

News snaps

New steamer service introduced

BARISAL, Mar 8: The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) will introduce a new steamer service on Dhaka-Hularhat route via Shikarpur from March 7 considering the conveniences of the passengers of the southern districts of the country according to a press release of BIWTC, reports BSS.

An official source said, the steamer will start its journey from Dhaka steamer ghat on each Sunday and Thursday at five pm and leave Hularhat for Dhaka on each Monday and Friday at 11-30 am. The steamer will anchor at Chandpur, Babuganj, Duarika, Shikarpur, Wazirpur, Chowdhurhat, Jugranda, Banaripara, Swarupkati and Kawkhali stations. When contacted, the manager, BIWTC, told that first class compartments have been made air-conditioned.

Bridge construction work completed

NARSINGDI, Mar 8: The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has recently completed the construction of a 140-metre long and 3.66-metre wide bridge over Arialkha river in Balabo thana, reports BSS.

Official sources said the government sanctioned Tk 1.11.31.173 under rural infrastructure development project for the construction of the bridge in 1996-97 fiscal year. The bridge will be opened for traffic soon, the source said.

Development work progressing

HABIGANJ, Mar 8: Works on 86 uplift schemes costing about Tk 2.76 crore in the district for the current fiscal year is nearing completion, reports UNB.

Of the total, 37 schemes, including construction of 1,477-metre drainage, 7,072-metre tertiary and branch drainage, 18 culverts and 30 dustbins at a cost of over Tk one crore, are being implemented under the Medium Town Integrated Flood Protection Project. Another 38 road construction schemes, involving Tk 79.07 lakh, are being executed under the Development Aided Fund Project and 11 schemes under pourashava's own resources. Pourashava Chairman Shaheed Chowdhury made the disclosure at a press conference held at the pourashava conference room on February 25. He also informed that the pourashava has taken steps to construct a bus terminal, a cultural centre and ensure supply of gas and water to its expansion areas.

Discussion on Diabetic Day

COMILLA, Mar 8: A discussion meeting was held on March 1 in Comilla Diabetic Association auditorium to mark the Diabetic Awareness Day, reports BSS.

Dr Zobiaida Hannan, presided over the discussion while Mujibul Huq Mujib, Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad attended the meeting as chief guest. Anwar Hossain, Dr MA Rashid, Dr Mosaraf Hossain and Dr Syed Ashraf Hossain discussed various aspects of the significance of the day.

10 shops gutted

MUNSHIGANJ, Mar 8: Ten shops of Mirapara bazar under Mirkadim pourashava in sadar thana were gutted in a midnight fire on March 1, reports BSS.

The fire originated from rickshaw garage at around 1 am engulfed the adjoining areas and gutted 10 shops with merchandise. Fire brigade personnel immediately rushed to the spot and brought the blaze under control after a frantic struggle for one and a half hours. The extent of damage caused by the blaze was estimated at several lakhs of taka, fire brigade sources said.

Polytech Instt hostel rooms gutted

BARISAL, Mar 8: At least 9 persons were injured, 2 of them seriously when two rival groups of BCL were locked in a clash at Barisal Polytechnic Institute hostel at about 10:30 am on Wednesday.

Witnesses said, following internal conflicts fending groups attacked and ransacked 5 rooms of the hostel and those set on fire. Indiscriminate hand bombs were blasted during the incident. Helal and Mizan were seriously injured.

Tense situation is prevailing. Police have been deployed. Meanwhile teachers council called an emergency meeting.

15 killed in fire incidents in Pabna last yr

PABNA, Mar 8: Fifteen people were killed and 294 injured while valuables worth about Tk 80 lakh were destroyed in fire incidents and other accidents here during the last year, reports UNB.

According to fire service sources, 14 people were killed and 230 were injured in 101 fire incidents and 53 other accidents during the period under Pabna Fire Service Station alone. A man was killed and 64 sustained injury in 96 fire incidents and 56 other accidents under Ishwardi Fire Service Station. But unofficial sources said that property worth about Tk 20 crore was gutted in 400 fire incidents in nine thanas of the district during the year. Most of the time it could not be possible to reach the information of fire incidents to the fire stations due to bad road communication, it added.

