Newssnaps

Erratic power supply in Barguna

BARGUNA, Dec 27. Frequent power failure and voltage fluctuation have been causing untold miseries to the people in the district, reports UNB.

Local people complained that erratic power supply has in creased sufferings both to the domestic and commercial consumers. Hardly a day passes without any disruption in power supply causing immense sufferings particularly to the patients of hospitals and students. Production is mills and factories is being hampered incurring huge losses to the entrepreneurs. Fluctuation of voltage also damages electronic gadgets includ-ing television and radio sets, refrigerator and electric bulb.

Dacoit arrested

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 27: Police seized a looted tempo and arrested the gang leader on Thursday night from a frontier bazar of Kazipur thana, reports UNB.

Police said the arrested dacoit leader and his seven accomplices hired the tempo of Robi of the village Purnimagati of Ullahpara thana to go to Konabari of Kamarkhand thana. When the vehicle reached Sadar thana near the Jamuna link road they tied the driver, looted his cash Tk 1500 and went away with the vehicle throwing him into a sugarcane field. Local people rescued the driver and informed the Sadar thana police about the incident. Later, acting on a tip-off, they arrested the gang leader Ibrahim Hossain Ronju, 25, of village Ranigram Modhyapara of Sadar thana.

Ansar, VDP rally in Munshiganj

MUNSHIGANJ, Dec 27: A rally of Ansar and VDP members of the district was held at Ratanpur Ansar Barrack here on

Wednesday, reports BSS.

According to an official source, 560 male and female members of Ansar and VDP took part in the rally which was presided over by ADC (General) Mustafa Kamal. M A Kuddus, Deputy Director (Training) Ansar-VDP, headquarters, attended the rally as chief guest. TV set, sewing machine and bi-cycle were distributed as prizes among the best Ansar and VDP members. Speakers at the rally underscored the role of Ansar-VDP members in maintaining law and order in the rural areas.

Training course for pry school teachers

PATUAKHALI, Dec 27: A 12-day training course for the primary school teachers sponsored by the Community Development Project (CODEP), a non-government organisation, concluded here last week, reports BSS

Deputy Commissioner, Patuakhali M Habibullah distributed certificates among the participants on the concluding day. The Superintendent of Primary Training Institute, Patuakhali was present on the occasion.

Discussion on bad effect of drug

SATKHIRA, Dec 27: A discussion on the harmful effect of drug in the society was held at Kaliganj College premises under Kaliganj thana of the district on December 23, reports BSS.

Organised by "Shushilan," a local non-government organisation, the discussion was presided over by Abul Kashem, principal of the college. The discussion was followed by staging of a play, "Dhoompan na Bishpan," based on anti-drug campaign.

Discussion meeting on Liberation War

NETRAKONA. Dec 27: A discussion meeting on the liberation war jointly sponsored by the district administration and Muktijodha Sangsad. Netrakona district unit was held recently at local shaheed minar, reports BSS.

The Deputy Commissioner, Ali Akbar Hussain Akhand presided over the discussion. Vice-President of district Awami League advocate Sadiruddin Ahmed, general secretary advocate Amirul Islam and commander of Muktijodha Sangsad, Netrakona unit Golam Mostafa among others took part in the discussion. The discussion was followed by a musical soiree.

359 villages electrified in 2 dists

MADARIPUR, Dec 27: A total of 359 villages in six thanas of Madaripur and Gopalganj districts have been brought under rural electrification network since 1984, reports UNB.

During the period, the local Palli Bidyut Samity gave 27,000 connections in the two districts. The thanas are: Madaripur Sadar, Rajoir, Shibchar, Kalkini, Gopalganj Sadar and Moksedpur. For this, the cural electrification authorities, have installed 1,246 kilometres of transmission line throughout the thanas. Extensive programmes are being implemented to bring more villages of the two district under electrification network.

Concern over illegal toll collection

NARSINGDI, Dec 27: Illegal toll collection from boats at different ghats in the district seriously hampers the transportation of goods through waterways, reports UNB.

Boatmen and businessmen said extortion of tolls by some armed groups has become a regular feature in the rivers across the district. Businessmen became hostage at the hands of armed gangs who with the help of local influentials extort money from the boatmen. The hoodlums even assaulted some businessmen when they refused to give money. They collect Tk 50 to 100 from each boat carrying various goods from the district to various business centres including Comilla, Brahmanbaria, Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Manikganj and Kishoreganj,

Discussion on life, work of Rokeya

TANGAIL, Dec 27: A discussion on the life and work of Begum Rokeya was held recently at the district women affairs of fice here to mark the birth and death anniversary of the great reformer and writer, reports BSS.

