

News snaps

Hemp plants recovered

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Feb 6: The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police recovered a large number of hemp plants worth Taka 40,000 from remote places of Gobindaganj thana area in Gaibandha district recently.

Acting on a secret information, police personnel of the CID raided some remote places of two unions of the thana and recovered unauthorised hemp plants from inside the residences of some persons. Police could not arrest inmates of the house. An investigation started by police.

Discussion meeting by BCU

NAOGAON, Feb 6: A discussion meeting organised by Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) Naogaon district unit was held here recently to mark Shaheed Asad Day and on the significance of the mass upsurge of the 1969 in the history of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

President of the discussion, Advocate DH Abdul Bari, General Secretary of Naogaon District Bar Association, Advocate M Mohsin Reza and MM Russell, a central leader of Chhatra Union, among others, discussed various aspects of the contribution of Shaheed Asaduzzaman to the mass movement against autocratic Ayub regime.

Municipality commissioner rewarded

JOYPURHAT, Feb 6: Police rewarded former commissioner of the municipality Rois Uddin on Tuesday for handing over the absconding accused of a murder case to them, reports UNB.

The accused, Mojibul Islam, 22, of Dharki in sadar thana of the district allegedly burnt his wife Masuma begum, 19, to death for dowry on June 21 last year. Police arrested Mojib's parents but the main accused managed to escape arrest. Police Super of the district announced the cash reward of Tk 10,000 as per instruction of the Home Minister. Following the announcement, Rois managed to round up the accused and handed him over to SP on July 7. The amount was handed over the former commissioner at a formal ceremony.

Oath taking ceremonies of new chairmen

CHUADANGA, Feb 6: The oath taking ceremonies of all 28 newly elected chairmen of four thanas of Chuadanga district were held on January 26 and 27, reports BSS.

Of the newly elected chairmen seven are from Chuadanga sadar thana, 13 from Alamdanga thana, five from Damurhuda thana and three from Jibannagar thana. The Thana Nirbahi Officer of the respective thana administered the oath to the newly elected chairmen.

Faulty water supply machine repaired

PATUAKHALI, Feb 6: The pump machine for water supply in the district town that remained out of order for five months has resumed its operation, reports UNB.

The machine, installed at a cost of Tk 13.40 lakh at Nawabpara of the town by the Public Health Engineering Department and local municipal authorities, went of operation in July last year causing sufferings to the town dwellers. The pump machine used to supply water to about 20,000 subscribers in Purnabazar, Chakabazar, Centrepara, Shimulbagh, Muslimpara, and Kathpotty areas of the town. The renovated pump machine was formally inaugurated recently by the chairman of the Pourashava Advocate Sultan Ahmed Miah.

PDB earns record amount of revenue

JAMALPUR, Feb 6: Power Development Board (PDB) has earned a record amount of revenue during the last six months from the subscribers in the district, reports UNB.

Officials said they issued bills of a total amount of Tk 8.84 crore to the subscribers under 12 sub-stations for the period of June to December last year. But, revenue earning exceeded the amount with the realization of outstanding bills. With special efforts by the officials and employees of the board PDB earned Tk 9.20 crore during the period. They earned over Tk 4.27 crore in the month of December. The higher authorities of PDB lauded the achievement of the officials and employees for earning therecord amount of revenue and a letter of appreciation was sent to them. The letter encouraged us very much in performing our duties with more devotion, said a PDB employee.

Polio Day observed

PABNA, Feb 6: The Polio Day was observed in a befitting manner here, as else where in the country, aiming at the elimination of polio by the year 2000, reports UNB.

District health department sources said about 3.61 lakh children were fed polio vaccines in 9 thanas and 5 pourashavas in the district on January 28. To make the programme a success, about 9,100 health workers and volunteers worked hard day and night at 1,822 centres.

Swaraswati puja celebrated

MADARIPUR, Feb 6: The Hindu community celebrated the Swaraswati Puja in the town and elsewhere in the district on February 1 with due religious fervour, reports BSS.

At least 38 puja mandaps were created in the town. The main puja mandap were created at the Government Nazimuddin College, Public High School, Uttaran Club, Five Star Club and Kulpaddy Club.

Shajahan Khan MP, visited the puja mandaps on the puja night.

Development projects completed

BARISAL, Feb 6: Bakerganj pourashava has completed a large number of development projects at a cost of Tk two crore during the last fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the projects included the construction of roads, bridges, culverts, public toilets and tree plantations. Besides, five projects at a cost of Taka seven lakh have also been progressing this year.

