

News snaps

Murderer gets life-term imprisonment

BOGRA, Apr 21: A court here has sentenced a man to life term imprisonment for committing murder, reports UNB.
The convict, Saiful Islam was also fined Tk 10,000 in default, to suffer another one year more Rl. Three other accused were acquitted. The prosecution story, in brief, was that Saiful attacked and seriously injured one Ziaul Islam Sajal while he was gossiping with his friends at Baghopara bazar on March 29, 1996. Sajal succumbed to his injuries on way to hospital. After investigation, police submitted chargesheet against four. After examining the records and witnesses, Additional District and Sessions Judge Abdul Mannan M Sayeed delivered the judgement on April 13.

Tornado leaves 15 injured

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 21: A tornado that lashed the district on Sunday left 15 people injured in house and tree collapse, reports UNB.

Of the injured, three were rushed to local hospital. The storm hit the district at 5 pm which lasted only 12 minutes causing extensive damage to dwelling houses, trees and standing crops. According to a preliminary estimate, some 300 thatched houses were razed to the ground and innumerable trees uprooted. Standing crops on a vast tract of land also were damaged in the catastrophe. Shelterless people urged the government to grant relief for their early rehabilitation.

Rapist's punishment demanded

NETROKONA, Apr 21: Different socio-cultural and women organisations held a protest meeting at Konapara area in the town on Saturday demanding arrest and punishment of the culprits responsible for violating a girl, reports UNB.

UP Chairman Musharraf Hossain presided over the meeting which was also addressed by Deputy Commissioner Ali Akbar Hossain Akhand and Additional SP Lokman Hakim. The speakers also called for mass awareness and resistance against the heinous offence. The girl is nine years of age of Gobindapur in sadar thana was gang raped allegedly by Rosmat and Jewel on April 9 who is now under treatment at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. Meanwhile, police arrested Rosmat and hunt for another youth is on.

Suicide incidents on rise

HABIGANJ, Apr 21: Tendency of committing suicide is on rise at an alarming rate all over the district, police sources said, reports UNB.

According to police, eight people including four women allegedly committed suicide by taking poison and hanging at various places in the district over the last fortnight. On April 8, Ramzan Ali, 40, son of late Miachan Ali of village Sankhola in Chunarughat thana, on the following day, Ambia Khatun, 25, wife of Abdul Khalek of village Gazinagar of the same thana and on April 1, Nitush Chandra Das, 20, son of Naitai Chandra Das of village Dattagram of Nabiganj thana allegedly committed suicide by taking poison. On April 6, Jalaluddin, 22, housewife Bhaba Bala of Baniachang thana, on April 5, housewife Sultana, 30 of Bahubal thana, on April 2, Helaluddin, 22, of Nabiganj thana and on April 1, Jamila Khatun, 18, of the same thana allegedly committed suicide by hanging themselves in separate incidents.

Science edn being hampered in schools

MADARIPUR, Apr 21: Science education is being hampered seriously in the district as most of its secondary schools have no science building, reports UNB.

According to official sources, of the total 125 schools, there are provisions to teach science education in only 96 schools. But most of these schools have no science building and the existing apparatus are quite unfit for use due to lack of maintenance and care. Most of the old laboratories of these schools are in dilapidated condition in absence of separate building.

Rural markets in bad shape

KISHOREGANJ, Apr 21: The haats and bazars of the district are in miserable condition causing sufferings to the buyers and sellers for a long time, reports UNB.

Lack of proper maintenance and negligence of the concerned authorities are the main reasons for deteriorating condition of these markets. Most of the markets were set up by local initiatives but these are needed to be expanded and renovated with the growing population. Local people alleged that not a single market has drainage facilities and no arrangement for toilets. Situation has become worse during the rainy season when the markets go under knee-deep water due to lack of drainage facilities.

3 dacoits caught by villagers

KISHOREGANJ, Apr 21: Three inter-district dacoits were caught by the villagers in Kalipur of Bhairab Poura area while they were preparing to commit a dacoity, police said, reports UNB.

According to villagers, they surrounded the dacoits while advancing to commit a dacoity in the village on Tuesday and managed to catch Kabir, 25, Badhsa Mia, 23, Joynal, 24, and Dulal, 20. Some of their accomplices fled away.
Another message adds: At least seven people were injured, two of them seriously, in a clash between two rival groups over a plot of land at village Athkpara in Bhairab thana on Saturday. The seriously injured Askar Ali, 35, and Idu Miah, 30, have been undergoing treatment at Bhairab Hospital. Two separate cases were filed with the police.

