

News snaps

UNICEF book launched

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, July 19: The launching ceremony of 'Progress of the Nations '98', a publication of UNICEF was held here at the CARITAS conference room at Sagardi in the divisional town on Wednesday.
 Jointly organised by the UNICEF and the information office of Barisal division, the ceremony was attended by Prof Abdul Malek, Principal, Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College as the chief guest while UNICEF chief of Rajshahi and Barisal divisions Dr Golam Mowla was present as special guest. Eighty officials, NGO personnel, elite and journalists from six districts of the division were present in the function.

Valuables worth Tk one lakh looted

From Staff Correspondent
SATKHIRA, July 19: A dacoity was committed at the house of Gopal Chandra of village Fugri in the sadar thana recently. The dacoits looted cash and other valuables worth Taka over one lakh. A group of dacoits numbering 10 to 12 armed with deadly weapons raided the house of Gopal Chandra. They tied up hands of the householder Gopal Chandra and his brother Nepal Chandra. The dacoits beat the inmates of the house and at gun point looted away cash, ornaments and other valuables worth Taka above one lakh.

Two killed in Magura road accident

From Staff Correspondent
MAGURA, July 19: Two persons were killed and five others injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Khulna highway recently, police and witnesses said.
 Bishnuapada, 50, a passer-by, Yunus Ali, 20, a passenger of the pick-up van were killed and five others injured when a Dhaka-bound fish fry loaded pick-up van collided with a rickshaw van coming from the opposite direction at Belnagar area in the sadar thana. The wounded persons were admitted to the sadar hospital. A case was lodged with the sadar thana in this connection.

Construction of HSTTI progressing

BARISAL, July 19: The construction of the Higher Secondary Teachers Training Institute (HSTTI) is progressing fast on two acres of land at Kashiapur, about six kilometres from here, reports BSS.
 According to an official source, the project is being implemented with the financial assistance of the World Bank. The training institute was established in 1997 and it is now functioning in a rented house here. The new building is expected to be completed by December next.

Woods recovered: 2 arrested

SATKHIRA, July 19: Police arrested two people and recovered 60 pieces of Dhundul wood from Kalinchi river near Sundarbans here on Tuesday, reports UNB.
 The arrested were identified as Shahjuddin and Sujon of Engrakhali village in Shyamnagar thana. The recovered woods were deposited with the local forest office and a case was filed in this connection.

Pass-books handed over to old people

RANGAMATI, July 19: A total of 630 old and distressed people of Baghaichhari thana were given pass-books for old-age allowance at a function held on Thursday in the thana parishad auditorium, reports BSS.
 Councillor of Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council, Shushanta Chakma formally handed over the pass-books among the pensioners. Zahangir Alam, Thana Nirbahi Officer, Baghaichhari presided over the function. Deputy Director of the Social Services Directorate, Rangamati, Arati Chakma also spoke on the occasion. Earlier, 536 distressed old people of Rangamati sadar thana, 630 of Langadu thana and 360 of Maniarchar thana of the district were handed over pass-books for old-age pension introduced by the present government recently.

Anti-Drug Day observed

CHUADANGA, July 19: The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking '98 was observed in Chuadanga recently, reports BSS.
 A rally was organised by the Chuadanga district administration to mark the day. A discussion meeting on the terrible effect of drug was held at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room on the occasion. The speakers stressed the need for a social movement through coordinated efforts to keep the society free from drug abuse.

BINA evolves 8 varieties of HYV crops

MYMENSINGH, July 19: Scientists of Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA) evolved eight varieties of high yielding crops last year, reports UNB.
 Of the varieties, one was paddy, one jute, two were *Mug* pulse, two mustard seeds and two summer tomato. Production of these HYV varieties are more than the local variety on per hectare of land, said the scientists of BINA. They also hoped that the evolved new varieties of crops will play a vital role in agricultural development in the country.

