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Facilities dept takes up 10 schemes

CHUADANGA, May 8: The Facilities Department of the Ministry of Education has taken up 10 schemes for implementation in all four thanas of Chuadanga district in the current financial year at a cost of Taka 70,98,912, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the undertaken schemes include construction of new buildings of two high schools in the district for the introduction of vocational education course there, three class rooms of a non-govt high school and first floor of two government primary schools and repairing of the buildings of two government colleges, one government boy's high school, one government girls' high school and local vocational training institute.

Freak of nature

BOGRA, May 8: A housewife named Faima gave birth to a still-born girl child at the Mohammad Ali Hospital in the district on Friday, reports UNB.

The new born baby's eyes, nose and lips were set with her shoulder but other organs were normal. The delivery of the baby was done under the supervision of Dr Gulshan Ara. The weight of the baby was seven pounds and her mother is well. Faima is a wife of farmer Tozaim Hossain of Pirob village in Shibganj thana.

Nor'wester damages standing crops

NAOGAON, May 8: Standing IRRI-Boro crops on several hundred acres of land were damaged in the nor'wester that swept over the district on Friday, reports UNB.

The 20-minute storm that lashed over Sadar, Raninagar, Mohadevpur and Manda thanas also damaged other crops including wheat and Mug pulse, unofficial sources said. Earlier on Thursday, another tornado also damaged over 50 thatched houses and several primary schools and madrasas in the district. Two people including a child were injured in the house collapse. The extent of damage was estimated at about Tk 20 lakh.

Notice Inviting Tender No 36/1997-98

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from enlisted contractors of PWD as per their eligibility and financial limit for execution of the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by all the Executive Engineers under Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka & Executive Engineer, Eden Bldg PWD Division, Dhaka up to 12.00 Noon on 21.5.98 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the contractors who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

Name of work : Special repair to sanitary and water supply arrangement, 150 mm dia PVC sewerage pipe, surface drain, inspection pits, improvement of kitchen room including re-construction of road and female ward toilets connecting road, 10-seated & 5-seated toilet special repair within the compound of District Jail at Narsingdi (during the year-1997-98).

Estimated cost : Tk 5,35,516/-

Earnest money : Tk 10,800/-

Time allowed for completion of work from the date of issue of work order : 45 (forty-five) days.

Contract documents consisting of Bangladesh Form No 2911, schedule of items and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and all Executive Engineers under Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka and Executive Engineer, Eden Bldg PWD Division, Dhaka on usual payment of all working days during office hours up to 20.5.98.

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Executive Engineer

Narsingdi PWD Division, Narsingdi



AGRI-VARSITY (MYMENSINGH): State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Satish Chandra Roy and Vice-Chancellor of BAU Prof Muhammad Hussain speaking as chief guest and special guest at a freshers' reception arranged recently by Animal Husbandry Faculty Students Association in the faculty gallery.

Work on embankments not progressing in Sunamganj Standing Boro crops threatened

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, May 8: Standing Boro crops on several thousand hectares of land in Sunamganj district have been threatened due to non-completion of reconstruction work of embankments in different haors.

Hilly floods at any time may inundate Boro crop. Thousands of farmers have been passing their days in great anxiety. The situation was created due to failure in completion of reconstruction of the cross embankments on time. This is due to the negligence of people involved in execution of the projects.

It may be stated here, Boro crops worth Taka 900 crore were damaged badly during the last 9 years in the vast haor areas of the district. But the authorities have failed to complete the reconstruction work of the embankments in different thanas of the district.

The total numbers of haors in the district are 52. The Water Development Board (WEB) took a programme to reconstruct 105 kilometres of embankment in 25 haors with a view to saving crops on over 5000 hectares this year with an estimated expenditure of Taka 2 crore 47 lakh. Though the work was scheduled to be completed by the December last, it is yet to be completed. Thousands of poor and marginal farmers and leaders

of Left Front including the 11-party Alliance gheraoed the Deputy Commissioner's office. They handed over a memorandum demanding immediate steps to complete the work with a view to saving crops. In the memorandum, they alleged, part of the huge amount, sanctioned by the government, has been grabbed by the authority concerned. Due to improper execution, the embankments fail to save huge Boro crops from early floods. Thousands of poor farmers have been facing hardship due to colossal loss every year.

Boro paddy has been cultivated on 1,38,665 hectares of land this year.

Standing crops on different haors including 25 haors will be worth Taka 300 crore. Crops have remained unprotected.