5 injured in Thakurgaon road accident

THAKURGAON, Apr 21: Five persons were injured in a road accident on Thakurgaon-Atwari highway recently, reports BSS.

According to local sources, the accident occurred when a mishuk with passengers and a motor cycle pressed hard breaks to avoid accident, the vehicles skidded off and fell into the roadside ditch injuring five persons. Local administration had earlier advised the farmers not to spread wheat plants on the road for thrashing wheat, but they are not following the advice of the administration.

92 SSC examinees expelled in Jamalpur

JAMALPUR, Apr 21: Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination under Dhaka Board began here peacefully in 15 centres of the district on Thursday, reports BSS.

In the first shift 6489 examinees appeared at 13 out of 15 centres. Of them 2560 were girls. In the second shift 4320 examinees appeared at 12 centres. Of them 1570 were girls.
On the opening day of the examination 92 examinees were expelled for adopting unfair means in the examination. Of them 25 were girls candidates.

240 more villages electrified

CHUADANGA, Apr 21: So far 240 villages of the four thanas of Chuadanga district have been brought under Rural Electrification Programme (REP), reports BSS.

According to Chuadanga zonal office of Bangladesh Rural Electrification Society, 60 villages have been brought under electrification programme in Chuadanga sadar thana, 113 villages in Alamdanga thana, 37 villages in Damurhuda thana and 30 villages in Jibannagar thana. Connections have been given to 20,881 residences, commercial units, irrigation schemes, industrial units and charitable institutions. All 447 villages of four thanas of the district will come under rural electrification programme in phases, the sources said.

Youth killed in Narsingdi road mishap

NARSINGDI, Apr 21: Young man was run over by a speeding truck in front of Narsingdi Officers Club at Station Road here on April 17, reports BSS.

Witnesses said, Sirajul Hoque, 22, of village Chowala under sadar thana was crushed under the wheels of the truck while he was crossing road riding his bi-cycle. A case was filed with Narsingdi police station. None was arrested.

Smuggled goods recovered

FENI, Apr 21: Bangladesh Rifles in a drive recovered Indian smuggled goods worth taka 18.82 lakh at Mohipal area on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in the early hours on Sunday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, the Jawans raided a truck and recovered a huge quantity of Indian milk, sugar, Horlics, spices and turmeric. The goods were deposited with the local Customs office. A case was filed with the police.

Body exhumed

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 21: The body of a young man was exhumed from the graveyard in sadar thana on the basis of confessional statement made by his wife seven days after his death on Friday, reports UNB.

Police said the body of Shafi, 22, son of Tomchher Ali of Belkuchi thana was exhumed in presence of the First Class Magistrate after a case was filed by his uncle Shamsher Ali. Shamsher Ali filed the case after Shafi's wife China Begum's confession that her husband was beaten to death by her sister's husband on April 11. Shafi who married China seven years before went to his father-in-law's house to spend the Eid vacation. Earlier, it was said that Shafi died of diarrhoea.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury, Chief of Bangla Service of Voice of American (VOA) recently exchanged views with Prof Abdul Khaleque, Vice-Chancellor of the university on the occasion of 40th anniversary of its polio eradication programme and broadcasting of Bangla programme. Pro-Vice Chancellor, Treasurer, Registrar, Deans, Proctor, Student Adviser, Administrator of Press, Publication, Public Relations and Advisers of VOA fan clubs were present.

River erosion affected people in miseries

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Apr 21: At least 15,000 people were rendered homeless due to continuous erosion of the river Ganges in Daulatpur thana in 10 years.

They have been passing their days in great distress as the affected families are yet to be rehabilitated.

Two villages namely Mohammadpur and Talpatti in Daulatpur thana have been separated from the mainland.

The Union Parishad buildings of Ramkrishnapur and Chilmari are on the verge of collapse. No step has been taken to protect those so far. The river devoured Land Office, Family Planning Centre, five mosques and five educational institutions of Chilmari union.

A vast tract of cultivable land in 10 villages including Bazumara, Jotashahi, Chakrampur, Udayanagar and Sahirmadi went under the river bed.

About 20 thousand acres of cultivable land and houses situated in 12 villages of Ramkrishnapur have been eroded. Two thousand families of these two unions are living on high land of flood protection embankment under the open sky.

The government has not taken any step to mitigate the

sufferings of the affected people so far. Neither the government nor the Red Crescent Society supplied relief materials to them.

About 10,000 people, finding no other means of living have taken up smuggling to earn their livelihood.

Two thousand minor boys have left their schools and taken up smuggling to feed their

families. No effort was made to rehabilitate these poor people.

