

News snaps

Phensidyl seized

NETRAKONA, Oct 14: Police seized 29 bottles of phensidyl from a house at village Madni in sadar thana here on Thursday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police *gheraoed* the house and recovered the contraband kept hiding underground. But the woman who possessed the item illegally, however, managed to escape.

Allocation for construction of maternity

MAGURA, Oct 14: The government has made an allocation of Tk 47 lakh for the construction of a maternity hospital here to expand mother and child health care facilities, reports UNB.

According to district Family Planning Office sources, construction work of the two-story building has already started and is expected to be completed by January next. With the construction of the 30-bed hospital, mother and child health care facilities will be improved to a great extent.

Agri-loan disbursement programme

RANGPUR, Oct 14: Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank has set a target to disburse Tk 20 crore agricultural loan in eight thanas of the district in the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

The bank has already disbursed Tk 1.80 crore among the farmers during the first three months till September through its 21 branches, official sources said. The amount was distributed for paddy and vegetable cultivation, purchasing cattle-heads and agricultural equipment.

Afforestation gains popularity

KUSHTIA, Oct 14: Tree plantation in the south-western region has gained popularity boosting nursery business in the region, reports UNB.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: The convenor of Rajshahi, Biswabiddalya Sabhapati Parisad Prof Sheikh Mohammad Nurullah and others recently donated an amount of Taka 23,600 to the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof Abdul Khaleque.



KHULNA: Prof SM Nazrul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of Khulna University addressing the orientation programme of Life Science School of the university which was held here recently.

EU clarifies on TFIPP, Barisal

The European Union (EU) has clarified its position regarding a report published on October 12 under the headline "EU assisted health care project in Barisal ends in total failure". According to Michael Drury, Ambassador and Head of EC Delegation, the Thana Functional Improvement Pilot Project has not ended and it has not failed. "Pointing to the figure that the government was going to be deprived of over Taka 1000 crore," he said that the sum was more than the total of all grants allocated from EU budget to Bangladesh over the last five years.

He assured, "the contribution which the EU hopes to make to the Fifth Health and Population Programme (of the order of Taka 200 crore) is not in jeopardy." "I know that TFIPP is being diligently executed and efficiently supervised and I am confident that it will fulfil its purpose of identifying a wide range of operational innovation which will be crucially important in strengthening the public health sector in Bangladesh in the coming years," he said.

UP election Recounting of ballot papers ordered

From Abu Ahmed

SATKHIRA, Oct 14: The Election Tribunal, Satkhira has ordered to recount the ballot papers of chairman election in all centres in Sarulia Union Parishad (UP) in Tala thana. The ballot papers will be recounted on October 22, court sources said.

According to court sources, Matur Rahman, a chairman candidate of Sarulia UP whose election was held on December 31, filed a case with the Election Tribunal Court, Satkhira on March 8, 1998, challenging the results declared by the Returning Officer of Tala thana.

He alleged, after the vote counting the Presiding Officer of Barabala centre declared the result. According to his result Mobarak Ali one of the rival candidates of Matur Rahman, got 1,229 votes. But later on the Presiding Officer while submitting the results to the Returning Officer showed that Mobarak Ali had bagged 1,299 votes. Thus Mobarak Ali was declared elected chairman defeating his nearest rival Matur Rahman by a margin of only 22 votes. The name of Mobarak Ali was published in the Gazette on February 11, 1998 as chairman of Sarulia UP.

After a long hearing of the case and examining the relevant documents and witnesses, the judge gave the verdict.



MYMENSINGH: Transport vehicles are running at great risk on flood ravaged Mymensingh-Dhaka Highway. The photo was taken recently from Mashkanda Inter-District Bus Terminal.

Floods damage crops worth Tk 450 cr in 8 S-W dists

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Oct 14: Standing crops on 29,829 hectares of land worth Taka 450 crore have been completely damaged in eight districts of south western zone by the recent worst ever flood.

The districts are Jessore, Narail, Jhenidha, Magura, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Meherpur and Bagerhat.

