

News snaps

Two outlawed party activists held

JESSORE, Aug 26: Police arrested two activists of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party from an abandoned house at Shakargathi village in Sadar thana here on Monday night, reports UNB.

They were identified as gang leader Gafur, 38, son of late Abul Bepari and Abu Taleb, son of late Sultan Mollah of village Chaitantola of the thana. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house and arrested them with one pistol, one shutter gun, 5 rounds of cartridges, 6 rounds of rifle bullets and 9 crackers. Two separate cases were lodged with the police.

Four dacoits caught red-handed

MYMENSINGH, Aug 26: Four dacoits were caught red-handed by the villagers at Dakatia village in Bhaluka thana here on Monday night, reports UNB.

They are identified as Fazlu, 25, Nazrul, 23, Sayed, 27, and Sabur, 23. Police said a gang of armed dacoits stormed into the house of Helaluddin at about 2 am. Hearing the hue and cry, the villagers gheraoed the spot and caught hold of them. Later, the dacoits were handed over to the local police.

One killed in bus accident

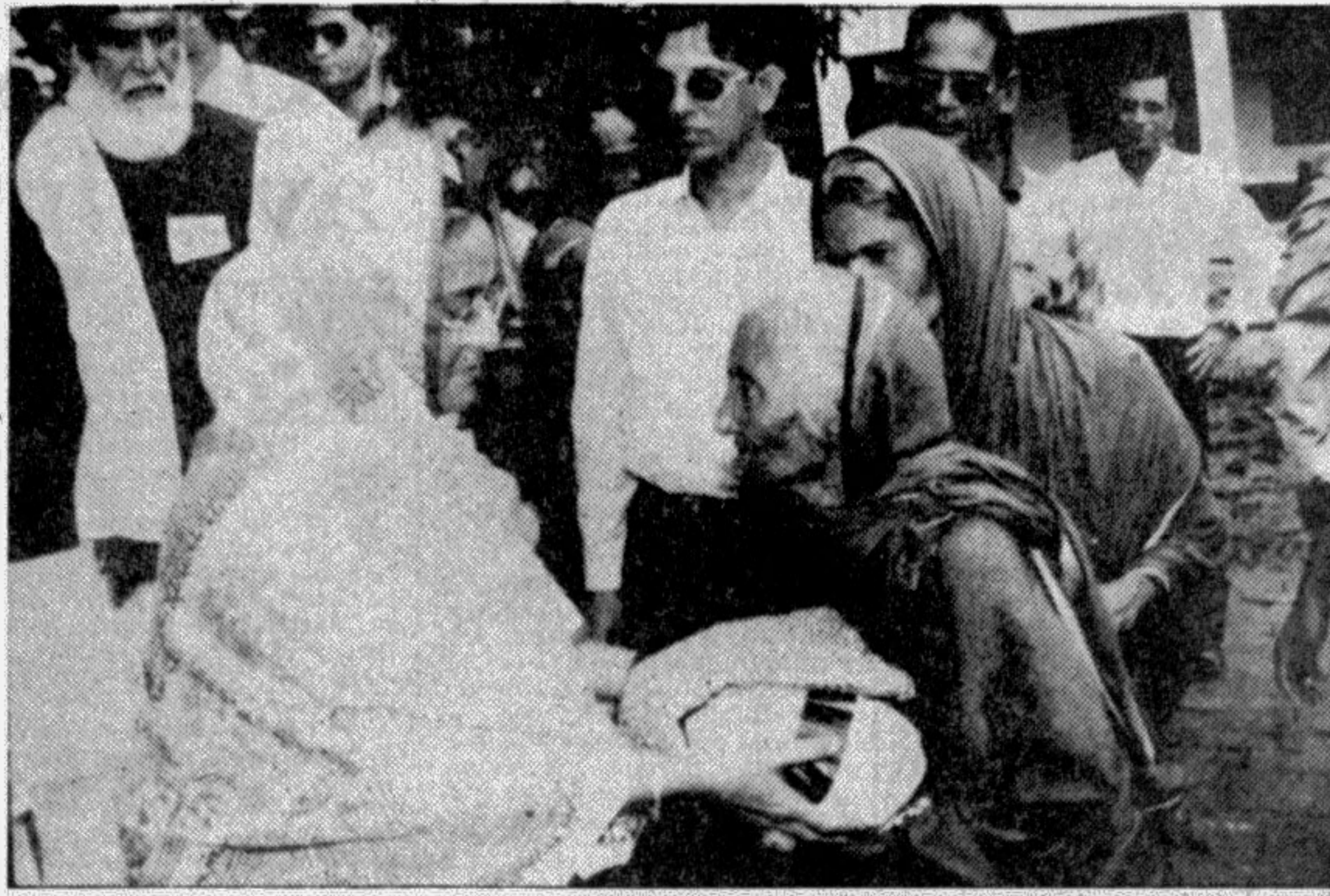
From Our Correspondent

NETROKONA, Aug 26: One person was killed and 12 others were injured in a bus accident at Durgaram on Netrakona-Takurakna road on Monday. Witnesses said the accident occurred when a Netrakona-bound bus tried to save a cow that was crossing the road. But the bus itself fell into a roadside ditch. Bus helper was killed on the spot as he tried to save himself jumping out of the bus. Among the injured, three were admitted to Netrakona Sadar Hospital with critical injuries.

8 projects implemented in Manikganj

MANIKGANJ, Aug 26: Manikganj Zila Parishad implemented eight development projects at a cost of Tk 39 lakhs in the last fiscal, reports BSS.

The projects are RCC bridge on Ghior-Kautia road, footpath bridge on Banchamara-Kalyanpur road, repair of Putail Union Parishad building, boundary wall of Manikganj Sadar dakhungalo, construction of Singair dakhungalo and main gate of Manikganj Zila Parishad office and its boundary wall and repair of Zila Parishad building.



GAIBANDHA: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina distributing relief materials among the flood victims in Gaibandha on Tuesday. — PID photo

10000 become homeless in Chandpur Flood situation has turned worse

From Our Correspondent

HABIGANJ, Aug 26: The flood situation at Ajmiriganj, Baniyachong, Nabiganj and Lakhaitan of Habiganj district has deteriorated further with the rise of water level due to incessant rains and onrush of flood waters from the upstream during the last 24 hours.

