

## News snaps

### Narsingdi thana office yet to be shifted

NARSINGDI, Apr 26: The office of Sadar thana is yet to transfer to the new building after completion of the building two years ago due to opposition of a vested quarter, reports UNB. Sources said construction of the new building of Sadar thana completed on June 1996 at a cost of Tk 63 lakh over two acres of land at Satirpara Nawabbari area in the town. But a vested quarter from the beginning started opposing the proposed transfer of the Sadar thana office. There is none to look after the building and lack of proper maintenance rust falls on the doors and grills of the windows of the building. Local leaders urged the government to take immediate steps to shift the office.

### Tk 19cr uplift schemes at Bandarban

BANDARBAN, Apr 26: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has undertaken 44 uplift schemes, costing Tk 19.14 crore, in seven thanas of the district for the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the works included development of 53-km Lama-Sualok road, construction of bridges and culverts, works on brick soling on the roads, construction of roadside drains, culverts and retaining walls in the cluster villages and construction of LGED complex garage and quarters of Assistant Engineer and other Rural Infrastructure Maintenance Programme. Tenders have been invited for construction of 23.83 km roads and 740 meter culverts on Lama-Sualok road under 53 packages, the source added.

### Unauthorised growth of liquor shops

NAOGAON, Apr 26: Unauthorised liquor shops have sprung up in various parts of the town causing concern among the dwellers, reports UNB.

Rectified spirit and home made wine are being sold openly in these shops before the nose of the law enforcing authorities, local people said. It is alleged that some corrupt officials of the district administration are behind the brisk business of spurious drugs. Besides, it is alleged that some liquor shopkeepers prepare and sell a kind of drug with the help of rectified spirit mixing various harmful chemicals including sleeping pills which, according to physicians, is dangerous for human health. They expressed apprehension that another Gaibanda tragedy in the district may occur any time due to sale of such drugs.

### Loan disbursed among distressed people

RAJBARI, Apr 26: Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) has disbursed Tk 22.92 crore loan among the 35,842 distressed people of greater Faridpur in last seven months, reports UNB.

These loans were given for self-employment projects in all five districts of greater Faridpur under the poverty alleviation programme. Of the amount, Tk 2.26 crore was disbursed in Rajbari, Tk 7.44 crore in Faridpur, Tk 5.55 crore in Madaripur, Tk 4.02 crore in Sariapur and Tk 3.65 crore in Gopalganj. The projects included dairy and poultry farming, pisciculture, fishing, crop cultivation, bakery factory, food processing, small and cottage industry. BRDB has taken up a loan distribution programme of Tk 30 crore under PEP project in greater Faridpur district in the current fiscal year.

### 8 schemes being implemented

CHUADANGA, Apr 26: Chuadanga District Council has been implementing eight schemes in the current financial year at a cost of Taka 21.31 lakh, reports BSS.

According to the district council sources, the schemes include construction and reconstruction of roads, construction and repair of district council rest houses and a staff quarter. The work of the schemes is in full swing and will be completed by June next.

### Pistol recovered: 7 arrested

MUNSHIGANJ, Apr 26: Seven persons were arrested and a country-made 22 bore pistol was recovered from their possession recently at Khilpara under Tangbari thana of the district, reports BSS.

According to police, the villagers caught the gang when they raided the house of Kafliuddin Howlader at Khilpara in the afternoon. A country-made pistol was also recovered from the possession of alleged attackers who were later handed over to the police. A case has been filed with Tangbari thana in this connection.

### Loans recovered from defaulters

MADARIPUR, Apr 26: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) realised Tk 3.18 crore as outstanding agricultural loans from 2194 defaulters of greater Faridpur district during the filing of nomination papers in the last union parishad elections, reports BSS.

The candidates of Madaripur, Gopalganj, Shariatpur, Faridpur and Rajbari districts paid their outstanding loans for qualifying in the election. According to bank sources, Tk 75.48 lakh has been realised from 401 candidates in Madaripur, Tk 66.98 lakh from 489 candidates in Gopalganj, Tk 44.34 lakh from 366 candidates in Shariatpur, Tk 82.91 lakh from 621 candidates in Faridpur and Tk 48.82 lakh from 317 candidates in Rajbari district.