The district women affairs officer Zohra Khatoon presided over the discussion. Speakers paid tributes to Begum Rokeya and said she played a great role in the emancipation of oppressed womenfolk especially Bengali Muslim women. A mi lad mahfil was also held on the occasion.

Contraband worth Tk 8.5 lakh seized

SYLHET, Dec 27: BDR personnel recovered a huge quantity of contraband worth about Tk 8.5 lakh from different frontier areas of the district in last one month, reports UNB.

The goods, including sugar, liquor, ganja, bidi, sarees and onion, have been deposited with the local Customs office. Another report from Comilla adds: BDR jawans recovered Indian smuggled goods worth over Tk six lakh and arrested two people from different frontier areas of the district during the period The smuggled goods included radio sets, cassette players, electric pianos, sarees, phensidyl, spare parts of vehicles, ganja, liquor, hair oil, horlicks, pulses, timber, salt, cream and bicy

Tributes paid to Rokeya

BHERAMARA, Dec 27: A discussion on the life and contribution of Begum Rokeya was held at the thana parishad auditorium here recently, reports BSS.

Organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Bheramara unit the discussion was presided over by Prof Noor Mahal. Among others, Tahmina Mazid, Prof Nasima Islam and Nilufar Islam took part in the discussion. They recalled the contribution of Begum Rokeya to the emancipation of the womenfolk and said she was, the pioneer in women education in Bangladesh. The discussion was followed by a procession.

Hospital's foundation laid

COMILLA, Dec 27: Health and Family Planning Welfare Minister Salauddin Yusuf laid foundation stone of "Begum Wahed Ali Memorial Hospital" at Chhoto Talugaon in Barura thana and inaugurated the newly constructed Wahed Ali Hospital on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Addressing on the occasion, the minister called upon the people of all walks of life to cooperate the government in implementing the ongoing development programmes taken by the government. The minister also reiterated the present government's commitment to ensure health care services to the people by the year 2000. The function was addressed, among others, by Prof Panna Kaiser, MP, Abdul Hakim, MP, and other local leaders.

Paddy procurement drive

LALMONIRHAT, Dec 27: Government has set a target for procuring 1.80 lakh mts of paddy and 80,000 mts of rice from 16 northern districts during the current Aman season, reports

The districts are: Lalmonirhat Kurigram, Gaibandha, Bogra Rangpur, Nilphammari, Noagaon, Natore, Joypurhat, Rajshahi, Pabna, Sirajganj, Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur and Chapainawabganj. A competent source said despite the start of procurement in several districts, the drive could not get momentum due to the existing marginal differences between the market price and the official price of paddy and rice. At present paddy is being sold at Tk 250-260 per maund at the local markets in the region. But the farmers are to bear an additional amount per maund to carry the same to the procurement centres. Besides, they are to face enormous complexities in selecting the grades of the paddy by the centre authorities.



MUNSHIGANJ: Day labourers are in great demand in the district during this winter season. Land labourers from Mymensingh and northern districts have come here in large number to earn their livelihood. Photo shows such a group of daily workers taking meal together after their hard day's work. - Star photo by AKM Mohsin

Pry school dropouts up in Magura district

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Dec 27: The objective of Compulsory Primary Education Programme (CPEP) could not be achieved in four thanas like Sripur, Shalikha, Sadar Muhammadpur of the district due to manifold probincluding shortage of class rooms, teachers and poor attendance of the students.

According to the report, shortage of teachers in different primary schools of the district is the main problem for implementation of CPEP. One teacher is required for each 50 students of primary schools. according to the rules. But in Magura district the sanctioned posts of primary teachers at government primary schools are only 1216. The teachers student ratio is fully neglected. The teachers are not posted in different primary schools according to the basis of their skill in school subjects. The teachers who are skill in English, Mathematics, Islamiat, Hindu Dharma Shikkha subjects are badly needed in every primary school.

It was learnt from an un official survey that there are not adequate member of teachers in many primary schools of the district. The subject of religious education like Islamyiat and Sanatan Hindu Dharma Shikkha is not taught properly in many schools due to lack of teachers. The specialist teachers in classical subjects are needed to teach these subjects properly.

