

## News snaps

### Locally made liquor seized

RANGAMATI, Aug 1: Kauhali thana police, in a tip-off, recovered recently 200 litres of local wine from Betbunia in Kauhali thana of the district and rounded up five persons as well as seized a truck while smuggling outside the district, reports BSS.

According to police, the accused persons were in a bid to smuggle the recovered locally made liquor outside the district loading in the truck. A case has been lodged with Kauhali thana police in this connection.

### Problems grip Sylhet milk farm

SYLHET, Aug 1: The only government milk producing farm at the Tilagar area of the town is beset with manifold problems, reports UNB.

Milk has great demand here, but its supply is not satisfactory. If this prospective farm is modernised it can meet the local demand and contribute a lot to the government exchequer, local experts said. The farm was established in 1930 at the area on 2.83 acres of land. At present some 249 various species of cows are there in the farm and on average 100 litres of milk are produced per day from 36 milch cows. A total of 500 customers are supplied with this milk two times in a day. The deep tubewell at the farm is lying out of order for long, though pure water is required for a milk farm. Currently, the necessity of water for the farm is met through a nearby canal.

### 7-year-old girl child raped

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 1: A seven-year old girl child was raped at Chadmari area in Fatullah thana here on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said the victim of Chadmari Moarapatti area was sent by her mother to buy turmeric from a nearby shop. Kuti, son of Gedu Sarder, who was standing near the shop asked her to clean the dirt of his nearby house in exchange of money. Kuti then took her to the rooftop of a five-storied building and violated her mercilessly. She was rushed to Narayanganj 200-bed hospital in a critical condition. A case was lodged with police. The culprit remained absconding since the incident.

### 50 hurt in clash over toll collection

MYMENSINGH, Aug 1: At least 50 people were injured, 22 seriously, in a bloody clash over collection of tolls from the Bonogram Bazar in Nandail thana here on Thursday, reports UNB.

The seriously injured were admitted to different hospitals including Mymensingh and Nandail. Police and witnesses said a group of people on behalf of a controversial lease-holder while started collecting tolls in the weekly hat-day violating the court order the other group protested them. At one stage both the groups locked in a fierce clash that left 50 people from both the groups injured. A case was filed with the police.

### Landless cultivators' procession

SATKHIRA, Aug 1: The landless cultivators brought out a procession protesting their eviction from the government khas land at Baburabad area in Kaliganj thana on Monday, reports UNB.

The processionists paraded the main streets of the town chanting various slogans. But police dispersed them when they tried to *gherao* the DC and SP offices. Meanwhile, the officials are apprehending violent demonstration by the evicted landless farmers. BNP leader Tariqul Islam and Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman visited the area and urged the government to rehabilitate them for the sake of humanity in the government khas land. Another report adds: A group of agitated students attacked the Satkhira Government College principal's office and damaged furniture, demanding admission to the honours course of some students on Thursday.

### Pipe gun recovered

MYMENSINGH, Aug 1: Police recovered a pipe gun from a microbus used mainly for teachers of Bangladesh Agricultural University on Friday, reports UNB.

They said an employee of the university garage found the gun under a seat while cleaning the vehicle in the morning. The boy then informed the matter to the university authority and later police recovered the gun from the vehicle. Police also said according to the log book of the vehicle, the microbus was taken by a student of Shamsul Haq Hall on his personal ground at 12:40 am and he returned the vehicle at 3 am after signing the book. A case was filed with the Kotwali police and further investigation is on.

### One truck Indian sugar seized

KUSHTIA, Aug 1: Mirpur First Rifle Battalion seized one truck loaded with about 15,000 kilogram of Indian sugar recently, reports BSS.

The BDR forces on an information followed a truck, coming from border and challenged at Baitail, three miles away from Kushtia town. The driver fled away leaving the truck loaded with Indian sugar. The BDR deposited the seized sugar to Kushtia Customs godown.

### 2 killed in Tangail road accident

TANGAIL, Aug 1: Two persons died and two others were injured in a road accident on Thursday at village Kurmi under Mirzapur thana on Dhaka-Tangail road, reports BSS.

