

20,000 families affected in Rangpur

Flood situation in Barisal unchanged

From Staff Correspondent

News snaps

Fisheries Week concludes

CHUADANGA, Aug 8: The Fisheries Week '98 concluded here on July 29 amid various programmes organised by the Fisheries Department, reports BSS.

The week was inaugurated on July 23 at a function held in the auditorium of the district council. The function was presided over by Deputy Commissioner of Chuadanga Saiful Alam. Shamsuzzaman Dudu, MP was present on the occasion as the chief guest. Siddiqui Rahman, Vice-Principal, Chuadanga Government College, Dr S M Mustafa Anwar, Civil Surgeon, Chuadanga, Hasanuzzaman Choudhury, district fisheries officer, Sk Matur Rahman, Additional Police Super, Chuadanga, Rowshanuzzaman Suraya, TNO, Chuadanga, Kartik Chandra Halder, President, Chuadanga District Matshajibi Samity and Shamsunnahar, a pisciculturist, spoke on the occasion.

Breast Feeding Week begins

MANIKGANJ, Aug 8: A week-long programme has begun here in observance of the International Breast Feeding Week '98 from Sunday, reports BSS.

Dr. Bishwanath Pal, Civil Surgeon, Manikganj inaugurated the week at a function which was addressed, among others, by Sayed Enamul Haq, Deputy Director, Family Planning and Mohammad Zafar, district fisheries officer. The programme includes procession, rally, drawing and essay writing competition had prize-giving ceremony.

Work of fire stations progressing

RANGPUR, Aug 8: The construction works of two fire stations costing Tk 95 lakh in the district are progressing fast, reports UNB.

Public Works Department has undertaken the project in the last fiscal year for construction of fire stations at Haragacha in Kaunia thana and Bodarganj sadar thana headquarters costing Tk 60 lakh and Tk 35 lakh respectively. Official sources said about 70 per cent work of the projects has already been completed and the rest is expected to be completed by December this year.

Woman succumbs to injuries

SHERPUR, Aug 8: A 25-year old woman who met an accident on Wednesday in a rice mill at Char Mucharia Purnanagar in Sadar thana here succumbed at the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, reports UNB.

Police sources said, Asma Khatun, daughter of Jasimuddin came to the mill on the day at 5 pm for crushing her rice. Suddenly she sustained grievous injuries when her saree was wrapped with the crushing machine. Asma was first taken to Sherpur Hospital in a critical condition and later to MMCH where she succumbed at 10 pm. A case was filed with the police.

Water treatment plant set up

NOAKHALI, Aug 8: A water treatment plant has been set up at Ekashpur in the municipality here to ensure supply of pure water for the town dwellers, reports UNB.

The plant was set up under a project of the municipality at a cost of Tk 24.39 crore with financial and technical assistance from the Department of Public Health Engineering and DANIDA. The work of the plant, implemented under DPHE-DANIDA Urban Water and Sanitation Project, has already been completed, said an official source. The plant will start supplying drinking water to 64,000 people of the town by the year 2002, he said and added that the water will be free from salt, iron or arsenic contamination.

Seminar on education

FARIDPUR, Aug 8: A seminar on education in connection with the observance of national Education Week '98 was held here on Saturday morning at local Government Yasin College premises, reports BSS.

The key-note paper in the seminar was presented by Prof. Ismail Mia, Principal of Yasin College. In his paper he laid emphasis on technical and agro-based science education. A good number of senior teachers, educationist and heads of institutions of this district took part in the discussion. Among others, Prof. Md Shahjahan, Prof. Akkas Ali, Prof. Abdul Aziz, Prof. Azizul Haque Khan, Zaidul Abedin were the discussants. The seminar was presided over by the Principal of Yasin College while pourashava chairman Fazlul Kabir Chand was the special guest.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Barisal Public Works Division, Barisal

Tender Notice

No. 3/1998-99

Tenders in sealed envelopes in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from special class I/class I enlisted contractors of the Directorate of Public Works, class II enlisted building contractors/contractor firms of Public Works Zone, Khulna for the undermentioned work. Tenders can be submitted till 26-8-98 at 12-00 Noon in the offices as mentioned in Serial No. 5. Tenders will be opened on the day of submitting tender at 12-15 PM in presence of intending participants in tender and name of work, name of contractor firm and address and the address to whom the tender is to be submitted will have to be mentioned on envelope.

