

News snaps

Eye camp concludes

NOAKHALI, Jan 9: A 7-day long eye camp organised jointly by Jonaki Club and Chittagong Ondha Kallyan Samity concluded here at Noakhali Zila School on December 30, reports BSS.

In all 1100 eye patients were given necessary treatment while 105 eye patients were operated upon free of cost in the eye camp. Deputy Commissioner of Noakhali, K Md Abul Kalam was the chief guest at the concluding day's function which was presided over civil surgeon, Dr Mokhlesur Rahman. Spectacles were distributed among the operated patients free of cost.

Loan for trained jobless youths

RANGAMATI, Jan 9: The Rangamati district unit of Youth Development Directorate plans to disburse Taka 10.7 lakh from the revolving loan programme to the trained unemployed youths of sadar thana of the district to make them self-reliant, according to official sources, reports BSS.

Taka 2.7 lakh will be disbursed to 10 youths to carry out projects on domestic birds and animals, five youths to carry out waist-loom factories and three youths to run tailoring businesses in the first phase in the current month, the sources said. The rest amount of the programme will be disbursed phase-wise, the sources added.

Loan for Rabi crops farming

MYMENSINGH, Jan 9: A total of Tk 16,41,00,000 has been allotted as agriculture loan for Rabi crops cultivation in the district of Mymensingh in this fiscal year, reports BSS.

The loan is being distributed in 150 unions of the districts through four banks which are Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Sonali Bank, Agrani Bank and Janata Bank. The bank-wise allotment of a loan for distribution and number of unions are Bangladesh Krishi Bank Tk 12,33,41,000 for 85 unions, Sonali Bank Tk 2,14,00,000 for 38 unions, Agrani Bank Tk 85,00,000 for 17 unions and Janata Bank Tk 1,08,50,000 for 10 unions.

Goods worth Tk 2.8 lakh looted

RANGAMATI, Jan 9: Goods worth Tk 2.8 lakh were looted in two dacoities in Rangamati-Chittagong Highway and in Kaptai Lake on Monday, reports UNB.

A gang of 12 robbers put barricade at Satchhari point of the highway and looted valuables worth Tk two lakh from the passengers of seven buses, baby taxi, jeep and truck at 8 pm. In another dacoity, committed in an ice-carrying trawler at the middle point of Kattal and Longodu of Kaptai Lake, the robbers took away Tk 80,000 cash.

Body recovered

JHALAKATI, Jan 9: Police recovered a charred body of a widow from a residence at Purbatali village in Sadar thana on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said after getting information, they recovered the decomposed body of Halimon Nesa, 60, from a room of her house where she had been living alone. Halimon Nesa was burnt to death on Sunday night following dispute over land, police suspected. Police took three of her close relatives - Sultan Hossain, Aleya Begum and Anowara Begum - to the police station for interrogation.

UP polls held peacefully

PIROJPUR, Jan 9: Elections of 50 union parishes out of 51 were completed more or less peacefully in the district during the last month, reports UNB.

The election of Sankarpasha union remained suspended following a demarcation case filed with the High Court. Although party basic nomination was not given to the candidates but they were supported by political parties. Out of 50 elected chairmen, 25 are activists of Awami League, BNP, 7 Jatiya Party, 1 Jamaat, 1 Communist Party and the rest are independent. Meanwhile, six police personnel including an OC were closed following post-election clashes and other irregularities in the district.

Sanction for horticulture nursery

TANGAIL, Jan 9: The government has sanctioned Taka one crore for establishment of a horticultural nursery in Tangail town, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the project, financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), aims at producing high yielding variety seed, seedling and sapling of various fruit and vegetables. Meanwhile, construction of two-storeyed training centre and staff quarters of the nursery has begun.

Tk 2.20 cr realised from power subscribers

SATKHIRA, Jan 9: Satkhira Electricity Supply Authority realised arrears amounting to Taka 2.20 crore in Satkhira district during the month of December 1997, reports BSS.

An official source said an amount of about Taka five crore was lying outstanding with the subscribers in the district.

Rabi crop farming progressing

MANIKGANJ, Jan 9: The cultivation of Rabi crop of the current Rabi season is now in full swing in all the seven thanas of Manikganj district, reports BSS.

