

## News snaps

## Boy succumbs to injuries

**KHULNA, Sept 8:** A boy injured seriously by a thief succumbed at Khulna Medical College Hospital on Monday, reports UNB.

Police said, Masum, 14, was axed mercilessly when he saw the man stealing betel-nut at village Chaltabunia in Morelgañj thana of Bagerhat district on Friday. Following deterioration of his condition Masum was shifted to the KMCH on Sunday. Another report from Pirojpur adds: A minor girl was crushed under the wheels of a bus on Pirojpur-Nazipur road on Monday. Dolon, 6, daughter of Moktar Hossain, met her tragic end while the Pirojpur-bound bus ran over her at Alamkathi in Sadar thana. The body was sent to Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

## 15 hurt in transport labourers' clash

**NAOGAON, Sept 8:** At least 15 people were injured in a clash between two groups of labour over the plying of Rajshahi mail bus at Rohanpur of Niamatpur thana here on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said a compromise meeting between the two groups of transport workers was called on the day to settle the dispute. When the meeting failed to settle the dispute, tension mounted resulting in serious clashes between the workers leaving 15 injured. Three trucks also came under attack during the clash. Later police brought the situation under control.

## Separate incidents claim 3 lives

**FENI, Sept 8:** Three people died in separate incidents during the last two days in the district, police said, reports UNB.

Nur Islam, 25, son of Hafez Mohammad Mostafa at Sulakhali village in Sonagazi thana allegedly committed suicide by taking poison on Thursday morning. Nurul Huda, 16, a student of class X and son of Ahsanullah of Gopalganj village in the same thana also allegedly committed suicide by taking poison on Friday. Causes of both the incidents of suicide could not be known immediately. A 12-year old boy named Mamun was killed on the spot when a speeding bus ran over him on Mohipla highway here on Friday morning.

## Sweetmeat shops owners evading VAT

**NAOGAON, Sept 8:** The owners of sweetmeat shops here are evading Value Added Tax (VAT) depriving the government of huge revenue earning every year, reports UNB.

Most of the owners of over 400 sweetmeat shops in 11 thanas of the district do not give any cash memo to the customers though it is obligatory under the existing law and rules. The owners should mention specifically and clearly the amount of VAT against the price which is seldom followed by them, alleged some customers. But majority of the customers are not aware of the matter and do not ask for any cash memo. National Board of Revenue has also asked the owners to hang price tags and stickers at the back of the counter so that the customers can see it easily. The directive is not being followed by them properly. A source said indifferent attitude of the officials and employees of local VAT collectorate encourage the owners to evade the tax.

## Various diseases claim 100 cattles

**NETROKONA, Sept 8:** At least 100 cattles have died and over 500 attacked by cattle diseases in the flood-hit areas of the district, reports UNB.

The cattle have been attacked by the diseases locally known as 'Geisha', 'Bakedara', 'Golafulla' and other deadly diseases that broke out in the district in an alarming proportion. The badly affected thanas are Sadar, Barhatta, Mohanganj, Kalmakanda, Durgapur, Purbadhala, Atpara and Madan. Local people said scarcity of medicine has aggravated the situation. Meanwhile, fodder scarcity has turned acute in the district due to the prolongation of flood.

## Work on 14 uplift schemes progressing

**RAJBARI, Sept 8:** Work on 14 uplift schemes here, at a cost of Tk 2.75 crore, for the current fiscal year are progressing fast, reports UNB.

Local Government Engineering Department is implementing the schemes under the Rural Infrastructure Maintenance Programme. The project works included carpeting on three-km connecting road, construction of three box-culverts, one drain and five RCC bridges. Official sources said, 40 per cent work has already been completed and the rest is expected to be implemented by December next. With the implementation of the schemes, the rural communication network in the district will be improved to a great extent.

## Housewife, girl killed in road accidents

**NATORE, Sept 8:** A housewife and a nine-year-old girl were killed in two separate road accidents on September 3 on Natore-Bogra highway, reports BSS.