Youngman arrested with dagger

NETRAKONA, Feb 6: Durgapur police arrested a youngman with on 22 inch-long dagger on Tuesday from the meeting room of Durgapur thana parishad where local parliament member Jalaluddin Talukdar and Deputy Commissioner Netrakona, Ali Akber Hussain Akhand were present, reports BSS.

The newly elected union parishad chairmen and members of seven union parishads under Durgapur thana were taking oath at the meeting room during the period, police and witnesses said. The arrested youngman was identified as Hares Gani, 30, son of Abdul Kaeque of village Kachudhar under Durgapur Police Station. He entered the meeting room by impersonating himself as a staff of Netrakona Dc Office, police said.

Four commit suicide

SATKHIRA, Feb 6: Four people, including a woman, allegedly committed suicide by taking poison in Sadar thana of the district on Thursday, reports UNB.

They are identified as Nurunnahar, 20, wife of Manjur of village Magura, Abul Khayer, 20, son of Abdul Majed of Helatala, Kabir Ahmed, 17, son of Hafizuddin of village Old Satkhira and Babar Ali, 60, of village Vatpara. Separate cases have been lodged with Sadar thana in these connection.

11 alleged pirates arrested

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 6: Patrol party of Navy on Thursdays rounded up alleged pirates and seized three mechanised trowlers from the river Passur. They were later handed over to Mongla thana police. Police when asked, said the alleged pirates were going of loot rice from Panamasian vessel MV Alexandr, now stranded at Herberia of Mongla Port.

Meeting of Pahari Gano Parishad

From Our Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, Feb 6: A meeting of Pahari Gan Parishad, Khagrachhari unit was held at Hoang bot-o-ba conference hall on January 30. Khagrachhari district unit president Dipayan Chakma presided over the meeting. Happy Chakma, Dipti Shankar Chakma, Mintu Khisa also addressed at the meeting.

In the meeting, a new committee of 21 members was formed with dipayan chakma as president and Mintu Khisa as general secretary.

Truck helper killed in road mishap

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 6: Helper of a truck was killed and two others injured when a speeding truck hit a roadside free near Bhennatala under Jhenidah thana recently according to local people.

Eye-witnesses said, the traffic incident took place on Jhenidah Chauadanga highway when the truck hit a tree. The helper of the truck, Tipu 45, succumbed to his injuries on the spot. A case was laded with Jhenidah thana in this connection and the body was sent to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital mongee for autopsy.

In Rangpur OMS programme, food procurement drive fails

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Feb 6: Food procurement drive and Open Market Sale (OMS) programme have completely failed in Rangpur.

A high official of Rangpur District Food Department said, procurement of Amon paddy and rice already stopped after procuring only 21 metric tonnes of paddy as against procurement target of twenty six thousand and four hundred metric tonnes of rice and paddy.

Procurement drive started on December 25 and in a few days all nine procurement centres of the district closed following high prices of rice and paddy in markets comparing to procurement rates of Taka ten and seventy paise per kilogram of rice and Taka seven per kilogram of paddy. The much publicised selling of rice at government fixed rate at Taka twelve and paise fifty per kilogram under Open Market Sell programme so far failed to draw consumers. It was introduced in January 28 and till date only one metric tonnes of rice have been sold in the district. Due to high rate of OMS rice the consumers are not showing interest to purchase OMS rice. In other northern districts procurement drive of Amon rice and paddy and OMS programme met similar fate.

Oath taking ceremony of new UP chairmen

ISHURDI, Feb 6: Oath taking ceremony of elected chairmen and members including female members in six unions under Ishurdi thana was held in the auditorium of Ishurdi Thana Parishad on Monday, reports BSS.

The function was presided over by the Thana Nirbahi Officer Rafiq Alam.

The oath taking was conducted by the Deputy Commissioner of Pabna Mahabubur Rahman.

Parliament member Md Shamsur Rahman Sharif Delu was present as the chief guest in the function. The function was addressed, among others, by Additional Deputy Commissioner Mabud Alamy, Police Super, Pabna Shah Alam Shikder, Assistant Commissioner, Abul Kalam Azad and elected chairman of Paksey union Md Habibul Islam, member of Ward no 3 of Dasuria Union Md Abdur Satter Mia.

