

# News snaps

## Nabanna Mela in Sylhet

**SYLHET, Mar 29:** A week-long Nabanna mela, the country's traditional festival of eating newly-grown rice, was held here recently at Osmany Uddyan premises, reports BSS. Bangladesh Small Industries Corporation (BSIC) has organised the fair for promoting local craftsmen and marketing their products. About one thousand craftsmen from different parts of the country are participating in the fair with their products. The fair will remain open from 11 am to 8 pm till Sunday.

## Scarcity of text books

**PABNA, Mar 29:** The government's universal primary education programme in Chalanbeel area is being hampered for want of adequate text books, reports UNB.

According to the Primary Education Department, every student of class I and II is entitled to get two new text books and one used book and every student of class III, IV and V is entitled to get six text books including four new ones.

But some teachers of Vangura, Chatmohor, Faridpur and Tarash thanas of the Chalanbeel areas informed that the books distributed by the officials did not even meet 50 per cent of demand of the students. They said about 40 to 50 sets of books have been allotted for class one, whereas, about one to two hundred students are studying in the class in almost all the schools. Same is the condition in respect of other classes, they added.

## Sanction for women's college

**TANGAIL, Mar 29:** The government sanctioned Taka 25 lakh for development of a women's college and a women's Madrasa in Tangail district in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to the facilities department of ministry of education, of the total amount Taka 17 lakh was sanctioned for extension of hostel and academic buildings of government Kumudini College.

## TB Day observed in Jamalpur

**JAMALPUR, Mar 29:** The World Tuberculosis Day '98 was observed in the district, as elsewhere in the country, on Tuesday, reports UNB.

A colourful rally from local Shaheed Minar paraded the main roads and ended at the Public Hall in the town. Organised by district administration and Civil Surgeon office the rally was led by Deputy Commissioner Achyutpada Goswami.

Later, a discussion meeting was held at the Public Hall with Abdur Razzak in the chair. The Deputy Commissioner in his address called for mass awareness about the disease which can be cured by proper treatment easily. Meanwhile, a week long 'National Sanitation Week' concluded here on Tuesday.

## Suicide rate up in Savar, Dhamrai

**SAVAR, Mar 29:** A total of 221 people including 169 women allegedly committed suicide in Savar and Dhamrai thanas in the last one year, reports UNB.

Police and hospital sources recorded 100 deaths in Savar thana and the rest in Dhamrai from February 1997 to February 1998. It was found that most of the people were young and committed suicide by taking poison following failure in love and family feuds. Meanwhile, police, acting on secret information, rescued an abducted school girl from Khalisaakuchi village of Jamalpur district and arrested two people in this connection on March 10. Rashida, a student of class six of Razasan High School in Savar, was abducted when she was going to school on February 24. The arrested were identified as Rani and Rashid. Further investigation is on.

## Work of uplift projects progressing

**BOGRA, Mar 29:** Works on some 1,417 uplift projects under Rural Infrastructure Renovation Programme (RIRP) and Rural Infrastructure Maintenance Programme (RIMP) for the current fiscal is going on in full swing, reports UNB.

A total of 6,246 metric tons of wheat have been sanctioned for the projects which are expected to be completed by June next, official sources said. Of the wheat, 2,937 mts were allotted for 162 projects under RIRP general programme and 1,400 mts for 110 projects under RIRP special programme. Some 1,209 mts were sanctioned for 622 schemes under RIMP general programme and 700 mts for 523 other development projects including renovation and reconstruction of rural roads and renovation of educational and religious institutions.

## 3 get life-term for killing one

**SHERPUR, Mar 29:** A court here has sentenced three people to life-term rigorous imprisonment (RI) for killing a man in 1991, court sources said, reports UNB.

Jalal, Moslem and Montaj Ali were also fined Tk 2,000 each, in default, to suffer six months more RI, according to the judgement delivered by District and Sessions Judge M Ismail Mia on March 18.

Four other accused — Hame-sha Khatun, Abdul Haq, Sham-sul and Abdul Berek — were acquitted.

According to the prosecution, the convicted picked up Kasem, son of late Mafizuddin, from his house of Tantur village in Nalitabari thana on December 27, 1991 and killed him. Police submitted chargesheet against the seven after a case had been filed with Nalitabari thana.