Eye camp concludes

BANDARBAN, Mar 8: A three-day eye camp jointly organised by Chittagong Blind Welfare Society and district health department at sadar hospital concluded on Saturday, reports UNB.

Some 41 cataract patients were successfully operated upon in the camp and necessary medicines and spectacles were distributed among them. Besides, a number of patients with eye complications were also treated in the camp. A discussion meeting was also held on the concluding day with Civil Surgeon Dr Ahmed Kabir in the chair.

RUCSU cultural week concludes

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Mar 8: Rajshahi University Central Students Union (RUCSU) cultural week concluded at Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium on March 6 last.

Over 300 competitors of 14 residential halls of the university took part in 16 cultural events.

Prof Abdul Khaleque, vice-chancellor of the university is likely to distribute certificates and prizes among successful competitors on March 12. The prize distribution ceremony will be followed by a colourful cultural show.

IU officers go on continuous strike

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Mar 8: Officers of Islamic University (IU) as a part of realising 4-point demands of Inter-University Officers' Federation have resorted to continuous strike from March 2.

The strike will continue up to March 8, according to official source. On the first day under the leadership of the President and General Secretary of the Officers' Samity, about 50 officers sorted to sit-in strike in front of the office of Vice-Chancellor Prof Md Kayesuddin and submitted a memorandum containing their four-point demands.

The demands are: Representation of officers in the Senate and Syndicate and other bodies of the authority, Correction of pay scale, Stopping of 10 per cent cut from their pay during retirement, Time for retirement of the service up to 65 years of age. The Officers' Samity in a press conference demanded implementation of 4-point demands. The 7-day strike programme include a silent procession from administrative building, demonstration and rally, sit-in strike in front of VC office, demonstration and rally on the campus and sit-in strike in front of VC office. All the offices were under lock and key due to the strike.

BCL factions clash at Gopalganj: 25 injured

From Our correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Mar 8: At least 25 students were injured, 10 of them seriously, in a clash between two factions of pro Awami League students' wing Bangladesh Chhatra League over nomination of Gopalganj Bangabandhu University College Students' Union election.

The nomination papers submitting date was fixed Wednesday when the leaders of Chhatra League sat at its Chowrangee office in Gopalganj town on Wednesday noon. When two vice-president candidates Murtaza Mishir and Gazi Shahabuddin and their supporters entered into the Chhatra League office. Then both the groups attacked each other with bombs, cocktails and lethal weapons. Police lobbed three rounds of tear gas shells.

As a result 25 persons were injured, 10 of them seriously. They were admitted into hospital. They are Gazi Hafizur Rahman Liku, 22, VP Bangabandhu University College, Tapash, 19, Masum, 20, Rumi, 18, Babu, 18, Tashi, 22, Zahid, 22, Monir, 18, Sabu, 21 and Jahim, 18.

Police have been patrolling Chowrangee road and a tense situation has been prevailing there.



Model Watch arranged the divisional level 'Miss Rupashi Bangladesh' beauty contest at Sylhet Golf Club on March 6 where Sabina Wasi emerged as 'Miss Rupashi Sylhet', Salma Khondker as Miss Sushmita Sylhet and Dalia Sarwar as 'Miss Personality Sylhet'.

Contraband goods worth Tk 75 lakh seized in Jessore in one month

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Mar 8: Contraband goods worth Taka 75 lakh were seized from Jessore area in January last.

Bangladesh Rifles and Jessore district task force jointly raided and seized the items.

According to BDR, contrabands worth Taka 6.79.675 were seized on January 1 and contrabands worth Taka 7.95.922 were seized on January 4. A special anti-smuggling squad, seized contrabands worth Taka 1.41.675 on January 5 and the same squad seized a similar seizure worth Taka 81.820 on January 8. They seized contrabands worth Taka 93670 on January 9 and contrabands worth Taka 9.68.677 on January 10.

