

News snaps

Substandard zinc fertilizer seized

JHENIDAH, Feb 20: Police have seized two metric tonnes of substandard zinc fertilizer worth Tk 60,000 from a truck at Hathkolla in the town, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police searched the truck and seized the adulterated fertilizer brought from a factory in Jessore district on February 6. The seized fertilizer was sent to Dhaka for chemical test. Dealers said quality zinc fertilizer is being sold at Tk 30 per kg while the adulterated one at Tk 8 per kg.

Construction work of schools progressing

RANGPUR, Feb 20: The construction of two non-government high schools are now nearing completion at a cost of Taka sixteen lakh, by the Facilities Department, reports BSS.

According to official sources, of these two non-government high schools construction of Bairathat High School under Mithapukur thana has already been completed and the work of Faridpur High School will be completed by the end of the current fiscal year.

Rivers' erosion renders 16,000 homeless

MADARIPUR, Feb 20: Some 16,000 people were rendered homeless in Shibchar thana of the district due to erosion of the rivers Padma and Arial Khan over the last five months, reports UNB.

Local people said the homeless people from the erosion-hit areas are pouring in different urban areas for shelter. About 7,500 people have already taken shelter on different parts of Bhanga-Mawa highway. The erosion also threatened some important river ports, market places and other establishments including Shannashirchar and Kawrakandi ferry ghats and Utrail Bandar. The shelterless people who are passing their days in great misery urged the authority concerned to take steps to rehabilitate them for the sake of humanity.

2 hurt in rivals' clash

NAOGAON, Feb 20: A clash between two rival groups over establishing supremacy at a local Ananda Mela and sharing of gambling money left two people injured and ransacking of a student leader's house on Sunday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the incident was a sequel to the trouble ensued between two groups in the mela since its beginning on February 5. Both the groups attacked each other with sharp weapons at 9 pm on Sunday and blasted several cocktails creating panic in the area that left two unidentified visitors injured. Police brought the situation under control. But the angry activists of one group ransacked the house and damaged the furniture owned by local BCL leader Sabir living near the mela.

Legal Aid Committee's meeting held

JHALAKATI, Feb 20: The fourth meeting of the District Legal Aid Committee was held here at the conference room of the District Judge on Monday, reports UNB.

The meeting decided to give legal aid free of cost to the poor and helpless people. Presided over by committee president Mohammad Shamsur Ali, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Press Club secretary Shamsul Islam Chand, president of District Bar Association Sheikh Abdul Sukur, PP Abdul Mannan, Rasul and committee member-secretary Rokhsana Parveen.

Separate incidents claim 4 lives

SATKHIRA, Feb 20: Four people died in separate incidents in the district, police said, reports UNB.

According to police, Abu Kashem, 50, of Bara Simla of Kalganj thana was allegedly killed by his co-villager Mozammel on Sunday while he was going to Kalganj bazar riding a motor cycle. The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy. In another incident a boy, Khokon, 4, was strangled to death by her mother at village Jethua in Tala thana of the district on Saturday. The mother, identified as Asia Khatun, later allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself. The reason behind the deaths could not be ascertained. An unidentified dead body of a man was found at the verandah of a house at village Durgapur in Assassuni thana on Tuesday. Police suspected that he was murdered by the miscreants following a previous enmity.

Banned fishing nets seized

MUNSHIGANJ, Feb 20: Banned fishing nets popularly known as 'current nets' worth about Taka one lakh were seized and 10 fishermen taken into custody here recently, reports BSS.

According to the district fisheries department sources, a mobile court headed by 1st Class Magistrate Md Wasuuddin in cooperation with the fisheries department personnel caught the fishermen catching fish with banned current nets in the river Padma near Banglabazar under sadar thana.

Recently the seized nets were later burnt down and the fishermen were arrested.

Winter crops farming programme

KISHOREGANJ, Feb 20: About 5400 hectares have been brought under various winter vegetable cultivation in 13 thanas of the district in the current season, reports BSS.