Moreover, due to acute poverty and malnutrition shelterless people including children have been suffering from various diseases including diarrhoea, TB and ulcer.

Homeless people have urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps for their rehabilitation.

7 killed in separate road accidents

COMILLA, Apr 21: Five people were killed and 25 others injured in separate road accidents in the district on last Monday and Wednesday, reports UNB.

According to police, three people, including a woman, were killed and 19 injured when a Dhaka-bound private car from Chittagong and a passenger bus collided at Jingtatal in Daudkhandi thana on Monday.

In another incident, two people were killed and six others injured when a truck rammed into a microbus at Kabila in Burichang thana early Wednesday.

The dead were identified as

Bajlur Rahman, 60, and Abdur Rouf Patwari in Chandpur district.

Separate cases were filed with the local police.

Another report from Kishoreganj adds: Two people were killed and six others injured in separate traffic mishaps in the district on Tuesday.

The accident occurred when a bus fell into a roadside ditch at Dariakur in Tarail thana.

The deceased was identified as Noor Islam, 30, of village Shibpur in Tarail thana. The injured were admitted to Tarail Hospital.

Patharghata OC suspended

From Our Correspondent

BARGUNA, Apr 21: The Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Patharghata thana, who was caught by local people for his involvement in 'anti-social' activity with a woman on Sunday, was suspended on Monday after a directive from IGP Ismail Hossain.

Barguna SP Dhananjay Sarkar said steps would be taken against the OC, Ansaruddin, as per rules.

Meanwhile, police arrested Liton Das, owner of the hotel from which the OC was caught, and produced him before the magistrate's court. The court sent him to the jail custody rejecting his bail prayer.

Sylhet BNP leaders granted bail

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 21: The General Secretary of Sylhet District BNP Ariful Haque Chowdhury, General Secretary of town BNP Abdur Rajjaque, Sylhet Pourashava Commissioner and BNP leader Kamal Ahmed and JCD leader Moinuddin Sohel were granted bail from the court of the District and Sessions Judge and the special Tribunal Judge, Sylhet on Sunday.

All the four were wanted in a number of cases under Special Powers Act (SPA). The court on March 31 this year, through a notification in daily newspapers asked them to appear before the court within 10 days.

On August 6 last year, the Sylhet district BNP observed a day-long hartal in Sylhet to protest government's negligence in resolving the communication problems of Sylhet region after Magurchara explosion and damage of Khowai bridge by floods.

Obituary

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Apr 21: Hassan Imam Tulu, senior member of Gaibandha Bar and son of late Abdul Zabbar Sarkar of P K Biswas Road here, died of heart attack on April 9.

Imam, a Language Movement hero and an organiser of freedom struggle, joined Gaibandha Bar in 1963.

He left behind his wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters and a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers to mourn his death.

A tale of a shaheed's son

From A Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Apr 21: A young man who was orphaned during the Liberation War in 1971, is waiting for a reply from the Prime Minister, whom he already narrated his miseries to almost a year ago.

Abdur Razzak, 27, the ill-fated young man wrote the letter to the Prime Minister on June 25 last year.

In 1971 Razzak's father Osman Gani was a rural youth of 26-year-old of village Naha in Kotwali police station.

Following crackdown of the Occupation Pakistani Army on Bangladesh, Gani decided to take part in the Liberation War.

On April 24, he along with his pregnant wife Razia Begum, 20, and other members of his family crossed the border. They took shelter at Pransagar in India.

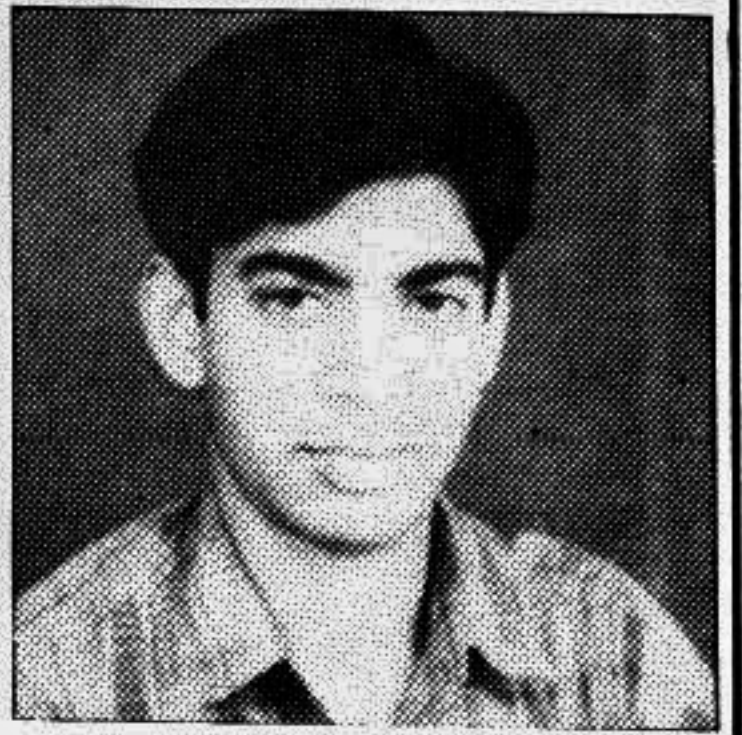
The next day Gani decided to come back to his village home to take his old father Khatabuddin, 70, and his mother with him to India. On way he was nabbed by the Occupation Pakistani Army. Pak soldiers took him to his village home. In presence of his parents the Occupation Army tortured him and his brother Aziz by hanging them from a branch of a mango tree. When they lost sense Pak soldiers picked up them and took them away.