Eyewitnesses say the victims Belal, 40, and Faruq, 20, a college student, of village Halukura under Mirzapur thana were run over by a speeding minibus. They died on the spot. The injured persons were admitted to Kumudini hospital in a critical condition.

### 3 of a family killed in road accident

ISHURDI, Aug 1: Three persons, two sisters and a brother, were killed by a Pabna-bound speeding truck at Bhatista on Pabna-Ishurdi road, reports BSS.

Local people and hospital sources said the dead, Rubi, 32, Paru, 20, and their brother Tara, 30, were going to a nearby village in a rickshaw-van. Three-year-old Rubel, son of Rubi and the van-puller Abul Hossain were fatally injured. They were admitted to Ishurdi Hospital. None was arrested in this connection, police said.

### Discussion meeting on culture

NETRAKONA, Aug 1: A discussion meeting on "Flourishing of national culture by resisting the alien culture" was held in Mohua Auditorium here on Thursday, reports BSS.

Organised by Netrakona Theatre, a local group theatre organisation, the discussion was presided over by Abdul Latif. The discussion meeting was followed by staging of a play Ektu Anyorokom written and directed by SS Subra, a popular playwright of Netrakona.

### Population Day observed

CHUADANGA, Aug 1: In connection with the observance of the World Population Day, Dipshikha Clinic, a local private family planning clinic arranged a function at local Sreemonto Town Hall recently, reports BSS.

The programme of the function included discussion meeting, essay competition of the girls and boys students, baby show and distribution of presentations among the newly married couple, parents of the two children and distribution of prizes among the best essay writers and healthy babies. Dr Lifa Nargis, Medical Officer, of the Dipshikha Clinic presided over the function.

### 3 highway dacoits arrested

JHENIDAH, Aug 1: Police arrested three highway dacoits along with a gun and some ammunition from Shaillakupa thana on Sunday night, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police caught red-handed the three road pirates along with the locally made pipe gun while preparing to commit dacoity on Jhenidah-Kushtia road. The bandits were identified as Zaiber, Banat Ali and Rashid of Shaillakupa thana.

### Tangail MP visits flood-hit areas

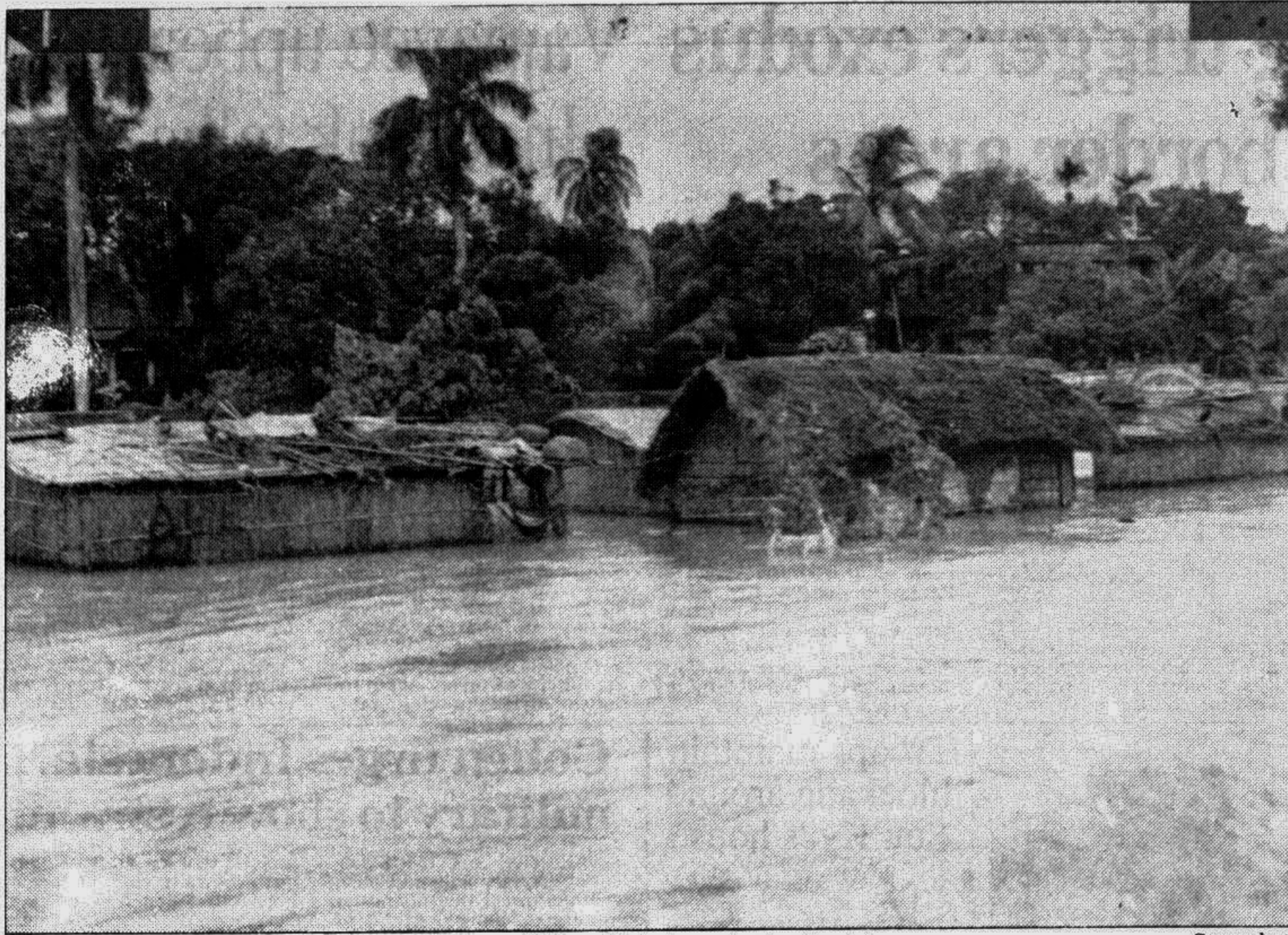
TANGAIL, Aug 1: Khondker Asaduzzaman MP, visited the flood affected areas of Hemnagar on Monday to see for himself the flood situation, reports BSS.