Nearly half of the Habiganj pourashava area have gone 2 to 3 feet under flood waters. The rivers Bheramohona, Khusiyara and Dolshori are flowing above danger level. The situation in the upper regions of the district however remained static.

District administration office source said 20 persons died and 3 were missing due to flood so far. About 7,80,678 people in 77 unions of 8 thanas including Habiganj pourashava are badly affected.

The losses are: crops of 47,809 hectares of land and 42816 residential houses, 229 bridges and culverts, 1635-km roads, 232-km embankment and 934 educational institutions were damaged by flood. Road communications between Dhaka and Sylhet have been disrupted as the roads at different points, particularly near Madhabpur, have gone under water.

Acute scarcity of food and medicine is prevailing and relief operation is inadequate in the affected areas. Besides, no relief materials have reached many affected low-lying haor areas. Also, water-borne diseases have also broken out in different areas.

Our Chandpur correspondent adds: Almost all the houses at Chandpur town are submerged as the flood situation has

turned worse. About 25 thousand people have taken shelters in 90 camps. All shops, firms, educational institutions remained closed. Ten thousands people became homeless when breach developed in the Hajiganj-Toragar protection embankment on Tuesday at several points.

In 1988, the maximum flood level was 107 cm. About 20 thousand people of char areas of Chandpur sadar are badly affected. The affected chars are Ishan Bala, Charpareh, Atur

char and char Kashem. Chandpur irrigation project at katakhal is also threatened by floods. Boulders at Chandpur town protection embankment were washed away at Railway station.

Our Kushtia correspondent reports: Flood situation in Kushtia has deteriorated again following further rise of water level of both the rivers Ganges (Padma) and Goral.

The Ganges rose 3 centimetres while Goral rose 5 centimetres during the last 24 hours and are flowing 45 centimetres and 36 centimetres above the danger mark respectively, inundating more areas of 40 unions of six thanas of the district.

Scarcity of pure drinking water is prevailing as most of the hand tubewells have gone under flood water. As a result, water-borne diseases have broken out, but no medical aid was available there so far. Scarcity of fodder is also prevailing and about 100 cattle have died for want of fodder and treatment.

