

News snaps

Fish fry to be released in Kaptai lake

RANGAMATI, Aug 5: A programme has been undertaken to release fish fry in Kaptai lake from local hatcheries to increase the fish production, reports UNB.

Under the programme, the authorities will release 25 tons of fish fry in the lake this year from four hatcheries here. Some 500 acres of lake area this year from four hatcheries here. Some 500 acres of lake area at Asambastee-Rangapuri were leased out for producing fish fry. The authorities signed an agreement with the private entrepreneurs to supply the fish fry for the next 10 years. Every year 25 tons of fish fry will be released in the lake from the hatcheries during the first five years while in the next five years 26 tons will be released annually, said the sources.

College student raped, killed

JESSORE, Aug 5: A first year female student of Navaran Degree College in Jhikargacha thana here was gang raped and killed on Monday, reports UNB.

Police said Masuma Khatun Lipti, 20, daughter of Nazrul Islam of Bade Navaran village went to the nearby house of her uncle where a gang of miscreants violated and killed her at about 11 am. Police said Lipti was strangled to death after rape following a previous enquiry. Her body was sent to Jessore Sadar Hospital for autopsy and a case was lodged with the police.

Girl rescued

HABIGANJ, Aug 5: A teenage girl was rescued foiling an attempt to trafficking her to India via Madhavpur frontier on Thursday, reports UNB.

Police said local people caught Bristi, 13, daughter of late Abdul Khalek of Gargachia village in Moreganj thana of Bagerhat district while she was moving suspiciously with two men at Itakhala rail station in Madhavpur thana here. Apprehending people's wrath, the traffickers managed to flee the scene, they added. On the following day Telipara police camp sent her to Habiganj court under section 54 and on August 2 the Magistrate sent her to police custody. Police said an organised gang of traffickers was trying to take her to India. Police contacted the Bagerhat police in this connection.

2 including a woman killed in road accident

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 5: Two people, including a young woman, were killed and 10 others injured in a road accident near Bhuiyangati in Royganj thana on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the accident occurred at about 2 pm when a bogra-bound bus coming from Mymensingh dashed a roadside tree and fell into a ditch. One of the victims was identified as Rina Khatun, 25, of Muktagachha thana in Mymensingh district. The bodies were sent to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. The injured were also admitted to the hospital. A case was filed with Royganj thana in this connection.

Two commit suicide

GAZIPUR, Aug 5: Two people allegedly committed suicide by hanging themselves from trees in the district on Monday night, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Obaidul Akand, 15, son of M Khoshed Alam of village Lohadi in Kapasia thana, and Yunus, 22, of village Porabari in Sadar thana. The cause behind the incidents could not be known. Separate cases were filed.

Bodies recovered

JHENIDAH, Aug 5: Police recovered two bodies, including a minor girl, from Kaliganj thana in last two days till Tuesday, reports UNB.

The dead identified as, Abdul Hossain, 55, of Kamalpur village and Shila Rani Dattari, 7, of Subarnasora village of the thana. Police said the body of Abul Hossain was recovered on hanging position from a mango tree of the same village. He was missing since Monday. The body of Shila Rani was recovered from a paddy field of her village on Monday, after two days of her missing. The body was tied up with rope. Separate cases were filed with Kaliganj police.

Plaque unveiled

JAMALPUR, Aug 5: A plaque inscribed 'Sangbadik Shaheen Sharak' was unfurled by chairman, Jamalpur pourashava Md Fayezur Rahman on Friday afternoon, reports UNB.

Earlier, a meeting was held at Bazrapur presided over by the executive president of Jamalpur Press Club Shafiguezaman Lebu. Deputy Commissioner Jamalpur Achyuta Pada Goswami was present in the meeting as the chief guest. Recalling the life and work of late Sangbadik Shaheen, Secretary of Jamalpur Press Club Mustafa Babul, former secretary AAK Mahmudul Hasan, Thana Nirbahi Officer Zahid Hussain spoke in the meeting. Shaheen Ahmed Sharif, 24, Jamalpur Correspondent of Dainik Banglabazar Patrika and Executive Editor of a local weekly died in a tragic road accident on May 14 1997 near Bhaluka (Mymensingh) while returning from Dhaka with the printed copies of the weekly.

