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LGED implementing uplift projects

MANIKGANJ, Feb 3: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) is implementing 17 development projects under maintenance of rural infrastructure programme in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

The implementation of the project cost of Taka one crore in the seven thanas of the district. The thanas are Manikganj sadar, Harirampur, Shibbalya, Ghior, Daulatpur, Sauria and Singair. The programme includes reconstruction and maintenance of bridges and culverts in the rural areas of the district. The schemes have generated employment opportunities to a large number of rural people. The communication system of rural areas will be developed much after completion of the projects in June next.

Pry school building opens

RANGAMATI, Feb 3: The newly constructed building of Uluchhora-Alutilla Municipal Primary School was inaugurated on Monday in an informal ceremony, reports BSS.

The school was established at a cost of Taka six lakh to reach the light of literacy among dependents of the down-trodden people of inaccessible areas of the district. Ching Kieu Roaza, chairman of the Local Government Council of Rangamati Hill District inaugurated the school building as the chief guest. Rangamati Municipality financed the construction cost. Moni Swapan Dewan, chairman of Rangamati Municipality was, among others, present in the function.

Property worth Tk 1.5 lakh gutted

COMILLA, Feb 3: Property worth about Tk 1.5 lakh were gutted in separate fire incidents in the town on Monday and Sunday night, reports UNB.

Witnesses said a fire, originating from the house of one Abdul Mia, burnt down four houses. Two other fire incidents occurred at the house of one Harun Mia in the town and at the power house of 5 No signal battalion of Comilla cantonment, police said.

Village doctors' meeting

MEHERPUR, Feb 3: A meeting of the Meherpur District Village Doctors' Welfare Association was held last week at Anjupuri Union Parishad Health Centre under Meherpur sadar thana, reports BSS.

The meeting was also attended by district and thana level health officers. Various problems of the village doctors were discussed, among other things, in the meeting.

New model village to be set up

CHUADANGA, Feb 3: The government will establish a new 'model village' at Chittila under Damurhuda thana of Chuadanga district in the current fiscal, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the government has sanctioned Taka 10.02 lakh for construction of the tin-shed houses for 90 landless families. Tk 1.62.214 has also been sanctioned for construction of a community centre in the model village. Nine model villages have already been established in the district for 245 landless families.

2 killed in Khulna road accidents

KHULNA, Feb 3: Two people were killed in separate accidents at two thanas of the district, police said on Sunday, reports UNB.

Batiaghata police said Sohrab Hossain, 55, was crushed under the wheels of a Pabna-bound bus from Sathkira in front of Meteorological office near Khulna University at about 8 am on the Eid day. The victim, identified as an activist of day labourers union, met the tragic end while returning home from the construction site of Khulna University. In another accident, an unidentified woman, 40, was killed when hit by a bus coming from Jessore on Khulna-Jessore highway near Damodar Primary School in Fultala thana on Wednesday.

Housewife strangled to death

SAVAR, Feb 3: A housewife was allegedly strangled to death by her husband Sunday night at Tekpara in Savar municipality, reports UNB.

Police identified the victim as Mohorjan, 30, wife of Tofazzal from Dhamrai thana. Local people said Tofazzal along with his wife rented a house of Abdul Matin in the area about five months back. The couple had been leading an unhappy life due to family trouble. They said they found the door of the couple shut late in the morning on Monday and informed the police. Police later recovered the body from the house and sent it to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Treatment facilities to leprosy patients

MOULVIBAZAR, Feb 3: Health Education and Economic Development (HEED) Bangladesh, a non-government organisation, has been providing treatment facilities to the leprosy patients in Sylhet division, reports BSS.

HEED is rendering the humanitarian service through its 10 regional and 23 unit offices in Sylhet division. The organisation has set up 150 leprosy clinics in Sylhet region with the operation of different thana health complexes of the government. HEED has also been implementing a project to rehabilitate disabled leprosy patients. 250 disabled leprosy patients have already been rehabilitated through HEED's shelter-based and community-based programmes.

288 new tubewells installed in Madaripur

MADARIPUR, Feb 3: The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) installed 288 new tubewells in all the four thanas of Madaripur district in the fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, of the total 177 were deep tubewells and 111 shallow tubewells. At least two lakh people of the district were benefited after the installation of the tubewells, an official source said.