According to an Agriculture Extension Department source, the thana-wise breakup is as follows: Kishoreganj sadar thana 600 hectares, Karimganj thana 500 hectares, Tarail thana 600 hectares, Pakuria thana 600 hectares, Hossainpur thana 600 hectares, Katiadi thana 600 hectares, Bajitpur thana 400 hectares, Kulliarchar thana 400 hectares, Bhairab thana 400 hectares, Itna thana 100 hectares, Austogram thana 400 hectares, Mithamon thana 100 hectares, and Nikli thana 100 hectares.

River re-excavation project undertaken

KISHOREGANJ, Feb 20: Water Development Board (WDB) has taken a project to re-excavate the river Hatoria of Ghagra union under Mithamon thana in Kishoreganj, reports BSS.

Three hundred fifty tonnes of wheat have been allotted for the implementation of the project. About 30,000 hectares of IRRI-Boro land will be irrigated properly after the excavation of the river and one lakh farmers will be benefited. Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid inaugurated the digging work recently.

BNP's anti-peace accord rally

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Feb 20: BNP Kishoreganj district wing brought out a procession against Parbatta Chattagram Peace Accord from the district BNP office and paraded the main roads of the town on February 10.

Lead by the district BNP's acting convenor Mojibur Rahman Monju, the procession was participated by former district chairman Habibur Rahman Bhuiyan, former MP Shaful Islam, advocate Fazlur Rahman, Shariful Islam Sharif, Muhammad Ismail, district Chhatra Dal vice president Jahangir Alam, Nazmul and the district level leaders of BNP. A meeting was also held after the procession.

Abduction bid foiled : 3 held

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 20: Three persons were handed over to police by local people while abducting two persons at village Arpara under Jhenidah sadar thana recently, according to police sources.

Police said, three accused Rezaul, Akramul and Iqbal arrived at the house of Mijanur Rahman at about 9 pm and demanded Taka 50,000 as toll. When the house owner denied to pay the money the miscreants tried to abduct Tito and Lenin at gun point. Then local people chased them and caught three accused. A case was filed with Jhenidah thana in this connection and the arrested were sent to jail-hajjat.

Man commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Feb 20: One Mangal Chandra Biswas of village Chalk Gobinda under Gobindaganj thana committed suicide by taking pesticide after being failed to repay high amount of interest of loan on February 11.

According to his family source, poverty stricken Mangal Chandra borrowed some money from a neighbouring person at high interest which went beyond the capacity of poor Mangal.

3 girls abducted

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 20: Two young girls named Hira, 16, and Asma, 15, were abducted by five youngmen from Pabla under Daulatpur thana recently.

The abducted girls are students of Daulatpur Mohsin Girls High Schools, police said. The youngmen who are yet to be identified abducted the girls at gun point and made good their escape in a microbus firing shots in air. Two separate cases have been recorded with Daulatpur thana in this connection. On February 12, another girl named Farida was also abducted by some youngmen from Khalishpur. She is yet to be recovered.

Six killed, 18 injured in road accidents

Six persons were killed and 18 others injured on Thursday in four separate road accidents in Mymensingh, Narsingdi and Jhenidah districts, report agencies.

In Mymensingh district at least three persons were killed and five others injured seriously on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in two separate road accidents at Bailor of Trishal thana and Sikarikanda of sadar thana on Thursday.

According to police one Kamrunessa, 9, a student of class III of Bailor Primary School was killed on the spot when she was crushed under the wheels of a Dhaka bound bus while crossing the road. Two other persons died when a truck collided head-on with a tempo near Sikari Kanda, about

five kilometre from Mymensingh town in the morning. The victims were tempo passengers Hashmat, 60, and an unidentified woman 40. Five others travelling in the tempo have been admitted into Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

In Narsingdi district a traffic mishap on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Basail on Thursday left two people dead and 13 others injured.