According to sources, the teachers of the primary schools in the district are compelled to

Wild elephants

spoil Christmas

celebration

JAMALPUR, Dec 27: Some

wild elephants spoiled the

Christmas celebration by Garo

tribal families in frontier

Dighakon village of the district.

some 20 to 25 elephants

emerged from the deep forest of

Indian state of Meghalaya and

trespassed into Dighakon vil-

lage with noisy roaring in the

drank the liquor made by Garo

tribals on the occasion of the

Christmas festival. The ele-

phants got drunk and launched

attack on villagers and de-

The Garo tribesmen could

not observe the festival due to

this sudden attack by the ele-

phants. The scared villagers left

their homesteads and took

continued search for the ele-

phants till Friday and feared

that the elephants might have

gone into hiding in nearby ar-

killed and many houses were

Shishu variety of

saplings being

perished

shishu variety of saplings in 26

districts of north and south-

western region are being per-

ished due to the outbreak of

unidentified diseases causing

heavy loss to the growers, re-

tion drive a success, Forest De-

partment has given 60 per cent

ownership to those who nurture

able for planting shishu tree

and the tree grows up earlier

than other plants. But during

last one year unidentified dis-

eases broke out in the region

causing widespread death to the

Forest Extension Depart-

ment sources said they are yet

to identify the disease but sent a

report in this regard to Forest

Research Institute (FRI) in Lon-

don. They expected that after

receiving report from FRI the

cause behind the destruction of

shishu trees would be detected.

Soil of these region is suit-

For making the tree planta-

ports UNB.

the plants.

plants.

PABNA. Dec 27: Lakhs of

destroyed at the same village.

Earlier, one person was

The Bakshiganj thana police

shelter at a local mission.

stroyed their houses.

They said wild elephants

early morning of Thursday.

Witnesses and officials said

reports UNB.

do non-teaching duties of the government's department like preparing voter lists, doing duties of EPI programme, child and mass education survey, taking part in sanitation programme and taking part in different types of training programmes around the year,

On the other hand, the teachers of primary schools have to do clerical job to preserve the records of schools during the school hour as there is no post of clerk for doing such works. As a result, the normal class teaching in primary schools are being hampered seriously in the district

sources added.

While talking to the members of the managing committee of some primary schools said that CPEP has been hampered due to extra non-teaching duties of teachers. More teachers are needed in primary schools of the district. According to the official

statistics, there are 1,40151

children of aged 6 to 10 in the district who are eligible to go to schools. Of them, 51481 children are in Magura Sadar, 27,183 children in Shalikha thana, 27183 children in Sripur thana and 33,551 children in Muhammadpur thana-A total of 131,598 children have enrelled their names in government and non-government primary schools, while 8553 children remain out of the benefit of education facilities in the

The thanawise break-up of enrolled students in primary schools are in Magura Sadar 49,010, in Shalika thana 27373, in Sripur, 24897 and in Muhammadpur 30310.

Besides, this, 2471, children in Magura Sadar 563 children in Shalikha, 2286 in Sripur and 3233 in Muhammadpur thana remain out of educational facilities.

An official source said, there are 267 government primary schools, 173 registered primary schools 14 unregistered primary schools, 110 Abtedayee Madrasah, 27 other types of primary schools in the district. There are 1216 teachers in government primary schools. of them 976 are male teachers and 240 are female teachers.

Both the registered and unregistered primary schools are under private management. The teachers of registered primary schools are getting financial help from the government and the teachers of unregistered primary schools are deprived of government help.

The sources further informed that the percentage of daily attendance of students is poor in the rural areas of the district. The number of drop out students are increasing gradually day by day in remotest areas as a large number of children of the poor parents are doing different types of job for earning their lives. The attendance of students in their classes is satisfactory only in those schools which are under the purview of Food for Education programme (FEP). But a few schools have been brought under this programme in the district

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Segun Bagicha, Dhaka Memo No. 1314

Dated: 15-12-97/1-9-1404 BS

Tender Amendment Notice

Name of work

Supply, installation & commissioning of stage light & Acoustic system of Dr. Shamsul Alam Khan (Milon) Auditorium at Dhaka Medical College compound.

Under unavoidable circumstance in the tender notice invited as per Tender Invitation Notice (2nd invitation) No. 45 (1997-98) vide this office Memo No. 1178 dated 25-11-97, for the above work, the date of receiving & opening tender is refixed on 12-1-98/29-9-1404 BS instead of 18-12-97/4-9-1404 BS and the last date of purchasing tender on 11-1-98/28-9-1404 BS instead of 17-12-97/3-9-1404 BS. Other terms & conditions of tender will remain unchanged as before. The Tender Amendment Notice should be attached with the tender and it will be considered as part of tender.