Pinjira Begum, 35, was run over by a speeding truck while she was crossing the road at Dakhin Kalikapur. She died on the spot. Rupali, daughter of Onan Ali of village Hashpukuria in Singra thana was run over by a passenger bus at Ronoghata bus stand. She died on the spot, eye witnesses said.

## Freshers' orientation programme held

**MYMENSINGH, Sept 8:** Freshers orientation 1997-98 of the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) was held in the Shilpacharya Joyntul Abedin auditorium of BAU on September 3, reports BSS.

The orientation function was presided over by Prof Anamulhakar Sarkar, student affairs adviser of BAU. Convener of the Dean Council Dr Kamrul Hassan and convener of the Provost Council Dr Akutar Hossain, among others, spoke on the occasion.

## Timbers seized

**LANDARBAN, Sept 8:** The special team of the district Forest Department seized timbers of about 3,000 cft from the traffickers during last four months, reports UNB.

The seized timbers have already been auctioned at Tk 10 lakh last month. Official sources said stringent measures are being taken to combat the increasing timber smuggling in the district. They also sought co-operation of the people in this regard.

## 2 commit suicide in Kotchandpur

**JHENAI DAH, Sept 8:** Two persons allegedly committed suicide in Kotchandpur thana of Jhenaidah district last week, reports BSS.

Police and hospital sources said Nasima Khatun, 20, a housewife of village Fulbaria committed suicide by taking poison. She was admitted to Kotchandpur thana hospital where she died. One Ukidee, 27, of village Pachalla committed suicide by taking pesticide.

## 15,292 cattles vaccinated

**TANGAIL, Sept 8:** A total of 15,292 cattles and 23,9,808 poultry birds were vaccinated during the last financial year in Bashall thana, reports BSS.

Thana livestock department sources said, 5013 cattles and 6197 poultry birds were also treated in the period. Besides, 25,027 chicks and 600 ducklings of one-day old, one thousand grown-up fowls and 23,800 eggs of high breed varieties fowls were distributed in the period. Eleven chicks and two duckling hatchery units, 33 poultry, 6 goat and 7 ram farms were set-up in the thana under the supervision of the Livestock Department.

## Madhupur yatemkhana's AGM held

**TANGAIL, Sept 8:** The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the managing committee of Madhupur Barabaid Yatemkhana was held on Saturday at its premises with Maulavi Md Abdul Absid Sarker in the chair, reports BSS.

Maulana Mohammad Abdus Salam Rajee, secretary of the orphanage placed his annual report. A 17 member managing committee for a two-year term with Maulavi Md Abdul Absid Sarker as president and Maulana Mohammad Abdus Salam Rajee as secretary was formed in the meeting.

## Cub orientation course opens

**SATKHIRA, Sept 8:** The fourth cub orientation course organised by Satkhira Sadar thana Scouts was inaugurated here at a function held recently at the sadar thana parishad auditorium, reports BSS.

The orientation course was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner, Saiful Alam as the chief guest in the function. The function was presided over by the Thana Nirbahi Officer Sobir Ahmed. The function was also addressed, among others, by the District Primary Education Officer Horshed Alam, Thana Education Officer Abdul Haque, Yunus Ali, Asharafuddin, Abdul Hakim, and Abdur Razzak.