Chief Whip visits flood-hit areas

BARISAL, Aug 5: Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Abul Hasanat Abdullah visited several flood affected areas in Barisal and Gopalganj districts and distributed relief goods among the flood victims, reports BSS.

He visited Gournadi and Agaljhara thanas of Barisal district and Kotalpara thana of Gopalganj district where he witnessed a vast trail of damage to dwelling houses, bridge and culverts, embankments, roads and educational institutions. During distributing relief goods, the chief whip addressed a big rally at Gournadi and said that the present government was sincerely working for ameliorating the distress of the affected people.

Another body recovered

HABIGANJ, Aug 5: Police recovered the body of a young man from a shop at Natunbazer in Nabiganj thana here on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The body of Utom Pal, 22, was found lying on a bed of the closed shop. The body bore no injury marks. The reason behind the death could not be ascertained immediately. Police sent the body to the Habiganj General Hospital for autopsy. A case was filed in this connection.

Tk 2 cr DPHE projects implemented

RANGAMATI, Aug 5: Rangamati unit of the Directorate of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) has implemented three projects at a cost of Taka two crore to ensure supply of drinking water to the people living in the inaccessible areas of the hill district. The projects included installation of 300 ringwells, 62 Tara pumps and 12 shallow tubewells in 10 thanas of the district. 300 sanitary latrines were also set up under the projects. The projects were sponsored by UNICEF officials said.

More fire station needed in Tangail

TANGAIL, Aug 5: There is only one fire service station in the district hampering the fire fighting activities causing huge loss of property every year, reports UNB.

Among the 11 thanas of the district, only Sadar thana has a fire service station. Another one had been established in Gopalpur during the post-independence period, but was withdrawn in 1976. The thanas where fire fighting units are yet to be established are: Mirzapur, Shokhipur, Bishali, Nagarpur, Delduar, Kalhati, Ghatali, Bhupur and Madhupur. The fire fighting unit located in the district headquarters is not capable of reaching far flung areas in time of emergency. The station lacks necessary vehicles and fire extinguishing equipment to cater to the needs.

Landless people suffering

GAZIPUR, Aug 5: Thousands of landless people of various flood affected areas in the district have been suffering seriously for want of pure water, sanitation facility and shelter, reports UNB.

Local people said more than 5,000 flood-hit people have taken shelter at Konabari, Kashimpur, Duttapara rehabilitation centre and Biswa Jitma premises. These poor people are living in sub-human condition as there is no enough food supply, shelter, pure water and sanitation for them. Different water-borne diseases have reportedly been spread among the people specially among the children. About 1,000 slum dweller from Tejaoga area of the capital have been rehabilitated at Duttapara rehabilitation centre here in the last month without any arrangement of shelter and living supports for them. These and other thousands of landless flood affected people are now living on embankment, different road side blocks, high lands and government buildings in the district.

Construction work of bridge completed

SATKHIRA, Aug 5: The construction work of a 48-metre bridge over the river Dalua at Dalua under Tala thana of the district was completed in June last, reports BSS.

According to an official source, Taka 35.22 was spent for the construction of the bridge. The fund was provided by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) under its medium urban infrastructure development project.

Diarrhoea spreading fast in flood-hit N'ganj dist

From Ehsanul Haque

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 5: The flood situation of the district has further worsened owing to continuous downpour and rise in the water level in the rivers Sitalakhya, Meghna, Old Brahmaputra and Buriganga and their tributaries. In the district fresh areas have gone under water, according to official and unofficial reporters received till Monday.

The river Sitalakhya marked fall by 2cm on Tuesday at 3pm, but was still flowing 62cm above the danger level, while the river Buriganga receded by 2cm and was flowing 17cm above the red mark at Narayanganj. The river Meghna was flowing 59cm above the danger mark at Baidderbazar point under Sonargaon thana. The Old Brahmaputra was continuing to flow above its danger level at Jangalia point under Bandar thana.