In Jessore, 890 hectares of land, in Narail 1,900 hectares, in Jhenidha 2,100 hectares, in Magura 3,000 hectares, in Kushtia 14,421 hectares, in Chuadanga 2,500 hectares, in Meherpur 29,899 hectares and in Bagerhat 337 hectares of land have been damaged.

Presenting the district-wise damage of crops in terms of money, the sources informed, crops worth Taka 7 cr and 12 lakh in Jessore, Taka 15 cr and 24 lakh in Narail, Taka 19 cr and 47 lakh and 20 thousand in Jhenidha, Taka 24 crore in Magura, Taka 119 crore 38 lakh and 40 thousand in Kushtia, Taka 20 crore in Chuadanga, Taka 238 cr 63 lakh and 20 thousand in Meherpur and Taka 10 crore 69 lakh and 60 thousand in Bagerhat have been lost.

According to latest report with the fast recession of flood water from affected areas in the zone, poor farmers have come out in the open to go for cultivation of IRR and winter vegetables in massive scale in a bid to cover up the losses.

UNB reports from Rangpur: The long lasting flood of this year in Rangpur district caused extensive damages to standing crops, dwelling houses, roads, bridges, culverts and educational institutions.

Local administration sources said, of 83 unions in eight thanas, 63 completely and 18 partially inundated affecting a total of 41,554 families.

According to the sources, the flood caused damage to 12,206 dwelling houses completely and 24,449 partially. Standing

crops on about 30,152 hectares of land, 63.56 km pucca and 205.09 km kutchra roads and seven bridges and 27 culverts were also damaged completely by the worst ever natural calamity.

Some 189 educational institutions including colleges, primary and high schools and madrasahs were also affected.

The district administration so far distributed 226 mts of rice, Tk 1,42,250 in cash, 200 tin biscuits, 720 pieces of saree, 125 pieces of lungi and 250 pieces old clothes among the deluge hit people.

Besides, 63,000 VGF cards were distributed among them and each card holder is being given 16 kgs of wheat and rice per month.

APB reports from Madaripur: The over two-month-long deluge has caused extensive damage to the livestock in Madaripur district.

Official sources said, some 213 cattlehead worth Tk 11.15 lakh and some 8,031 poultry birds worth Tk 4.15 lakh perished in the floods.

The total number of cattlehead in the district is estimated at about 5.72 lakh, of which over 1.61 lakh were affected by the recent floods. Only 5,874 had been vaccinated against various diseases.

Out of a total of 15.86 lakh poultry birds, some 12.31 lakh were affected by various diseases. About 1.95 lakh of them had been vaccinated against diseases.

The District Animal Husbandry Officer told that as many as 16 mobile medical teams are working in the district.

Unofficial sources said, the number was negligible compared to the actual need.

Concerned sources said some 1,652 metric tonnes of fodder worth some Tk 1.32 lakh had been damaged in the recent floods. Besides, some 3,910

metric tonnes of hay worth Tk 3.12 lakh had perished in the deluge.

Local farmers have called for interest-free bank loans to enable them to make up for the losses suffered during the floods.

UNB reports from Sylhet: The district has incurred a loss of Tk 26 crore in agricultural sector due to the recent prolonged flood.

According to the Agriculture Extension Department, aush paddy on 12,779 hectares of land, Aman on 1,705 hectares and 2,533 hectares of seed beds have been damaged completely during the devastating calamity.

Meanwhile, the government sanctioned Tk 25 lakh for the marginal farmers and share-croppers of 98 unions in 11 thanas under its post-flood rehabilitation programme to overcome the loss.

Of the allocation, Tk 15.60 lakh will be distributed in cash to purchase necessary agri-inputs and Tk 9.39 lakh for fertiliser.

Besides, more amount of Tk 1.14 lakh will be distributed through district AED office for wheat, vegetables and other crops cultivation.

BSS reports from Madaripur: Agriculture Extension Department (AED) has taken up agricultural rehabilitation programme in four thanas, Kalkini, Rajoir and Sibchar thanas of Madaripur district.

Seeds and necessary cash will be distributed among the farmers for the cultivation of transplanted Aman, boro, wheat, pulses and vegetables for governments post-flood agricultural rehabilitation programme in four thanas.