Apurbo Kumar Hay **Executive Engineer** Public Works E/M Division-4

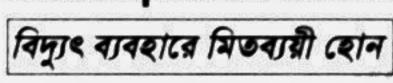
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Bangladesh Power Development Board



Tender Notice

Name of work: Supply of electrical goods for Chittagong Power Station. Eligibility of contractor: PDB enlisted contractors/bonafide suppliers/manufacturers. Estimated cost: Tk 72,880/- (seventy two thousand eight hundred eighty) only. Price of tender: Tk 100/- (one hundred) only (non-refundable) Should be submitted through BD/DD in favour of the Deputy Director (Accounts), ZAO (PRO & Bi), PDB, Chittagong. Place where tender will be available from: Can be purchased from the Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Building, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka/Manager, Sonali Bank, BIT Branch, Chittagong up to 13-01-98. Date of receiving & opening tender: Tenders will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Building, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka/office of the undersigned up to 12-00 Noon of 14-01-98 and will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM before the tenderers (if any) present. All other terms & conditions of the tender should be complied with properly.

Executive Engineer (Electrical)

Biddut/Jana-815(4)/97-98 Chittagong Power Station DFP-28942-22/12 Power Development Board, Rauzan

Chittagong.

Severe cold wave in Netrakona

NETRAKONA, Dec 27: An intolerable weather condition triggered by severe cold wave and dense fog has been disrupting normal life in Netrakona district during the past three days, report BSS.

The weather forced the town dwellers here to remain inside homes even in the daytime. while they sky remained overcast with clouds and thick fog and the sun was not visible.

The inclement weather has been resulting in extreme sufferings particularly to the poor and floating people as they are not capable to buy winter clothes.

Weather experts said, onrush of cold wave from the Himalayan region and thick for have intensified the winter in the district which is about 25 kms south-east from the garo hills in India.

Meanwhile, Netrakona district administration has despatched a fax message to the Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management asking to send winter clothings immediately.

Post-polls violence in Pirojpur

PIROJPUR, Dec 27:Supporters of a chairman-elect attacked the house of a supporter of the rival candidate on Thursday during a post-polls violence in Patyashi union of Sadar thana, reports UNB.

Witnesses said several hundred supporters of newly elected chairman Asadul Kabir Swapan swooped on Mahbub's house at Ghosherhat in his absence when they came to know that Mahbub had attacked and abducted the new chairman.

The angry supporters damaged doors and windows of the house, and set fire to a motor cycle and the cattle shed.

Pabna Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

PABNA. Dec 27: Aparna Khatoon, 20, daughter of Taser Uddin of village Shatgachha under Ekdanta Union Parishad under Atgharia thana of Pabna district died of diarrhoea.

It has been learnt that on December 15, Aparna Khatoon was shifted from her house to Pabna General Hospital after being seriously attacked with the disease. She died in the hospital while under treatment.

Bad result in HSC exam

No student, male or female. was admitted in the HSC class in the 1996-97 session this year in the Shankharipara Sudhir Kumar High School and College.

Only 17 students were admitted into HSC class during 1995 96 session. They appeared at the HSC examiniations this year and only one student came out successfully.

The school was upgraded in

Arms recovered One country-made pistol and

a toy pistol were recovered following search conducted by po-lice in the house of Noor Ali Sardar, son of Rajab Ali Sardar of village Nazirpur under Hemayetpur Union Parishad in Pabna sadar thana recently. Police started a case against

Noor Ali Sardar under Section 19A of Arms Act. School girl

abducted One Reshma Khatoon, 14, student of Class VII of Dwipchar High School under Pabna Sadar thana was abducted from her house in village Balarampur of Dogachhi Union of Pabna. The miscreants were all armed.

Father of the girl. Abul Hashem tried to obstruct the miscreants led by Selim of the

same village but the miscreants attacked him with iron rods and lathis. He was severely in-

jured. The miscreants then took the girl near Char Bhabanipur and attempted to rape her. She cried out for help and her father also rushed to the spot. The villagers rushed, recovered the girl and filed a case against the mis-

creants. However, none has been arrested so far. The miscreants are now threatening the victim's father to withdraw the

Boy killed in road accident

A boy named Abdul Karim, 15, died when a speeding microbus knocked the boy from behind near Dharmagram within Pabna Sadar thana recently.

Abdul Karim fell down beside the road. The neighbouring villagers shifted him to Pabna General Hospital at once but he succumbed to his injuries inflicted upon him.