### Prize distribution ceremony

TANGAIL, Apr 26: The annual prize distribution ceremony of Bindubashini Government Girls' School was held recently, reports BSS.

Alhaj Mohammad Abdul Mannan, MP, attended the function as chief guest and distributed prizes among the meritorious students of different classes. Shefali Das, headmistress of the school presided over the function. The function was rounded off with a musical soiree and staging of a play.

### Valuables worth Tk 2 lakh looted

KISHOREGANJ, Apr 26: Dacoits stormed a passenger bus in Kuliarchar thana on Kishoreganj-Bhairab road and looted valuables worth Tk 2 lakh from the passengers recently, reports UNB.

Passengers said about 10 to 15 dacoits, in the guise of passengers took control of the Kishoreganj bound bus stabbing the driver while it reached at Gazirchar area. They beat up the passengers of the bus and snatched cash Taka 85,000 and other belongings worth about Tk two lakh. Fifteen passengers, including the driver, were injured during the attack. A case has been filed with the police. Local people alleged that several dacoities have been committed on the route though a police outpost is near the spot.

### Property worth Taka 30cr gutted

SAVAR, Apr 26: Property worth about Tk 30 crore were gutted and over 100 people injured in fire incidents here that occurred during the last year, reports UNB.

According to Fire Service officials, five factories in the DEPZ area were gutted in a devastating fire damaging property worth about Tk 20 crore during the period. Besides, property worth about Tk 10 crore were damaged when 10 factories and 95 houses and other establishments gutted in separate incidents in Savar and Dhamrai areas.

### Sundari trees attacked with disease

KHULNA, Apr 26: Sundari tree in the Sundarbans — the largest mangrove forest in the world — may be extinct in the near future following massive attack by the 'Top Dying' disease, botanists apprehended, reports UNB.

According to the Forest Department, over five crore Sundari trees in 15 'compartments' out of 55, in the forest have been attacked by the killer disease which eats up the tree from top downwards. But the causes and prevention of the disease are yet to be determined. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) also conducted research on the Sundarbans for four years but failed to detect the causes of the disease. Bangladesh Development Research Centre said, increased salinity in the local rivers caused by withdrawal of Ganges waters at Farakka Barrage might be one reason for spreading of the disease.

### Demonstration of harvesting

THAKURGAON, Apr 26: The demonstration of mechanical harvesting and threshing of wheat through indigenous technology was held last week at Pirganj and Ranisankail before a large number of wheat growers, reports BSS.

The demonstration was jointly organised by Agriculture Extension Directorate, Thakurgaon, engineering division of Rice Research Institute, and engineering division of Agriculture Research Institute. Chief Scientific Officer, Rice Research Institute, Dr Abdul Baki and Deputy Director, Agriculture Extension Directorate, Thakurgaon, Osman Ghani, were present on the occasion. During demonstration it was found that through mechanical means 18 maunds of wheat could be threshed per hour whereas in manual threshing it could be only 11 to 12 maunds per hour. The cost of mechanical threshing is only Taka 15 per 40 kg of wheat.



RAJSHAHI: Lutfar Rahman Sarker, Governor of Bangladesh Bank, distributed prizes among the winners of a cultural competition arranged recently by Bangladesh Mukti-jodha Sangsad's Institutional Command, Bangladesh Bank, Rajshahi as the chief guest. Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank Abdur Raqib and General Manager of Bangladesh Bank, Rajshahi branch, SM Ainul Huq were also present there. — Star photo

### Loadshedding hampers irrigation

## IRRI-Boro output may fall short of target in N-dists

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 26: Production of IRRI-Boro paddy in the northern districts may fall short of target this year due to interruption of irrigation caused by frequent loadshedding.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BAEC) sources informed, 8.56,300 hectares of land have been brought under IRRI-Boro paddy cultivation this season in 16 northern districts of Rajshahi Division.