Population Day observed

JAMALPUR, July 19: The World Population Day '98 was observed in Jamalpur on July 12 holding a street rally and a meeting, reports BSS.
 The rally was led by Rezaul Karim Hira, member of parliament and Achyutapada Goswami, Deputy Commissioner, Jamalpur. Later, a meeting on population explosion was held at Jamalpur Public Hall. Rezaul Karim Hira, MP was present as the chief guest. Deputy Commissioner, Jamalpur was the special guest. Dr Nurul Islam Talukder, Deputy Director, Family Planning Department, Jamalpur presided over the meeting. The meeting was also addressed by Headmaster SM Yusuf Ali, journalist Utpal Kanti Dhar, A A K Mahmudul Hasan, President of Jamalpur District Family Planning Association, Md Mafizul Huq.

Aman to be cultivated on 1,89,234 hectares

GAZIPUR, July 19: A total of 1,89,234 hectares will be brought under Aman paddy cultivation in five thanas of Gazipur district in the current season, reports BSS.
 According to an official source, 1,12,617 hectares have been brought under local variety and 76,617 hectares under high yielding variety (HYV). Thana-wise break-up is: 41,846 hectares in sadar thana, 38,784 hectares in Kaliakhar, 36,976 hectares in Sreepur, 35,871 hectares in Kapsasia and 35,757 hectares in Kaliganj.

Mustard to be cultivated on 10,500 hectares

NETRAKONA, July 19: Over 9,313 metric tons of mustard was produced in 10 thanas of Netrakona district this year, reports BSS.
 The Agriculture Extension Department (AED) sources said, a total of 10,500 hectares were brought under mustard cultivation in the district this year. Of the total area, 765 hectares were brought under mustard cultivation in Durgapur thana, 860 hectares in Purbadhala, 950 hectares in Kendua, 1100 hectares in Madan, 825 hectares in Barhatta thana, 1000 hectares in Mahanganj, 1150 hectares in Atpara, 1800 hectares in Khaltajury, 50 hectares in Kalmakanda and 1200 hectares in Netrakona sadar thana. The sources said.

Uplift projects being implemented

MANIKGANJ, July 19: Manikganj Zila Parishad has been implementing eight development projects at a cost of about Taka 39 lakh in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.
 An official source said the projects include construction of a boundary wall of the zila parishad office complex, two bridges on Ghior-Kautia Road, and Bachamara-Kalyanpur Road, rest houses at sadar and Singar thana headquarters and maintenance of zila parishad and Putal Union Parishad office buildings. The works of four projects has already been completed and the rest will be done soon.

Contrabands worth Tk 3.52 cr seized

COMILLA, July 19: The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized contraband goods worth Taka 3.52,20,000 between January and June from the border areas of Comilla and Kasba, reports BSS.
 According to an official source the contraband goods include sugar, saree, salt, matches, medicine, pesticide, bicycles, phenyl, wine and milk powder. A total of 1,054 cases were filed with different thanas in this connection. Twenty smugglers were arrested during the period, BDR sources said.

Naogaon thana may collapse any moment

NAOGAON, July 19: The building of Raninagar police station is in deplorable condition leaving the police officials and constables in utmost insecurity, reports UNB.
 The insecurity also gripped among the arrested people who are in custody here. The station building was constructed during the British period and it has now become unfit for use, they said. Several cracks have also developed from where rain water leaks damaging various valuable documents. Plasters also often are collapsed from the ceiling. Thana sources said they have to continue their works in the building taking risk of life in absence of new building.

Bumper output of Aus paddy expected in GK Project command area

From Our Correspondent

KUSHIA, July 19: A bumper production of Aus paddy is expected within the Ganges-Kobadak (GK) Project command area this season. Aus crop has been cultivated on 25,000 hectares of land and there is no scarcity of irrigation water this season.

The GK Project authority said, sufficient water is available for irrigation purpose this season. As such a bumper production of Aus paddy is expected within the command area. The GK project authority also said, two main pumps with 1300 cucecs of water discharge capacity and eight subsidiary pumps with a capacity of 125 cucecs of water discharge capacity are operating for irrigation purpose.