- Name of work : Construction of one training and rehabilitation centre for socially retarded girls in Barisal. Sub-head : 100 staff quarter construction (2 unit). Head of expenditure : 260 Social Welfare.
- Estimated cost : Taka 15,95,707/=
- Earnest money : Taka 36,920/=
- Time limit for completion of work : 180 (one hundred and eighty) days.
- Offices to sell and receive tender : All divisions under Public Works Circle Barisal and office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal.
- Last date of selling tender : 25-8-98 (during office hours)
- Date of receiving tender : 26-8-98 (till 12 Noon)
- Prepared tender schedule, additional terms and conditions including Bangladesh Form No 2911 can be seen and purchased on payment of Taka 750/- (seven hundred and fifty) only and Taka 25 (twenty-five) as cost for BD Form No 2911 (non-refundable in both cases). Contractor himself/managing director of contractor firm or his/their nominated representative with his signature attested by the contractor/contractor firm bearing letter can purchase tender schedule by producing the original enlistment book.
- Contractor/contractor firm will have to apply for purchasing tender schedule at least 3 (three) days before purchasing tenders from the offices as mentioned in Serial No 5 other than Barisal Public Works Division and Divisional Commissioner Barisal. No application will be accepted after that period.
- Concerned special class I/ Class II/ Class III contractor/contractor firm of the tender will have to submit the attested copy of certificate of TIN and attested photo copy of blue book with signature, registration certificate of Value Added Tax with tender.
- Any sort of attestation will have to be done by class I gazetted officials.
- If more than one participant with the lowest rate is found, then in order to select 1 (one) contractor, a lottery will be held in the office room of the undersigned on 9-9-98 Wednesday at 11 AM. All concerned or his/their nominated representatives are requested to be present in the lottery.

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BARISAL, Aug 8: Seven people died in Gournadi and Agailjhara thanas of the district due to flood during last few days.

Of them, six people died in Gournadi thana area and one in Agailjhara thana. Those killed were identified as Moulana Jainal, 52, of Kashemabad village, Ria, 2, of North Bijoypur village, Salma, 3, of Magura Madaripur village, Zannat, 4, of Kamalapur village, Fazle Majumder, 65, of Kamalapur village, Rubel, 3, of Chandshi village, and Saiful, 5, of Sarikal village of Gournadi thana while Md Abdul Haq, 72, an old man died in Valukusha village in Agailjhara thana. District administration and local sources admitted the deaths.

They also said, these people died by drowning in flood waters or by getting trapped under razed dwelling houses during heavy rainfall. Rubel and Saiful died on August 3. The death figure may rise if stagnant water remains static for a few more days, they added.

Meanwhile the overall flood situation in five thanas of the district remained almost static till filing of this report on August 4.

According to different sources, at least 36 villages of these thanas areas have been engulfed by flood waters. Incessant rainfall during this rainy season also deteriorated the entire situation, local sources added. Official sources admitted that more than one lakh people have been affected more or less.

More than 5,075 dwelling houses have been submerged including several hundred acres of cropland, 90 cattlehead 200 poultry birds either have been drowned, missing or killed, 291 kilometres roads, 60 bridges or culverts, 72 different educational institutions have been severely damaged.

Agriculture Extension Department (AED) here could not assess the damage of various crops immediately. Though they apprehended widespread damage of seed-beds in different places of the thana areas which remained still under flood waters. A large quantity of betel-leaf particularly in Agailjhara thana has been damaged badly leaving the growers in great misery.