The flood situation in the low-lying areas of the district and its surrounding areas remained unchanged though the Sitalakhya was expected to fall by 13cm during the last 24 hours till Monday.

ferent unions of five thanas during the last one week, the concerned thanas informed.

Some 118 cattleheads died across the district. A total of 235 flood centres have been set up where 2,240 people took shelter. Major sources informed.

Diarrhoea, intestinal diseases and dysentery have been spreading fast in the flood affected areas. So far about 403 cases of diarrhoea, 489 cases of intestinal diseases and 180 cases of dysentery have been reported from the affected areas in the last seven days, the concerned department revealed.

A total of 70 medical teams are working in the flood affected areas. Campaigns are being conducted to make the people aware of basic health care to check spread of diarrhoea diseases, a health official said.

He said measures have been taken to keep necessary medicines, including intravenous fluids ready in all the affected areas to face the aftermath of flood.

Meanwhile, government have sanctioned Taka 11,75,000 cash, 650 metric tons of rice, 500 pieces of saris and 500 pieces of lungies as relief for the flood-hit people in Narayanganj district.

The Daily Star correspondent, while visiting flood affected areas in five thanas of the district, gathered that acute shortage of drinking is prevailing in the affected areas as most of the tubewells have been submerged.

Dhaka city, its adjoining areas and Narayanganj are threatened as several cracks have developed in the Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra (DND) Irrigation Project. Engineers in the water Development Board (WDB) have taken urgent measures with the help of local people to protect the 32.8 km DND embankment. The measures include placing earth, sand bags bamboo and wood piles at the leakage site to prevent any major damage to the embankment, WDB executive engineer Mohammad AT Khandkar told this correspondent.

Water started entering Demra area through an abandoned culvert of the Roads and Highways Division at a place north of Rani Mahal cinema hall on Wednesday midnight. Local people managed to stop the flow of water after two and a half hour's frantic effort by piling sand and soil bags.

But later on, more breaches had been found at six points of the embankment at New Hajiganj to Chashara on Thursday morning. The WDB engineer further told that the important embankment came under threat as both the Buriganga and the Sitalakhya had been flowing above the red-mark level.

The Roads and Highways Division, WDB and the law enforce-

ing agencies in cooperation with the local people are in constant vigil at the site, he added.

Several cracks have also been developed on the DND embankment during the flood in 1988. Local people voluntarily repaired the breaches and had been able to avoid a disaster. Then the government built wall around the embankment spending crores of taka. But a section of businessmen destroyed the wall at many areas including Pagla, Fatulla, Postagola, Alliganj, Demra and Adamjee.

The DND project, originally planned for increased food production to feed the growing population in Dhaka, gradually turned into a residential zone. It is now an area having concentration of small industrial units and houses inhabited by several lakhs of people.

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak on Friday visited the flood-affected Demra, Sarulla, Matuail, Hajiganj, IET School and Chashara areas which fall under the DND project.

The minister asked the engineers and officials of the WDB to take all precautionary measures so that any kind of major leakage can not develop in the project area due to the pressure of flood waters. He also thanked the local people for extending their help.

The WDB officials informed the minister that the situation had been out of danger and no major accident would take place if water starts receding. Local MP Shantim Osman and senior officials of the Water Resources Ministry and WDB accompanied the minister.

Flood water have submerged the complex of the Folk and Craft Museum at Sonargaon, Narayanganj Sadar thana premises and the district jail. With the swelling of the river Meghna, the Boidderbazar launch ghat in Sonargaon was washed away and the bazar areas have been inundated.

The movement of traffic on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway slowed down as a portion of the highway went one foot under water at Jangalia in Bandar thana. Sources said about 200 metres of the highway remained inundated by flood water while nearly 100 feet road area on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway at the Madavdi point have gone 15 inches under water.

The Narayanganj-Demra road have gone one foot under water at Nabiganj ghat area while the Dhaka-Munshiganj road is also submerged at Panchabati area.

The train communication between Narayanganj and Chashara remained suspended as rail tracks have gone under water at several points.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed paid a surprise visit to some flood-hit areas in Narayanganj in the early morning of Friday.

Relief activities in Jamalpur intensified

JAMALPUR, Aug 5: Relief activities have been intensified in Jamalpur district, reports BSS.