Their total seizure was worth Taka 19,19,149 on January 12 and Taka 90,720 on January 14. On January 15 they seized contraband goods worth Taka 1,83,295. The seizure made on January 17 was worth Taka 1,34,834 and that of January 18 was worth Taka 3,45,530.

The seizures made on January 19, 20 and 21, were worth Taka 1,32,590, 1,48,320 and 51,715 respectively.

The seizure made on January 22, 25, 26 and 27 amounted to Taka 53,250, 5,175.70, 91,948 and Tk 2,61.70 respectively.

When contacted commanding officer, 32 Battalion of Bangladesh Rifles Lt Col Zohurul Islam told The Daily Star, out of a number of seizures made on different dates in January last, the seizure made on January 12, was the biggest haul.

He also informed, in a bid to control smuggling and unauthorised movement along the border, several measures have been taken.

He, however, admitted, smuggling will be checked completely when people at their own can build up psychological resistance against smuggling and develop habit to boycott contraband goods in national interest.

Environmental degradation threatens existence of Royal Bengals

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Mar 8: Environmental degradation in the Sundarbans has been affecting adversely the health of Royal Bengal tigers.

Royal Bengal tigers need adequate quantity of sweet water to satisfy their thirst. But since men are controlling the Sundarbans no tanks or sources of sweet water have been arranged for Royal Bengal tigers as yet in the forest. They, however, drink sweet water from deep forest.

But in absence of drinking water in some areas, the tigers of the Sandarbans are compelled to drink saline water just for survival. This is causing ill health for them and because of health hazards, growth of their next generation is being threatened.

According to a source of the concerned forest office, there are about 350 Royal Bengal tigers in the Sundarbans. They have been living in comparatively high land by the sides of innumerable canals and tributaries of rivers surrounded by dense woods to save from cyclone, storms and tidal waves.

But it has not been possible to create a sanctuary for tiger habitation in the Sundarbans as yet. Besides, due to expansion of visiting areas in the forest by human being like *Mowals*, *Bawals*, and fishermen, tigers are reportedly retreating deep inside the dense forest, where living condition for them is unhealthy, said a forest official.

When the concerned official of the Forest Department was contacted, it was found that they were pondering over the matter.

We have already submitted a project proforma costing Taka nine crore as estimated cost to the Ministry of Forest and Environment a few years ago," said another official.

The concerned authority hopes, the proposed project may be okayed. The project proposes expansion of new areas for Royal Bengal tigers which would have to be increased by creating a healthy atmosphere and environment in the Sundarbans congenial to their survival.

As stated in the plan, the number of tigers would increase sharply from 500 to five thousand, if the plan is implemented.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Local Government Engineering Directorate District, Moulvibazar

Memo No. LGED/EE/Mou/98/491 Dated: 22.2.98

LGED/Mou: Bazar/Tender Notice No-20(97-98)

Amended tender is reinvited, cancelling the date of earlier invited tender, in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover from LGED enlisted (as per class capacity) & upto date renewed all contractors and all current projects pre-qualified contractors/contractory firms for implementation of the work of the undermentioned project during 1997-98 financial year under Local Government Engineering Directorate, Moulvibazar district.