When this correspondent wanted to know about the farmers who could not cultivate Aus due to scarcity of water in the tail end, the authority said, they have taken up the programme of cultivating 25,000 hectares of land as per capacity

of the pump house. One main pump with a capacity of 1,300 cucecs of water is out of order and four subsidiary pumps are idle. The pumps require immediate repairing. Necessary arrangements have been made for the purpose, they said.

In the Aman season 40,000 hectares of land are being cultivated as there is sufficient water during the period. But in Aus season 25,000 hectares of land have been brought under cultivation in view of non-operation of one main pump and four subsidiary pumps. The authority expressed their hope that all the pumps would be in operation within the shortest possible time.

When the farmers of the tail end of project canal contacted they said, they are deprived of cultivating Aus crop in their area as G K irrigation water does not come to the tail end. They farmers have to depend on nature. They have to pay the

irrigation tax imposed on them by the GK Project authority. The authority, however, said, the irrigation tax is imposed only on supplied water to the farmers. There are committees to make water management in order to avoid any clash between the farmers with regard to supplied irrigation water.

It may be mentioned, G K Project is the biggest irrigation project of the country which covers Kushtia, Jhenidah, Magura, Chuadanga and Jessore. A total of 20 lakh farmers are dependent on water of G K Project. Irrigation started in the year 1962 and in 1978-77 the project covered almost all the areas it envisaged. In 1992-93 water level of the Ganges came down to 4.22 metre due to unilateral withdrawal of water by India through Farakka Barrage. In view of this low flow of water G K pump house could not be operated. Irrigation was not possible in the Aus season causing loss to the tune of Taka 100 crore. This

situation continued up to 1995-96 and farmers were deprived of crops worth Taka 450 crore. But after signing of water treaty with India on December 12, 1996 the required quantity of water was available at Harding Bridge point and G K project authority could operate their pump house to irrigate in the Aus season in a limited area. This is why they undertook a programme where 25,000 hectares of land have been brought under Aus cultivation.

After repairing of the main pump and four subsidiary pumps the area could be increased, the G K project authority informed. The project authority is now in a difficult situation as water taxes lying pending with the farmers are not being realised. This is because poor farmers who sustained loss during last consecutive four seasons for want of irrigation water in Aus season are not in a position to pay the imposed tax.

Relief goods distributed among flood victims

MADARIPUR, July 19: Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury distributed relief goods among flood victims of Shibchar thana on Saturday, reports BSS.

The minister visited different flood-affected areas of Kawkaradi and Dattapara union and gave a patient hearing to the distressed people. While distributing clothes, rice and cash money to the affected people the minister said the present government has taken all steps to address the problem caused by flood. She asked the district administration to make sure proper distribution of relief goods.

A total of Taka 10,000 metric tons of rice and 200 pieces of clothes have been sanctioned for flood affected people for Shibchar thana. Later the minister inaugurated a three-day-long tree fair at Shadinata angan under Madaripur. The forest minister in her inaugural address said massive afforestation was a must to protect environment as well as economic emancipation of the rural people. She called upon the government and non-government organisations to make the on-going tree plantation drive a success. Among others, divisional forest officer Jahar Hossain, Joint Convener of Awami Sheccha Shebok League, AFM Bahauddin Nasim and president of district Awami League Ferdous Zamadar also addressed in the function. The minister also distributed saplings among the students.

Wife killed allegedly by husband

JHENIDAH, July 19: A housewife was killed allegedly by her husband at Malipara in Shailakupa thana Wednesday reports UNB. Police said Abdur Rashid of Kushtia district pushed her wife Dolly Begum, 20, a poisonous injection as she complained of pain in her stomach at her father's residence.

