

Erosion threatens 10 villages

# Flood damages property worth Tk 1,000 cr in Jamalpur

From Meherullah

JAMALPUR, Oct 11: With the recession of flood water, river erosion has started again in Dewanganj, Islampur and Sarishabari thanas. The rivers Jamuna and Brahmaputra have already devoured part of Shapdari, Nowarpura, Chnaduli, Belgassa, Kulkandi, Guthal of Islampur thana, Pullahkandi, Farajipara, Jalurchar, Shanandure villages in Dewanganj thana.

Meanwhile, floods have damaged property worth over Taka 1,000 crore in the district. The devastating floods have caused extensive damages to standing crops this season.

The Agriculture Extension Department sources said paddy and other crops on 79,040 hectares and 24,824 bales of jute worth over taka 78.14 crore have been damaged by the

floods.

The sources further said the extent of crop damage during the third spell of flood had inundated almost 80 per cent of land. The extent of damage is yet to be assessed.

During the period, a total of over 79,000 metric tons of 'Aur' broadcast and transplanted 'Aman', 'Aman' seedbeds, sugarcane, vegetable and other crops on 16,100 hectares of land in seven thanas and two pourasavas have been damaged in the prolonged flood.

Besides, 24,824 bales of jute produced on 3,103 hectares of land have been damaged totally. The AED sources also said, 33,422 metric tons of various crops were damaged during the first spell of flooding in July.

The second spell of flood

waters also caused heavy damages to crops. Local people feared that the loss of life and crops might be greater in the third spell of flood.

Flood damaged 1,1200 houses fully and 43,420 houses partially. The total loss due to the damages of houses will stand at Taka 645 crore.

Flood has also destroyed 63,111 km of kutch roads fully or partially, 126 km pucca roads, 40 km of embankments, 17 educational institutions fully and 730 partially, 480 religious institutions partially, 163 bridges and culverts, 3 km or rail routes.

The total loss is supposed to be around Tk 300 crore. It has also washed away fish, cattle, poultry birds and trees.

Moreover, 'Aman' paddy,

could not be planted on a vast tract of land due to flood. The loss will come to at least Taka 150 crore. Seven people died of diarrhoea and 12,000 were attacked, according to official sources.

A total 580 livestock were lost. Outbreak of different types of contagious diseases is widely apprehended.

The government supplied relief is very inadequate for so many flood victims. This correspondent visited different flood affected areas in Islampur and Melandah thanas. Many flood affected people have alleged that they had not received any relief materials at all. The flood victims urged the government to supply relief goods and medicine among the victims without further delay.



HABIGANJ: BNP leader Sujath Mia distributing relief goods among the flood affected people of Nabinaganj sadar union. — Star photo

## News snaps

**Segun timber worth Tk 1.50 lakh seized**  
 SYLHET, Oct 11: Bangladesh Rifles with the help of forest officials seized Segun timber worth about Tk 1.50 lakh from the district railway station on Monday, reports UNB.

BDR sources said, the seized goods were brought here without any valid document from Langla railway station. Station master and a guard of that station have been held responsible for the incident. The seized timbers were deposited with the Forest Department.

**One killed in Satkhira road accident**  
 SATKHIRA, Oct 11: One person was killed in a road accident near Modonpur on Satkhira-Khulna road in Tala thana on Tuesday, report BSS.

Police sources said, a Khulna-bound bus from Satkhira ran over a man near Modonpur while he was trying to cross the road. He died on the spot. The victim was identified as Sharat Chandra Rishi, 40, of village Kadakati in Tala thana. Police arrested the bus driver, Rashed Ali and seized the bus.

**9,000 VGF cards distributed**  
 CHUADANGA, Oct 11: A total of 9,000 VGF cards have been distributed under special programme among the flood affected distressed people of four thanas of the district for two months, reports BSS.

According to an official source, of the total cards 1,800 cards have been distributed in six unions of Alamdanga thana, 2,100 cards in seven unions of Damurhuda thana and 1,200 cards in four unions of Jibannagar thana. The government has sanctioned 297 metric tons of wheat under the programme. Each card holder will get 16 kgs of wheat per month.

**Indian phenisidyl seized**  
 JESSORE, Oct 11: Narcotics Control Department seized 79 boxes of Indian phenisidyl and arrested a man in this connection from a bus terminal here on Thursday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of the department raided the Dhaka-bound bus and arrested Alamgir Hossain with the contraband. In a confessional statement Alamgir, son of Idris Ali Biswas of Fulsara village in Chougachha thana, admitted his involvement with the trans-border drug smuggling group. Later, he was handed over to Kotwali thana police.

**Minister distributes agri-inputs**  
 SHARIATPUR, Oct 11: Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak on Saturday inaugurated distribution of agri-inputs and agri-loans among the flood affected people of four thanas of the district as part of the government's post-flood rehabilitation programme, reports BSS.