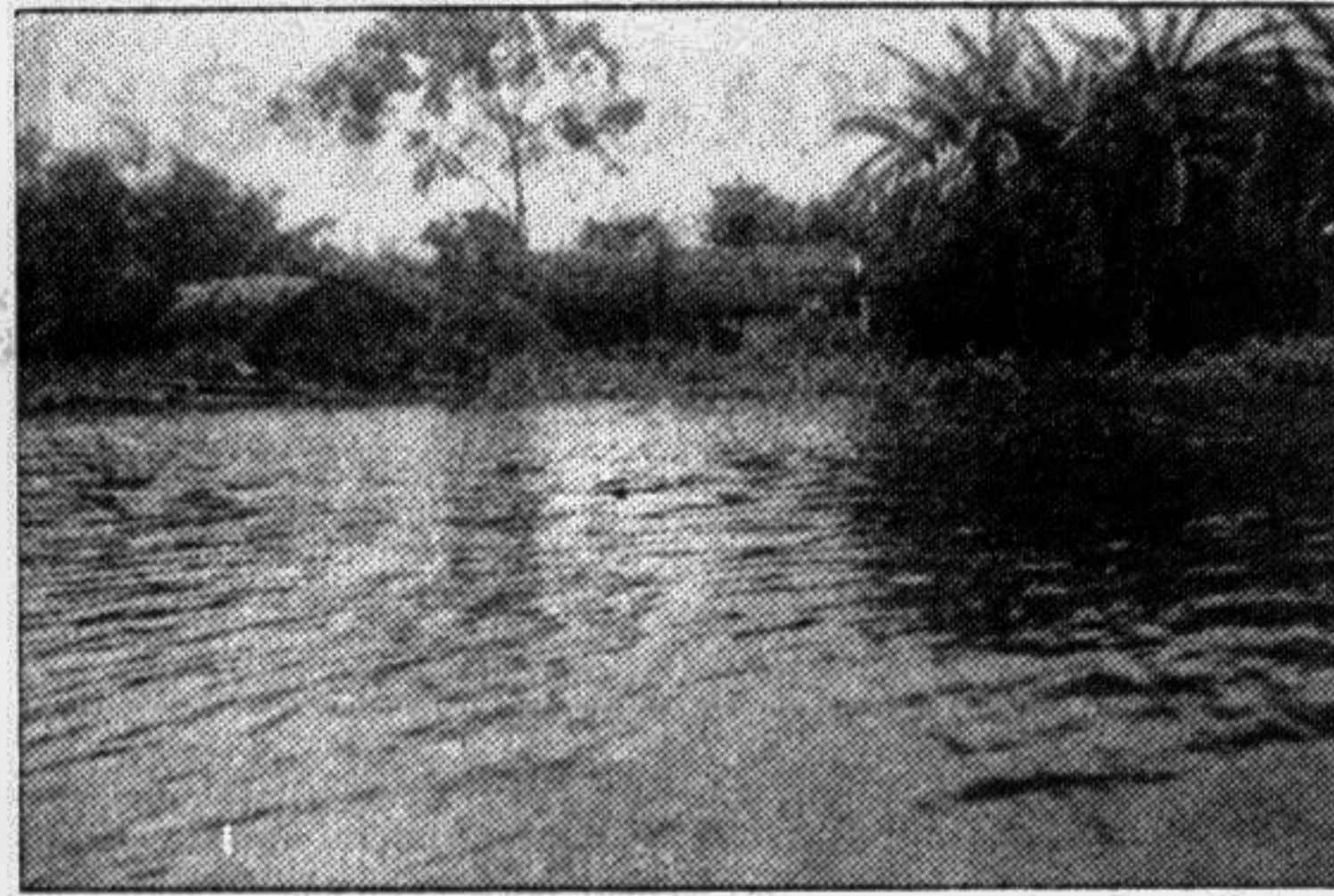
## Loan distributed among trained youths

**TANGAIL, Sept 8:** Youth Development Department distributed loan of Taka 13,24,950 among 56 trained youths of both sex for their self-employment projects recently, reports BSS.

Md Abdus Satter Khan, Deputy Commissioner, Tangail distributed the loan as the chief guest in a simple ceremony held in the District Youth Office.



**CHANDPUR:** Haziganj municipal market has been submerged by flood water. — Star photo



**GAIBANDHA:** Flood waters have inundated village Kunderpara in Fulchhari thana for the third time. Star photo

## Flood victims leading a sub-human life in relief camps of Mymensingh

From Our Correspondent

**MYMENSINGH, Sept 8:** The sufferings of flood-hit people have increased manifold with heavy downpour in many parts of the district for the last few days.

The flood stricken people who have taken shelter in different flood shelters are the worst affected. Their houses are still under flood water.