Government has sanctioned Taka 64 lakh for the post-flood rehabilitation programme, AED sources said.

Plantation of T-Aman starts in Natore dist

NATORE, Oct 14: With the gradual recession of flood waters, the farmers of the district and other northern region started planting transplanted Aman seedlings afresh though the season for it is almost over, reports UNB.

Some of them are planting it for the fourth times during the season as the ever prolonged deluge damaged their crops three times earlier. But, they are facing serious problems due to acute shortage of seedlings and its abnormal price-hike.

The comparatively rich tillers are trying to collect the seedlings at the high rate while the poor and marginal ones failed to do so as post flood agriculture rehabilitation drive by the government proved too meagre to meet their minimum demand, the growers alleged.

According to Agriculture Extension Department sources,

it has a target of bringing a total of 15,78,463 hectares of land under transplanted Aman cultivation during the current season in 16 northern districts with a production target of about 30 lakh metric tons of paddy.

But, the drive initially faced a setback in early July this year when most of the seedbeds of the Aman crop went under flood water. The growers again prepared seedbeds on comparatively high land in early August which was again inundated by the flood water for the second time.

The seedbeds prepared for the third time were also completely damaged by the natural calamity which continued till September 12 in the areas. As a result, it is apprehended, the fixed target of both cultivation and production may not be achieved.

Farmers of the region have started replanting transplanted Aman seedlings to overcome the huge losses caused by the unprecedented flood this year. Growers said, they were buying seedlings between Tk 6,000 and Tk 7,500 for one acre of land.

Best Principal in Jessore dist

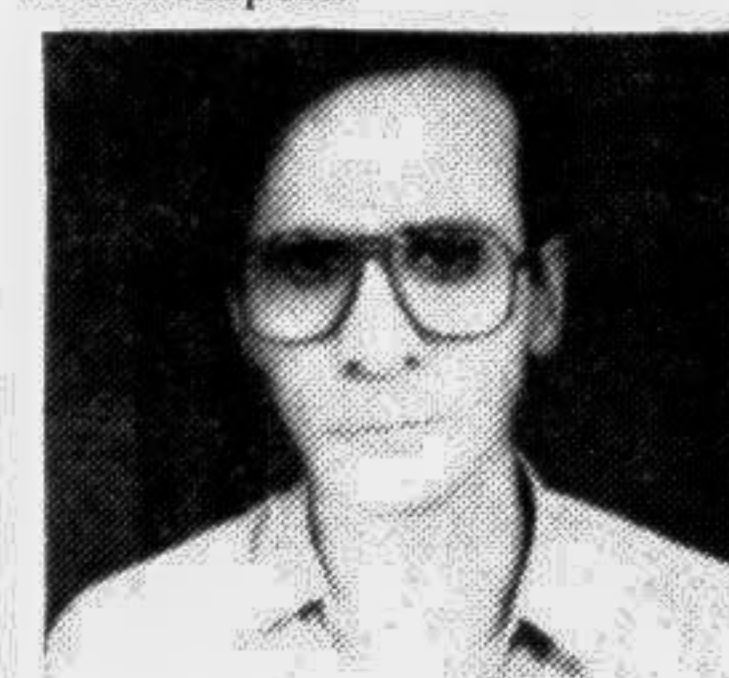
From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Oct 14: Principal of Chowgachha Degree College, Md Idrish Ali, has been adjudged the Best Principal in the district for 1998 in recognition to his excellent performance in maintaining congenial atmosphere in his college and in promoting education and extra-curricular activities.

This decision was taken in a meeting of the local district National Education Week Celebration committee, held recently.

Incidentally, students politics, and wall writings were banned in this college for long under his initiative to avoid violence and terrorism among student groups.

Centre for degree examinations under National University has also been set up in last year and he played a vital role in this respect.



It will not be out of place to mention here that this college was adjudged the best college in the district in 1997, as decided by the same committee earlier. Md Idrish Ali is serving as the Principal of the college since 1980.

Cremation ground polluting environment

From Monojit Kumar Das

MAGURA, Oct 14: Hindu community in four thanas of the district are facing problems due to lack of hygienic cremation ground.