Police said the accident took place on Thursday evening when an over-loaded passenger bus dashed a roadside tree and tumbled into a field.

The dead could not be identified immediately. Of the injured, Reeta Ashraf, 27, Farooq 35, Rahmat Ali, 45, Mostafa Mia, 28, and an

unidentified woman were sent to sadar hospital.

Police seized the bus, but the driver fled the scene. A case was filed.

In Jhenidah district a schoolboy was killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Khulna highway at Hatgopalpur in Sadar thana on Thursday.

Police said Liton, 14, a class six student of Hatgopalpur High School at Putia village, was killed when a truck hit his bicycle in front of the school in the morning.

After the mishap, angry students of the school aided by local people threw up blockade on the road disrupting traffic for about three hours.

Police arrested the truck driver while trying to escape from the scene. A case was filed.



SYLHET: Prof Abdul Aziz, former Registrar of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology speaking as the chief guest at a discussion meeting arranged on the occasion of 14th death anniversary of late General Osmany at Sylhet Museum. — Star photo

IRRI-Boro cultivation threatened in 16 N-dists

NATORE, Feb 20: Irrigation in 16 northern districts is seriously being hampered due to drastic fall in water level of Padma, Teesta and their tributaries, endangering the current IRRI-Boro cultivation, reports UNB.

A major portion of Chalan Beel in the district is feared to remain uncultivated this season for lack of irrigation arrangements.

According to Rajshahi divisional office of Bangladesh Water Development Board, the water flow in one of the country's largest irrigation project, 'Teesta Barrage Project', has reached a record low.

The flow of water of the barrage now stands at 850 cusecs against the last year's flow of 45,000 cusecs.

The entire river bed, both at the up and down streams of the barrage, has been covered with numerous shoals.

While visiting the project site, the UNB correspondent found that 40 sluice-gates out of 44 of the barrage remained closed. The four gates which remained open, were releasing a very little quantum of water.

Project Chief Engineer Aftab Alam Ansari said the flow of water in the Teesta now stands at its lowest level in last two decades.

He, however, said the matter has been brought to the notice of the authorities of Joint River Commission (JRC) and the ministry concerned.

Ansari said a total of 16,000 hectares of land in the northern region had been brought under irrigation network through the project last year.

But this year, he said, the irrigation target of the project might not achieve the target because of low flow of water.

Availing the irrigation facilities from the Teesta Barrage last year, the farmers had been able to produce about 50,000 metric tons of additional paddy in the region, he pointed out.

Even though a total of 30,000 hectares of land have been brought under irrigation scheme this season, but the local officials apprehended that the quantum of water in the river would be much lower than our expectation during the peak period of the season (March-April).

Meanwhile, the farmers have become sceptical about the supply of fuel in the northern region due to disruption in river communication seems to be caused by the rapid fall in water level of Bramaputra, Jamuna, Baral, Barnoi, Atrai and Hurasagar rivers.

The shortage of fuel has al-

ready become acute in Rangpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Dinajpur, Panchagarh and Thakurgaon districts following stoppage of supply from the floating oil depots in Balashi and Chilmari ghats.

According to the sources, deplorable road condition in the region has already forced the dealers to transport their fuel supplies from the ghats by boats instead of tank lorries.

Boats were seen to carry fuel to different destinations, including Ulipur, Chilmari, Nageshwari, Bhurungamari, Roumari, Rajipur, Gaibandha, Sunderganj, Belka, Shobhaganj, Panchpur, Dhupney, Jamalpur, Moulhat, Sunderbari and Melandaha areas in Rangpur and Dinajpur districts.

In 1997, another floating oil depot was set up in Balashi ghat, but it still remains inoperative due to fall in water level of the rivers.

They said two channels of Jamuna appear to be closed soon due to abnormal fall in its water level. For which, the river port at Bhaghabari ghat may also face closure.

It supplies fuel to Natore, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Chapainawabganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, Bogra and Joypurhat districts.