Liton's killers yet to be arrested

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 3: Jhenidah police could not arrest the killers of Liton.

Liton, 25, a student of local college was shot dead by armed miscreants near his house at Cohagabannagar under Jhenidah thana over payment of money when he tried to disperse the rivals at 7pm on January 15.

Death condoled

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Feb 3: A meeting was held on the district judge court Bhaban premises on January 2 to condole the death of Advocate Asir Uddin.

District and Sessions Judge MA Shaludur Rahman presided over the function while judges and lawyers spoke on the occasion. The speakers recalled the contribution of late advocate Asir Uddin and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family. Advocate Asir Uddin died here at the age of 60 at his residence in the town on December 30.

IU hall named after Bangabandhu

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Feb 3: Authority of Islamic University (IU) has decided to name 4th residential hall (3rd for male students) and 5th residential hall (2nd for female students) now under construction as Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall and Begum Fazilatun Nessa Hall.

This was decided in a Syndicate meeting of the university held on December 31 with Kaayesuddin Vice-Chancellor in chair. The other three halls existing now are named as Ziaur Rahman Hall, Begum Khaleda Zia Hall and Saddam Hossain Hall. The decision has been hailed in Kushtia by different section of the people.

4 shops gutted at Karatia

From Our Correspondent

TANGAIL, Feb 3: A total of 4 shops were completely gutted in a devastating fire at Karatia Bazar in Tangail sadar thana of the district recently.

The blaze, originating from an electric short circuit in a shop of Tinpotti at late night spread fast and engulfed the adjacent shops, fire brigade and local people said. Firemen extinguished the flame after fighting for about 30 minutes. Damaged four shops are Gated Traders, Polish Traders, and Sobder Alis Tin Selling Shops. The extent of damage of property was estimated at Taka 10 lakh, shopkeepers said.

Acid thrown on girl students

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMABARIA, Feb 3: Two girl students received acid burn injuries at village Bhulachang under Nabinagar thana of the district recently.

Informed sources said, Dolly Rani, 14, and Pranti Pal, 13, students of class seven of Bhulachang Girls' High School were injured while some miscreants threw acid on them with the help of injection syringe through a hole of a house at night. As a result, their bodies and faces were badly burnt. Consequently, they were shifted to local Nabinagar thana health complex. A case was filed with Nabinagar thana police station. In this connection, Nabinagar thana police arrested two alleged persons namely Delwar Hussain and Pranatash Deb Nath.



JHENIDAH: Mustafa Manwar, ex-Director General, BT, Dr Abul Ahsan Chowdhury, Associate Professor of Islamic University, Mohammad Aminur Rasul, Deputy Commissioner, Jhenidah and Fahmida Manjur, grand daughter of Poet Golam Mustafa speaking on the occasion of birth centenary Poet Golam Mustafa held at the birth place of the poet at village Manaharpur under Saikupa thana in the district. — Star photo

UNICEF-aided uplift project of CHTDB progressing fast

RANGAMATI, Feb 3: The second phase of the UNICEF-aided development project undertaken by Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB) is progressing fast with the spontaneous response of the targeted people, CHTDB sources said on Monday, reports BSS.

The Taka 34.84 crore project is aimed at improving the socio-economic condition of the people in command area through checking malnutrition of children and mothers, child mortality and water-borne diseases as well as rendering formal and non-formal education in the inaccessible places.

Abdul Quddus, vice-chairman of the CHTDB told at his office that 4,103 inaccessible hamlets of 373 mauzas in the

three hill districts of Rangmati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban had been brought under the network of the second phase of the project. It will be implemented during 1996-2000 to bring about a positive change in the lifestyle of the people living in the inaccessible areas of the CHT region through developing their socio-economic condition following the successful completion of its first phase.

While detailing Quddus said 4,103 trained village workers under the direct supervision of 93 officials, trained at home and abroad, have been working with a missionary zeal in the 1,738 inaccessible hamlets within 158 mauzas of 10 thanas in the hill district of Rangamati, 1,320 villages of 120 mauzas in eight thanas of Kha-

grachhari hill district while a total of 1,045 villages of 95 mauzas in seven thanas of the hill district of Bandarban.