Family sources said a group of rival people stabbed the victim indiscriminately and later he succumbed to his injuries at Osmany Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile a hen-lifter, Sona Mia, 50, of Bhadeshwar Purbhagh village in Golapganj thana was beaten to death by the local people. Witnesses said Sona Mia was caught red-handed when he and his two accomplices went to lift hens from the house of Moslemuddin Chowdhury at the same village and died at Osmany Medical College Hospital. Police arrested Bilal Khan, a servant of the house-owner on charge of the murder. Separate cases were filed with the police.

Diarrhoea claims 22 lives in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, July 19: Diarrhoea broke out in the district in an alarming proportion, claiming 22 lives and affecting 2,000 others in last four months, officials said on Friday, reports UNB.

According to unofficial sources, the number of affected people will be much higher than the official one.

Doctors at Sangkramak Beayahi Hospital said some 470 diarrhoeal patients were admitted to the hospital in March and 450 in April, 450 in May and 480 in June and of them 22 died.

They, however, said treatment at the hospital is being hampered due to short supply of necessary medicine.

7 killed in Savar road accident

SAVAR, July 19: At least seven people were killed and eight others injured in a tragic road accident on the Dhaka-Archa highway on Friday noon, reports UNB.

According to police, the accident occurred when a Jessore-bound bus fell into a roadside ditch near BPATC after a head-on collision with the cattle-laden truck at 12:15 pm leaving the seven people dead on the spot.

Identity of the deceased and injured people could not be known immediately.

Two cows were also killed in the accident.

The ill-fated bus is yet to be salvaged till in the afternoon.



SYLHET: Artistes of Anando, a cultural organisation rendering songs at a function arranged here recently in observance of birth centenary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. — Star photo

Link rail line from Sarisabari to Ibrahimabad demanded

MYMENSINGH, July 19: Mymensingh Zila Nagarik Andolon and Unnayan Sangram Parishad has demanded to construct 20-km connecting rail line from Sarisabari to Ibrahimabad rail station at the eastern side of the Bangabandhu Bridge, reports UNB.

The demand was raised at a press conference here on Friday where the speakers also put forward the logical aspects of the rail line that if implemented will connect the district with the northern part of the country.

They said the age-old and important rail line of the district will be useless under the changed situation if the proposed line is not set up.

The speakers called upon the government to take immediate measures to implement their legitimate demand as the people of the district have legitimate right to enjoy the benefit of the Bangabandhu Bridge. They also threatened to go for greater movement if their demand is not met.

President of the parishad Adv Anisur Rahman Khan and General Secretary Nurul Amin Kalam addressed the conference. Local political leaders and elite were also present.

Time extended for RU Senate Graduate registration

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, July 19: The time limit of graduate registration has been extended till October 30.

The time extension has been done to finalise the formalities of holding registered graduate representatives election for RU Senate very soon. The number of registered graduate representatives is 25 in RU Senate. Graduates of this university who have passed three years following publication of their results can register their names as registered graduates. They have to fill up the form with the requisite fees.

According to the Registrar office, the total fees will be Taka 70, of which Taka 10 for registered graduate's registration fee, Taka 40 for diploma fee and Taka 20 for first renewal fee.

In addition Taka 200 is fixed for life membership. All the fees are to be paid through a bank draft in favour of Registrar, Rajshahi University or to be placed in the miscellaneous receipt at Agrani Bank, RU Branch.

The university authority has taken steps to issue identity cards from the Registrar Office this year. For this purpose the interested persons are suggested to submit two copies of passport size photographs attested by a First class gazetted gov-

ernment official or by a university teacher.

Persons interested to get the form by post will have to contact with the Registrar Office of the university with necessary postage stamp with a large size envelope and proper addresses.

Further details can be available from the same office.

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Tender Notice

1. Name of work : Servicing, Repairing & Maintenance Works of Company's 17, Nos. Gas Generators at different places.
2. Estimated cost : Tk. 5,04,000/- (Five lacs four thousand only) per annum.
3. Cost of tender : Tk. 1000/=
4. Tender document will be sold from 26.07.98 to 10.08.98 on all working days from 09.00 hrs to 13.00 hrs. from the following offices to the bonafide contractors upon applying in letter head pad and on cash payment to the office indicated at (a) and by pay order from the other offices.