Meanwhile, over two thousand families are living in 18 flood-shelters for more than one month. They have been leading a sub-human life for want of sufficient relief materials, pure drinking water. Medical and sanitary facilities are also not available in the relief shelters. Said some flood-hit families who are living in different shelters of the town for more than four weeks.

Fazila Khatun, a middle aged woman who has been living in a pre-cadet high school with 105 other families from the beginning of the flood told this correspondent that she had got a total of 12 kg rice and wheat for her six-member family. Md Suraj Ali, a day labourer who leads a five-member family also expressed his woes in the same tone. When the correspondent asked about the medical facilities they told that they get saline packet and a few tablets when they wanted, but there is no proper medicare system regularly.

Md Akbar Ali, President of local Bastuhara Bohumukhi Samabae Samity (BBS) who has been living in another flood-shelter of the town among 78 families told, relief materials are not worth mentioning adding that we are passing our

days in great hardship as we are out of work now. He also said that no latrine facilities is present now as two latrines of the shelter have gone beyond use for proper maintenance. They are using open places in response to natural call which has threatened to spread various diseases.

Md Ismail Sheikh, who had a grocery shop which was damaged in the flood has taken shelter under the open sky in front of Kotwali thana with 200 other families for more than one month. He told this correspondent that the relief materials which we have got so far during our stay in the shelter is very poor. He also informed, there is no latrine in his shelter. So they are using open places beside the Brahmaputra river for their natural call polluting the environment. We have made a make-shift latrine which has been broken down due to heavy pressure of 200 families." Ismail Sheikh told.

Jahanara Begum, an old woman aged about 70, also expressed her grievance about toilet problems. She also said that scarcity of drinking water is also prevailing in the shelter as only one tubewell has been installed here for such a large number of families.

A middle-aged woman sheltered here angrily refused to say something to this correspondent as she has been passing her days with her family members in a sub-human condition for want of daily necessities. She said, "We want some relief to live but not report in the newspapers." Such scenes are very common in every flood shelter.

Different educational institutions, socio-cultural organisations including Red-Crescent Society, Mrittunjyot School, Mukul Niketon and Muminunnessa College Students Union distributed 'rutu', 'chira' and molasses among the flood-victims.

The government should take immediate steps to supply more relief materials including installation of more tubewells and increasing medical and sanitary facilities in all the flood shelters and other flood-hit areas of the district.

Affluent section of the society and other socio-cultural organisations should come forward to respond quickly and generously to the appeal of the flood victims.

Our Habiganj correspondent says: The devastating flood has caused extensive damage to crops, houses and other properties in the district.

District Relief and Rehabilitation Office sources said, 20 persons died, 321 wounded and 3 others were missing in the different affected areas of the district due to flood so far.

A total of 8,02,835 people in 77 unions of the district have been badly affected. As many as 2,700 cattles died, 38,191 houses damaged, crops on 50,013 hectares of land, 35,106 trees, 210 bridges and culverts, 1,356 km road, 131 km embankment, 1,591 ponds, 105 fish farms, 670 deep tubewells and 851 educational, other institutions have been damaged by flood.

The sources further said, the government has sanctioned Taka 5,50,000 and 400 metric tons of rice for the flood vic-

tims in the district.

Besides, 550 tons of biscuits, 3,990 pieces of sarees and 1,448 pieces of lunges have been sanctioned for the flood affected people.

The flood victims alleged that, the relief materials are insufficient and acute scarcity of food and medicine has been prevailing in the affected areas. Meanwhile, diarrhoea and water-borne diseases have been broken out in different flood affected areas of the district.

**UNB reports from Rajbari:** The flood situation worsened further in Rajbari district with water level of Padma at Doulatdia ghat flowing 29 cm above the 1988 flood level.

Water Development Board sources said, presently the water level of the river at the ghat was flowing 162 cm above the danger mark.

The authorities were forced to close the two ferry ghats at Doulatdia from Tuesday morning due to strong current which inundated the roads leading to the ferry ghats.