He distributed 200 pieces of sarees among the destitute women. MD Shahidullah, Thana Nirbahi Officer, Gopalpur and other local leaders accompanied him.

### Plan to disburse loan among distressed

RANGAMATI, Aug 1: Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) plans to disburse an interest-free loan of Taka 50 lakh among the distressed in Chittagong Hill Tracts, reports BSS.

The loan will be given under second phase of ongoing Chittagong Hill Tracts Integrated Community Development Project, sponsored by UNICEF. Officials told that BRDB has undertaken the project to implement its second phase at the instruction of the Special Affairs Division. An amount of Taka 1.80 lakh will be distributed among the distressed as interest-free credit towards the development of their socio-economic condition in 25 thanas of the three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban in this fiscal while Taka 20 thousand will be spent in every thana to train-up the loan-seekers, sources said.



MYMENSINGH: Flood engulfed the entire area of Char Gobindapur in the district.

— Star photo

## Brahmaputra flood control dam yet to be completed

SHERPUR, Aug 1: The Brahmaputra flood control dam is yet to be completed in nine years causing inundation of the two-third areas of Sadar thana by flood water every year during the rainy season, reports UNB.

The flood causes massive loss of lives and property each year in the area. The dam is located on the bank of the river Brahmaputra here.

According to local people, at the initial stage a 25 km flood control dam was constructed in an unplanned way in the fiscal 1976-77 under the joint initiative of local administration and people from Kamarer Char to Jhujurakandi for protecting the five unions of Sadar thana from flood. At first it was named as Kamarer Char-Jhujurakandi Embankment.

People of Kamarer Char

Charmuchjaria, Boleyer Char, Charsherpur, Charpakkhary and Rohabetary unions were benefited after construction of the dam.

Again in fiscal 1982-83 an initiative was taken to reconstruct and develop the dam, but the scheme could not see the light of the day due to lack of fund.

The Water Development Board submitted a detailed report after conducting necessary survey with a view to complete the dam in the fiscal 1986-87

utilising some 2798 metric tons of wheat. But no effective steps were taken in this regard.