Six chairmen and 72 members from six different Union Parishads under Ishurdi thana participated in the oath taking function.



President Gen Secy

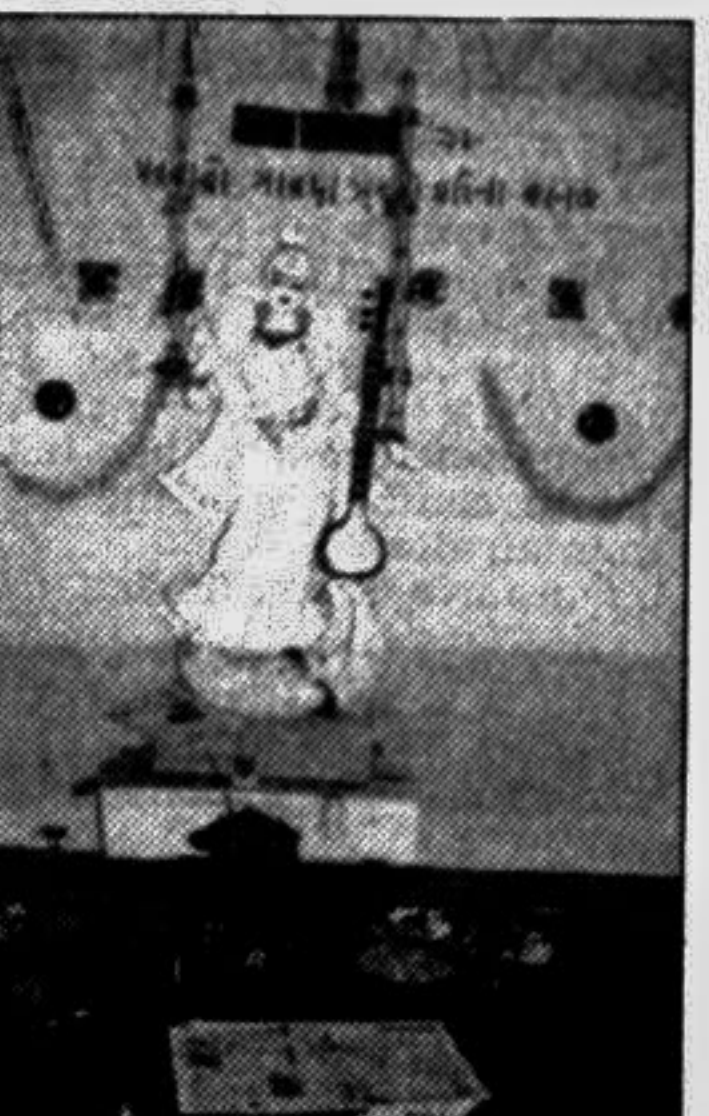
Jhenidah Press Club executives

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 6: The annual election of Jhenidah Press Club was held of the Press Club Auditorium recently.

Advocate M A Ansari (Bangladesh Times) and Jahid Hossain Biplab (The Independent) were elected president and general secretary of the club respectively.

Khondokar Mijanur Rahman, District Election Officer, Jhenidah conducted the election as Election Commissioner while Toyeb Ali Joarder, president and Nazrul Islam, general secretary of the club assisted the Election Commissioner.



FARIDPUR: Saraswati puja was celebrated on February 1 by Hindu students at Government Sarada Sundari Women's College here.