- Tender documents can be purchased at the prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet, Superintending Engineer (Maintenance), LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207; Deputy Commissioner, Moulvibazar, Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Sylhet/Habiganj/Sunamganj, Thana Engineer, Thana: Barolekha, District: Moulvibazar; and office of the undersigned during office hours up to 18.3.98.
- Tender documents will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet, Superintending Engineer (Maintenance), LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207; Deputy Commissioner, Moulvibazar, Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Sylhet/Sunamganj/Habiganj, Thana Engineer, Thana: Barolekha, District: Moulvibazar & office of the undersigned up to 1:00 PM of 19.3.98.
- 2.5% of the estimated cost as earnest money should be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft/ Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Moulvibazar. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.
- Decisions regarding realisation of VAT as mentioned against title 004 under second schedule of VAT Act 1991 (Item No. 22 of 1991) will be effective.
- Work schedule stating time for each phase of completion of work should be submitted with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright.
- Tender submitted in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 will be treated as the first and formal tender. Only in case of necessity to reduce rate through offer, formal tender should be executed.
- Tender submitted at rate more than 5 (five) per cent below the estimated cost will be treated as cancelled outright.
- Itemwise rate analysis should be submitted with the tender in case of submitting rate at more than 5% above the estimated cost. Any photocopy of the rate analysis or striking off/erasing/overwriting will not be acceptable. Tender without rate analysis or with photocopy of rate analysis or that with striking off/erasing/overwriting will be treated as cancelled forthwith. Quantity of material in different sub-sections shown in the rate analysis of different items of LGED should be treated as final.
- To maintain the qualitative standard of the project contractor should get done the required laboratory test at own cost and enclose the Lab test result copy with the bill.
- Contractors/contractor's firms should deposit Income Tax and VAT at the prescribed rate and VAT & TIN certificate should be submitted with the tender.
- This tender notice will be treated as part of the terms & conditions of the tender.
- This tender is short and, if necessary, other information can be known from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
- In case of any amendment brought to the estimate/schedule at the time of approval after scrutiny of estimate by the Head Office, accordingly, necessary amendment will be issued to the work order & the contractor shall be found to abide by the same.
- The condition issued vide Head Office Memo No. LGED/CE/E-170/95 (Part-2)/9000 dated 5.10.97 will remain valid.
- The authority reserves the right to reject all tenders or accept any tender without assigning any reason.

Sl No.	Name of work & location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Price tender (non-refundable)	Time for completion of work	Class of contractor
01	Development of New Palla Khashia Punji Road from Sujaul Madrasa through Sabajpur Tea Garden. (Barolekha).	Tk 33,64,862/-	Tk 84,122/-	Tk 1000/-	90 days	LGED's 'A' class all current projects prequalified.

DFP-4187-262 G-411 S M Abdul Jalil Executive Engineer

Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation "Krishi Bhaban" 49-51, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 (Horticulture Development Project)

Memo No. Hort (EJC-III/33/97/370) Dated 22.2.98

Notice Inviting Tenders

- Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Registered Pre-qualified Civil Work Contractors of ADB Funded Horticulture Development Project (BADC Component) for the construction of different types of Buildings and External Utilities at 9 Horticulture Development Centre (HDC), BADC.
 - Tender documents will be available from the Cashier, Accounts Division (Cash Section), BADC, Krishi Bhaban (3rd floor), 49-51, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 and also from the office of the Consultant, Shaheedullah and Associates Ltd, 137, Jahanara Garden, Green Road, Dhaka-1215 on all working days at a non-refundable cash payment of Tk 1000.00 (Taka one thousand) per set up to 22nd March, 1998 within 1:00 PM.
 - Tender documents will not be sold after expiry of the specified selling time and date.
 - Tenderers must furnish Earnest Money @ 2.50% of the total quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Call Deposit, with a validity period of 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date fixed for receiving the tenders, from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, Horticulture Development Project, BADC.
 - Tender documents will be received in the office of the undersigned and also in the abovementioned office of the Consultant up to 12:00 Noon on 23rd March, 1998 and will be opened at 12:15 PM on the same day in presence of the tenderers or their representatives, if any.
 - The work should be started immediately after the issue of work order and to be completed in all respect within the stipulated time as shown in the abstract of tender.
 - The location of different HDCs sites will be available from the office of the undersigned and the Consultant.
 - Tenders received after the expiry of the specified time and date shall not be accepted and shall be returned unopened forthwith.
 - The authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender or any tender and reserves the right to waive any irregularity in any tenders, if the waiver is in his interest and may also divide the work among more than one contractor and furthermore reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- ADC-322 DFP-4330-26/2/98 G-388 M S Haque Project Director (Hort) BADC, Dhaka