A total of 4,028 village centres have already been constructed at a cost of Taka 7,60,27,000, to train the village workers and monitor the project activities, the VC said.

Four residential schools have been set up to accommodate 700 students in Shualok, Ruma and Aikadam of Bandarban district and Razashali in Rangamati hill district at a cost of Taka 12.10 crore, Quddus said.

A total of 4,103 horticulture and 4,103 fruit gardens in the project areas have been developed at a cost of Taka 1,13,49,000, he said.

Rain damages Rabi crops

JHENIDAH, Feb 3: A vast tract of standing Rabi crops has been damaged by the recent incessant rain in the district, reports UNB.

The rain lasted for three days damaged Rabi crops including mustard, gram, lentil, onion, garlic and vegetables extensively.

Besides, severe cold spell amid dense fog has also left a devastating effect on the standing crops in the district.

The farmers said the flowers of the crops turned black with the dense fog and damaged with the rains.

Admitting the facts agriculture officials said standing Rabi crops which were at the flowering stage were damaged to some extent adding that wheat and IRRI-Boro have little effect.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, over 1.25 lakh hectares of land have been brought under Rabi crops cultivation in all six thanas of the district.

Half-day hartal in Comilla

COMILLA, Feb 3: A half-day hartal was observed at Ranir Bazar in the town on Saturday protesting against the 'Eid tolls' by local hoodlums, reports UNB.

Witnesses said miscreants attacked some houses and shops at Ranir Bazar and Bagicha Gaon areas demanding tolls on Thursday on the eve of Eid. Local people caught one Tipu and handed over him to police.

His accomplices later attacked four houses and looted valuables worth around Tk 85,000. They also created panic in the locality.

Local people, including businessmen, held a protest rally on Saturday afternoon demanding arrest of the miscreants.

Body recovered

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Feb 3: Corpse of a new born baby was recovered from the heap of garbage adjacent to Gobindaganj Mohila College on January 27.

According to eye-witnesses a woman while picking fire woods from garages near Gobindaganj Mohila College recovered the body of a new born baby in a polythene bag. The corpse was found to be a boy.

Local people opined that the baby was the result of illicit relation. Soon after the delivery some one threw it on the spot.

Pilferage of electric wire in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Feb 3: Nearly one hundred acres of cultivable land at Konarpura under Gaibandha sadar thana will remain fallow in this current Irri-Boro cultivation season as about 350 metres of electric wire were stolen by miscreants.

Local peasants of Konarpura area set up three units of electrically driven irrigation pumps for cultivation of Irri-Boro crops on about one hundred acres of land. Some organised gangs of miscreants took away about 350 metres of electric wire from concerning poles a few months back. The value of aforementioned wire was estimated at Taka six thousand three hundred.

Since the lifting of wire from poles power connection in the areas remained snapped. Till to date the stolen wires are not being replaced by the local power distribution department despite repeated appeals.

The cultivation of Irri-Boro has been going on in the area, but local farmers could not prepare their crop fields for want of water supply. The farmers of this areas generally cultivate Irri-Boro crops earlier just to avoid nor-wester and hail-storm which naturally hit during harvesting period.

Record number of killing in S-W dists in January

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Feb 3: The number of killings in the country's south-western districts, stronghold of different extremist groups, has broken the previous record in January last with 49 lives claimed in the clashes, reports UNB.

The districts are: Jessore, Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Kushtia, Meherpur, Satkhira, Bagerhat and Khulna.

Police told that the number of killings in one month was never higher than that of the last January. The highest number of killings during the last five years, as per report in the newspapers, was recorded in August last year. In that month 44 people lost their lives in clashes among different armed groups and with law enforcement agencies.

But, the sources said, the number of killings recorded in the police registrar is much less than the incidents reported in the newspapers.

The extremists groups frequently lock in clashes among each other over the supremacy in the region and with the police and other law enforcement agencies resulting in indiscriminate killing of people.

During the last January, the highest 13 people were killed in Jhenidah as police failed to take adequate measures to bring the situation under control.

From Our Correspondent

TANGAIL, Feb 3: A total of 1,31,875 hectares of land in 11 thanas of the district have been brought under Irri-Boro cultivation programme with a production target of 3,55,511 metric tonnes of rice in the current Robi season.

