-7/12  
G-3069  
CEME  
For Director General

## Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Ferry Division, Barisal RHD Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No : 34 of RHD, Ferry Divn, Barisal/1997-98.
- Name of work : As described below
- Eligibility of contractor : "A" to "E" category contractor of RHD as per financial capacity and territorial jurisdiction.
- Availability of tender schedule : 1. Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Divn, Barisal/Khulna.  
2. Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal (only office hours. No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender schedule).
- Tender receiving officers : 1. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Circle, Khulna.  
2. Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Divn, Barisal/Khulna.
- Last date of selling tender : 22.12.97 (only office hours).
- Last date of receiving tender in sealed cover : 23.12.97/9.9.1404 at 12 Noon.
- Date and time of opening tender : 28.12.97/14.9.1404 at 1 PM.
- Date and time of lottery (if applicable) : 28.12.97/14.9.1404 at 3 PM.

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money
1.	Supplying of spare parts for 110 HP Daf engine of different utility ferries under Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal during the year 1997-98.	Tk. 1,09,000/-	Tk. 2180/-
2.	Supplying of spare parts for 120 HP Hydromaster (Newford) engines gear box of different type ferries under Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal during the year 1997-98	Tk. 1,63,600/-	Tk. 3392/-
3.	Supplying and fitting fixing of MS plate, Angle and other materials to repairing of pontoon No PM-004 at Shikerpur ferry ghat (Barisal end) under Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal during the year 1997-98.	Tk. 3,88,040/-	Tk. 7761/-

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**Executive Engineer, RHD**  
Ferry Divn, Barisal