Meanwhile, the dam developed cracks and potholes at 20 points causing suffering to nearly four lakh people of char areas in the Sadar thana.

Local leaders demanded of the authority concerned to reconstruct the dam immediately for the greater interest of people.

## Villagers, dacoits clash in Meherpur: One killed

MEHERPUR, Aug 1: A man was shot dead and 20 others were injured in a clash between a gang of dacoits and villagers at Belpalpara in Sadar thana on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the gang numbering about 25 swooped on a house owned by Abul Hossain and looted gold ornaments, cash and other valuables at dead of night.

But the gang when *gheraoed* by the villagers opened fire and hurled bombs at them that left Wahidul Islam Shanta, 35, dead on the spot and 20 others injured.

Of the injured, Swapan was sent to the capital city in a critical condition and the rest were admitted to Sadar Hospital.

Meanwhile, police arrested one activist of the gang identified as Golam, but later he was released on bail by the court.

Villagers alleged that the number of dacoities is on rise in the area following police inaction.

## Power consumers suffering a lot in Gopalganj

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Aug 1: Sufferings of electricity consumers of the district town and other parts of the district have increased due to frequent load-shedding and inflated bills.

It is alleged, power supply in the town remains cut-off for hours together. Sometimes, consumers have to wait for at least eight to nine hours before power supply resumes. Load-shedding occurs mainly during day time affecting the business community.

Supply of electricity goes off very frequently almost every day affecting business centres, clinics, hospital, rice and flour mills including teleprinter services. Services in commercial organisations including banks and insurance companies are largely affected. The household work remains suspended. Patients in the hospitals and clinics also suffer a lot. Load-

shedding causes inconvenience to the people particularly students. The situation outside the district town is worse.

Electricity consumers alleged, if they can reach an understanding agreement with the metre readers they face no problems otherwise, they have to face overbilling including harassment.

When contacted the Residential Engineer of Power Development Board (PDB) in Gopalganj told The Daily Star correspondent that failure to get adequate power supply from the national grid was the cause of frequent loadshedding. He informed, the minimum requirement for the district is six megawatts, but the supply is only one and a half megawatts to two megawatts. He also informed that a sub-station of 132.33 kv is required to meet the demand.

## In Rangamati

## Self-employment project of 480 distressed women

RANGAMATI, Aug 1: Rangamati unit of Local Government Engineering Directorate (LGED) had taken up rural maintenance programme for a period of three years with a view to ensuring self-employment of 480 distressed women in the district, reports BSS.

An official source told that 480 distressed women, 10 from each union of the district, will be getting per capita five kilograms of rice daily for a period of three years. But one and a half kilograms of rice will be deducted from their daily allocation, sale-proceeds of which will be deposited in their individual savings account, to be

opened with the nearest branch of a schedule bank to ensure their self-employment on the expiry of the period.

Each beneficiary of the programme will be imparted training to generate income according to their options in different trades during the last six months of the period. On expiry of the training the government will also provide subsidy to start income-generation project, the source said.

Implementation of the project, sponsored by the World Food Programme, will begin from next month. Similar projects have been taken in two other hill districts of Khagrachhari and Bandarban.

## Sylhet — now a city of garbage

SYLHET, Aug 1: A large number of city dwellers here have been living in insanitary and unhygienic environment due to uncleaned stockpile of wastes and garbage, reports UNB.

According to a source of PHED about 50 tons of garbage are dumped everyday in the town of which only 30 tons could be removed due to lack of dumping site necessary carriers. The rest 20 tons remain stockpiled vitiating the surroundings.

Moreover, the proposed dumping place at Khadimnagar creates inconvenience to the movement of the vehicles carrying the waste materials.

Dumping of waste haphazardly, increasing of slums and construction of unplanned buildings are the main reasons of such unhygienic environment in the town which is also contaminating drinking water it added.

Besides, the conservancy service of the pourashava lacks adequate manpower and vehi-

cles. The post of conservancy inspector is lying vacant for long and only two supervisors, out of four, are working here. Four garbage trucks, out of seven, remained inoperative causing problems to remove the wastes.