Every year a good number of project chairmen try to show some works on the embankments. Moreover, siltation is also creating stagnation of water on the canals and several haors. It is decreasing the water preservation capacity, in all these water bodies. Due to this reason, after heavy rain or early flood, water inundates the huge croplands on different haors.

A number of leading people also alleged, a section of Water

Development Board officials in connivance with the project committees, resume works on the embankments just before the start of the monsoon season, almost every year, intentionally. There remains a chance of washing out of earth from the embankments. Besides, due to the monsoon field measurement of earth work also become impossible as most of the haors and croplands go under water.

According to an official statistics, a total of 3 lakh 64 thousand one hundred tonnes of paddy is produced in the district every year when no calamity occurs. But, the existing embankments in haors can not ensure safety of crops from early flood.

Paddy worth about a total of Taka 873 crore 30 lakh were damaged by the natural calamities during the last 9 years in Sunamganj district only, said an official source. It includes, crops worth Taka 21 crore 17 lakh in the year 1988-89, Taka 124 crore 62 lakh 60 thousand in 89-90, Taka 44 crore 74 lakh 61 thousand in the year 1990-91, Taka 125 crore in 1991-92, Taka 80 crore 4 lakh in 1992-93, Taka 125 crore in 1993-94, Taka 120 crore in 1994-95 and Taka 87 crore in the years of 1995-96 and 1996-97.

Padma boat tragedy: Death toll now 11

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, May 8: The death toll in the Padma boat capsized incident near Yusufpur of Charghat thana is now 11. A total of 40 passengers remain missing. The incident occurred in the early morning on Saturday.

Eyewitness and police sources said, a boat carrying cattle and about 100 passengers capsized in the river Padma due to storm just after a few minutes of departure from Yusufpur ferrighat. It was heading towards Charghat. About 40 passengers managed to swim at the bank, but more than 40 passengers are still missing.

Three more dead bodies have been recovered from the chargs of Bagha and Charghat thana. They have been identified as Akkas, 35, of village Sree Khandi, Bishu Maji, 30, of the village Saipara, Santosh, 28, of village Mukarpur, Patan, 26, of village Jaipur, of Charghat thana and Sadan, 28, of village Dighal Kandi, Nasiruddin, 18, Nur Mohammad, 22, of village Durlapur and Rupban, 25, of village Kasba of Pathia thana. Three more bodies were recovered on Tuesday but their identities are yet to be ascertained.

21 held in Khulna

KHULNA, May 8: Police is a special drive in the city arrested 21 people and recovered contrabands including phensidyl and local and foreign liquor on Monday, reports UNB.

Trauma hospital to be set up in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, May 8: Nine trauma hospitals will be set up in the country soon.

The hospitals will provide immediate medicare service to the patients of road accident.

This type of hospitals are available in many developing countries like India, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and some other countries in the world.

According to the Health Directorate, such trauma hospitals will be set up in each division. Three other hospitals will be set up beside busy and important highways in the country.

The hospital for Barisal division is scheduled to be set up beside Dhaka-Barisal highway at Barthee under Gournadi thana. Abul Hasnat Abdullah, Chief Whip in Parliament recently selected the place of the hospital. This 20-bed hospital

will be provided with most modern medical equipment, X-ray machine, blood bank, ambulance, ECG machine including operation theatre and all time treatment facilities. For resident physicians there will be dormitories. The entire project will be implemented by Public Works Department (PWD). The design layout is yet to be completed. Zulfiqar Haider, Superintending Engineer of PWD here disclosed this to this correspondent.

Dr Aftabuddin Ahmed, Civil Surgeon, Barisal said, European Union may provide financial assistance for the project. Construction work of the hospital will start soon. Number of accidental deaths will be reduced after setting up of the hospital, he hoped.

Minister urges agri scientists Provide IPM training to farmers

GAZIPUR, May 8: Post and Telecommunication, Housing and Works Minister Mohammad Nasim on Wednesday said the country's agricultural scientists can play a pioneering role in increasing food production at low cost through providing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) training to the farmers, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing a function organised for exchanging experiences of the IPM field workers and farmers at Gazipur Telecom Staff College.

Chaired by director of plant protection wing Mohammad Delwar Hossain, the function was addressed by Danish Charge d'Affaires Finn Thilsted, Member of Barind Development Authority Badiuzzaman Badsha, chairman of Gazipur pourshava A K M Mozammel Hossain, agriculturist Glasuddin Ahmed and foreign expert Hein Bijdmakers.