With this, all the three ferry ghats have been closed resulting in partial, snapping of road link between the capital and southern part of the country.

Meanwhile, the river so far engulfed six villages of Debogram union of Goulunda thana rendering thousands of people shelterless. The villages are Charpalond, Pandi, Kushahata, Biswanathpur, Fushirhat and Debogram.

The homeless people, who have taken shelter on the highway and other safer places, are passing their days in great hardship.



**BARISAL:** Barisal launch terminal is threatened by erosion of the river Kirtonkhola. — Star photo

## Steps sought to check unabated erosion by 5 rivers in Pirojpur

**PIROJPUR, Sept 8:** Rivers in the district have devoured a vast tract of land rendering hundreds of people shelterless and endangering the existence of 10 river ports and a number of villages, reports UNB.

The erosion of the rivers Baleswar, Kocha, Kaliganga, Modhumati and Sandhya has intensified further in the last few years due to lack of adequate measures by the authorities concerned.

The threatened river ports are Tushkhali, Telikhali, Charkhali, Hularhat, Kauhali, Rajbari, Jalabari, Sreeramkathi and Indherhat.

Over 150 business establishments, shops and several hundred dwelling houses have already been devoured by the rivers so far, said the victims of the erosions.

Most of the river ports had to shift for several times due to unabated erosion.

About 30 saw mills at Indherhat were devoured by the river Sandhya seriously hampering the timber business in the area. Both the ports of Jalabari and Rajbari were shifted to one kilometre inside and hundreds of families rendered homeless due to the erosion.

The Water Development Board (WDB) has taken steps to check river erosion at Hularhat and Kauhali ports, but the erosion of the river Kaliganga

continues unabated.

The authorities are planning to shift Kauhali port to another place. The steamer terminal at Hularhat port is being shifted time to time.

Erosion in the river Kocha has threatened Charkhali launch and ferry ghats. Several hundred dwelling houses have already been devoured by the river at Goira, Indurkani,

## 481 cases of crimes recorded in Jamalpur in 8 months

**JAMALPUR, Sept 8:** Some 481 cases of crimes were recorded with the police in the district during the last eight months, reports UNB.

The cases are recorded with Sharishabari, Melandaha, Madarganj, Islampur, Dewanganj, Bakshiganj and sadar thanas from January to August this year, police said.

Four cases are related to robbery, 64 burglary, 45 riot, three vandalism, 23 murder, two kidnap, 26 repression against women, four arms case, 8 smuggling, 6 drug abuse and 229 others.

Sources said that there is a rising trend in the number of crimes in the district.

The local people, however, said the number of crimes committed is much higher than the cases recorded with the police.

## Runner Editor killing Half-day hartal call in Jessore

From Our Correspondent

**JESSORE, Sept 8:** Police have taken Shahadat on remand for three days for his alleged involvement in the murder of Saiful Alam Mukul. Editor of The Runner, a local vernacular daily.

According to Police, Shahadat has already disclosed certain vital informations which might help them arrest the killers.

Meanwhile, strike was observed in all local newspapers on Monday in protest against the murder. Sarbo Dalio Oikkyo Jote has also called half-day hartal on Thursday to protest the murder.

## Tragic

From Staff Correspondent

**BARISAL, Sept 8:** An old man who had gone to the local office of the Sub-registrar to know the condition of his inherited land returned home dead.

Witnesses said, Mainuddin, 60, went to the Sub-registrar office of Hizla thana in Barisal on Monday to make an enquiry into his inherited property at Kalika village of Guabaria Union in Hizla thana. After enquiry he learnt that all of his properties had been registered as 'vested property'. The news shocked him much. As a result he fell down he senseless. But he did not regain sense.

Later he was taken to the Hizla Thana Health Complex where the doctor on duty declared him dead.

## Monetary help for Rajbari farmers

**RAJBARI, Sept 8:** The government has undertaken a Post-flood Agriculture Rehabilitation Programme in the district, involving Tk about 12.74 lakh, reports UNB.

