

### Traffic jam on Dhaka-Ctg-Sylhet highway Thousands of vehicles remain stranded for 7-hrs

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 29: Thousands of vehicles remained stranded on the Dhaka-Chittagong-Sylhet highway on Tuesday as the road witnessed a seven-hour traffic congestion, reports UNB.

The congestion on nearly 6-km stretch of the highway from Anarpar in Siddhirganj to Madanpur in Bandar thana caused untold suffering to the stranded passengers.

Vehicles also remained stranded up to Jatamura in Rupganj thana on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway.

Several women and children fainted in the heat during the long wait while many passengers proceeded towards Dhaka on foot.

Communication Minister Anwar Hossain was among the people caught in the jam, caused by mechanical failure of a goods-laden truck at Kanchpur at about 11 am.

After remaining stranded for several hours in Mouchak area of Siddhirganj, he returned to the capital via Demra, police said.

The minister was on his way to Sylhet to inaugurate a re-installed floating bridge that was washed away by gushing flood waters on July 28. The 480-foot bridge has been reinstated at a cost of Tk 30 lakh.

The jam continued until the truck was unloaded and removed from the middle of the road at about 6 pm, police said.

They said the truck was unloaded by manual labour and then pushed aside as Roads and Highways Department could not provide a wrecker till 4 in the afternoon.

Witnesses said the congestion became worse due to the arrogance of drivers and the alleged engagement of traffic police in collecting tolls at the Shimrail crossing.



JCD brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding arrest and trial of those involved in rape incidents on the Jahangirnagar University campus. — Star photo

### Conspiracy against 5th Wage Board award condemned

The Sangbadik Oikya Andolon (SOA) has condemned the conspiracy against the 5th Wage Board Award for the newspaper industry, reports APB.

The SOA president Alauddin Ahmed and general secretary Nazrul Islam, in a statement on Tuesday, said "the 5th Wage Board Award is the outcome of a long struggle of the journalists and employees of the newspaper industry."

They said vested quarters were plotting against the award when the newsmen, press workers and employees in majority of the newspapers were pressing for its implementation.

They urged newsmen, press workers and employees in the industry to unitedly resist the conspiracy.

### BOU to produce vegetable seedlings for flood affected farmers

The School of Agriculture and Rural Development of Bangladesh Open University has taken up a programme to produce 30,000 vegetable seedlings for distribution among the flood affected farmers, says a press release.

Inaugurating the programme at Gazipur campus, Vice-Chancellor Prof. M Aminul Islam called upon all the 500 employees of the university to produce at least 10 seedlings each to help the distressed people.

The convener of BOU Relief Committee and Dean School of Agriculture and Rural Development Prof. Abu Hena, Md. Faruque asked all teachers, officers and other employees to put in their hands to make the programme a success.

### Bid to evade tax 63 tonnes of cigarette papers seized

CHITTAGONG, Sept 29: The Customs officials here Monday seized about 63 tonnes of imported cigarette papers, after detecting a "false" declaration of the consignment, reports APB.

Sources said the importer of the consignment, Progoti Carton Industries of Narayanganj, made declaration of the goods as tissue paper in a bid to evade taxes of about Tk 70 lakh. Tissue paper is a duty-free item under the present Customs rule.

Sources further said the papers, loaded on four trucks, were seized from the Chittagong Port in the morning and another four trucks from Comilla on way to Narayanganj in the afternoon.

### Dutch envoy calls on Razzak

Ambassador of the Netherlands to Bangladesh Dic B Den Haas yesterday called on Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak at his secretariat office, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of bilateral interest and exchanged views on various issues relating to the development of water sector in Bangladesh, official sources said.

The minister briefed the ambassador on the colossal loss and damage of life and property by the current devastating flood and said siltation of river beds was one of the major causes of floods in Bangladesh.

Emphasizing the need for dredging the silted rivers Razzak sought cooperation and help of the Netherlands government in this regard as well as financial assistance for post-flood rehabilitation works.

### Flood fact album on Website

Bangladesh Flood Fact Album 1998 entitled as "Century's Worst Floods in Bangladesh" went into information super highway, from September 24, reports UNB.

It contains the latest information on the flood and of the government programmes for relief rehabilitation, said an official handout on Tuesday.

The Home-page of the External Publicity (EP) wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is located at www.bangladesh.gov/flood98.

### BSTI ordinance to be amended

The BSTI Ordinance will be amended to make Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution more effective in the wake of changed global economy, reports UNB.

Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed disclosed this while addressing the annual meeting of BSTI Council Committee yesterday.

He said: "The world made lot of advancement in quality control. So, we'll also have to move forward competing with the world and establishing prestige of the BSTI in the world arena."

Tofail stressed the need for more modernisation of the BSTI laboratories for the sake of national interest as well as boosting export by maintaining quality, especially when environment certificate is being given emphasis.

The meeting later approved a proposal to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Bureau of Indian Standards. Industries Secretary K M Iqbal Haq, Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI) President Sharif M Afzal Hossain, BSTI Director General Abu Taleb, concerned senior officials, and representatives of FBCCI, DCCI and Rajshahi and Khulna chambers were present.

### Japan may send team of dredging experts

Japan is considering to send a team of experts to study all aspects of dredging needs, and is despatching a medical team within days, a report from Tokyo said yesterday, reports BSS.

A medical team comprising public health experts of Japan is scheduled to arrive in the city on Friday. The team would be carrying essential goods worth one million US dollars. This includes medicines and water purifying tablets to prevent further outbreak of diseases.

The report said on the request of Bangladesh government, Japan is contemplating to send and experts' team which will study all aspects before taking decision on dredging.

Japanese government is aware of the high priority given by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the 50 km long flood protection embankment and may consider vein loan for the embankment project following a detailed report from Bangladesh government.

### Rapes in JU JCD demands arrest of students involved

By DU Correspondent  
Jatlyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) student front of BNP demanded the arrest and trial of those accused in the rapes of girl students of Jahangirnagar University.

The JCD brought out a procession from the Modhu's Canteen and held a rally in front of the Jatya Press Club yesterday.

The JCD leaders announced that if the rapists are not given exemplary punishment, they would start a big movement.

The JCD leaders also condemned the arrest of BNP leader KM Obaidur Rahman, MP and demanded his release.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anney, Habib-un-Nabi Sohel, Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, ABM Mosharraf Hossain, Mojaffar Hossain Zakir, Monwar Hossain Rana, Saiful Alam Nirab and Abdul Khaleq Hawlader.

### Jubo League leader stabbed

By Staff Correspondent  
A local leader of Jubo League was shot and stabbed by a gang at Barisur Bazar under Keraniganj thana Monday night.

One person was arrested in this connection.

The injured, Qamrul Islam alias Kamru, 32, a vice president of Keraniganj Jubo League and a resident of Nekrosebagh, was under treatment at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. The motive behind the attack could not be known immediately.

Abul Kashem, who was arrested Monday night as a suspect, was placed on a one-day remand by Keraniganj police yesterday.

Qamrul, who took lease of Barisur Bazar this year, came under attack when he was sitting in a shop of the bazar at about 8 pm Monday.

Haider, previously known to Qamrul, came to that shop and had a conversation with him. Suddenly, Haider shot Qamrul in his back and then Moteab, an employee of Kashem's shop, stabbed Kamrul in different parts of his body, according to the FIR filed in connection with the case.

Qamrul then dived in the river Buriganga to save himself from the attackers. Haider and Moteab have been absconding since the incident.

Meanwhile, the Keraniganj thana units of Awami League and Awami Jubo League in separate statements last night condemned the attack on Qamrul and demanded arrest of the accused of the case.

### Journalists housing estate remains without electricity for 21 hours

Journalists housing estate in Kalshi area of Mirpur was among dozens of residential areas of Mirpur and Pallabi which remained out of electricity for more than 21 hours yesterday and today, reports BSS.

The power disruption began without any notice at 4 pm on Monday and continued with no let-up till 1:30 pm yesterday causing untold sufferings to thousands of residents of the areas. Most dwellers of Kalshi's journalists housing estate went short of water as power was snapped without prior information.

It was learnt that the marathon disruption of power was due to a dispute between the Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) and the newly set up Dhaka Electric Supply Company (DESCO).

The government formed the DESCO in 1997 to check corruption and ensure efficiency in the power sector and handed over certain city areas under it. Mirpur and Pallabi are among the areas placed under the DESCO for power distribution and billing, sources said.