According to district Relief and Rehabilitation sources, Gournadi and Agailjhara thana areas of the district are the

worst flood-hit areas this time. Flood waters remained stagnant for days together caused serious damage to the seed-beds and standing crops here, said local thana official sources. Fast receding flood waters from the upstream to the sea have also aggravated the situation. Erosion of some rivers is also going on unabated.

Abul Hasanat Abdullah, Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad visited Kalkini of Madaripur district, Gournadi of Barisal district and Kotalipara of Gopalganj district and distributed relief materials including cash money among the affected people on Monday. He was accompanied by Md Yahia Mollah, Barisal Divisional Commissioner, Md Alauddin, Deputy Commissioner, Barisal, Binoy Kumar Bala, Addl Police Super, Barisal and others.

Kalkini thana area is situated at the end of Barisal district and under Madaripur district. Now Pubali Bangram, Baultali and Khawdul villages in Kalkini are still under knee deep flood waters. Local people informed, a vast area of these villages remains out of embankment and so water from the Arial Khan river submerged the area. It is a long felt problem for the residents of the aforesaid villages.

The Chief Whip also visited Kotalipara of Gopalganj district. Several hundred people have remained marooned there. In Kotalipara thana, Ramshil union is the worst-hit area. The Chief Whip went to Ramshil bazar accompanied by Nasiruddin, Deputy Commissioner of Gopalganj district.

The main problem was with the embankment beside Ramshil where there is no sluice gate to letout the flood water. The local people cut a huge area of the embankment at last. The situation may improve gradually, local people hoped.

UNB reports from Rangpur: Some 20,000 families of 27 unions in six thanas of the district have so far been affected by flood.

Of them, according to official sources, 3,700 families were affected badly while 16,400 suffered partial losses of their properties.

The affected thanas are: Gangachara, Pirgacha, Kaunia, Mitharganj, Badarganj and Patihapur. Flood water damaged over

1000 dwelling houses completely and 349 partially, said the officials.

Crops on 94 hectares of land, 55-km road and five educational institutions have been damaged due to the natural calamity, they added.

Besides, about 6,000 families in seven unions of Gangachara thana have been rendered homeless by the erosion of the river Teesta. It devoured two cross dams at Dhamur in the sadar thana.

The erosion-hit families have taken shelter on the flood protection embankment and are living in great hardships under open sky.

They urged the authorities to take steps for their rehabilitation.

Our Kushtia correspondent Fakhru Nessa reports: With receding of water level of both the rivers Padma and Gorai flood situation has improved in the district.

According to latest information, about one lakh people have been affected by flood in 17 unions of six thanas. A total of 10,000 people of Daulatpur thana have been marooned, while more than 2,000 people have been rendered homeless due to erosion of the river Padma. The erosion has caused havoc in 13 villages of eight unions of the thana.

Ahsanul Haq Mollah, BNP MP who visited the affected places in remote areas said that homeless people had taken shelter on high land and Raita Mohishkundi Flood Protection Embankment. He demanded of the government to send adequate relief materials to the homeless people.

A large number of cattlehead have been lost due to flood and the affected people are suffering for want of food, fuel oil and pure drinking water. As a result waterborne diseases have broken out in an epidemic form. No relief materials have reached them and they are almost starving without food and other daily necessities. They have lost their crop land which have gone into the river bed.

Prof Shahidul Islam, BNP MP who visited the flood affected area of Bheramara said that about 10,000 people have been affected there. Moular beel and Kubir beel area have been submerged totally. As a result crops on 5,000 acres of land have been damaged.

Most affected areas are Jagambar, Parankhali, Sat-



RANGPUR: A vital road at Nohali union under Gangachara thana of the district is being eroded by the river Teesta. — Star photo

baria, Arkandi, Junladaha, Mirzapur, Raita, Bahadurpur, Khemerdar, Bilsuka, Babanipur, Gopalnagar and Solodag.

Scarcity of drinking water in the affected areas has aggravated the situation and water borne diseases have broken out. Prof Shahid added. According to present chairman of eight unions of Daulatpur thana about 25,000 have been affected and most of the affected families particularly the marooned people are living a sub-human life.