## Housewife killed by husband

**BOGRA, Mar 29:** A young housewife was killed by her husband at Dubaterghar village in Nandigram thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Family sources said, Rafiqul Islam used to torture his wife Dolna Begum, 19, for realising dowry from her poor parents. On the fateful day, Rafiq asked her to bring dowry money immediately which she refused.

At this stage the greedy husband became furious and started beating her mercilessly and when she became senseless Rafiq poured poison into her mouth and fled the scene. Later she died on way to hospital.

Local people rounded up Mohor Ali, the father-in-law of the victim, and handed him over to the police.

## Complaint against Modapur union chairman

**RAJBARI, Mar 29:** Three ejected female members of Modapur union in Pangsha thana in the district lodged complaint against the chairman Alhaj Abdur Rashid of the union, reports UNB.

Three reserve seat female members Karuna Rani Pramanik, Rabeya Begum and Farida Begum in a letter jointly complained to the Deputy Commissioner of dishonouring them by the chairman.

They also alleged that they could not take part in the development activities of the union due to the autocracy of the chairman.

## Girl roasted alive

**RANGPUR, Mar 29:** A girl was roasted alive, five others sustained burn injuries and valuables worth about Tk 2.3 crore were gutted in two separate fire incidents in the district on Friday and Saturday, reports UNB.

At least 200 shops were completely gutted in a devastating fire and valuables worth about Tk two crore were burnt to ashes at Taragonj Bazar in Taragonj thana on Saturday night.

Fire fighters from Rangpur and Nilphamari rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire after two hours of frantic efforts.

Police and fire brigade sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit of a grocery shop and engulfed the nearby shops.

Local MP Anisul Haq Chowdhury and DC and SP of the district visited the spot.



**FARIDPUR:** A deaf and dumb girl student of Hicare School in the town recently presented a dance at a cultural programme here. — Star photo

# Acute scarcity of water in Magura town

From Our Correspondent

**MAGURA, Mar 29:** The town dwellers of Magura and its adjoining areas have been facing acute crisis of drinking water due to high content of arsenic in tubewells.

Presence of arsenic was found in tubewell water of Magura town and adjoining areas, according to the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) sources.

An enquiry team of Dhaka Community Hospital has apprehended the danger of arsenic contamination in 501 tubewells, out of 1093 tubewells in Magura thana sadar of the district.

High content of arsenic has been found in 501 tubewells in

Bagla, Pukhuria, Alokdia, Majhpara, Parla, Parnaduali, Alokdia, and PTI Para, Pashu Hospital Para, Sayed Ator Ali Sarak areas of the town.

A total of 36 tubewells, out of 106 tubewells in Pashuhaspatal Para, 53 tubewells in out of 105 tubewells in PTI Para, 29 tubewells, out of 63 tube wells in Ator Ali Sarak areas of the town, 9 tubewells, out of 14 tubewells in Majhpara, 23 tubewells, out of 41 tubewells in Alokdia, 42 tubewells, out of 152 tubewells in Pukhuria, 19 tubewells, out of 41 tubewells in Bagla, 81 tubewells, out of 190 tubewells in Parla and 209 tubewells out of 381 tubewells

in Paraduali villages in Magura sadar thana of the district have been marked red apprehending arsenic contamination in water.

While talking to a group of villagers in the above mentioned areas they said, the intensity of arsenic contamination has not been ascertained in their areas by the concerned department. As a result, people of the above mentioned areas are scared.

The sufferers urged the concerned authorities to take necessary step to reexamine the above mentioned tubewells for ascertaining of actual rate of arsenic contamination.

# Massive development programme for rehabilitation of 500 Jhumia families

**BANDARBAN, Mar 29:** The government has undertaken a massive development programme for the rehabilitation of 500 landless Jhumia families in the hill district, reports UNB.

The programme is going on in 10 villages of Rajvila, Chemi and Kuholing area in Sadar thana.

Executive officer of High Land Settlement Project, being run under CHT Development Board, informed that under the programme, since 1994-95 fiscal, the government has provided land to each family for

building homestead, horticulture and rubber plantation.

Works of building of homestead, horticulture and rubber plantation on 1,760 acres of land out of 2,000 acres have already been completed, he added.

Jhum cultivation is harmful for the environment as huge forest resources are destroyed every year for the purpose. So, the programme has been undertaken for protecting the environment and development of the Jhumia families.