### Bangladesh Railway Tender Notice No. 14/98

Dated: 21/9/98

The Chief Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Pahartali, Chittagong invites quotation against the following tender particulars of which are as under:

Sl. No.	Tender No. & Description	Price of Tender document Tk	Cost of Drg. & Specn. Tk	Postage charges	Period of selling of Tender	Date of opening
1.	P1/HA2/2/96/B Spare parts for Deutz Diesel Engine for 4 & 5 Cylinder= 5 items	400/-	-	20/-	30-9-98 to 25-10-98	26-10-98
2.	P1/GB5/21/99-2000/ACST Paint Dry Pigment: White Zinc to ISD Specn. No. G/P-307/2 = 4456 Kgs	400/-	-	20/-	11-10-98 to 01-11-98	2-11-98
3.	P3/HB2/29/98/SR Brushes Carbon Main for IR. 29 LTL Dynamo 100 & 80 Amps etc = 4470 Nos	400/-	-	20/-	11-10-98 to 02-11-98	3-11-98
4.	P3/HA3/2/98/Rean Deep Well Turbine Pump Spare parts = 23 items	400/-	-	20/-	4-10-98 to 26-10-98	27-10-98
5.	P3/HD/8/ACST/98 Lamps tubular fluorescent 230/250 Volts AC Bipin Cap day light colour=2 items	400/-	-	20/-	4-10-98 to 26-10-98	27-10-98
6.	P2/GB4/66/98-99/ACST Steel Spring Plate tested size 3" x 4" = 317 metres	400/-	-	30/-	27-9-98 to 20-10-98	21-10-98
7.	P5/ACST/EB1/5/98 Tyres Steel Flanged for C&W etc = 918 Nos	750/-	50/-	20/-	8-10-98 to 8-11-98	9-11-98
8.	P7/GA/27/98/ACST Auger Carpenter Winged 5/8"-2621 Nos	750/-	40/-	20/-	5-10-98 to 3-11-98	4-11-98
9.	P5/EB1/34/98/SR Spring Helical Buffer Inner etc. & Helical Bolster Spring (BG) etc. = (2 items) = 357 Nos	750/-	50/-	20/-	4-10-98 to 2-11-98	3-11-98
10.	P5/EB1/31/98/SR Center Pivot Custing Top etc. = 75 Nos	400/-	60/-	20/-	4-10-98 to 25-10-98	26-10-98
11.	P3/HB2/34/98/SR Brushes Carbon with spring and holder complete for 16" impenstone fan J. Stone Ref. No. 5050 etc. = 33,960 Nos	400/-	-	20/-	11-10-98 to 3-11-98	04-11-98
12.	P4/GB13/14/98/REON Interleaving Gathering machining with jogging facilities-1 No	750/-	-	20/-	27/9/98 to 18/10/98	19/10/98
13.	P4/GB11/93/98/ACST Form No. BR-G276 Muster Roll & Copy of Pay Bill size 35"x22.1/2" as per Specn. Regd. No. 162/S.98 = 65,000 Sheets.	400/-	-	20/-	-do- to -do-	-do-

Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the undersigned as well as from ACOS/DA & COS/W/R/HI from 9:00 hrs to 12:00 hrs on working days either on cash payment or remittance of the charges by money orders. Quotation addressed to the Chief Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Pahartali, Chittagong must reach or be dropped into the tender box kept in the office of undersigned or the office of ACOS/DA by 12:00 hrs, on or before the opening date. The tender will be opened at 12:10 hrs, on the opening date. If the office will remain closed on the selling date of the tender documents the next working day shall deemed to be the last selling date of tender and the tender will be opened on the following working day at 12:10 hrs.

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Chief Controller of Stores  
Bangladesh Railway, Pahartali,  
Chittagong

### What's on today . . . .

**BUP roundtable:** Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) has organised a roundtable discussion meeting on 'Flood 1998 and Programmes for the Future'. Venue: BUP auditorium, Road No 4, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm to 7 pm.

**Musical soiree:** Muldhara, an organisation of writers, journalists and cultural activists, has organised a musical soiree in aid of the flood affected people. Kumar Biswasjit, Nahid Nazia, Robi Chowdhury, Doll Stanton, Ruxi Ahmed and S. D. Rubel will render songs. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

**Rotary Club meet:** The Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will hold its weekly meeting. Guest speaker: Yasmin Morshed, Principal of Scholastica School. Venue: Sarinagar Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club meet:** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Eskaton Dhaka will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club meet:** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

### Weather

### Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to Met Office, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period. Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Jessore.