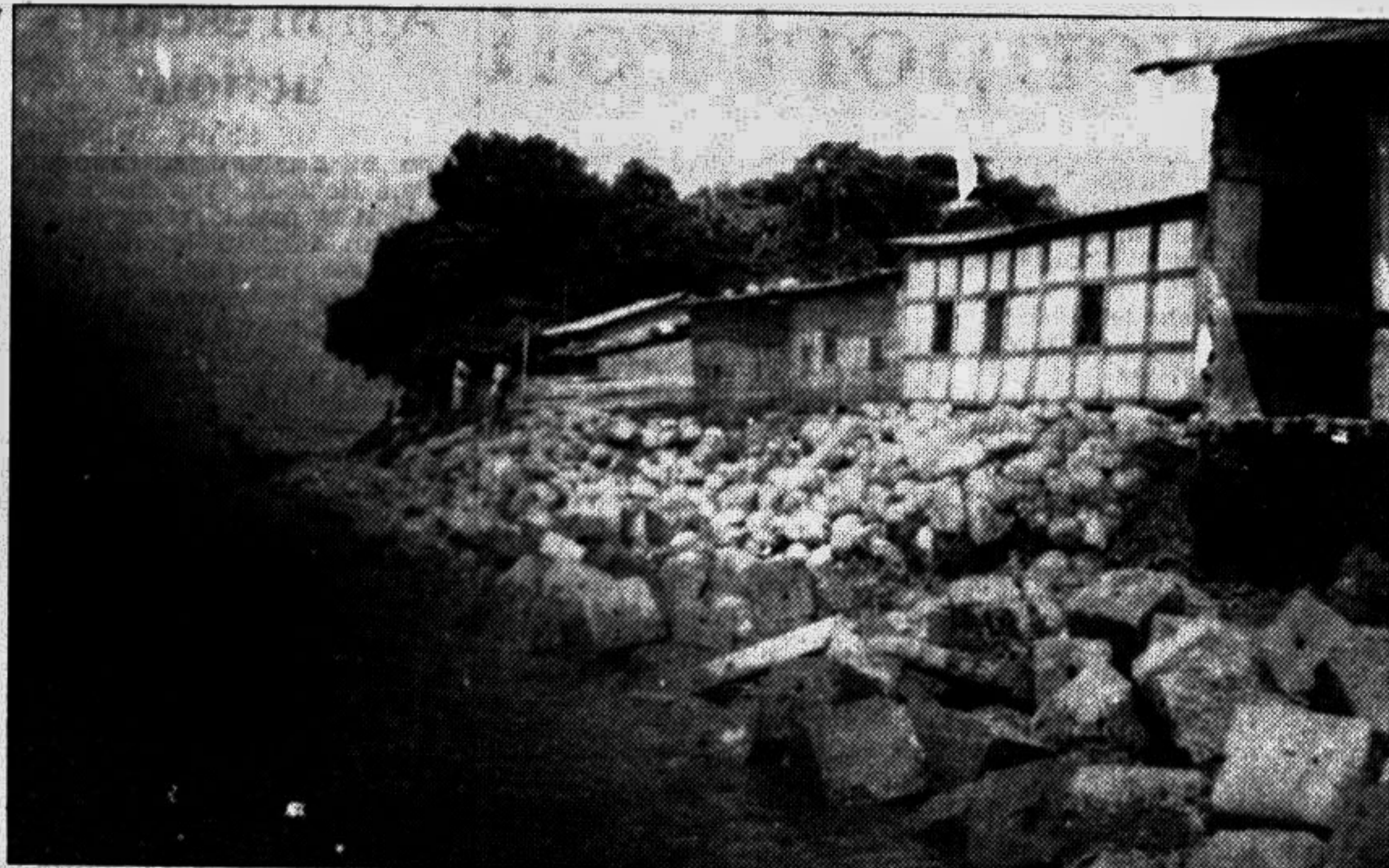
Obituary

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Feb 6: Begum Kamrunnessa, wife of late Shamsul Hasan Chowdhury died at her residence at Dargah Mohalla in Sylhet town in the early hours of Saturday last (January 31). She was 80.

The deceased left behind two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death. She is the mother of Fazul Karim, Deputy General Manager (DGM), Sylhet branch of Peoples Insurance Company Ltd and Shamsul Karim Koyes, Programme Producer, Bangladesh Betar, Sylhet.

The deceased was buried at the graveyard attached to the shrine of great saint Hazrat Shanjai (RA).



CHANDPUR: Naton bazar town protection embankment was partially eroded recently by the erosion of the river Meghna.

— Star photo

12 unnatural deaths in Sylhet in a week

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Feb 6: As many as 12 unnatural deaths were reported in different areas in Sylhet division during the last one week.

Police of Balaganj thana recovered the body of Mujibur Rahman, 27, from his village home at Mottapara in Balaganj thana on January 27. The body was found hanging, police said.

Police of Gowinghat thana recovered the body of Jamal Hossain, 18, from his village home at Shantinagar on January 29. Jamal committed suicide by hanging with a mango tree as a sequel to family feuds, police apprehended. A youngman, Nurullah, 18, met his tragic end of life in a tempo accident at Talha on Moulvibazar-Kagabola Road on January 28. He falls from Dargah Mohalla area of Moulvibazar town, police said.