Under the programme, drinking water supply will be

ensured and educational and religious institutions will be built in 10 Jhumia villages. Construction of pucca road is also going on. The works of the programme are expected to be completed by the year 2000.

The Jhumia families have been paid from the government for working in the rubber garden but they are the owners of their horticulture. After four years each family will earn about Tk 20,000 from their horticulture.

The production in the rubber garden will begin seven years later. Then each family will be paid 80 per cent of money on account of selling rubber sheets and the government will get the rest 20 per cent for supervising the garden.

The 10 villages, once were dense forest, have turned into locality of full of din and bustle rising hope among the tribal Jhumia families.

## Rupsha Bridge Feasibility study by June suggested

From Staff Correspondent

**KHULNA, Mar 29:** The 7-member 'project preparation study team' of JICA has suggested for starting feasibility study for construction of Rupsha bridge by June latest.

After visiting different areas in Khulna and Mongla, the team members will send a Japanese consultant team soon for carrying out necessary works before beginning of construction work.

## School teacher murdered in Khulna

**KHULNA, Mar 29:** Unidentified assailants killed a school teacher at village Azgara of Terakhada thana in the district on Sunday reports UNB.

Witnesses said three to four people came to Azgara Ideal Primary School at noon and called its headmaster Tawhidul Islam Tuku out of the classroom. They took him to a nearby mosque and fired two gunshots at him. The assailants also severed his neck with ram-dao before leaving the place.

The victim was rushed to Khulna General Hospital where the attending doctors declared him dead.

Police suspected that outlawed party activists were behind the killing.

## 10 Rohingyas, an Indian held at Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

**COX'S BAZAR, Mar 29:** Police arrested at least 10 Rohingyas and an Indian citizen from different parts of the city on charge of illegal stay in Bangladesh.

The arrested persons and Amanullah, 20, Zubair, 22, Nabab Hossain, 19, Zahir, 20, Mukter, 18, Alam, 21, Rafiq, 24, Faruk, 22, Zubed, 23, Karim, 21, and Salam, 22.

They were produced in the Magistrate Court and later sent to jail custody.

## Shaheed Jalil's anniversary of death

From Our Correspondent

**FARIDPUR, Mar 29:** The 26th death anniversary of Shaheed M A Jalil Biswas was observed on March 26 at his residence at School Road in Bhangra thana under Faridpur district.

On this day, 26 in 1971, Shaheed Jalil Biswas was killed by Pakistan Army near Dhaka Police Club. He was the second police officer at Sutrapur Police Station, Dhaka.

Feeding of destitute and a milad mahfil was arranged at the residence of the Shaheed. He left behind his widow, four sons and two daughters.

# Bangladesh Power Development Board

## Re-Invitation for Bids

বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন

Date of issuance of invitation: 12/3/1998.

Tender No. Pur-104/97/RE

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) is expected to allocate necessary funds in cash foreign exchange towards the cost of "The proposed 33 KV Sub-Station's VHF Equipment" and it is intended that the proceeds of this fund will be applied to eligible payments under the Turn-key contract for VHF Towers and VHF Equipment & Accessories.
- The Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) proposed to use the proceeds of aforesaid fund for the above-mentioned equipment.
- BPDB now invites international sealed bids in one envelope system from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the bid Document for 5 (five) Sub-Stations.
- The contract will be a Turn-key one, having the following scope as main features: The contract includes testing, finishing, galvanizing, painting where specified, packing for export shipment, insurances, shipping and delivery to the Sea Port of Chittagong or Mongla and transportation to sites, erection, site development and all civil works testing on sites and commissioning of whole equipment/materials and guarantee services during 18 (eighteen) months guarantee period from the date of TOC.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the office of the Director, Purchase, BPDB (9th floor), WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh. (Tel: 9550532, Telex No. 675617 BPD-BJ).
- A complete set of bidding document may be purchased by the interested bidders from 15/3/98 to 28/4/1998 on submission of a written application to the Director, Purchase, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 2,000/= (two thousand) only in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than two per cent (2%) of total bid amount. The bid must be delivered to the office of the Director of Purchase, Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh on or before 11.00 AM of 30/4/1998.
- The tender document shall neither be sent by post nor it will be sold after 28/4/1998.
- The offer sent by Post/Telex/Fax etc will neither be received nor it will be accepted. Bids submitted beyond scheduled time shall not be received at all.
- Bids will be opened in presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at 11-30 hours Bangladesh standard time on 30/4/1998 at the office of the Director, Purchase, BPDB (9th Floor), WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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DFP-6283-22/3  
G-631

Director of Purchase  
BPDB, Dhaka.