The thanas are Harirampur, Shibalaya, Daulatpur, Ghior, Shatruja, Singair and Manikganj sadar. According to an official source of Agriculture Extension Department, in the current Rabi crop cultivation season the cultivation target of wheat has been fixed at 16,500 hectares, mustard at 15,840 hectares, potato at 2500 hectares, sweet potato at 650 hectares, winter vegetables at 5500 hectares of land.

One roasted alive

MADARIPUR, Jan 9: One person was roasted alive and property worth about Taka three lakh was burnt to ashes in a devastating fire which took place at Barooley under Shibchar thana of the district recently, reports BSS.

The fire originated from a kitchen and soon engulfed the adjacent houses. As a result one Kaseem Bepari, 35, was burnt to death. The loss was estimated to be worth about Taka three lakh. There is no fire station at Shibchar thana. The fire victims are in great miseries and passing their days under the open sky.

Water supply project work progressing

NOAKHALI, Jan 9: Works on water supply project in the pourashava, involving Tk 25 crore, are going on in full-swing, reports UNB.

Engineers and experts from home and abroad are conducting the project works, funded by Denmark, officials said. The project is expected to be completed by next two years. Upon completion of the works, nearly two lakh people of the pourashava would be benefited.

Youngman killed in road accident

GAIBANDHA, Jan 9: A youngman was killed and another injured when a truck hit them at Mayamoni in Gobindaganj thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

Police said Azadul, 21, of Chandpur village and Keru, 20, of Chasakpara in the thana were critically injured when a Rangpur-bound truck hit them in a roadside shop on Thursday morning.

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

পানৰ অপচয় বৰ্জন কৰণ / ম্যানহোলেৰ ঢাকনা ছাই বোধ কৰণ

Tenders are invited from machine manufacturers of RCC Pipe in Bangladesh for the undermentioned works under Dhaka Integrated Flood Protection Project (Drainage Component).

Name of work	Allotted cost	Date & time of receiving tender
1. Manufacturing & supply of 900, 750 and 450 mm dia RCC pipes for construction of pipe drain at Dhaka University Area (2nd call).	TK 7,26,520/-	19-1-98 up to 12.00 Noon
2. Supply of machine made 450, 600 and 750 mm dia (with colouring) RCC pipe.	TK 7,03,915/-	- do -

Tenders will be opened at 2.00 PM on the date of receiving tenders before the tenderers or their representatives (if any) present.

Schedule of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all Moks Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detail will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address: Segunbagicha, Dhaka

WASA-PI: 407/97

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8,300 acres of Rly land illegally occupied by various govt deptts

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Jan 9: A total of 8,300 acres of land of Bangladesh Railway (BR) Western Zone have been illegally occupied by various government departments and influential quarters in connivance with some corrupt railway officials.

The zonal office of BR is

earning only Tk. 17 lakh annually from the leased out property.

A source close to the BR told The Daily Star that at least Take one crore could be earned annually from the illegally occupied land.

Meanwhile, the service of

Railway in this region has been very poor due to negligence and irresponsibility of the Railway officials.

A total of 42,000 officials and employees have been serving in the Western Zone of BR. Most of the officials and employees remain either busy with their promotion and posting or involved in various activities with the illegal occupants.

Considering the deteriorating conditions the Railway passengers are being allured by modern air-conditioned bus services.

It is worth mentioning there is a bright future for Bangladesh Railway following commissioning of Jamuna Bridge in near future.

Fund shortage hits hard slum uplift project

SYLHET Jan 9: Implementation of slum development project in the municipality is being hampered due to fund constraint and absence of supervision, local officials said, reports UNB.

The project, taken up in 1989 with financial assistance from World Bank, was aimed at improving the standard of life of the slum-dwellers by making them self-reliant.

The project included nine slums with a population of about 6,000 of 1,172 families. The slums are at Kuarpur, Kharapara, Naya-

arak, Munshipara, Barudkhana, Kashtoghar, Lalidighipar and Dhopadighipar.

Project officials said a total of Tk 37 lakh has so far been spent for the project. But, slum-dwellers alleged that the standard of living in the slums could not be improved due to poor facilities extended to them.