Abdul Jalil, 35, was killed in a road accident at Isabpur on Moulvibazar-Srimangal road in the night following January 29. He alongwith a friend was riding a motor bike on way to Srimangal from Moulvibazar. He met the accident as the bike collided head-on with a speeding bus. He died while he was being rushed to the hospital, police said.

Both the driver and helper fled with the bus. A truck driver was stabbed to death in the hands of a gang of dacoits at a place near Chandpur Tea garden on Dhaka-Sylhet road in the night following January 29. The drivers was identified as Abdul Mannan, 50, of Sheikhpara of Daura thana under Narayanganj district.

The bodies of Badsha Miah, 40, and Moinul Haque, 25, of

Roads in bad shape in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Feb 6: Some roads of Faridpur town have become unfit for vehicular town have become unfit for vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

Baniapara sarak, Kalibari sarak, Station road, College road, Chowrang road, Molabari sarak and Mahabidyalaya road need immediate repair and reconstruction as many cracks and potholes have developed on these roads causing many inconveniences for the vehicles as well as pedestrians.

village Narsinghpur under Jakigang thana were found floating in the river Kushiara on February 1. Police recovered the bodies, which bore marks of injuries from the bordering river. Both of them were being wanted in a number of cases, police said. An unidentified oldman met his tragic end of life when he was crushed under the wheels of a speeding tempo near the Moulvibazar bus stand at South Surma area in Sylhet town on February 2. Agitated people caught the tempo driver and handed over him alongwith the vehicle to the police. Another seven-year-girl Fatema was killed as she was crushed under the wheels of a speeding minibus at Dharon Bazar on Sylhet—Sunamganj road the same day. Agitated villagers put barricade on the road for about 3 hours. Police later cleared the road.

Beacon lights at several points of the routes have been stolen causing serious problems for the vessels to ensure safe journey during the night.

Some 472 kms of river routes have turned dangerous for all types of vessels due to absence of marking systems. A total of about 250 kms of waterways remain navigable round the year.

But BIWTA sources said there are only 17 beacon lights in the long route which is quite inadequate for the safe movement of river vessels.

The sources said movement of vessels remain stopped in some sections of the route during the night due to lack of safety.

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Goods worth Tk 2 lakh looted 5 hurt by dacoits in 2 separate incidents

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GAIBANDHA, Feb 6: Five persons received stab injuries in two separate dacoity incidents under Gaibandha sadar and Palashbari thana last week. The miscreants looted goods and valuables worth Taka about two lakh.

On January 26 at deep night a gang of about 15 miscreants raided the cloth shop of Abdul Halim at Baluer hat under Gaibandha sadar thana and looted away cash and goods worth about Taka one lakh at sharp weapon point. The miscreants managed to flee with booty. A case was filed with Gaibandha sadar thana.

On February 1 at dead of night a gang of about 20 miscreants armed with deadly weapons attacked the house of Sudhir Chandra Master of village Moymanthpur under Palashbari thana. The miscre-

ants entered into the rooms simultaneously by breaking open the doors and looted away cash, ornaments and television (TV) set worth over Taka one lakh at sharp weapons point. The miscreants stabbed indiscriminately the inmates while five fleeing. Five persons sustained injuries. One Bhabesh Chandra, 60, was removed to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in critical condition. A case was filed with Palashbari thana.

On the other hand

Gaibandha sadar and Palashbari thana police in combined drive arrested two notorious dacoits namely Sada Mia of village Parbunamia and Shahidul Islam of village Baro-Gobindapur under Palashbari thana and recovered some looted goods from their possession. The arrested persons were sent to Gaibandha jail hazat.

Bad river marking system Movement of river vessels becomes risky

PABNA, Feb 6: Movement of river vessels at night in different routes of Aricha sector has become very risky due to inadequate river marking system, reports UNB.

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stop at Mawa ferry ghat at night as the route is not safe for navigation.

Local people said theft of beacon light and other river marking materials is frequent as the authorities concerned took no effective measures to combat it.

BIWTA office itself is running with a shortage of manpower, the officials said, adding that it was not possible for them to ensure safety of the materials if the local people do not come forward to help them.

Satkhira dist AL meeting

SATKHIRA, Feb 6: A meeting of Satkhira District Awami League and its front organisations, was held at Satkhira United Club on Monday, reports BSS.

The meeting was presided over by the President of Satkhira District Awami League Syed Kamal Bakht, MP.