Relief materials so far available by the district administration were too inadequate to meet the demand. Meanwhile, Bheramara Paksey ferry ghat has become hazardous due to high rise of water level of the Ganges. Ferry ghat is being shifted frequently. As it takes more time to set up a makeshift new ghat, hundreds of trucks and buses remained stranded on both sides of the ferry ghat for days together causing much sufferings to the passengers.

Number of ferries have also been reduced as some ferries have gone out of order. It has been alleged.

The poor people cannot afford to buy medicine as the price is abnormally high in the local market, particularly in the rural areas.



Dhaka-Narasingdi highway went under water at different points, causing disruption of traffic movement. This picture was taken from Sahepratrap Bazar area. — Star photo

Model village project in N-dists facing setback

NATORE, Aug 26: The implementation of Model Village Project in the northern districts has been facing set back since long, reports UNB.

Official sources said an extensive plan was taken up in the 16 northern districts in 1988 to rehabilitate the landless, destitute and floating people in the region under the Land Reform Drive.

A total of 407 cluster villages were scheduled to be set up at different places in the region with a view to making the destitute people self-reliant through providing them with the newly built houses free of cost, training and interest-free loans.

A huge amount of money was also sanctioned for the programme, which included Tk 9.54 crore for construction of houses and community centres in the cluster villages. Besides, 16,576 bundles of CI sheets and 9,522 mts of wheat were also sanctioned for the project.

Of the allotment, Tk 7.38 crore and 2,754 bundles of CI sheets have already been used in the primary stage along with 7,988 mts wheat for implementing the project.

But due to mismanagement, malpractice in acquiring Khas lands, the programme was left unfinished several years back, said an official preferring anonymity.

As a result, a total of Tk 2.15 crore, 13,822 bundles of CI sheets and 1,534 mts of wheat remained unused as the implementation of the project came to a halt.

Sources said at least 17,568 destitute families were rehabilitated so far in the constructed cluster villages. The land ownership of about 6,000 housing units were also transferred so far to the destitute families.

But local people alleged that in many cases some solvent families were also allotted houses in the cluster villages.

Bangladeshi farmer shot dead by BSF

NAOAGAN, Aug 26: A Bangladeshi farmer was shot dead by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) when he was grazing cattle on the no man's land near Chakhandi border in Dhamoirhat thana on Monday, reports UNB.

Confirming the incident, local BDR said Jamal, 35, the victim of BSF firing, was a resident of village Khairbari. He died in the spot.

Tension was prevailing in the area following the BSF action. BDR sector commander tried in vain to contact his BSF counterpart to discuss the situation.

State minister visits Ghorasal power station

GHORASAL, Aug 26: State Minister for Energy, Power and Mineral Resources Prof Refiqul Islam yesterday visited the Ghorasal Power Station, reports BSS.

The officials informed the minister that the construction of sixth unit of the power station would be completed by the end of the year and at least 210 megawatt power would be supplied to the national grid from the unit.

He directed the officials concerned to speed up the construction work.

The state minister expressed his dissatisfaction over delay of importing spare parts and construction.

The government is determined to overcome the deficit of power on priority basis. Any negligence in this regard would be severely dealt with, he said.

At least 90 per cent of the construction work of the unit have been completed, the officials said.

Shortage of X-ray films in Sylhet hospital

SYLHET, Aug 26: Poor patients of the region have been suffering much due to non-availability of X-ray films at the Osmani Medical College Hospital here, reports UNB.

Sources said the supply of the film has been suspended for quite some time, forcing the authorities to stop providing the facility to the patients except on some emergency cases.

Besides, the films used in emergency cases are also old and the images produced are not clearly visible.

Most of the patients are being asked to go to the private clinics and diagnostic centres which are too expensive for the poor people from the rural areas.

The hospital authorities said they have informed the higher authorities in Dhaka about the crisis of X-ray films here, but no step has so far been taken in this regard.

Local people have urged the authorities to take necessary measures to ensure supply of X-ray film to mitigate the sufferings of the poor patients.

Breach develops in Rajshahi town embankment

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAH, Aug 26: A breach has developed in the main part of the Rajshahi town protection embankment near the T-Groin at Srirampur in the city and water is seeping through the dam at different points.

At the same time, erosion of the T-Groin has turned serious again, threatening the entire city and the suburbs.