Karim is the son of Ibrahim Khan of Dublia Dashpara under Pabna Sadar thana.

Farmer hacked to death

One Mohammad Suja Sardar, son of late Taher Sardar of village Alaikula Chowk Baisha was hacked to death by unknown assailants recently. The killers allegedly belong to underground Sarbahara Party.

At about 12 midnight on December 13, armed miscreants numbering 10 to 12 forcibly entered into the house of Suja Sarkar, a peasant took him away at gunpoint to Hijaltali. on the bank of a beel and hacked him to death.

A case was lodged in this connection, but none was arrested so far.

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Local Government Engineering Directorate, Patuakhali Memo No LGED/EE/Patua/D-255/97/4161

Tender Notice No 15/97-98

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2908 under sealed cover are hereby invited from LGED enlisted all class contractors (as per class capacity) & all projects pre-qualified contractors for implementation of the undermentioned works from local income during 1997-98 financial year in Patuakhali district under Local Government Engineering Directorate. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/Project Director, RDP-16, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207/Executive Engineer, LGED, Barguna/ & office of the undersigned and opened on the same day at the tender receiving offices at 2-30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their nominated representatives.

Tender schedule can be purchased from the above offices at prescribed price (non-

refundable) during office hours up to the day before the date of submitting tender. Earnest money at the rate 2.50% (two point five zero per cent) should be deposited with the tender in the form of PO/DD from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Local Govt Engineering Directorate, Patuakhali. If not deposited or deposited at less than the prescribed rate the tender will be treated as cancelled outright. Rate should be quoted in percentage below or above the estimated cost at the designated

written in words & figures. Otherwise, tender will be treated as cancelled outright. If the submitted rate is more than 5 (five) per cent below, it will be treated as rejected outright. Work schedule stating time limit for completion of each phase of work should be submitted with the tender. Tender without work schedule will be treated as cancelled outright. If the work is not started within 3 (three) days from the date of issuing work order, the work order

space of schedule & Form No 2908 of tender document and the rate should be distinctly

The contractor should sign on each page of the papers attached to tender, otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright.

Other terms & conditions and rules & regulations can be known from the above offices during office hours up to the day before the date of submitting tender.

Earnest money is refundable after 01 (one) year of completion of work.

will be cancelled, earnest money forfeited and legal action taken.

The contractor should get done at own cost the required tests for maintenance of qualitative standard of work, as such the contractor should submit tender considering the necessary expenses. Contractor should properly preserve all test results for monitoring work and no bill will be paid to the contractor without satisfactory test result. The work should be completed within the prescribed time, otherwise, the authority will not

be responsible for any difficulty in receiving payment or otherwise. Itemwise rate analysis should be submitted in case of submitting rate at more than 5% (five

per cent) above. Otherwise, tender will be treated as cancelled. No photocopy of rate analysis or any striking off, erasing, overwriting therein will be acceptable. In case more than one contractor happen to be the lowest submitting the same rate, the contractor will be selected through lottery. In such case, contractors will be informed of the

place, date & time of lottery in due course. Attested photocopy of VAT registration & TIN should be submitted with the tender. Tender should bear the name of work and seal & signature of the issuing authority and attested photocopy of contractor's enlistment/pre-qualification licence (1997-98 financial year renewed) should be attached with the tender. Otherwise, tender will be treated as

cancelled Receipt of purchasing tender schedule should be submitted with the tender and code number

of each group should be distinctly superscribed on the submitted tender. If any tenderer obstructs other tenderers or helps therein at the time of purchasing schedule or submitting tender or initiates tender negotiation or evidence of helping therein is found,

the tender & enlistment of the contractor concerned will be cancelled. Tenders may be submitted to the tender receiving offices as per the tender notice, by registered with A/D post. But in that case, tenders should reach the respective offices before the last time of receiving tender. Otherwise, it will not be acceptable.

Tender submitted in Bangladesh Form No 2908 shall be treated as first & formal tender. If the work is not started within 3 (three) days of issuing work order earnest money of the contractor will be forfeited & work order cancelled and new contractor appointed.

Goods should be supplied & properly installed and handed over after testing. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any Schedule of work

Name of work Estimated Price of schedule cost (Taka) (non-refundable)

Supply of Intercom, Air Cooler, Meeting 3,87,500/-Amplifier, VCP, TV, Dish Antenna etc at 300/-Patuakhali District LGED Office Building.

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Local Government Engineering Directorate Patuakhali

Time for completion of work (Taka) 15 days