# Directorate General Defence Purchase Ministry of Defence New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 Re-Tender Notice

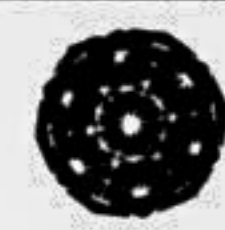
- Sealed tender is invited in local currency from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers/Indentors (Enlistment with this Directorate General is not necessary) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Army.

Ser No	Nomenclature	Date of Selling		Date of Opening	Currency	Tender No
		From	To			
a.	Boat Trishark (Qty-02)	02-4-98	28-4-98	29-4-98	Local	973/P-7

- Tender schedule with detailed specifications will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (Not refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender will be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hrs on concerned opening dates in front of tenderers present at that time.

ISPR/Misc/98/261  
DFP-6452-23/3  
G-630

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for Director General



# BCIC International Press Tender Notice

Managing Director, Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Ltd (CUFL), Rangadia, Chittagong, Bangladesh invites sealed bid under Two Envelope System for supply of following items on C&F (C) Chittagong basis as under:

Sl. No.	Tender Enquiry No. and date	Commodity	Date of opening Technical offer	Price of Bid documents (Non-refundable)	Bid bond (Refundable)
01.	CUFL/PUR(F)-310/OS-600 dated 12.03.1998	1st & 2nd Stage Filter	26.04.98	Tk. 100/=	1.0% of quoted price
02.	CUFL/PUR(F)-308/OS-658 dated 12.03.1998	Stainless Steel Plate	06.05.98	Tk. 200/=	-do -do
03.	CUFL/PUR(F)-310/OS-661 dated 12.03.1998	Gaskets	06.05.98	Tk. 50/=	-do

\*Bid with a bid bond will be received in the office of the General Manager (Commercial), CUFL, Rangadia up to 11-00 AM of respective opening date and technical bids will be opened immediately thereafter. Bid documents may be collected from (i) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (iii) CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong. No tender documents will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

BCIC 197-16/3/98  
DFP-6166-22/3  
G-628

Md. Gulam Sarwar Bhuiyan  
Addl. Chief Manager (Purchase)  
for Managing Director

# Thakurgaon Road Division Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are invited.

- Tender Notice No : 26, EE/T of 1997-98.
- Name of work : Construction of drain at different KM of different roads under Thakurgaon Road Division during the year 1997-98.
- Head of Accounts :
- Estimated cost : As per group list.
- Earnest money :
- Time allowed :
- Eligibility of contractor :
- Name of offices where tender documents will be sold : 1. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Thakurgaon/Dinajpur/Nilphamari.  
2. Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Thakurgaon/Panchagarh/1st Line Workshop, Sub-Division, Thakurgaon.
- Name of offices where tender documents will be received : 1. Subperintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Dinajpur.  
2. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division Thakurgaon/Dinajpur/Nilphamari.
- Last date of selling tender documents (within office hours) : 20/4/98.
- Last date & time for receiving tender : At 12:30 PM on 21/4/98.
- Date and time of opening tender box : At 12:45 PM on 21/4/98.
- Date and time of opening tender bids : At 11:00 AM on 27/4/98.
- Date and time of lottery (if necessary) : At 12:00 Noon on 29/4/98.

## Group list:

Group No	Name of Road	Name of work	Chargeable head	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed for completion of work	Eligibility of Contractor	Remarks.
1	Dinajpur- (one) Panchagarh Road	Construction of RCC Pipe Drain at 79th KM	168 RBP	Tk. 2,33,359/-	Tk. 4,667/-	30 (Thirty) days	'A' to 'E' general category 'RHD' Contractor	Separate tender with separate earnest money to be submitted for each Group
2	Panchagarh- (two) Tetulia Road	Construction of drain at 10th KM & 40th KM	168 RBE	Tk. 2,04,482/-	Tk. 4,090/-	30 (Thirty) days	-Do-	

Md. Jaillur Rahman Pramanik  
Executive Engineer (RHD)  
Road Division, Thakurgaon.

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G-624