RHD, Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No: T-19/97-98, P&S Divn Dhaka Dt 262.98.
 - Name of work: Group-KA: Supply of tyre with tubes of Soil Compactor for different Road Division, under RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Charge to 168-RBF-2 repair during the year 1997-98. Group-KHA: Repair & Colouring, Trust, Angle & Pillar of 4, 5 & 6 No store section, under RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Charge to 168-RBF during the year 1997-98. Group GA: Supply of New Fire Extinguisher Machine for the use of all store section, security office, Sub-Divisional Office & Division Office, under RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Charge to 168-RBF-4 Equipments during the year 1997-98. Group-GHA: Repair of different store section and steel almira, file cabinet, key board, steel iron chast, chair, burnishing, polishing & screing making of Sub-Divn Office, under RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Charge to 168-RHD 2-repair during the year 1997-98.
 - Estimated cost: As per schedule.
 - Earnest money: Tk 2% of the estimated cost.
 - Time allowed for completion of work: 20 (twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
 - Category of contractor: A, B & C class contractor under RHD, 'D' class enlisted contractor of Equipment Control & Procurement Circle, Dhaka & 'E' class enlisted contractor of this Division. According to financial capacity, Group KA mentioned brand tyre agency holder co participate with showing their documents.
 - Tender documents will be sold: Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Equipment Control Divn, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning Division (Road Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka & Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Sub-Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka on all working days.
 - Tender documents will be received: 1. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Equipment Control & Procurement Circle, Dhaka. 2. Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
 - Tender documents will be sold up to: 22.3.98 & 8.12.1404 Bangla.
 - Closing time & date of tender: 23.3.98 at 12:00 Noon.
 - Last date & time of opening tender: 23.3.98 at 12:01 PM.
 - Letter date & time will be intimated in proper time by letter.
- Executive Engineer, RHD Procurement & Storage Division Tejgaon, Dhaka DFP-4641-2/3/98 G-382

Chittagong Export Processing Zone
Dakkhin Halishahar, Chittagong-4223

No-CEPZ/PE/C/136/593 Dated: 18.02.98

Re-Tender Notice No-06/97-98

Sealed tenders are invited from contractors as per eligibility for the undermentioned work at Chittagong EPZ:

Sl No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (in lakh)	Eligibility of contractor	Prescribed time for completion of work (day)	Price of tender (non-refundable)
1)	Earth filling work at the northern side of the Administrative area of CEPZ.	47.28	Govt/Semi-govt/Autonomous organisation enlisted contractors having experience of similar work worth Tk 24 lakh under a single Work Order.	120 days	500/-

In case of construction work, one contractor will not be given Work Order for more than one construction work during the same financial year in the same zone. The same rule will be applicable in case of more than one firm under the same ownership. Earnest money described in the tender should be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of 'BEPZA'.

Contractors must submit attested true copy of the undermentioned documents with the tender in support of their eligibility. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

- Current year trade licence.
- Current year enlistment certificate.
- Income Tax clearance and VAT registration certificates.
- Work Order and Work Completion Certificate from an officer of minimum Executive Engineer's rank.

If any document submitted with the tender is proved to be fake or forged, earnest money submitted with the tender will be forfeited and the tender cancelled.

Tenders can be purchased from the BEPZA Executive Office, 222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka, Chittagong EPZ, South Halishahar, Chittagong and the Accounts Section of Dhaka EPZ, Ganokbari, Savar, Dhaka and offices of all Divisional Commissioners up to 18.3.98. Tender document can be purchased at the prescribed price from the office of the Divisional Commissioner through Bank Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of 'BEPZA'. Acknowledgement receipt/money receipt issued against payment of that amount from the office of the Divisional Commissioner should be submitted with the tender.

Tenders will be received at the BEPZA Executive Office, office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Chittagong and office chamber of the Project Engineers of Dhaka EPZ and offices of all Divisional Commissioners up to 12.00 Noon of 19.03.98.

Tenders submitted at different Divisions/offices will be opened only at the office chamber of the Chief Engineer of BEPZA Executive Office at 2.30 PM of 25.3.98 in presence of the tenderers (if any).

In case the last date of purchasing tender happens to be a Govt holiday under any circumstance, it can be purchased up to the next working day and, in that case, tender can be submitted up to the next day of the changed date of purchasing tender. In case the date of submitting/opening of tender happens to be a Govt holiday, it can be submitted/opened on next working day.

The authority reserves the right to accept any of the submitted tenders or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

SS Kibria
Project Engineer, CEPZ