Agriculture Extension Department (AED) said, of the total production target, 3,38,454 metric tonnes of Irri-Boro is targeted to be produced in

1,18,000 hectares of land, 3,150 metric tonnes paddy of local variety in 2,100 hectares, 13,399 metric tonnes in 8,986 hectares by using balanced fertiliser and 608 metric tonnes in 1879 hectares using certified seed technology in the district.

According to AED sources

thanawise land break up and production target including all varieties are as follows: 25,958 metric tonnes of paddy is to be produced in 9,800 hectares of land in Tangail sadar thana, 22,588 metric tonnes of paddy in 8,400 hectares of land in Basail thana, 36,051 metric tonnes of paddy in 13,300 hectares of land in Kalihati thana, 65,351 metric tonnes of paddy in 23,775 hectares of land in Ghatil thana, 21,572 metric tonnes of paddy in 11,875 hectares of land in Madhurpur thana, 24,586 metric tonnes of paddy in 9,200 hectares of land in Nagarpur thana, 40,498 metric tonnes of paddy in 14,830 hectares of land in Mirjapur thana, 15,198 metric tonnes of paddy in 5,900 hectares of land in Bhupur thana, 32,643 metric tonnes of paddy in 11,920 hectares of

land in Gopalpur thana, 23,329 metric tonnes of paddy in 8,950 hectares of land in Shakhpur thana, and 15,399 metric tonnes of paddy in 5,875 hectares of land in Delduar thana.

While contacted, a source of AED told this correspondent that necessary steps have been taken up by the government to ensure availability of seedlings and fertiliser and other help for cultivation of Irri-Boro paddy in Tangail district.



Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA)

Invitation for Bids

Date: Loan No.: 1505-BAN(SF) Ninth Power Project Contract No. 57297/22

1. People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of emergency works for Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) under Greater Dhaka Power Distribution Project, Phase-IV and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for supply and installation of 33KV Underground Cables. Bidding is open to the bidders from eligible source countries of the Asian Development Bank.
2. The Dhaka Electric Supply Authority ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for supply and installation of 33KV Underground Cables.
3. Bidders may obtain further information from, and inspect and acquire the bidding documents, at the office of the i) Project Director, Greater Dhaka Power Distribution Project, DESA, House No. 47, Road No. 135, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212, Telephone # 880-2-885234 ii) Director, Procurement and Stores Management, DESA, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Biddut Bhaban, Telephone # 880-2-9567258 iii) Secretary, DESA, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Telephone # 880-2-9556194, Telex # 642416 EWBA BJ and Fax # 880-2-9563520, during office hours.
4. A complete set of Bidding Document may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of written application to the above offices and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 5,000.00 only or equivalent amount in US\$ in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order in favour of Director (Finance and Accounts), DESA.
5. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of minimum 2 per cent of total bid price or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency and must be delivered to the office of Secretary, DESA, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000 at or before 12:00 hours on 08-04-1998. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders representatives who choose to attend.
6. In the comparison of bids, the employer will grant a margin of preference to eligible goods manufactured in the Employer's country in accordance with the procedures outlined in the bidding documents.

Secretary

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA)

1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000

Telephone # 880-2-9556194

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Subscribers owe Tk 1cr to Jamalpur PBS

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Feb 3: Rural Electrification Program (REP) in the district is facing serious setback due to non-payment of outstanding bills, stealing of transformers and cables.

Erratic power supply has become a regular feature in the district paralysing life. Officials of Palli Biddhut Samity (PBS) said, the total amount of outstanding bill now stands at Taka one crore. Though the existing rate of collection is 80 per cent, but the outstanding huge amount is hampering the expansion work of the samity.

The samity collected a huge amount from 90 per cent subscribers during the last fiscal year.

Among the subscribers 27 per cent are residential, 15 per cent industrial, 20 per cent deep tubewell, 4 per cent charitable institutions.

The sources said, frequent stealing of transformers are also causing serious problems. The samity lost many transformers, most of them from the irrigation schemes. Cable worth Tk 16 lakh have also been stolen.