An amount of Taka 22 crore out of the total Taka 3,370 crore agriculture loans announced by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been earmarked for Shariatpur district. The minister asked the official concerned to distribute the loan money among the deserving farmers on easy terms and asked them to be careful against any irregularity or corruption in this regard.

**3 youths with pistol arrested**  
 MAGURA, Oct 11: Three youths were arrested by Shalikhtha thana police with a loaded pistol from Shatakhali area of Jessore-Magura highway, reports UNB.

The arrested were identified as Sujon, 22, Palash, 24, and Mitu, 25, of Jessore town. Police on suspicion challenged them while coming from Jessore town riding on a motorcycle at night on October 2 and arrested them as they tried to flee the scene. Police also seized the vehicle. They were sent to the court.

**Distribution of fertiliser begins**  
 FARIDPUR, Oct 11: The distribution of cash and Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertiliser under agri-rehabilitation programme '98 in sadar thana began on October 6, reports BSS.

According to official sources, 1,395 farmers of sadar thana will be given 4 lakh 94 thousand in cash and 21 mts of DAP free of cost under the programme. Each farmer will get, under the programme, Taka 248.30 for 'Boro' paddy, Taka 291.30 for vegetable, Taka 226.60 for oil seed, Taka 347 for maize, Taka 260 for pulses and Taka 533 for wheat cultivation in addition to necessary fertiliser free of cost. The distribution of agricultural inputs and cash relief for the farmers was inaugurated at Sadar Thana Complex on last Tuesday.

**Zihad Day observed**  
 SIRAJGANJ, Oct 11: The eighth death anniversary of Shaheed Naziruddin Zihad was observed here on Saturday with due respect, reports APB.

Zihad, a 3rd year student of Ullahpara Akbar Ali Government College and leader of BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), was gunned down on October 10, 1990 when the hired goons of the then regime opened fire on the agitating people near Allahwala Bhaban at Motiheel. In observance of the day, BNP and its front organisations and socio-cultural organisations chalked out elaborate programmes at district and thana levels as well at Zihad's village home.

### Office of the Project Director Agricultural Research Management Project (BRRI : Part) Bangladesh Rice Research Institute Joydebpur, Gazipur

### Notice For Pre-Qualification of Contractors Under Agricultural Research Management Project (ARMP) IDA Credit No. 2815-BD Notice No-16 (1998-99)

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association, hereinafter referred to as the IDA, towards the cost of Agricultural Research Management Project (ARMP), and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this credit to eligible payment under the contract(s) for which this Invitation for Pre-qualification is issued.
- The Project Director, ARMP (BRRI-Part), hereinafter "the Employer" intends to pre-qualify contractors/construction firms for "Construction of different types of buildings and other Physical Facilities of BRRI, Head Quarter at Joydebpur and Regional Station at Barisal, Comilla and Hobiogonj under Agricultural Research Management Project.
- It is expected that Invitation to Bid will be made in January 1999.
- Prequalification is open to firms and voluntarily formed joint ventures from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines : Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.
- Eligible applicants may obtain the Pre-qualification documents by applying in their Letter head pad addressed to the Project Director, ARMP (BRRI-Part, Joydebpur, Gazipur during office hours from 15.10.98 to 29.10.98 and Pre-qualification documents will also be available for purchasing from the office of the Consultants, M/S. Sitapati Sangshad Ltd., House No. 55, Road No. 3A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209.
- The request must clearly state "Request for Pre-qualification Documents for Construction of different types of Buildings and other Physical Facilities of BRRI under ARMP". The documents are available for a non-refundable fee of Tk 500.00 (Taka five hundred) only.
- A minimum requirement for qualification will be to have successfully carried out construction works for at least 10 (ten) years.
- Submission of Applications for Pre-qualification must be received in sealed envelopes, which must be either delivered by hand or by registered mail to : Project Director, ARMP (BRRI-Part), Joydebpur, Gazipur, or Sitapati Sangshad Ltd., House No. 55, Road No. 3A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 not later than 17.11.98 during office hours (up to 5.00 pm) and be clearly marked "Application to Pre-qualify for Construction of different types of Buildings and other Physical Facilities of BRRI under ARMP."
- The Project Director, ARMP (BRRI-Part), reserves the right to accept or reject late applications.
- Applications will be advised, in due course, of the results of their applications. Only firms and joint ventures pre-qualified under this procedure will be invited to Bid.

DFF-21140-6/10 Project Director  
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 Bangladesh Rice Research Institute



MAGURA: The economic infrastructure of the district collapsed due to unprecedented floods. Flood waters had inundated rural markets. With recession of flood waters village markets started humming with economic activities. In the picture buyers and sellers assembled again in such a bazaar of Sripur thana. — Star photo by Monojit Kumar Das

## EU assisted health care project in Barisal ends in total failure

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, Oct 11: The government is going to be deprived of over Taka 1,000 crore. The amount was scheduled to be spent for the development of health sector.