It was hoped that 23.51,500 metric tons of paddy would be

produced, but severe loadshedding has already affected the standing crops adversely.

According to the concerned sources, less than 50 per cent of the total demand of electricity is supplied in the northern region of the country. There are about 20,000 tubewells including deep and shallow type in 16 districts that need about 100 megawatt electricity but get less than 50 megawatt daily. As a result, the tubewells are to remain inoperative up to 16 hours a day for which irrigation is being seriously hampered. Standing Boro paddy saplings are be-

ing dried up and become weak here and there, sources say.

The electricity supply in the northern region depends mainly on the National Grid.

About 39 megawatt electricity is generated in the northern district by diesel-driven turbines, most of which is supplied to the National Grid and the northern region is to depend on supply of National Grid for about 90 per cent of its demand of electricity.

It is alleged, the northern region is always deprived when crisis of electricity starts in the country.

## 'Cobalt-60' machine ready for use in Sylhet Medical College Hospital

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, Apr 26: Five Radio-therapy machines, which had been lying unused since installation of those in different medical colleges for cancer treatment about two and a half years ago will now be put into operation within a couple of weeks, said an official source.

A Chinese team visited Sylhet and made the 'Cobalt-60' machine ready for use about two and a half months ago. Director of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital informed.

The 'Cobalt-60' machines were brought from China at a cost of about Taka 10 crores under a German grant in early 1995 for Sylhet, Rajshahi, Salimullah, Barisal and Rangpur medical college hospitals. The sensitive machines, however, could not be put into operation as the code of cobalt isotope of the machines were mistakenly

interchanged at the time of installation in early 1996. An official informed, the code of the machine installed in Sylhet, Osmani Medical College Hospital was interchanged with the one which was installed in Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

It may be stated here, the whole year of 1996 was passed without any development. The first six months were spent for identifying the codes of respective machines while the rest six months were spent for resetting the codes. The test was, however, completed in January 1997. Besides, two technicians from each of the medical college hospital went to China for 3 weeks for training on operation of the sophisticated machine. They returned about a year ago.

A Chinese team visited Sylhet and made the 'Cobalt-60' machine ready for use about two and a half months ago. Director of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital informed.

However, the hospital authority will have to pay a fee of Taka 2.75 lakh for the purpose, the source informed, adding that, it may take a couple of weeks more.



NATORE: Sigma Huda, Secretary General of Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) addressing recently as the chief guest at a seminar titled 'Safe Custody — Laws and Human Rights' held at the local Bar auditorium. — Star photo

## Khulna TB clinic in bad shape

KHULNA, Apr 26: Government Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic, the lone centre for the treatment of TB patients of Khulna division, has been facing manifold problems for long, reports UNB.

Acute shortage of physicians, paucity of drinking water and lack of X-ray machines are among the problems that are hampering the treatment of the patients.

Official sources said the clinic is now being used as the outdoor of Mererdanga Contagious Hospital where complicated patients are sent after examining their cough, blood and x-ray report.

But the patients alleged, they are compelled to go for X-ray to other places as the only X-ray machine of the clinic remained out of order for the last four years.

compound of the clinic everyday.

A substantial number of patients including poor ones who come from far flung areas are to go back without treatment due to shortage of physicians, patients alleged.

Only two doctors are now assigned to check up about a hundred patients at the outdoor everyday. However, there is no allegation of medicine shortage in the clinic.

During last five years, a total of 21,211 patients came to the clinic for treatment but 3,464 patients were found attacked by the disease and given treatment, clinic sources said.

The clinic building established in '60s is now situated in tin-shed house and in the rainy season water submerge the premises of the clinic. Although PWD completed a little earth work last year but the situation remained unchanged.

## Lightning kills one in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 26: A young man was struck by lightning at village Balapitpur under Chhatak thana on April 21 afternoon.