As a result, severe environmental pollution is taking place. Proper steps have not been taken yet to construct hygienic cremation ground for Hindus.

The people in the vicinity of this cremation ground are victims of health and environmental hazards. Concerned groups are urging for necessary measures.

Netrakona AL workers' rally

NETRAKONA, Oct 14: A workers' rally of Awami League and it's front organisations including Jubo League and it's front organisations including Jubo League and Chhatra League was held on September 29 at Apara Thana Awami League office premises, reports BSS.

A presidium member of Bangladesh Awami Jubo League Manjur Kader Quraishi attended the workers rally as chief guest while joint convenor of Apara Thana Awami League Abdul Hannan presided.



GOPALGANJ: The unit manager of Christian Service Society (CSS) recently distributed relief materials among the flood victims in Bedgram CSS Office premises.

PWD Tender Notice

No 6 of 1998-99 Eng

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from approved bldg contractors of PWD according to their financial limit for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi and Executive Engineer, PWD Division-II, Rajshahi/Pabna/Natore/Naogaon and Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division, Nawabganj in their respective offices on 28-10-98 Eng up to 12:00 Noon and will be opened by them on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present.

Sl No	Name of works	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Contractors eligible to submit tender.
1	Repair and renovation of Dist Judge Residence (providing RCC roof in place of terraced roof) at Rajshahi during 1998-99	Tk 19,88,999/-	Tk 39,780/-	Special class/Combined Class-I/Class-II/Class-III of approved bldg contractor of PWD.

Contract documents consisting of Bangladesh Form No 2911, schedule of items of work, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned, Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division/office of the Additional Chief Engineer, PWD Zone, Dhaka/Khulna/Chittagong/Executive Engineer, PWD Division-II, Rajshahi/Pabna/ Natore/Naogaon/ Bogra/Sirajganj/ Joypurhat/Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Lalmonirhat/Nilphamari/Dinajpur/Thakurgaon/Ponchagarh and Sub-Div. Engineer, PWD Sub-Division, Nawabganj on payment of usual charges (non-refundable). The tender form may be purchased by the contractor himself or his representative on production of authorised letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor along with the registration book. No tender form will be sold to the contractor or firms who have got no VAT registration certificate and TIN certificate. Copy of VAT registration and TIN certificate duly attested must submit along with the tender, otherwise the tender will be summarily rejected. The tender paper will be sold up to 5:00 PM on the 27-10-98 Eng.

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

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Md Rezaul Karim
Executive Engineer
PWD Divn I, Rajshahi

Acute scarcity of onion-seeds in Faridpur district

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Oct 14: An acute scarcity of onion-seeds have been prevailing all over the district.

Onion-seeds which was sold at Taka 300 per kg last year is not available even at Tk 3,000 per kg in any of the markets in the district this season.

It is learnt from some farmers of Char Bhadransar, Sadarpur, Nagarkanda and sadar thanas that they could not produce onion-seeds last year because of natural calamities like hail-storms, dense fog and rainfalls during the seed harvesting time.

Faridpur is one of the onion-seed producing districts in the country. It produces approximately one sixth of onions produced in Bangladesh.

According to official sources, a total of one lakh forty one thousand metric tons of onion grows on 14 thousand hectares of land on the average every year in the district. Half of this production of onion grows on 7 thousand hectares of land in Nagarkanda thana.

When interviewed Firoz Ahmed, 25, Chandullah Matbar, 55, Hiru Matbar, 45 of village Balia Goti in Nagarkanda thana expressed utter despair saying that their onion growing lands are lying fallow because of scarcity of onion-seeds. They opined that Krishi Bank is granting Tk 14 thousand to each onion growing farmer which is quite insufficient for onion cultivation because of soaring prices of onion-seeds and other inputs. The amount of loan should be enhanced to 20 to 22 thousand taka for each farmer to enable to grow onion

11 die of diarrhoea in Satkhira

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Oct 14: At least eleven persons are reported to have died of diarrhoea in different places of Satkhira district in last two weeks.

The civil surgeon of Satkhira, when asked, has admitted death of six persons during the same period.