Taka two lakhs as cash alone and 150 tonnes of rice as gratuitous relief were distributed among the flood affected people in seven thanas of the district, according to district relief office sources.

Poor people yet to get benefit of Legal Aid programme

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 5: The Legal Aid programme of the government for the poor and the distressed has been suffering seriously due to lack of publicity and inaction of the district-level committee here, reports UNB.

The government has introduced the programme to provide legal support to those people who are not in a position to seek justice due to poverty and other reasons.

Under the programme, a committee was formed here in June 1994 with the District Judge as its president and representatives from administration and lawyers to utilise the fund provided by the government to help the needy.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Works E/M Division-3, Dhaka

Memo No: 1562

27-7-98
Dated: 12-4-1405/Bangla

Tender Invitation Notice
No-07/1998-99

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from Directorate of Public Works enlisted special class I/class I for E&M work/class II contractors with VAT registration book for the 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/E/M Workshop Division/Wood Workshop Division, Dhaka and Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka till 19-8-98 during office hours till 12 Noon and will be opened the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of participants in tender or their nominated representative (if any remains present). Tender schedule, form and terms & conditions can be purchased till 18-8-98 during office hours on payment of usual Taka 425/- (four hundred and twentyfive) in cash (non-refundable) from Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/E/M Workshop Division/Wood Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka. 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost as earnest money in the forms of Bank Draft/PO/SDR/CD from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-3 must be submitted with tender. Contractor himself or his nominated representative can by tender form by producing registration book for enlistment alongwith other necessary papers.

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

Serial No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work
1	Internal electrification work including service line (beside existing No 50 building) of 1 residential building of 750 sq ft (5 storied 10-unit) at Motijheel Ideal Zone under underconstruction 2000 flats (residential flat) for government officials/ employees in Dhaka city project.	Tk. 3,17,256/=	At the rate of 2% of estimated cost.	6 (six) months from the date of issue of Work Order.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Facilities Department, Ministry of Education
Savar Zone, B-8, Anandapur, Savar, Dhaka

Tender Notice

No-01/SPS/FD/FZ/98-99
Dated: 19-07-98 Eng/4-4-1405/Bangla

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from Facilities Department enlisted A-1/A-2 classes of contractors for construction repair and renovation work of town and city government primary school buildings under 'Government Primary School Re-construction and Renovation Project'.

a) Description of work:

Name of district	Group No	Name of educational institution & work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit	Cost of schedule (non-refundable)	Remarks
Sadar	01	Upward extension work of Bandutia Govt Pry School	8,31,295/-	16,650/-	4 months	400/-	Re-tender
Do	02	Upward extension work of Manikganj Town Govt Pry School	6,96,772/-	14,000/-	4 months	400/-	Re-tender
Do	03	Repair and renovation work of Panch Barail Govt Pry School	2,50,000/-	5,000/-	2 months	400/-	
Do	04	Completion of incomplete work of new building of Rajibpur Govt Pry School	4,35,243/-	9,000/-	3 months	400/-	

- b) Offices from where tender documents can be purchased and submitted : Secretary, Ministry of Education, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. Attention drawn: Senior Assistant Secretary, Section-12 (Development-2) Deputy Commissioner, Manikganj/Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Savar /Dhaka/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Kishoreganj/Tangail/Mymensingh/Faridpur/Madaripur Zone and Office of the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Manikganj district.
- c) Earnest money : 2 % of the estimated cost for each group in the forms of Pay-Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Savar Zone, Savar, Dhaka will have to be submitted with tender.
- d) Last date and time of selling tender documents : 18/08/98 (during office hours).
- e) Last date and time of receiving tender documents : 20/8/98 (till 1:00 PM).
- f) Date and time of opening tender box : 20/08/98 (till 1:30 PM), In presence of participants (if anyone remains present) will be opened.