Tender Notice

Name of supply: Supply of service connection materials for the office of Sales & Distribution Division, Halishahar, PDB, Chittagong. Eligibility of contractor: PDB enlisted all classes contractors/suppliers/bona fide traders/ABC licence-holder electrical contractors/civil contractors. Estimated cost: Taka 74,820/-. Price of tender: Per set Taka 50/-. Place & date where & when tender will be available can be purchased from the office of the Chief Engineer, Distribution, South Zone, PDB, Biddut Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong/Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle (West), Ctg Metro, PDB, Chittagong/Manager, Uttara Bank, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong up to 17.2.98. Date of receiving & opening tender: 18.2.98 up to 12:00 Noon and on the same day at 12:30 PM. All other terms & conditions of the tender should be complied with properly.

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Executive Engineer
Sales & Distribution Division
Halishahar, PDB, Chittagong

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Roads & Highways Directorate
Office of the Executive Engineer

Chittagong Workshop Division

Dewanhat, Chittagong

Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No : 47/97-98/EE/WD/Dt-21-1-98/08-10-1404BS.
- Name of work : Supply of spare parts for repairing Polish Pay-Loader No 02 of Chittagong Road Division, Year-1997-98. Chittagong Road Division ATC.
- Estimated cost : As per schedule.
- Earnest money : 2% of the estimated cost.
- Time limit : 20 (twenty) days from the date of issuing work order.
- Eligibility of contractors : A) RHD's "A" to "C" general class contractors (R&H), Chittagong Workshop Circle's "D" class contractors and this Division's "E" class contractors. B) Bonafide agents of the manufacturers. C) Executive Engineer (R&H), Chittagong Workshop Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong. D) Executive Engineer (R&H), Rangamati Workshop Division, Bhedbhedi, Rangamati Hill District. E) Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Workshop Sub-Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong.
- Offices where tender will be available from : A) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Chittagong Workshop Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong. B) Executive Engineer (R&H), Chittagong Workshop Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong. C) Executive Engineer (R&H), Rangamati Workshop Division, Bhedbhedi, Rangamati Hill District.
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- Last date of selling tender : 17-2-98/5-11-1404BS.
- Last date & time of receiving tender : 18-2-98/6-11-1404 BS up to 12:00 Noon.
- Date & time of opening tender : 23-2-98/11-11-1404BS at 12:30 PM before the interested contractors present.

Mohammad Azizur Rahman
Executive Engineer (R&H)
Chittagong Workshop Division
Dewanhat, Chittagong.

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Directorate General Defence Purchase Ministry of Defence

New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in local/foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/indentors/dealers (enlistment with this Directorate General is not necessary) for supply of following items for Bangladesh Army:

Ser	Nomenclature	Qty	Selling date	Date of opening	Cost of IT and currency
1.	Met Sta Set MARWIN MW 12A with 2 modes of 01 Nos op i.e. NAVAIID network and RDF tech complete with accessories +5% fast mov and 2.5% slow mov spares.		15-2-98 to 29-3-98	30-3-98	1,500.00 (foreign currency)
	or Met Sta Set AN/TMQ-41 with 2 modes of op i.e. NAVAIID network and RDF tech complete with accessories +5% fast and 2.5% slow mov spares. (214/1002/P-2)				
2.	Detailed specification, nomenclatures and quantity of items have been mentioned in the tender schedule. The tender schedule will be available on cash payment against the mentioned amount (not refundable) at abovementioned dates on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on aforesaid date at 1000 hrs in presence of all tenderers.				

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PWD Tender Notice No. 5/1997-98

1. Sealed tenders through Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited from PWD enlisted approved contractors/firms for the undermentioned work.

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned & offices of all Executive Engineers under Rangpur Public Works Circle up to 12:00 Noon of 16-2-98 and opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

- Name of work : Internal sewerage & water supply arrangement of Haragachh/Badarganj Fire Service & Civil Defence Building under Rangpur district during 1997-98. The work is divided in 2 (two) parts: Group Nos 1 & 2.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 3,39,285/- & Tk 3,39,285/- respectively.
- Earnest money : Tk 6,786/- & Tk 6,786/- respectively.

Other descriptions and all terms & conditions etc can be seen & collected from the office of the undersigned & all Executive Engineers' offices under Public Works Circle, Rangpur and office of Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Works Sub-Division-1/2, Rangpur under this Division up to 15-2-98 during office hours till 5:00 PM.

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Md. Rafiqul Islam
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division, Rangpur