He said medical teams are working round-the-clock in the affected areas.

farmer cannot be raised. The government should take measures to make onion-seeds available to the growers at a considerable rate.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)

Road Division, Perojpur

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No. : 17 PRD 1998-99.
- Name of work : Construction of light vehicle RCC Deck slab screw pile Iron Bridge/Foot Bridge at diff. KM in diff. groups on Kawkhali-Chirapara-Bhitbaria Road under Road Division, Perojpur during 1998-99. (Ch: to: 266 Dev).
- Estimated cost : As per group list.
- Earnest money : -do-do-do
- Time allowed : -do-do-do
- Name of offices where tender documents will be available : Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Perojpur/Barisal/Patua khali/Bhola/ Jhalakati-Borguna/Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Perojpur/Kawkhali, during office hours on all working days. No tender form will be sold on the opening date of tender.
- Name of offices where tender bids will be received : Above all offices including Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/Planning and Design Division, Barisal/Dhaka. Superintendent Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Barisal, Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Perojpur/Barisal/Jhalakati. Group No. 4 to 6. Above all offices including Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD), Barisal Zone, Barisal/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (P&D), Dhaka/Divisional Commissioner, Barisal.
- Last date of selling of tender : 25-10-98 E/10-7-1405B
- Last date and time of receipt of tender : Up to 12-30 PM on 26-10-98 E/11-7-1405B
- Date and time of recording of tender in the office of the undersigned : At 12-45 PM on 29-10-98E/14-7-1405B
- Date of lottery : 5-11-98 E/21-7-1405 B. at 10-30 AM.
- Eligibility of contractor : A to C class enlisted contractor under special category of RHD "D" class enlisted contractor under special category of Barisal Road Circle, Barisal.

N.B: Payment will be made on the availability of requisite fund.

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Ch:to: Head
1	Construction of 7.50m. long RS joist with RCC Decking Bridge over a small canal at 8th km 8/1 nos of Kawkhali-Chirapara-Bhitbaria Road under Division Perojpur during 1998-99.	Tk. 3,22,252/-	Tk. 6,446/-	40 (forty) days.	266 dev
2	-do-do-do-do at 8th km (98/3) -do-do-do.	Tk. 3,22,252/-	Tk. 6,446/-	-do-	-do-
3	-do-do-do-do-do at 9th km -do-do-do-do-do	Tk. 3,22,252/-	Tk. 6,446/-	-do-	-do-
4	-do-do/33.50 m long steel truss with RCC decking Foot Bridge over canal at 10th km of -do-do-	Tk 17,36,406/-	Tk. 34,729/-	60 (sixty) days	-do-
5	-do-do-do-do at 8th km 15.24 m. -do-do-	Tk. 7,48,295/-	Tk. 14,966/-	50 (fifty) days	-do-
6	-do-do-do at 10th km 15.24 long -do-do-	Tk. 7,48,295/-	Tk. 14,966/-	-do-	-do-

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Executive Engineer (RHD)
Perojpur Road Division
Perojpur

BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Limited, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong invites sealed quotation on C&F (C) Chittagong basis under any suitable source of financing for the following items under two envelope system:

Tender No	Materials	Opening date	Cost of tender
1. F/03A/MPIC-18/50/98/POP	Banana Roll 'or' Bowed Roll complete with Bearing Housing (etc)	11.11.98	Tk 25/-
2. F/22/MPIC-16/01/98/PQP	Acid Proof Stainless Steel Wire Net	11.11.98	Tk 25/-
3. F/21(C)/MPIC-05/24/97/POP	Flood Light Bulbs 2000 Watt	11.11.98	Tk 25/-

The quotation duly supported by 1% (min Tk 1000/-) earnest money will be received up to 11.00 AM in the mentioned date and will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers, if any. The tender document on cash payment may be obtained from (a) Dy Chief Accountant, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong and (b) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Diluksha Com Area, Dhaka on all working days. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening. Bidder also submit local offer up to Mills site delivery basis against Tender No F/21(C)/MPIC-05/24/97/POP (SI No 3).

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General Manager (Commercial)