They along with other ill-fated Bangladeshis were shot dead at Razarampur near Dinaipur town in the evening on the same day. Advocate Abul Kasem, an alleged collaborator of Pak Army (at present a Jamaat leader) informed their old father that his sons were alive and had been detained in Dinaipur jail. So Gani's parents did

not leave Bangladesh for India. Razia Begum, wife of Gani gave birth to a baby son after one week of her husband's death. Hearing the sad news Razia became upset and got sick. Ultimately she died leaving the orphan, Abdul Aziz.

Meantime, the war was over. Only then the parents of Gani knew that their two sons had been killed by Pak Army. They were so shocked to learn the sad news of shock within one month. A total of five members of the same family lost their lives for the cause of liberation of Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Razzak grew up in the love and care of sympa-



Abdur Razzak

thetic people of the village. They admitted him in school though a bit late for his age. He became a graduate in 1995.

Razzak never saw the face of his father, grand father and grand mother. Even he can not remember the face of his mother. Now he is shelterless. He has been fighting a grim battle for survival.

Noakhali Irrigation Project yet to be implemented

NOAKHALI, Apr 21: Farmers of Noakhali and Laxmipur districts are being deprived of producing more crops due to delay in implementing the 'Noakhali Irrigation Project', reports UNB.

According to farmers, the project had been undertaken in 1979 to provide irrigation facilities on some 370 square-mile land in Sudharam, Companiganj, Senbagh, Begumganj and Rangaj thanas of Laxmipur district.

For this reason an officer of the Executive Engineer of Water Development Board (WDB) was set up at Dalal Bazar in Laxmipur to implement the project work.

After conducting a feasibility study seven and a half years ago, WDB proposed to set up an irrigation pump near the regulator of Rahmathkali canal and a pump house at Kamta canal at a cost of Taka 13 crore.

But the proposal, which would bring 92,000 acres of land under irrigation facility after implementation, is not approved as yet.

Cultivation of high yielding variety crop has been hampered in the two districts as there is no system to bring water from the Rahmathkali regulator, constructed in the estuary of the river Meghna in 1972 for protecting the land from the saline water.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর
জামালপুর বিভাগ, জামালপুর
দরপত্র সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

অত্র অফিস দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ০৫/জস্বঃপ্রঃ/জামালপুর/১৯৯৭-৯৮ইং মূলে নিম্ন পানি স্তর একাকায় (পকেট) তারা নলকূপ খননের যে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হয়েছিল, তাহা অনিবার্য কারণে নিম্নের সংশোধনী জারী করা হইল।

১। কাজের নাম : ১৯৯৭-৯৮ইং সনে নিম্ন পানির স্তর একাকায় (পকেট) তারা নলকূপ খনন।

ক্রম নং	কাজের বিবরণ	নলকূপ সংখ্যা	প্রাক্কলিত মূল্য	আর্নেস্টম্যানি
জামাল-১	সদর থানার শ্রীপুর ইউনিয়নে তারা নলকূপ খনন।	১২টি	১,৬৭,২৮০/-	৩,৩৪৬/-
জামাল-২	সদর থানার শরিফপুর ইউনিয়নে তারা নলকূপ খনন।	১০টি	১,৩৯,৪০০/-	২,৭৮৮/-
জামাল-৩	সদর থানার শাহাবাজপুর ইউনিয়নে তারা নলকূপ খনন।	১০টি	১,৪৭,০০০/-	২,৯৪০/-
জামাল-৪	সদর থানার শাহাবাজপুর ও রানাঘাড়া ইউনিয়নে তারা নলকূপ খনন।	১০টি	১,৪৭,০০০/-	২,৯৪০/-
জামাল-৫	সদর থানার বাশচড়া ইউনিয়নে তারা নলকূপ খনন।	৫টি	৭৫,৮৭৫/-	১,৫১৮/-

২। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ : ২৭-৪-১৯৯৮ইং অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
৩। দরপত্র ঘোষণার তারিখ : ২৮-৪-১৯৯৮ইং বেলা ২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
৪। দরপত্র ঘোষণার তারিখ ও সময় : ২৯-৪-১৯৯৮ইং বেলা ১১-০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রাদা/পতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।

দরপত্রের অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে। ইহা দরপত্রের অংশ হিসাবে বিবেচিত হইবে।

মোঃ সহিদ উল্লাহ মিয়া
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Narsingdi Road Division, Narsingdi
Tender Invitation Notice

- Tender Notice No : 119/NRD, year-1997-98.
- Name of work : Construction of semi-pucca toll counter and passenger shed under Narsingdi Road Division during 1997-98 financial year. Divided in 2 (two) groups.
- Estimated cost : As per group list.
- Earnest money : As per group list.
- Time for completion of work : As per group list.
- Eligibility of contractors : 'A to E' general class.
- Offices where tender schedule to be had at : Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H), Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Munshiganj/Manikganj/Gazipur/Dhaka Road Division/Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Narsingdi & Shibpur Road Sub-Division.
- Offices where tenders will be received at : Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (R&H), Narsingdi Road Division/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Narsingdi & Shibpur Road Sub-Division.
- Last date of selling tender : 3-5-98 up to office hours.
- Date of receiving tender : 4-5-98 up to 12-30 PM.
- Date of opening tender : 5-5-98 at 12-45 PM.
- Date of holding lottery (if applicable) : 6-5-98 at 2-00 PM.

Gr No	Name of work & location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work
1 (one)	Construction of semi-pucca toll counter of Ghorashal-Kaliganj Ferryghat under Narsingdi Road Sub-Division during 1997-98 financial year.	Tk 97,168/=	Tk 1,944/=	30 (thirty) days
2 (two)	Construction of passenger shed at Madhabdi bus stand at the 42nd km of Demra-Narsingdi Road under Narsingdi Road Sub-Division during 1997-98 financial year.	Tk 1,22,638/=	Tk 2,453/=	-

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পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন কার্যক্রম বাস্তবায়নে আপনিও একজন কর্মী

NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SPONSORS TO DEVELOP AROUND 10 MW GAS FIRED POWER STATIONS AT THREE PBSs (RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE) SITES, BANGLADESH ON BUILD, OWN, AND OPERATE (BOO) BASIS.

Having been authorized by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB), Rural Electrification Board (REB) invites Applications from those who are interested to submit a Qualification Statement for the right to bid for the development of one or more Gas Fired Power Station (s), which will each provide 10 MW (+/-10%) net, at mean site conditions, and all support facilities (the Project) at PBS sites (within existing PBS Distribution areas). The three PBS Distribution Areas are :

- Dhaka PBS - 1
- Narsingdi PBS - 1
- Moulvibazar PBS

The Project Sponsor selected from the prequalified Applicants will be required to arrange the necessary financing and to finalize the implementation, power purchase, construction, fuel supply, and other contracts required for the construction and operation of the Project.

REB seeks to pre-qualify interested foreign sponsors who have previous experience in implementing Two 10 MW or above Power Stations and local sponsors who have experience of project investment of US\$ 5 million or above in a single project and invites "Qualification Statements" from them. The pre-qualification document that contains the required "Qualification Statements" form and the evaluation criteria will be available at a cost of Tk. 2500.00 (two thousand five hundred) in the form of pay order/bank draft from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of REB Dhaka or US Dollar 50.00 (fifty) in the form of bank draft in favour of REB, Dhaka from 20th April, 1998 during office hour from :

Director, Programme Planning
Rural Electrification Board
Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229
Telephone : 896418
896424-28/Ext.-20
Fax : 880-2-896400
E-mail : rebpp@citechco.net.

"Qualification Statements" will be received till 1300 hours BST (Bangladesh Standard Time), on 15th June, 1998 at above address.

Completed Qualification Statements in 5 (five) sets and any requests for additional information and/or questions concerning this Prequalification Document shall be submitted in writing to above address. Please provide notification, to the above address, of your intention to submit or not to submit a Qualification Statement using the form in Appendix A in the document. Only one Prequalification Document required for eligibility to participate in any number of sites/Power stations.

পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION BOARD
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