The programmes under the project include development of sanitary and drainage systems, sinking of tubewells, construction of pavements and public toilets, establishment of small and cottage industries, exten-

sion of mother and child care facilities and setting up of satellite schools.

The project officials informed that so far Tk 7.20 lakh has been distributed among the poor people for employment generation and six schools have been set up in these slums.

But, they said, the activities of the project slowed down due to the irregular and inadequate flow of fund.

They said if implemented fully, the project could bring a total change in the life-style of the slum people.



CHANDPUR: The chairman of Chandpur Pourasava, Yusuf Gazi distributing stipends among poor and meritorious students of Chandra High School at the school premises. — Star photo

Diarrhoea claims 3 in Sylhet

SYLHET, Jan 9: Diarrhoea that broke out in an alarming proportion at Amurpur village in Kanaighat thana claimed three lives and affected many others during the last four days, reports UNB.

Local people complained scarcity of saline packets and necessary medicines are scarce in the area. According to local physicians taking of adulterated food and contaminated water was the reason behind the outbreak of the disease.

The dead were identified as Hasan Ali, 60, his three years old daughter and a boy. Villagers said some 50 people of 10 families were affected by the disease.

Dense fog 1 killed in Feni road accident

FENI, Jan 9: One person was killed and 15 people were injured in five separate road accidents in the district during last 48 hours amidst dense fog, reports UNB.

The accidents took place on Feni bypass road near Lalpuri, Chiloria, Muhrurjan, Chhagolnaiya and Dagonbhuiyan areas due to poor visibility as thick fog covered the surface.

The identity of the victims could not be known. The injured people were admitted to Feni Sadar hospital.

Jeeban Bima Corporation Head Office 24, Motijheel Commercial Area Dhaka

Office Space to Let

The undermentioned vacant office space will be let out very soon to reputed bank, insurance & commercial organisation:

Sl No	Name & address of building	Amount of open space
1.	Jeeban Bima Bhavan Front Block 6th floor 859.31 sq 10, Dilkusha C/A Dhaka-1000	metre (9352 sq ft).
		5th floor 707.38 sq metre (7610 sq ft).
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Please contact: Quamruzzaman Deputy General Manager Phone: 9551401 PABX: 9551414, 9551423-24.

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Office of the Executive Engineer (Mechanical) (R&H), Ferry Division, Barisal

(R&H), Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No: 44, (R&H), Ferry Division, Barisal/1997-98.
- Name of work: Repairing and painting of eroded portion of the Utility Ferry No-03/79 of Patuakhali Ferryghat under (R&H), Ferry Sub-Division, Barisal during 1997-98 financial year.
- Estimated cost: Taka 3,24,924/-
- Earrest money: Taka-6,450/-
- Eligibility of contractor: (R&H) Directorate enlisted 'A' to 'E' class contractors as per financial and zonal eligibility.
- Places where tender schedule will be available from: 1) Executive Engineer (Mechanical), (R&H), Ferry Division, Barisal/Khulna. 2) Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Patuakhali. 3) Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Ferry Sub-Division, Barisal. (During office hours only. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of receiving tender).
- Officers to receive the tender: 1) Superintending Engineer (Mechanical) (R&H), Ferry Circle, Khulna. 2) Executive Engineer (Mechanical), (R&H), Ferry Division, Barisal/Khulna.
- Last date of selling tender: 20-1-98/7-10-1404 BS up to 12.00 Noon and will be opened in sealed condition at 12.30 PM.
- Last date of receiving tender and date of opening tender in sealed condition: 22-1-98/9-10-1404 BS at 1:PM.
- Date & time of opening tender: 22-1-98 at 3:00 PM.
- Lottery (if applicable):

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Executive Engineer (Mechanical) (R&H), Ferry Division, Barisal

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Sherpur Public Works Division, Sherpur

Tender Notice

No-2 (1997-98)

Tenders in BD Form No-2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted contractors/contractory firms having proper financial ability for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be opened at 12:15 PM on the date of submitting tender in presence (if any) of the interested tenderers. The name of work, name & address of the contractor/contractory firm and address to whom the tender is to be submitted should be mentioned on the cover.

Sl No	Name of work	Gr No	Estimated cost	Earrest money	Time limit for completion of work

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