The minister said all pests are not harmful for crops. There are some friendly pests who destroy the harmful pests. He said adding the experienced persons have to come forward to make farmers aware of protection provided by friendly pests.

Mohammad Nasi said the farmers who are always active in revamping the country's economy have a poor knowledge about the latest pest management practices. The IPM schools have to be reached quickly to the farmers across the country so that they (farmers) can contribute to increasing food production more by using IPM techniques.

The minister called upon the farmer community to keep up their strong role to increase food production for attaining self-sufficiency.

Separate incidents claim 25 lives in Feni

FENI, May 8: At least 25 people died in separate incidents in the district in the last month, police said, reports UNB.

Of them, five including Sonagazi thana Awami League president and Motiganj union parishad chairman Rezaul Karim Razzak who was killed by the miscreants, seven died in road accidents, three allegedly committed suicide, four died by thunderbolt and the rest in other incidents.

Reports from other districts say: Three people including a girl were killed in separate road accidents in Gazipur, Sylhet and Habiganj districts in the first week of the current month. Jamina, 45, was run over by a speeding truck at Kaliganj thana in Gazipur on Ghorashal-Kaliganj road at 9 am on Sunday.

She met the tragic end while walking along the road. Abdur Rahman, 72, was also

run over by a speeding bus at Notun Bazar at Chunarugat thana in Habiganj on Dhaka-Sylhet highway on Friday.

Witnesses said the Brahmanbaria bound bus ran over the old man killing him on the spot. The mishap occurred when the driver lost control of the bus at 2:30 pm. Three rickshaws were also smashed in the accident.

Police seized the bus from Saichhori of the same thana, but the driver managed to flee.

In another accident on Friday, Sohan, 10, daughter of Sharafat Ali of Ghatarchat village in Jointapur thana of Sylhet died on the spot when a stone-laden truck coming from Zafangon ran over her on Sylhet-Tamabil road.

Witnesses said the girl was returning home from the Maktab of a nearby mosque. Separate cases were filed with the police.

Repairing of roads demanded

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 8: A combined meeting of Kushtia Transport Syndicate, Minibus Owners' Association and Truck Owners' Association of Kushtia was held recently with Shihabuddin in chair.

The meeting demanded immediate repairing of roads in different routes for smooth communication.

The meeting also demanded widening of roads for avoiding accidents. The meeting opined that Kushtia-Meherpur, Chuadanga-Alamdanga, Chuadanga-Darsona, Kushtia-Pragpur via Bheramara and Mohiskundi routes have become risky as the roads are in deplorable condition. Besides, continuous rain in the months of March and April have made these roads unfit for plying of any vehicles.

Speakers lamented that Roads and Highways Department and other concerned authority have ignored the demand of passengers of these routes. The owners of vehicles have also incurring huge loss economically. They also opined that damage of vehicles not only causing loss to them, but also bringing loss to the country as foreign currencies are required to import spare parts of vehicles. At the same time frequent accidents are taking place due to bad condition of roads. Several people have already been killed due to accidents in aforementioned months.

Nor-wester hits Pabna: 25 injured

PABNA, May 8: A nor'wester lashed five thanas of the district, injuring 25 people and damaging crops and property on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the nor'wester hit Sadar, Iswardi, Aatgharia, Faridpur and Chatmohar thanas in the morning and razed over 100 dwelling houses and educational institution to the ground.

Office of the Chairman, Tangail Paurashava Paurashava Office Tangail

Tender Notice for Local Competitive Bidding for:-

i. Construction of production tubewells (6 Nos).

Contract No. TAN-M-PTW-01 under ADB Loan No. 1264 BAN (SF)

ii. Construction of an Iron Removal Plant and an Overhead Storage Tank and related works.

Contract No. TAN-M-IRP/OHT-01 under ADB Loan No. 1264 BAN (SF)

iii. Construction of 1 No. Iron Removal Plant and Supply and Installation of Mechanical & Electrical Items.

Contract No. TAN-M-IRP-02 under ADB Loan No. 1264 BAN (SF)

Memo No. 651

Dated: 4.5.98

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan No. 1264 BAN (SF) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in various currencies towards the cost of Second Water Supply and Sanitation Project (9 Towns—Water Supply and Sanitation Project). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments for the above works under Water Supply Expansion Programme.