The victim, Azad Miah, 25, of village Alamergaon was on his way home when he was struck by lightning. He was shifted to Dighali Health Centre where doctors declared him dead. Two other farmers were harvesting paddy at Jawar haor at village Char Santoshpur. They were also injured.

## Housewife beaten to death

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Apr 26: One housewife was allegedly beaten to death by her husband recently.

The victim has been identified as Tara Moni Das, 28, wife of Rabindra Nath Das of village Khajurdanga in Assasuni thana.

Parents of Tara Moni Das said, Rabindra Nath married Tara Moni 10 years ago and at the time of marriage he took huge amount of money as dowry. Recently he demanded more dowry which was fulfilled by her parents. As a result her husband Rabindra Nath beat her mercilessly and she died on the spot.

## Police constable crushed under wheels of bus

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Apr 26: A police constable was crushed to death on April 23 morning under the wheels of a speeding Faridpur bound bus, according to police sources.

Police said constable (No. 553) Abdur Rahman, 47, was standing by the roadside with a motorbike at about 10.05 am on the day. Suddenly a bus hit him from behind.

A case was filed with Jhenidah thana in this connection. The body was sent to Rahman's village home at Ali-nagar under Daulatpur thana of Kushtia districts after post-mortem.

Police seized the bus. The driver managed to flee.

## Seminar on internet

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 26: A seminar on 'Internet' was held at the physics gallery at first Science building here recently.

The seminar was organised by the 'Computer Association' of Rajshahi University. Prof Romesh Chandra Devnath, Chairman of Computer Science department, presented the key note paper.

The seminar was also addressed by Prof Azharul Islam and Shoyeb Ahmed Siddiqui.

## Separate shelters for persons in safe custody demanded

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Apr 26: Secretary General of Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) Sigma Huda demanded establishment of separate shelters for persons in safe custody.

Sigma Huda said, persons especially women and children, who are not criminals and taken under safe custody, are generally kept at jails with convicted persons. This is a violation of human rights.

She said this while addressing as the chief guest at a seminar on 'Safe Custody — Laws and Human Rights' held at the local Bar auditorium recently.

Advocate ABM Akram Hossain presided over the seminar organised by the local unit of BSEHR. Among others, Sirajul Islam, District and Sessions Judge, M Ishaq Bhuiyan, DC, Natore, M Aminul Islam, SP, Natore, Advocate Elina Khan, Editor of Manobadhikar Barta, Mahboob Alam Komol, Director of Training and Research, BSEHR, Advocate Saiful Islam and Advocate Sajedur Rahman.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Director Establishment of National Institute of Cardio-Vascular Diseases & Hospital at Dhaka (2nd Phase) Project Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 No-NICVD/Project/Instruments/97/924 Dated: 19.4.98 Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from importer/manufacturer/supplier firms for supply of instruments for Establishment of National Institute of Cardio-Vascular Diseases & Hospital at Dhaka (2nd Phase) Project during 1997-98 financial year. Each tender schedule consisting terms & conditions can be collected on cash payment of Tk 1000/- (one thousand) only (non-refundable) from this office and office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka from 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM from 3rd May, 1998 to 10th May, 1998.

Tender should be dropped in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned or office chamber of the Additional Divisional Commissioner (overall), Dhaka within 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM of 13th May, '98 and will be opened at the office chamber of the undersigned on the same day at 2:00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

The committee is not bound to accept the lowest tender and the authority reserves the right to reject any tender without assigning any reason.