- Terms and Conditions**
- Contractor/contractor's firm will have to purchase tender documents by taking prior permission by producing registration book of renewed enlistment up to 1997-98/certificate of payment of income tax up-to-date and original copy of Value Added Tax (VAT) registration certificate otherwise no tender schedule will be sold to him/them.
 - Rate mentioned in the tender by concerned contractors will have to be written both in figures and words.
 - Value Added Tax (VAT) and Income Tax (IT) will be deducted as per government rules.
 - Bills will be paid to the contractors subject to availability of allocation. But contractor/contractors will be obliged to complete work within stipulated period.
 - Reasons for which tenders will be cancelled outright:
 - If any contractor/contractor's firm submits the tender with less than over 5% (five per cent) as the lowest rate.
 - If participant in tender includes any additional terms and conditions in tender.
 - If the quoted rate is not completed up to two figures after decimal.
 - No tender documents will be sold to those contractors/contractor firms who or which have failed to complete the work allotted earlier without any specific grounds after the expiry of stipulated period. If such contractors/contractor firms submit tender.
 - If contractor/contractor firms do not enclose up-to-date income tax payment certificate and attested photo copy of Value Added Tax (VAT) registration certificate with tender.
 - If requisite information is not provided by filling up the Evaluation Form 'A table' with tender.
 - Other terms and conditions will be mentioned in tender documents. The authority reserves the power to accept or reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
Savar Zone, Savar, Dhaka

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R&H Tender Invitation Notice

- Tender Notice No : 18/EE/W/D Dhaka/1998-99.
- Name of work : Supply of furniture for use in Dhaka office of Project Director (SE), R&H, Paksey Bridge Project, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna under R&H, Workshop Division, Dhaka.
- Estimated cost : Taka — as per schedule.
- Earnest money : 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost will have to be submitted as per existing government rules.
- Time for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days from date of issue of work order.
- Eligibility of contractors : R&H Directorate enlisted all classes of contractors with financial feasibility and regional capability.
- Offices where tender and schedule will be available : R&H, Workshop Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Equipment Control Division, Dhaka/Workshop Division, Mymensingh/Sub-divisional Engineer, R&H, Workshop Sub-division, Dhaka during office hours on payment of Taka 510/- (non-refundable) for including Bangladesh Form No 2908 per set can be purchased till the day before receiving tender.
- Officials and offices to receive tender schedules : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Workshop Circle, Tejaoga, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Tejaoga, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh/Equipment Control Division, Tejaoga, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling tender : 16-8-98.
- Last date and time for receiving sealed tender : 17-8-98 till 12 Noon.
- Date and time of opening sealed tender : 19-8-98 at 12:30PM.
- Date of lottery (if necessary) : 19-8-98 at 2:30PM.
- Head of expenditure : T&R.

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Obituary

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Aug 5: Nir-mala Shikdar, 80, mother of three shaheed intellectuals, Paresh Chandra Shikdar, Dinesh Chandra Shikdar and Jibesh Chandra Shikdar.

Shikdar passed away on July 22 at her Kanapur residence. She was suffering from old age ailment for a long time.

She was survived by her grandsons and granddaughters and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

It may be mentioned here, all the three sons of the deceased were teachers of a high school. They were shot dead during the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

Three killed in Pabna road accident

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Aug 5: Three women died instantaneously and two children were injured on Friday when a rickshaw-van carrying them was hit by a truck on the Pabna-Ishwardi highway near Dasuria, some 20 kilometres of Pabna town.

According to police, the passengers of the rickshaw-van, who were going to Musurpara where they resided, the loaded truck speedily came from opposite direction and knocked the van and ran over the passengers who fell down from the van.

The dead were identified as Rubi Khatoun, 32, Tara Begum, 30, and Paru Begum, 20.

28 held under Section 54 are in Barisal jail for 2 weeks

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, July 5: Twenty-eight people, arrested earlier on suspicion under Section 54, are still in Barisal Central Jail.

Of them, 25 have been detained in the jail for more than two weeks and three others for more than three weeks, the jail authorities said.

According to law, if any person is detained under Section 54, allegations or charges against him should be submitted to the court within 15 days. Otherwise the person would be acquitted.

According to the jail authorities, there are 1177 prisoners in the jail having a capacity to accommodate 1032 prisoners.

Of them, 637 are convicted prisoners and hajatis, 19 detained under the Special Powers Act and 10 condemned prisoners including a woman.