(a) Accounts Department Titas Gas Bhaban Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.	(b) Distribution Department Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd 7, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
(c) Sales Metro-2 Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd. 5, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka.	(d) Sales Metro-3 Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd. 5/1, Lalmatia Dhaka.

5. Bid receiving : The bids will be received at all the offices mentioned in Sl. No. 4 up to 12.00 hrs on 11.08.98.
6. Bid opening date, : On 12.8.98 at 12.30 hrs at the office of GM (Operations) at Titas Gas Bhaban, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka.
7. All bids must be accompanied by a bid Security of Tk. 2.5% of the quoted value in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd., Dhaka-1215.
8. The period of work will be up to 30.06.99.
9. Bidders are requested to visit the site before submitting their bids to see running Generators, if required.
10. Bidder's eligibility: Bidders should have experience in Diesel/Gas generator servicing, repair & maintenance works.
11. All other terms and conditions are enclosed in the tender documents.
12. The Company reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason or accepting any liability whatsoever.

Deputy General Manager
 Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Services Department
 Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd.
 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.

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 প্রধান কার্যালয়
 ৮, ডিআইটি এডিনবিল্ড, ঢাকা।
দরপত্র আহ্বান

বিষয় : আইসিবি ইন্ডিট ও মিডিয়ামাল ফ্যাক্টর ১৯৭৭-৮৬ অর্থ বছরের বার্ষিক প্রতিবেদন মুদ্রণের জন্য প্রকৃত মুদ্রণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে নিজস্ব লেটার হেড প্যাডে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করবে।

০১। দরপত্র আগামী ২৯ জুলাই, ১৯৯৮ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১-৩০ মিনিটের মধ্যে কর্পোরেশনের প্রধান কার্যালয়ের (৮, ডিআইটি এডিনবিল্ড, ঢাকা) সংস্থান বিভাগে রিকট টেন্ডার ব্যাল্ডে রাখতে হবে এবং তা এডিনবিল্ড বেলা ১১-৪৫ মিনিটে দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে। দরপত্রের সাথে উক্ত দরপত্রের ৫% পরিমাণ অর্থ আর্নেস্টম্যান হিসাবে ইনভেস্টমেন্ট কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ-এর অনুকূলে যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/চে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হবে।

০২। অফিস চলাকালে কর্পোরেশনের প্রধান কার্যালয়ে সন্ধ্যা বিলা হতে ২০০.০০ (দুই শতা টাকা) নগদ পরিশোধকার্য (কেসফ্রো) দরপত্র তফসিলি জমা করতে হবে।

০৩। কোন কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক দরপত্রের বা বাতিল করা বা ক্রমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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 Office of the Executive Engineer
 PWD Division, Rajbari

Notice Inviting Tender

S No Raj I (one) of 1998-99

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from special class I (one) and class II (one) enlisted building contractors/firms of PWD class II (two) building contractors/ firms of PWD Zone, Khulna, class III (three) building contractors/ firms of PWD Circle, Jessore for the undermentioned work. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of works superscribed on it.
2. Name of work : Construction of 10,000 Gallon under ground water reserver attached to Fire Station at Rajbari in the district of Rajbari.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 2,71,298/-
4. Earnest money : Tk 5,425/-
5. Time allowed for completion of work : 2 (two) months from the date of issue of the work order.
6. Tender papers and other connected papers where available : The tender papers and other documents can be seen during the office hours at the office of the undersigned and all the Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Jessore and may be purchased on cash payment of usual charges (Non-refundable) up to 29-07-98 Eng.
7. Tender papers : Sealed cover tender will be received in the office of the undersigned and all the Executive Engineers, PWD Circle, Jessore on 30-07-98 Eng up to 12-00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderers or his authorised representatives, if any present.

Executive Engineer
 PWD Division, Rajbari.

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FARIDPUR: Afforestation drive launched by a non-governmental organisation progressing. — Star photo