Phensidyl seized: 5 arrested

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Feb 20: Babuganj thana police recovered and seized 85 bottles of contraband phensidyl syrup from a road near Barisal Airport at Rahamatpur under Babuganj thana of Barisal on Wednesday mid night.

Police also arrested 5 persons from the spot when they were carrying the bottles with a auto tempo to Barisal from Rahamatpur.

Arrested five are Mahabub, 25, Jayanta, 26, Mamun, 24, Iqbal, Farvez, 24, and Manir Hossain, 28. Of them two are phensidyl traders. A case was filed with Babuganj thana in this connection.

47 employees of Haragach hospital in miseries

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Feb 20: A total of 47 employees of 31-bed newly constructed hospital at Haragach bandar, about 10 kilometres off from Rangpur town are not getting salaries for the past six months causing a great suffering to the hospital employees.

The hospital was constructed last year at a cost of Taka four crores. It started functioning from Sept 27 last year. But due to non-sanctioning of budget by the revenue department, all the staff members of the hospital have been facing worst sufferings for want of monthly salaries in these days of economic hardship.

Meanwhile, the hospital is running with empty stock of required medicines. As a result the patients rushing everyday at the doorsteps of the hospital are returning back disappointed as they are not getting proper treatment, it has been alleged.



SHERPUR: A large number of people visited the stalls of Agricultural Fair held recently at Nalitabari in the district. — Star photo

562 uplift projects for Habiganj dist

HABIGANJ, Feb 20: The government has taken up 562 development projects in various sectors like education, health and communications for the district under the 5th five-year plan, reports UNB.

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria made the disclosure while addressing the Habiganj District Development Conference here on Thursday.

Referring to the vital role of UP chairmen and members in local development activities, the minister called upon all to implement the projects with discipline.

"The development programmes should be implemented on priority basis so that everybody can derive benefits from the projects," Kibria said seeking cooperation from all irrespective of political affiliation. Newly elected UP chairmen

and members, concerned senior officials and people from all walks of life attended the conference.

Among others, Farid Gazi MP, Enamul Huq Mostafa Shaheed MP, Abu Leis M Mubtin Chowdhury MP, Local Government Secretary Hasnat Abdul Hai were also present.

New UP chairmen, members take oath

PABNA, Feb 20: State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed on Thursday said that present government had taken a number of measures to make the local government infrastructure more transparent, accountable and strong to ensure socio-economic development of the rural people, reports BSS.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Superintending Engineer Savar PWD Circle, Tejgaon, Dhaka Corrigendum Notice No. 2

In connection with the Notice inviting tender for Tender No. 1/1997-98 vide this Office Memo No. 28/8/30 dated 4.1.98 for 5 (five) groups of works each containing Civil, Sanitary & Water Supply & Electrical works (three discrete portions) of the works of construction of Dhaka Central Jail at Kashimpur under the District of Gazipur. This Corrigendum Notice No. 2 with the following correction are hereby issued:-