This allocation was also meant for the improvement of family planning infrastructure and health care services in 55 thanas of 5 regions in the country under the 'Functional Improvement Pilot Project (FIPP)'. It was alleged that due to the failure to implement the project successfully in the scheduled time the allocation has been stopped or curtailed. European Union (EU) initially sanctioned Tk 220 crore. Medivision Holland, a Holland based organisation made an arrangement with the Bangladesh government to

provide technical assistance to implement the 5-yearly project. Initially, in 1994 the project was started in three thana areas-Banaripara, Babuganj and Uzirpur of Barisal district. In next four years up to September, 1998 programmes of the project have been expanded within 10 thana areas of Barisal district.

Except Barisal the Functional Improvement Teams (FIT) are also working in other four FIT regions of Sunamganj, Bagerhat, Comilla and Nilphamari in greater Rangpur in which 45 thanas more were included.

M. Khalaquzzaman, management expert of the project here said, through these projects we have provided adequate training for further manage-

ment development to the thana level family planning and hospital staffs with financial and technical assistance as almost all the thana health complexes (THC) are lacking adequate equipment and training facilities of doctors and family planning assistants.

Dr Zakir Hossain, Director, Primary Health Care of Health Directorate had been given additional charges as Director of FIPP apart from his regular services. As a result he was overburdened with the works of the project. Each Functional Improvement Team (FIT) comprises of a management expert, a training expert and a public health expert (a doctor).

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Feni PWD Division, Feni Notice Inviting Tender (2nd call) No/E/M-01 of 1998-99

Sealed tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the approved (1.1 & 1.3) contractor of the Bakhrabad Gas System Ltd (BGSL) for the undermentioned works & will be received by the undersigned up to 12:00 Noon on 28-10-1998 (E) and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

- Name of work : Construction of 8 (eight) Zonal Co-Operative Training Institute one at Feni (Sub-head:- Providing & installation of Gas Connection Line), Dist: Feni. During the year-1998-99.
- Estimated cost : Tk 4,24,076/= only.
- Earnest money : Tk 8,500/= only.
- Time allowed for : 90 (ninety) days, completion of work
- Contract document consisting of BD Form No 2911, schedule of items, additional terms & conditions etc. can be seen & purchase up to 27-10-1998 from the office of the undersigned & the Executive Engineer, PWD Division Comilla/Noakhali/B'baria/Chandpur/ Lakshimpur & Sub-Divisional Engineer PWD EM Sub-Division, Feni during the office hours on all working days on payment of usual charges of Tk 400/= (Tk four hundred) (non-refundable) per set of schedule (Notice inviting tender, schedule of items, additional terms & conditions etc) & a sum of Tk 25/= (Tk twenty-five) (non-refundable) per copy of tender form No 2911.
- The intending tenderers shall have to produce their Registration Book of enlistment letter bearing the photo & full signature of the contractor duly attested by an Executive Engineer of this Deptt. along with challan for depositing the current renewal fees at the time of purchasing of tender form as in absence of which no tender form will be sold. No complaint in this respect will be entertained.
- The contractor/firm shall have to submit VAT registration certificate along with the tender failing which their tender will be summarily rejected.
- (a) TIN (Tax-payer's Identification Number) certificate to be enclosed with the tender's failing which their tender will be summarily rejected.

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The team initiated and performed its different programmes with the consultation and approval of the head of the District Health and Family Planning Department.

But in this respect always the Divisional Director of Health here remained ignorant and unaware the director said, the training was given in surgery, anaesthesia and gynaecology.

Meanwhile 55 motorcycles were given in the 10 thana areas of the district, he added. Besides, there will be one health complex in each thana with an expenditure of Taka 10 to 14 lakh.

Meantime, Construction works of health complexes are nearing completion in Agailjhara, Bakerganj and Mehendiganj thanas of the district.

Medical equipment and furniture are yet to be reached within a short period of time in different THCs and complexes. Khalaquzzaman informed. According to different sources, many allegations were raised in supplying bi-cycles of Tk 30 lakh for 1,100 family planning field workers in 10 thanas of the district.

Questions were also raised about the negligence of duties of the district level experts. Lack of coordination in implementing the project for a long time was a common complain.

EU assured the government of 1,200 crore taka more to expand the projects, but now, it is learnt, after evaluation of the progress of works done so far EU has become reluctant to allocate the fund as financial assistance to the FIP project.

All the official works of this project have been stopped here after 3 years and 10 months on 30th September '98, said Khalaquzzaman to this correspondent recently. All the staffers of this project are going back to Dhaka closing this office here.