Army have been deployed at the T-Groin area and the highest cautious have been taken. Sandbags, stones, cement blocks and branches of trees are being put up to check the erosion of the dam but strong currents of water are washing those away within an hour.

Official sources acknowledged that the erosion of the dam had continued but the severity of the erosion could have been checked.

The T-Groin of the Rajshahi town protection dam faces erosion every year in the rainy season when the Padma suddenly swells up by rains and onrush of water from the upstream. But this year, the erosion got very serious and is continuing for a long time. The upper portion and a part of the body of the T-Groin have already been washed away. Strong currents are now affecting the main dam and a breach developed in the dam a couple of days ago near the T-Groin.

Waters seeping through the dam inundated Rajshahi central Park area, Dargah para, Alokbar Mor and Pathanpara areas. And the Padma was flowing above the danger level.

City Mayor Mijanur Rahman Ataur Rahman, Jatiya Party city unit secretary Moshitaq Ahmed Lablu, Workers party leader Fazle Hossain Badsha,

some ward commissioners and many other local bodies and elite in separate statements blamed the authorities for not taking adequate measures in time to protect the dam from erosion.

Water Development Board sources said about Tk 6 crore were allocated in 1995-96 and 1996-97 for renovation and repair of the dam. But only about 25 per cent of the total work has so far been completed.

WDB sources said a Tk 12 crore project to protect the town embankment was submitted to the Ministry last year for approval, but it was not approved. The project was again submitted this year.

Minister for Water Resources and Flood control Abdur Razzak announced an allocation of Tk 20 lakh for protection of the dam two months ago during his visit in Rajshahi. That money is also yet to be released, sources added.

One pump machine of DND project out of order

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 26: One pump machine out of four is lying inoperative due to mechanical troubles in Dhaka-Narayanganj-Derma Irrigation Project (DND) pump house at Siddhirganj for the last seven days, reports BSS.

According to sources, the repair work of the pump machine is going on and the machine would be put into operation within the next couple of days.

Each machine having 300 horse power can discharge 128 cusecs of water per second, the sources added.

One killed in clash

Tension prevailing in Kishoreganj

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 26: Tension was prevailing in Hossainpur thana headquarters here following the death of a youth on Tuesday who was injured in a clash between the two rival groups, reports UNB.

Taezuddin, 20, son of Hasan Ali, of Char Biswanathpur in the thana, was injured in the clash over lifting sands from the Brahmaputra river near the pourashava area on Sunday. He was rushed to the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital immediately.

At least 80 people were injured, four of them critically, during the day-long gunfight. Both the feuding groups damaged a number of shops in the area.

There had been a long-standing dispute between the two groups over sand lifting from the river, local people said.

Of the injured, Mukhter Hossain, 20, Munzur Mia, 20, Dulal Mia, 35, and Anzad were admitted to the MMCH in a critical condition.

Police fired ten rounds of bullets in the air and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the

clashing groups. Meanwhile, Police Super Benajir Ahmed visited the spot. Additional police force were deployed at the area to avert further trouble.

After the incident, Hossainpur Bank Samity suspended all trading activities on Monday protesting the ransacking of the business establishments by the unruly people.

Food shortage in Batrigachh corridor

LALMONIRHAT, Aug 26: The flood-affected people of Batrigachh corridor in Aditmari thana here have been suffering badly as no relief could be reached there, reports UNB.

Continuous flooding coupled with heavy downpour have caused serious food shortage in the corridor inhabited by some 8,000 people.

BTMC Notice on Office to let

Total 5800 sqft open space on 2nd floor & 2 rooms with 400 sqft floor space on 4th floor at 8 (eight)-storey Head Office building of Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation in front of Hotel Sonargaon at Kawranbazar Commercial Area will be let out for office purpose. Most modern lift facility exists.

Interested parties are requested to inspect the site to let and submit tender quoting rate of monthly rental per sqft (in words & figures) under sealed cover with elaborate address in the tender box kept at the office of Chief Engineer, BTMC, BTMC Bhaban, 3rd floor, 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka by 11-30 am of 9.9.98, which will be opened on the same day at 12-00 Noon in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Other terms & conditions regarding renting out will be decided through bilateral negotiation.