CORRECTIONS

- Eligibility of the tenderers : Special Class/Class-I/Class-II PWD enlisted civil and sanitary Contractors/Firms as may be applicable for individual cases.
- Particulars about group numbers, Name of work, Estimated cost, Earnest money and groups and portion shown in tabular form in tender notice should be replaced by "Appendix-A" herewith provided: "See Appendix-A".
- Two parts of schedule of each group and portion of work is hereby combined in a single part showing unit rates and previous nomenclature of "Part-A" and "Part-B" is hereby cancelled. The items of erstwhile "Part-B" of schedule of individual groups showing unit rates are given in "Appendix-B" along with this Corrigendum Notice No. 2 which will be given to the intending tenderers free of cost. Tenderers are to submit tenders attaching this "Appendix-B" quoting rate on percentage basis i.e. At PER/percentage ABOVE or below that the given schedule (of works) so combined.
- Electrical portion of the schedule of works of all the 5 (five) groups are hereby cancelled.
- Place of selling tenders : Divisional Commissioner's office, Dhaka Division, Dhaka, offices of the Executive Engineers of all PWD Divisions under Dhaka PWD Zone, office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Maintenance Division, Dhaka; office of the Executive Engineer (Staff Officer), Dhaka Zone, Dhaka office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Sub-Division No. V under PWD Division-IV, Dhaka and offices of the Sub-Divisional Engineers of all PWD Sub-Division under Gazipur PWD Division, Gazipur.
- Place of receiving and opening tenders : Office of the undersigned, office of the Superintending Engineer, Mymensingh, PWD Circle Mymensingh; office of the Superintending Engineer, Comilla PWD Circle, Comilla; offices of the Executive Engineers of all the PWD Divisions under Dhaka PWD Zone; office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Maintenance Division, Dhaka and the office of the Executive Engineer (Staff Officer), Dhaka PWD Zone, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling tenders : Up to 25.2.98 during the office hours.
- Date of receiving tenders : Up to 12:00 Noon of 26.2.98.
- Date of opening tenders : 12:15 PM on 26.2.98.
- In case of PWD enlisted special class contractors, written permission from the undersigned will be required for purchasing tender schedule. For this purpose they will have to apply to the undersigned along with certification to the effect that there is no complain against them for failure to execute works as per contract.
- Terms and conditions of this Corrigendum Notice No. 2 will override those given earlier and all other previous terms & conditions not affected by the terms and conditions laid down in this Corrigendum Notice No. 2 will run concurrently valid.
- This Corrigendum Notice along with "Appendix-A" and "Appendix-B" duly signed by the tenderers/contractors will have to be submitted along with the tender and will form integral part and parcel of the tender/contract.

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1	2	3	4	5

1 (One)	Construction of Dhaka Central Jail at Kashimpur in the Dist of Gazipur. (Jail No. 1(One)) (Sub-Head:-Constn of 180 Nos General Prisoners & 96 Nos Convicted Prisoners (Barrack No. 1(One) in the year 1997-98.	Tk 1,11,24,106/-	Tk 2,22,500/-	180 days
	A) Civil Work	Tk 1,11,24,106/-	Tk 2,22,500/-	180 days
	B) Sanitary & water supply arrangement	Tk 4,21,772/-	Tk 8,450/-	180 days
II (Two)	-Do -do -do (Sub-head:-Construction of 180 General Prisoners & 96 Nos. Convicted Prisoners) (Barrack No. II (two) during the year 1997-98.	Tk 1,11,24,106/-	Tk 2,22,500/-	180 days
	A) Civil Work	Tk 1,11,24,106/-	Tk 2,22,500/-	180 days
	B) Sanitary & water supply arrangement	Tk 4,21,772/-	Tk 8,450/-	180 days
III (Three)	-Do -do -do (Sub-Head: Constn of Admn Bldg) during the year 1997-98.	Tk 47,34,094/-	Tk 94,700/-	120 days
	A) Civil Work	Tk 47,34,094/-	Tk 94,700/-	120 days
	B) Sanitary & water supply arrangement	Tk 8,26,979/-	Tk 16,550/-	120 days
IV (Four)	-Do -do -do (S.H:- Constn of Warders Barrack) during the year 1997-98.	Tk 82,61,661/-	Tk 1,65,250/-	120 days
	A) Civil Work	Tk 82,61,661/-	Tk 1,65,250/-	120 days
	B) Sanitary & water supply	Tk 8,13,149	Tk 16,300/-	120 days
V (Five)	-Do -do -do (S.H:-Constn of Cell Block for 30 prisoners) during the year 1997-98.	Tk 48,97,166/-	Tk 97,950/-	120 days
	A) Civil Work	Tk 48,97,166/-	Tk 97,950/-	120 days
	B) Sanitary & water supply arrangement.	Tk 6,50,465/-	Tk 13,015/-	120 days

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