2. The Chairman, Tangail Paurashava now wishes to invite sealed bids from the pre-qualified bidders for the execution of the above referenced works.

3. Bid documents with detailed specifications, terms and conditions and other papers may be purchased by the interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application and upon a cash payment of a non-refundable fee of Taka 1000.00 (Taka one thousand) only from the office of: (i) The Chairman, Tangail Paurashava; (ii) Project Director, DPHE, Second Water Supply & Sanitation Project, House 8/D, Road 14 (New), Dhanmondi-1209, Dhaka; (iii) Deputy Commissioner, Tangail or (iv) Executive Engineer, DPHE, Tangail on all working days during normal office hours till 01.06.1998.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the offices indicated above and inspect the bid documents during the office hours.

5. The following procedure for receiving and opening of bids shall apply:

The bid document must be duly completed in 2 sets (One original and one copy) and delivered as follows:

— The original and a copy of the bidding document accompanied by a security of 2% (two per cent) of the bid price (as per Clause 15.2 of Section 1: Instructions to Bidders) in favour of the Chairman must be delivered either via mail or in person to any of the above offices on or before 12:00 Noon on 8.6.98. No bid will be considered for acceptance following expiry of the aforementioned date and time. The original money receipt for purchasing the documents must be attached of the bidding document.

— After the closing date, the unopened bid documents received by Project Director, Deputy Commissioner, Tangail and Executive Engineer, DPHE, will be sent to the office of the Chairman.

— Within two days of receiving these documents, the bids will be publicly opened at the office of the Chairman in presence of those representatives of the bidders who like to attend. The representatives must obtain the scheduled opening date and time from the Chairman's office.

6. The Chairman will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the bidders in connection with the preparation and delivery of bids.

7. The Chairman reserves the right to accept any bid, or any part of the bid or to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof and in such case no compensation will be entertained.

Chairman

Tangail Paurashava

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Facilities Department, Ministry of Education Noakhali Zone, Noakhali

Tender Notice

Tender Notice No 24/Pry/Furniture/FD/NZ/97-98

DT 28-04-98

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2908 are hereby invited from Facilities Department's A-1 class enlisted contractors and bonafide furniture manufacturing & supplying firms having trade licence & VAT registration for manufacturing & supplying furnitures (high-low bench made with steel frame & wooden top, teachers table-chair, as per approved drawing & specification) at selected govt primary schools under Govt schools "Reconstruction & Repair Project". Names of selected school & their location will be available in the tender document.

Group No	District sadar thana	Number/type of schools	Quantity of high-low bench (pair)	Quantity of chair-table (pair)	Time limit for work
90	Noakhali	4 Nos (horizontal)	78x4=312	6x4=24	5 (five) months
91	Feni	2 Nos (horizontal)	78x2=156	6x2=12	-do-
92	Noakhali	3 Nos (vertical)	39x3=117	4x3=12	-do-
93	Feni	2 Nos (vertical)	39x2=78	4x2=8	-do-

A) Date & time of purchasing tender document: 13-05-98 up to office hours.

B) Last date & time of receiving tender document: 14-05-98 up to 12.00 Noon.

C) Date & time of opening tender document: 14-05-98 at 12.30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

Tender document will be available against cash payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (Non-refundable) per set from the office of the undersigned & Executive Engineers' office at Zones under Chittagong Circle Office, Deputy Commissioner, Noakhali/Feni & Assistant Engineer, Feni Offices on all working days during office hours and will be received at the said offices up to the prescribed date & time.

Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of "Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Noakhali Zone, Noakhali" must be attached & submitted with the tender document.

Contractor should produce copies of trade licence for manufacturing & supplying furniture and certificate & work order (should be signed by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer) of Executing similar work at the time of purchasing tender document and attach these with the tender at the time of submitting.

Instructions to Contractors

- Any additional condition added by the tenderer will be rejected.
- Income tax & VAT will be deducted from the bill of contractor as per Govt rules.
- Contractor must possess furniture manufacturing workshop & showroom. Address of the workshop & showroom should be submitted with the tender.
- Rate should be quoted in tender, i.e. the supplying firm should quote its rate for each item with rate analysis.
- Contractors paying renewal fee for 1997-98 can purchase the tender document on production of original registration book & necessary papers of VAT and these should be attached to the tender.

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

MD Afzal Hossain Pradhan

Executive Engineer

Facilities Department, Noakhali Zone, Noakhali

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