This was disclosed at a meeting held recently at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room with DC M Amrul Karim in the chair.

The meeting reached a decision to provide cash to the affected farmers to buy fertiliser, seeds and seedlings.

Official sources said, the district administration with the help of field workers is enlisting the name of the real affected farmers on priority basis.

With the allotted money some 2,300 farmers will be the beneficiaries.

Meanwhile, a total of 24,596 hectares of land have been brought under transplanted 'Aman' cultivation in four thanas of the district during the current season.

## Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority

141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

## Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from bonafide manufacturers suppliers for supply of various kinds of stationery goods.

1. Tender No : Croy-20/98 dated-27-8-98.
2. Earnest money : 2% of the quoted total amount (Refundable) through Pay Order/Call Deposit/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of BIWTA to be submitted along with the tender as earnest money.
3. Price of tender : Tk. 100/= (One hundred) (non-refundable).
4. Place where tender : BIWTA, Accounts Dept., 9th floor, "BIWTA Bhaban," 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
5. Place date and time : Purchase and Stores Dept., Regional Office, 1st floor, BIWTA Bhaban, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka and Room No-817 (8th floor), Bhaban No-6, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka up to 15:00 hours on 16-9-98.
6. Opening date and : At 15:15 hours on 16-9-98 in presence of the tenderer (if any).

No tender schedule will be sold on the opening day and no tender will be received after schedule date and time. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

PR-72/98 Md Golam Moula Mallan  
DFP-18986-3/9 Director  
G-2006 Purchase & Stores Dept.

## PWD Notice Inviting Tenders

Tender No. 0/14 of 1998-99

1. Sealed tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the Special Class-I & Class-II (One) approved bldg. contractors of PWD for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, Dhaka PWD Division-II/III/IV/City PWD Division/Eden Bldg PWD Division/Motijheel PWD Division/Azimpur PWD Division/Resources PWD Division/Maintenance PWD Division/Mirpur PWD Division/Savar PWD Division/Sher-e-Banglanagar PWD Division-I/II/III/Medical College PWD Division/Mohakhali PWD Division/Staff Officer, PWD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Divisional Commissioner's Office/Executive Officer, Agriculture PWD Division, Dhaka/Narayanganj PWD Division/Narsingdi PWD Division/Munshiganj PWD Division/Manikganj PWD Division/Gazipur PWD Division/Mymensingh PWD Division/Tangail PWD Division/Kishoreganj PWD Division/Sherpur PWD Division/Jamalpur PWD Division/Netrakona PWD Division/Chittagong PWD Division-III under Chittagong Zone/Khulna PWD Divn-I, Khulna PWD Zone/Rajshahi PWD Divn-I, Rajshahi PWD Zone, during office hours on all working days up to 27-9-98 on payment of Tk 750/- (Non-refundable) only for the notice inviting tenders, schedule of items, special terms and conditions etc. (Fixed) and a sum of Tk 25/- (Non-refundable) per copy of Tender Form No 2911. The tender form may be purchased by the contractor himself or his representative to produce the authorised letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor. The tenderer must produce the VAT registration TIN certificate & the registration book of enlistment before purchasing tender schedule, failing which no tender schedule will be sold to them. The tenderer must enclose attested copy of the VAT registration TIN certificate along with the tender.
  2. This tender has been invited considering the urgency of the work with approximate/probable estimated amount. It is, therefore, implied and binding upon the contractors that he/they are agreed to execute the work as per technically approved estimated amount by competent authority. The work order will be issued after getting administrative approval and allotment of fund of the said work from the concerned authority.
  3. During execution of work the quantities of items of work may vary and even some items or all the items of work may not be executed for which no claim is acceptable.
  4. Payment for the work done will only be made after availability of required fund and no claim of contractor is acceptable for unavoidable delay in payment.
  5. In case more than one tenderer quote the same rate and stand lowest. Selection will be made by lottery on 8-10-98 at 11:00 AM in the Chamber of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division-I, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present.
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