DFP-8520-20/4 G-867 Professor M A Zaman Project Director

## Bangladesh Television Rampura, Dhaka DTV-Art-97/98(03)/1112 Dated: 6/4/98 Tender Notice No-T-488 (1997-98)

Tenders under sealed cover are invited from bonafide shop owners/supplier firms for purchasing artistes' dresses, fabrics & fabric products. Tenders in sealed cover superscribing Tender Notice No-T-488 should be dropped in the tender box kept at the office chamber of the Controller (Design), Room No-104, Dhaka Station, Bangladesh Television and in the tender box kept at Room No-Annex 'C' at the 3rd floor of the Central Office, 121, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka on or before 11:00 AM of the 21st Baishakh, 1405BS/4th May '98 and will be opened on the same day at 11:30 AM before the tenderers (if any) present. 5% of the total quoted price as earnest money (refundable) should be submitted through Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Bangladesh Television, Television Station Dhaka. Copies of trade licence renewed up to June/98, GIR and current financial year's bank solvency certificate attested by any 1st class govt. officer/1st class Magistrate should be submitted with the tender. Schedule (detailed description of goods and terms & conditions of tender) of purchasing goods can be purchased on cash payment of Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable) from Room No-310 of the Accounts Section of Dhaka Station within 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM up to 20th Baishakh, 1405BS/3rd May '98 (except holidays). No schedule will be sold on the opening day of tender.

The authority reserves the right to accept, reject, accept in part of any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

Keramat Mawla  
Controller (Design)  
Bangladesh Television  
Rampura, Dhaka  
Phone: 404601, 9330131-214

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Local Government Engineering Directorate Office of the Executive Engineer, Faridpur Memo No. LGED/EE/Farid/DM-6/97-98/1162 Dated: 15-04-98 Tender Notice No-13/97-98(Short)

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are hereby invited by the undersigned from LGED's special class/PL-480, Title-3/RDP-18, RDP-7 Project's 1997-98 financial year (current year) enlisted/renewed pre-qualified contractors/contractors' firms for implementation of 1 (one) bridge construction project under Bhanga thana of Faridpur district under PL-480, Title-3 and LGED's all projects pre-qualified contractors/contractors' firms for implementation of 01(one) foot bridge construction work at Nagarkanda thana under low cost bridge culvert construction on Rural Roads Project under LGED. Tender can be purchased on cash payment of the prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of the —

- Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka.
- Project Director, PL-480, Title-3, LGED Building, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
- Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Rajbari/Madaripur Offices for the work of 1) PL-480, Title-3 Project; and tenders of 2) Low cost bridge/culvert construction on Rural Roads Project can be purchased from—
- Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka.
- Project Director, Low Cost Pool/Culvert Construction Headed Project at Rural Roads, LGED Building, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
- Deputy Commissioner, Faridpur.
- Police Super, Faridpur.
- Executive Engineer, LGED, Rajbari/Gopalganj/Madaripur/Shariatpur.
- Thana Engineer, LGED, Sadar/Sadarpur/Boalmari/Alfadanga/Modhukhali/Bhanga/Nagarkanda/Charbhadransar, Faridpur and office of the undersigned during office hours up to 13-05-98.

Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the above mentioned offices up to 12:00 Noon of 14-05-98 and the tender box will be opened simultaneously at the said offices on the same day at 12:30 PM before the tenderers (if any) present. Tenders received in sealed condition from the said offices will be opened at the office of the undersigned on 19-05-98 at 11:00 AM in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives. If more than one contractor becomes the lowest by submitting the same rate for the same work then contractor will be selected through lottery with beads at the Conference Room of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Faridpur on 24-05-98 at 11:00 AM.

This tender notice is short. Detailed information and papers/detailed description of the tender can be seen/know from the above mentioned offices during office hours, and the tender should be participated after proper understanding of the matters. The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

DFP-8444-20/4 G-865 Md Mominur Rahman Executive Engineer

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Science & Technology Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka No-MST/S-Project Library-2/97 Dated: 15/4/98 Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from interested established book publishers, distributors and traders for purchase of books at the Ministry of Science & Technology under Revenue Budget of 1997-98 financial year. Schedule of tender can be purchased on payment of Tk 400.00 (four hundred) only per set from the office (Room No-904, Building No-6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka) of the Deposit & Disbursement Officer (DDO) during office hours up to 10/05/98. Tender should be submitted in the tender box kept at the Library of the Ministry (Room No-902, Building No-6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka) within 12:00 Noon of 14/05/98. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

DFP-8504-20/4 G-866 Md. Jahangir Hossain Librarian. Phone: 861769