Two deaths have been reported, one from Chilmari union and another from Ramkrishnapur union. Abu Zafar Siddique special PP and a prominent Awami League leader while visiting the affected places recently expressed his sympathy with the marooned people. As there was no relief materials with him either from his party or from the government side he spent some money from his own pocket and gave them to the most distressed people of the area. The concerned union parishad chairmen said that crops on 3,000 acres of land have been totally damaged, while crops on

1,500 acres of land have been partially damaged. As many as 500 dwelling houses have been totally damaged, while 1,000 dwelling houses have been partially damaged.

Ten cattle have died and one kilometer road have been totally damaged, while one culvert has been washed away. The affected unions are Philnagar, Maricha, Ramkrishnapur, Chilmari, Adabarba, Khalisakundi, Boria and Pragpur. The affected people are passing their days without food and proper shelter. Diarrhoea and other intestinal diseases have broken out in the affected areas for want of pure drinking water. But no medical team has reached there. No relief materials have been available to save them.

The affected villages are Mohammadpur, Charpara, Choruikuri, Islampur, Kandirpara, Sonatola, Purba Amdanir ghat, Bazumara, Chakrampur, Uttar Udayanagar.

Meanwhile, the situation in Kumarkhali and Khokhs has improved. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Kushtia, Md Abdus Salam visited the flood af-

ected areas of Daulatpur thana recently and said that about 5,000 acres of crop land have been damaged by flood water and erosion in Daulatpur thana. About 500 dwelling houses have been completely devoured. About 1,500 dwellings have been partially damaged. The losses have been estimated to be about Taka 3 crore.

The district administration has given 34 tons of rice and 18,000 taka cash money among 4,270 affected families of four unions in Daulatpur thana. Besides, 3 metric tons of rice have been distributed among the flood affected people of Charsadpur village of Kumarkhali thana, according to the district relief office sources.

The relief, so far, distributed is too meagre to cope with the situation. People who took shelter on high land or in the flood protection embankments have started coming back to their respective houses. The marginal farmers have been turned into beggars by losing crops. They need immediate relief and agricultural inputs to cultivate crops again in their land.

Barisal cadets make their year

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, Aug 8: Barisal Cadet College scored a brilliant result in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination this year.

Fifty examinees took part in the SSC examination this year, of whom 28 examinees secured positions in the merit list while others got star marks at least with five letters each.

In Science group the successful examinees secured the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th and 20th positions from this cadet college. In many cases more than one examinees secured the same place

in the merit list. In Social Science group the 1st, 3rd and 11th positions were secured by the examinees of this college.

A joyful atmosphere has been prevailing in the Barisal Cadet College campus after publication of SSC result. All the students and teachers in the college have been delighted to see the unique success this year.

Prof Mahabubul Alam Bhuiyan, Principal, Barisal Cadet College, said to The Daily Star over telephone, "We are very proud of our students. They scored a very brilliant re-

sult this year. We are satisfied. Major Maqsood, Adjutant of the college also said, it is the most brilliant result of our students since the independence of Bangladesh. But he regretted, the national dailies' coverage is not so satisfactory, while the press coverage of other institutions is very prominent. We should get a better coverage, he added.

Despite a poor coverage in the national dailies I am very proud of our students and we are hoping more good results in the years to come in future, he hoped.



SYLHET: Five students of the Sylhet Cadet College got positions in the combined merit list of the SSC examination this year from the Comilla Board. They are (from left) Touhid Sarwar, First in the Science group, Latiful Bari Siddiquee, 7th in Humanities group, Subrata Paul, 14th in Humanities group, Suman Chandra Banik, 15th in Science group and Md Fazle Rabbi, 20th in Humanities group. — Star photo

'Drought hampers jackfruit production in Moulvibazar

From Rajat Kanti Goswami

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 8: Jackfruit remains very expensive this year in Moulvibazar. The prices are much higher in comparison to those sold last year.