## Flood situation in Tangail reviewed

TANGAIL, Aug 1: A meeting of the district disaster management committee was held here on Thursday in the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner, reports BSS.

Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner, Tangail, the meeting was attended by district and thana level officers.

The meeting reviewed the overall flood situation prevailing in the district.

Meanwhile, a number of medical teams have been formed to work in the flood affected areas.



## Notice of Pre-Qualification

সময় মতো সঠিক বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করুন  
সরকারকে ফাঁকি দেয়ার প্রবণতা বন্ধ করুন

- Applications on prescribed form "Application for Pre-qualification of contractor" are hereby invited from the 'A-Class' enlisted contractors of Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) for the construction and renovation works of 33 KV Sub-Transmission lines, construction and renovation of 11/0.4 KV distribution lines, construction and renovation of 11 KV distribution lines, construction and renovation of 0.4 KV distribution lines, installation and renovation of 33/11 KV Sub-station, installation and renovation of 11/0.4 KV distribution Sub-stations, installation and renovation of single phase & 3 phase service connections, to be undertaken in the towns located at (Pabna, Sirajgonj, Bogra, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Saidpur, Jessore, Kushtia, Faridpur, Rajbari, Barisal, Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Tangail, Sylhet, Maulvibazar, Comilla, Noakhali) under the 18-Towns Power Distribution Project (Phase-II) financed by Bangladesh government. Applications duly completed in all respects shall be submitted in sealed cover to the office of the Project Director, 18-Towns Power Distribution Project, Phase-11, BPDB, Bidyut Bhaban (4th floor), Dhaka-1000.
- "Application for Pre-qualification of Contractors" will be available for sale from the following offices on all working days up to 27.8.98 on payment of Tk. 1,000/- (Taka one thousand only) per set, non-refundable, in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft issued from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Deputy Director, Regional Accounting Office (RAO) P & CO. Power Development Board, Malibagh, Dhaka on submission of written application by interested eligible contractors.
  - Chief Engineer, Distribution, Northern Zone, BPDB, Bidyut Bhaban, Rajshahi.
  - Chief Engineer, Distribution, Southern Zone, BPDB, Bidyut Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong.
  - Chief Engineer, Central Zone, BPDB, Bidyut Bhaban, 4th Floor, Dhaka-1000.
  - Chief Engineer, Distribution, Western Zone, BPDB, Bidyut Bhaban, 25, Boyra Main Road, Khulna.
  - Project Director, 18-Towns Power Distribution Project, Phase-II, BPDB, Bidyut Bhaban (4th Floor), Dhaka-1000.
- The application in 1 (one) set original and 2 (two) sets duplicate shall be submitted by the interested contractors and will be received up to 11.00 AM on 30.8.98 at the office of the Project Director, 18-Towns Power Distribution Project, Phase-II, BPDB, Bidyut Bhaban (4th floor), Dhaka. No application will be received after expiry of the date and time.
- The sealed applications will be opened publicly on the same date at 12.00 Noon in presence of contractors or their authorised representatives who may wish to remain present during opening ceremony and a consolidated list of the contractors who have submitted applications will be prepared and read out to the participants present.
- No application form will be sold and received by post.
- No unsealed application will be received.
- The contractor are liable to abide by the decision of the BPDB with regard to pre-qualification of contractors. The list of successful pre-qualified contractors will be hung up in due course in the Notice Board of the Project Director's office and the successful pre-qualified contractors will be notified individually.
- Payment to the contractors for the executed works shall be made in Bangladesh Currency.

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Project Director

18-Town Power Distribution Project (Phase II)

BPDB, Dhaka.

## Fruit bearing trees decreasing fast in Kushtia district

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Aug 1: Fruit bearing trees in all the six thanas of the district are on verge of extinction due to large scale cutting of the trees.

According to a report, Kushtia Sadar, Mirpur, Bheramara, Kumarkhali, Khokha and Daulatpur thanas were famous for different kind of fruits such as jackfruit, lichi, mango, palm, guava, *amlaki* and pineapple. These fruits grew abundantly previously.