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No : 233/Mkg of 1997-98.
2. Name of work : Tender for repairing the existing brick pavement at different points of ferry approach road from Tollghar to Ghat No. 1 under Manikganj Road Division during the year 1997-98.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 3,23,160/-
4. Earnest money : Tk 6,464/- in favour of EE (RHD) Manikganj Road Division in BD/TC/Protirakhya Sanchya Patra and Bonus Sanchya Patra etc.
5. Time allowed : 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of : 'A' to 'E' Class General Category of RHD Contractors.
7. Name of offices of : Office of the EE (RHD) Manikganj/Dhaka Divn, Dhaka/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Planning Divn, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka and SDE (RHD), Manikganj/Nayerhat under Manikganj Road Divn.
8. Name of offices to : Superintending Engineer (RHD) Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/EE (RHD) Manikganj Road Divn and SDE (RHD) Manikganj/Nayerhat under Manikganj Road Divn.
9. Last date of selling : On 15.2.98 during office hours.
10. Last date of receipt : At 12:30 PM on 16.2.98.
11. Date and time of : At 1:00 PM on 18.2.98 in the office opening of the tender bids of the EE (RHD) Manikganj Road Division.
12. Date and time of : At 1:00 PM on 19.2.98.
13. Chargeable head : 168-RBF.
14. Authority of : SE (RHD) DRC, Dhaka.

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Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road
Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/ Indentors (Not necessarily enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy.

Sl No	Description of Stores & Qty	Tender Selling date	Tender opening date	Tender No
		From	To	
a.	HP Air Compressor Qty—1 in No	10.2.98	9.3.98	10 March '98 5503

2. The tender schedule with detail specifications will be available at given rate (non-refundable) on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs. The tender will be opened at 1000 hrs on the above mentioned date in presence of the present tenderers.

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Lt Cdr BN

for Director General

Re-Tender Invitation Notice

No 41(1997-98)

Memo No 7-10/1272

Dated: 15-1-98

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Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate's special first class & first class E/M contractor firms, manufacturing firms of tender mentioned items or their local agents or manufacturer's approved local representative subject to the undermentioned terms & conditions for the work described below. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at Public Works E/M Division-12/3/4/5/6/7/8/Public Works E/M Workshop Division, Public Works Timber Workshop Division & Public Works Eden Building Division, office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, office of the Executive Engineer (Staff Officer), Public Works Zone up to 12:00 Noon of 10-2-98 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12:30 minutes in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their nominated representatives. Firm intending to participate in this tender must have past experience of supply, installation & successful commissioning of a minimum 100 KVA capacity diesel electric generator at any Govt/Semi-govt/autonomous organisation under a single work order with ABC electrical contractory licence, electrical supervisory licence, National Board of Revenue's VAT registration certificate & TIN certificate. Past experience certificate of work should be from an officer (of minimum Executive Engineer's status) of the organisation concerned on the prescribed form (available free of cost from this office). Application to purchase tender should be made with attested copies of the said electrical contractory licence, electrical supervisory licence, VAT certificate, past experience certificate (with copy of work order), TIN certificate & enlistment register/manufacturer's/local agent's certificate to the Superintending Engineer, Public Works E/M Circle-2, Segunbagicha, Dhaka through the undersigned at least 5(five) days prior to the last date of selling tender. On permission, tender can be purchased from this Division as well as Public Works E/M Division-12/3/4/5/6/7/8/Public Works E/M Workshop Division, Public Works Timber Workshop Division & Public Works Eden Building Division, Office of the Divisional Commissioner & Public Works Sub-Division-5 under Public Works Division-4, Purto Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka at prescribed price Tk 775/- (Seven hundred seventy five) only (non-refundable). The last date for purchasing tender is 9-2-98. Willing contractors/contractory firm owners of their representatives may attend the opening of tender. Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of estimated cost must be submitted with each tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in the country in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-6, Dhaka. This office reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason. Rate & quantity of tender must be decided on the basis of approved rate, specification & quantity subject to approval of the estimate of the said work by the higher authority. Participant in the tender must submit TIN certificate with the tender. Contractor himself or representative carrying his attested letter may purchase the tender form on production of necessary papers.

Serial No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Approved time
1.	Supply, installation & commissioning of 250 KVA diesel generator set at Gazipur National University.	Tk 18,95,135/-	Tk 37,903/-	90 (ninety) days

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