Jackfruits production in Moulvibazar district was hampered due to a prolonged drought early this year. Most of the cones dried up because of absence of rain, rise in temperature in the district.

Normally harvesting of jackfruit begins from the last week of April and continues till first part of August. However, April to July is considered as proper harvesting season.

The wholesale markets at Brahminbazar under Kulaura thana, Shamsernagar under Kamalganj thana and Srimongal town have already become crowded by buyers from different pieces of surrounding dis-

tricts, but supply of fruits in the markets is comparatively poor. So prices went up. Different qualities of jackfruit are now selling between Taka 2,500 to Taka 6,500 per 100.

In Moulvibazar the total area used for jackfruit production is not known. According to an expert, jackfruit trees are being spread all over the district mainly in hilly area. They grow under minimum care. So the exact data about production is not available.

Answering to a question, the expert said that the Agriculture Extension Department has no plan to solicit jackfruit cultivation, though such plan would be helpful not only for the interested growers but economy of the district also. He mentioned that the Agriculture Research Centre at Akberpur near Moulvibazar town are more or less

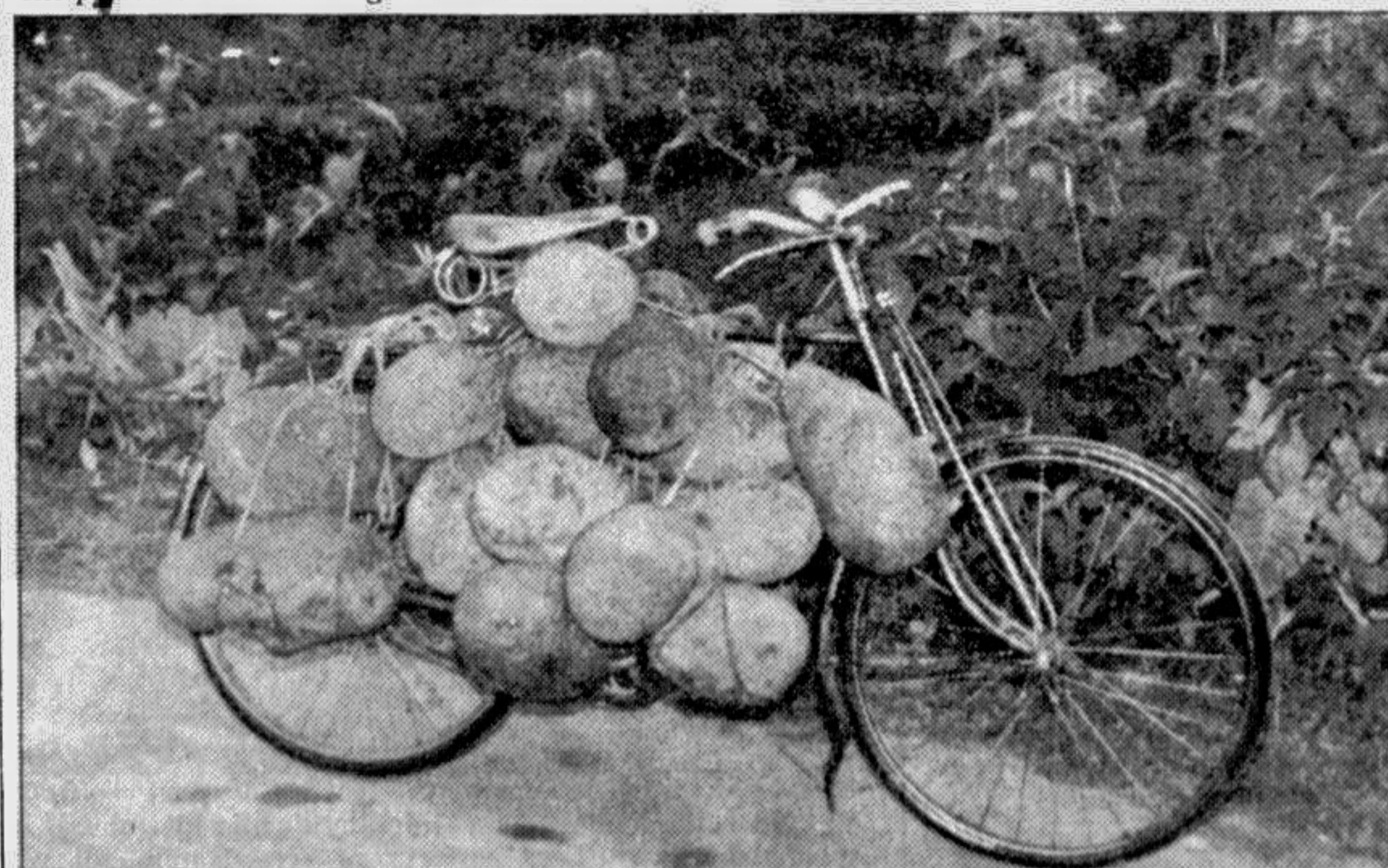
working on the development of jackfruit along with other traditional fruits.