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

TMC-10
Wahidur Rahman
Chief Engineer
Ph No 328506

BJMC Advertisement Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited by the Peoples Jute Mills Limited for dispose off its Hessian Bags 94 B/s=33.49 Metric Tons, Hessian Cloth 24 B/s=12.16 Metric Tons Total 118 B/s=45.65 Metric Tons; Sacking Bags 198 B/s=53.18 Metric Tons, Sacking Cloth 34 B/s=12.58 Metric Tons Total 232 B/s=65.76 Metric Tons; Grand Total 350 B/s=111.41 Metric Tons of different qualities un-exportable jute goods (detailed description are stated in the schedule) lying in mill's godown at Town Khalishpur, Khulna.

Bonafide traders intended to purchase the above-mentioned goods will have to fulfil all terms and conditions stated in the schedule, photocopy of jute goods, trade licence and Income Tax Certificate must have to submit along with tender. Tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the (i) General Manager (Marketing), Local Sale Desk, BJMC, Dhaka (ii) Deputy General Manager (Admn), BJMC, Khulna Zonal Office, Hafizuddin Road, Charerhat, Khulna and Manager (Admn), PJM Ltd. up to 12:00 Noon of 8-9-98. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of tenderers (if any). On issue of sale order in favour of the successful tenderer, buyer have to take delivery the entire goods after payment of full value within one month from the date of work order failing his/her earnest money will be forfeited.

Tender schedule along with terms & conditions may be purchased from the office of the (i) General Manager (A&F), BJMC, Adamjee Court, Motijheel, Dhaka (ii) Dy General Manager (A&F), BJMC, Khulna Zone and Manager (Accts & Finance), PJM Ltd, Town Khalishpur, Khulna on any working day during office hours on payment of Tk 500/- (five hundred) only (non-refundable).

No schedule will be sold on the day of opening of tender.

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

BJMC 567 Dt 17-8-98
DFP-18037-20/8
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Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

পানির অপচয় বন্ধ করুন। ম্যানহোলের ঢাকনা ছবি রাখুন।

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide manufacturers/trading house or their authorised agents for the undermentioned work.

Name of work	Date & time of receiving tender
1. Supply of dissolve metre for Pagla Sewer Treatment Plant Division.	14-9-98 up to 12-00 Noon
2. Supply of 1.5 qusec sub-pump for Dhaka WASA (20 sets).	-do-

Tenders will be opened at 2-00 PM on the date of receiving tender in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any).

Schedule of tender/bill of quantities will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address:
WASA Bhaban
98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka
WASA-PI-249/98
DFP-18152-23/8
G-1921

Md Zahurul Alam
Executive Engineer
Procurement Division
Dhaka WASA

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Road Division, Noakhali RHD Tender Invitation Notice

Notice inviting sealed tenders through Bangladesh Form No-2908.

- Tender Notice No: E/N/01 of 1998-99.
- Name of work: As per the undermentioned 'list'.
- Name of offices where tender to be had at: Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Noakhali/Laxmipur/Feni/ Planning & Design Division, Comilla and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under Noakhali Road Division.
- Name of offices to receive tender: Superintendent Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Noakhali and Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Noakhali.
- Last date & time of selling tender: 8-9-98 during office hours.
- Last date & time of receiving tender: 9-9-98 up to 12-30 PM.
- Date & time of opening tenders by the Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Noakhali: 13-9-98 at 12-45 PM.
- Detailed description of work:

Tender Notice No	Group No	Name of work & location	Estimated cost	Amount of earnest money	Time for completion of work from the date of work order	Eligibility of contractor
E/N/01 of 1998-99		Supply of stone chips, pea-gravels, 1st class brick, picket jhama/bats and sand for use in repairing work in total 2 (two) groups at different stackyards of different Sub-Divisions under Noakhali Road Division during 1998-99.				R&H enlisted general class contractors
	1	(one) Stackyard under Noakhali Road Sub-Division.	Tk 4,98,119/-	Tk 9,963/-	60 (sixty) days	A to E
	2	(two) Chatkhal Road Sub-Division.	Tk 4,99,882/-	Tk 9,998/-	60 (sixty) days	A to E

DFP-18147-23/8
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Mahiduddin Ahmed
Executive Engineer (R&H)
Road Division, Noakhali.