The sun sets today at 5:48 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:49 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.2	25.8	76	87
Chittagong	34.0	26.0	86	73
Khulna	33.5	24.6	80	70
Rajshahi	32.8	23.2	85	71
Barisal	32.5	25.5	90	85
Sylhet	35.0	26.2	72	72
Cox's Bazar	34.5	26.4	69	78

### Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited (A Company of Petrobangla)

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### Tender Notice

Sl. No.	Description of work	Estimated cost	Cost of tender document (Non-refundable)	Completion time
01.	Construction of Service Line/Sub-Feeder Line & ± 1800 Nos. Riser (MS & MDPE) in Chittagong North Area (Phase: North-4)	Tk 19,97,888.87	Tk. 1000.00 per set	300 days
02.	Eligibility: Enlisted contractors with BGSL for category 1.3/1.4 for the current year. Contractors of ongoing project are not allowed to participate if they have not completed 75% of their work in proportionate with the schedule time. In this connection an upto date clearance certificate from competent authority (concerned Departmental Head) must be submitted along with the offer.			
03.	Selling time of tender documents: From 11-10-98 to 28-10-98.			
04.	Where tender schedule will be available:			
a)	Accounts Department, Head Office, BGSL, Chapapur, Comilla.			
b)	Accounts Section, BGSL, 137/A CDA Avenue, Sholashahar, Chittagong.			
c)	Liaison Office, BGSL, House No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka			
d)	Accounts Department, Petrobangla, Petrocentre, 3 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.			
e)	BAPEX, Ibrahim Mansion (4th Floor), Purana Paltan, Dhaka.			
f)	Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd., 11 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.			
g)	RPGL Steel House, 102 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.			
h)	Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd., Court Road, B'Baria.			
i)	Jalalabad Gas T&D Co. Ltd., Borkatia, Amberkhana, Sylhet.			
j)	Sylhet Gas Fields Co. Ltd, Chiknagoal, Haripur, Sylhet.			
k)	Gas Transmission Co. Ltd., Sector-3, Road No-12, House No. 1, Uttara, Dhaka.			
05.	Place, date & time of tender receiving:			
a)	Places as mentioned in Sl. No. 4, except (a) and (b)			
b)	Sales Department, BGSL, Chapapur, Comilla.			
c)	Admn. Department, BGSL, 137/A CDA Avenue, Sholashahar, Chittagong on 29-10-98 upto 12:00 Noon.			
06.	Date & time of tender opening: On 29-10-98 at 12:15 PM.			

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MM Jute Mills Ltd., Banshbaria, Chittagong invites sealed tender from the Manufacturer/Indenter for Spares of Jute emulsion plant, Jurgon Broad Loom, Dressing M/c, Pre-Beam M/c, Rolling up M/c, various sizes Bearing, Roller Chains, Buxter Flayer Fittings, Rubber Apron, Picking Stick etc. on FOB/C&F(C) Chittagong basis for import under any foreign exchange allocation such as Cash/Loan Grant or Credit against the following tenders.

- MMJ/DP/IMP/GBL Spares/98-99/10 Spares Parts for Jurgon Broad Loom, (2) MMJ/DP/IMP/Spares/98-99/11 Spares Parts for Dressing, Pre-Beam, Rolling up & emulsion plant, (3) MMJ/DP/IMP/Picking Stick/98-99/12 for Picking Stick for Jurgon Broad Loom, (4) MMJ/DP/IMP/Bearing & Chains/98-99/15 for various sizes Ball/Roller Bearing, Roller Chain, Builder Chain & Buxter Flayer Fittings, (5) MMJ/DP/IMP/Apron/98-99/14 for Rubber Apron of 4 1/2 Spg. M/c.

The tender documents with detailed and full specifications, terms & conditions available except date of opening from the office of (1) General Manager (A&F), BJMC, Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A., Dhaka, (2) Dy. General Manager (A&F), BJMC, CZ, Sattar Chamber, 99, Agrabad C/A., Chittagong, (3) Sattar Chamber, 99, Agrabad C/A., Chittagong, (2) Dy. Manager (A&F), Mill Office, Banshbaria, Chittagong on payment Tk. 100/- (non-refundable) and earnest money to be deposited by the tenderer as per clause of P. Form 2.

Tender will be received up to 11:30 AM on 28-10-98 and will be opened at 12:00 Noon on the same day in presence of the tenderer (if any) at (1) BJMC (Planning), Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A., Dhaka (2) BJMC, CZ, Sattar Chamber, 99, Agrabad C/A., Chittagong and (3) Mill Office, Banshbaria, Chittagong. The management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender in full or part without assigning any reason.

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