In Moulvibazar alone about five crore jackfruits are produced on 4,500 acres of land under six thanas. Most of the jackfruits are being produced in the hilly areas of Kulaura, Baralekha, Srimongal, Kamalganj and sadar thana. Cutting down of the trees and flood water are two other reasons contributing to its extinction.

It is learnt that if the present trend of cutting down the trees continues, the production will be reduced drastically.

On the other hand, jackfruit cultivation is not profitable now-a-days due to absence of proper marketing, transportation and storage facilities.

Every season huge quantities of jackfruits remain unsold and got wasted.



MOULVIBAZAR: Bi-cycle is the mode of transport through which jackfruits are carried to various markets. This picture was taken from Srimongal thana in the district. — Star photo

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department
Patuakhali Zone, Patuakhali

Tender Notice

No-02/G&NGM/PZ/FD/98-99 Date: 30/7/98Eng

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are invited from A-1, A-2 classes of contractors enlisted with facilities Department for construction of 2 (two) class rooms with two-unit pucca latrine, installation of tubewells and electrification in selected madrasahs under the project "Development of (Government and Non-government) Madrasahs."

Group No	District	Thana	Name of educational institutions
1.	Patuakhali	Bauphal	Dipasha Islamia Dakhil Madrasah.
2.	Patuakhali	Bauphal	Uttar Dashpara Dakhil Madrasah.
a)	Estimated cost of each group		: Taka 11,10,500.00.
b)	Amount of earnest money for each group		: Taka 22,210.00.
c)	Cost of each set of tender		: Taka 750.00 (non-refundable)
d)	Time limit for completion of each group of work		: 04 (four) months.
e)	Last date and time of purchasing tender document		: 23/8/98 (during office hours).
f)	Date and time for submitting tender documents		: 24/8/98 (at 1:00 PM)
g)	Date and time of opening tender document		: 24/8/98 (at 1:30 PM).
h)	Offices where tender documents will be available: Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Patuakhali and Barisal Zone, Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal and office of Assistant Engineer of Barguna district.		

i) Earnest money in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Patuakhali Zone, will have to be submitted with each tender.

Terms and conditions

- Permission for purchase of tender will have to be taken from appropriate authority by producing original copies of the following documents and attested photocopies of all these papers will have to be submitted with tender.
 - Certificate of renewal of licence up-to-date.
 - Certificate of payment of income-tax up-to-date.
 - VAT registration certificate.
 - Certificate of satisfactory completion of work in this department from Executive Engineer with the copy of work order.
- Contractor cannot claim any sort of financial benefit if the work is cancelled or changed for any reason.
- Bills will be paid subject to availability of allocation. The contractor will be obliged to complete the work within the stipulated period.
- The tender of participating contractor/contractor firm will be cancelled outright if any wrong information is provided in the Eligibility Evaluation Form.
- Income tax and VAT will be deducted against bill as per government rules.
- Tenders will be outright cancelled if the quoted rate is less than over 5% of the estimated cost.

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

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