People of the district did not face the scarcity of various kinds of fruits which were available in all the hats and bazaars. Fruits were the main source of nutrition previously. But those days are gone. Now fruits are not easily available. There are many reasons for non-availability of fruits. The economic condition of people of the district is rapidly deteriorating due to inflation, natural disasters, withdrawal of subsidies on many agricultural inputs and high birth rate.

Many poor people are compelled to sell their fruit bearing trees to a section of traders. The trees are used as firewood and house building materials. An acute shortage of fruit bearing trees has been prevailing due to indiscriminate felling of those.

Besides, the ecological balance is being damaged gradually. Now people of the district can not enjoy the taste of various fruits as before. They are being deprived of necessary nutrition which comes from fruit. For this reason the number of malnourished people is increasing. The school going children are worst affected.

The present trend of felling fruit bearing trees has raised a great concern.

## Passengers' harassment a regular feature at Faridpur bus terminal

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Aug 1: Thousands of bus passengers have been facing untold sufferings at Gabtali bus terminal in the town which is now completely muddy and water-logged.

The passengers have no place to stand there. Very often they are victimised for misbehaviour of the lease-holders, porters and illegal toll-collectors. They do not even hesitate to assault passengers who do not comply with their demand for exorbitant money for carrying small bundles or luggage.

They porters at the terminal charge about 10 times more than the normal rate for carrying a load from baby taxi or rickshaw to the bus waiting at walk of only three minutes. The helpless passengers give them the abnormal money to avert harassment. Even the passengers who carry their own luggage have to pay the money.

The same condition has been prevailing at Aricha and Daulatdia ghats. Launch passengers are very often harassed and manhandled by the lease-holders, porters, illegal toll-collectors of the ghats.

Moreover, it has been alleged, some launches playing between Aricha and Daulatdia have no search light. This may cause accident at any moment risking valuable lives of passengers.

The pontoon fixed at Daulatdia ghat has no electric light though the surrounding areas remain bright with lights. The absence of light at the pontoon causes much inconvenience to the passengers who may meet with any fatal accident at any time.

The suffering passengers urge the authority concerned to look into the matter and make a safe journey for innocent passengers.

## Tk 10 cr uplift projects

MYMENSINGH, Aug 1: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) implemented various development projects in the district costing Tk 10.6 crore during the 1997-98 fiscal, reports UNB.



## BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়ণে জাতীয় অগ্রগতীর প্রতীক

The Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd, Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur hereby invites sealed tender on C&F(C) Chittagong basis under any suitable financial source in two envelope system for Import of Valve Guide, "O" Ring, Check Valve and Spares for Process Air Compressor against Tender Enquiry No JFCL/FP/MTP PM/2.302/217 and JFCL/FP/MTS/MM/2.410/218 respectively both date 12.7.98. Both the tender will be received up to 11.00 AM on 02.9.98 and be opened on the same day thereafter. Tender documents containing detailed terms and conditions will be available on payment of Tk 100.00 (one hundred) and Tk 25.00 (twenty-five) respectively (non refundable) in cash from the office of the (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (iii) Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd on all working days. The management reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tenders without assigning reason thereof. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening of tender.

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer  
Mirpur PWD Division  
Road No. 62, House No. NW (D)-6  
Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212

## Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender No. : 3/S.D.I/1998-99.
- Name of work : Providing distribution line from underground reservoir to Barrack bldg. No. 4.5 complex, Dhaka.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 1,87,962/00
- Earnest money : Tk. 3760/00
- Time allowed : 60 (sixty) days from the date of for completion the issue of work order.
- Class of : Enlisted Special Class-I, Class-contractor  
1 Sanitary and Plumbing contractor under PWD, Class-II Sanitary & Plumbing contractor under PWD, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka.
- Place of : Eden Bldg. PWD Division/  
selling & Savar PWD Divn./Gazipur  
receiving PWD Divn./Manikganj PWD  
Divn. and this Division.
- Last date of : 17.8.98 during office hours.  
selling tender
- Date and time : 18.8.98 upto 12-00 Noon.  
of receiving  
tender
- Date and time : 18.8.98 at 12-15 PM  
of opening tender
- No tender will be sold to a contractor/firm who has no "VAT" registration.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tenders received without assigning any reason thereof.

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Mirpur PWD Division, Dhaka.