Meantime, it is gathered from different sources, various irregularities have also been reported.

All these allegations were cited in the audit reports of the project.

### Diarrhoea claims 15 in 2 dists

RANGPUR, Oct 11: Diarrhoea that broke out in an epidemic form claimed eight lives at Binbina char village in Gangachara thana here during the last week, reports UNB.

The victims were identified as Abdur Razzak, 9, Rehela, 70, Ramzan Ali, 3, Awal, 12, Rezaul, 6, Kabul, 3, Jahedul, 3, and a two-month-old child Aminur.

But the official sources differed with the number of deaths.

Local people alleged that they were deprived of treatment facilities as medical teams were not visiting the area.

Another report from Gopalganj says: With the recession of flood waters, diarrhoea claimed seven lives in Gopalganj so far. When contacted, Civil Surgeon said 5,000 people have been affected by the disease and they are being given treatment.

Many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are working to prevent the spread of the disease to supplement the government efforts.

Leaders and workers of Awami League and its front organisations have jointly prepared more than 7,000 packets of oral saline for distribution among the affected people.

They are working round the clock for making oral saline at Kotlalpara, Patgati, Tungipara, Mukesdpur and Kashiani.

Local MP Faruk Khan is also supervising the relief work in the flood-hit areas.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet Notice Inviting Tender No: 18/1998-99

1. Tenders in sealed covers in the BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the approved and eligible Special Class-I & Class-II building enlisted contractors of PWD, approved Class-II building enlisted contractors under PWD Zone, Chittagong and approved Class-III building enlisted contractors under PWD Circle, Sylhet for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received by the undersigned as well as the Executive Engineer, PWD Division Sunamganj/Moulvibazar/Habiganj under PWD Circle, Sylhet on 22/10/98 up to 12:00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present at the time of opening.

Name of work	Estimated cost in Taka	Earnest money in Taka	Time allowed
1. Construction of Industries Labour Welfare Centre at Khan Tea Estate in Gwainghat Thana at Sylhet under the scheme "Establishment of Labour Welfare Centre in 7 (seven) vallies of Tea Estate" (Sub-head:- Construction of surface drain, master drain and apron during the year 1998-99).	2,77,248/-	5,550/-	30 (thirty) days
2. Contract documents consisting of BD Form No. 2911, schedule of items additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sunamganj/ Moulvibazar/Habiganj under PWD Circle, Sylhet & Sub-Divisional Engineer-III/IIII/EM of Sylhet PWD Division on payment of usual charges of Tk. 425/- (Taka four hundred twenty five) only non-refundable per set of schedule, terms and conditions and as per copy of BD Form No. 2911. Tender form may be purchased by the intending contractor himself or by his authorised representative on production of up-to-date renewed book of registration & other requisite papers of his eligibility with signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor on any day during the office hours up to 21/10/98.			

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### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Local Government Engineering Department, Barguna Memo No. LGED/XEN/BA/D-523/98/5111 Dated: 29.09.98 Tender Notice No-06/98-99

The Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Barguna now invites sealed tenders in prescribed form for construction and completion of the works mentioned below from eligible contractors under DANIDA assisted Rural Development Project-16.

Tenderers may obtain further information on the tender form and inspect the tender documents at the office of the undersigned as well as the Project Director, Rural Development Project-16, LGED (8th floor), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal, the Deputy Commissioner, Barguna, the Executive Engineer, LGED, Patuakhali and Thana Engineer Office, Patharghata/Bamna.

A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by interested eligible tenderers upon payment of non-refundable fee of schedule from above mentioned offices only on or before 27.10.98 during office hours.

All tenderers must be accompanied by a Tender Security of 2.5% (two point five per cent) of total tender price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any schedule Bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Barguna.

The tenders will be received at the offices mentioned above on 28.10.98 before 12.30 PM and the tenders will be opened at the same offices at 1.00 PM on the same date.

The undersigned shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by tenderers in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders, including costs and expenses related to visits to the site.

The authority reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

If the selected contractor is outside of RDP-16 he must be prequalified under RDP-16 before work order issued.

Contract No.	Name of Work	Cost of schedule (Tk)	Completion time	Eligible Class of contractor
P2.11.01.05	Improvement of Kakchira to Barisal-Mathbaria-Pathorghata Regional Highway road from ch.00.00-1000.00m on Embankment in Patharghata thana, district Barguna.	300.00	120 days	A-Special, A&B of LGED, prequalified contractor of RDP-16, OPEC, RRMIMP-2, RDP-18 and SSWRDP those who have renewed the enlistment for the F-Y-1998-99
L2.04.10.02	Development of Bukabunia Hat (2nd phase) under Bamna thana, district Barguna.	300.00	120 days	-Do-

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