

**News snaps**

**Boy killed in road mishap**

**From Staff Correspondent**  
**SYLHET, Oct 17:** A 10-year-old boy was crushed under the wheel of a speeding truck on Sylhet-Sunamganj Road on Thursday afternoon.  
 The accident took place at a place near village Gopal at about 2:30 pm as the killer truck hit the boy causing his spot death. The driver managed to escape after the accident. Agitated villagers put up barricade on the road. The road was cleared by police after five hours.

**Tk 22.37 cr fish resources damaged**

**NOAKHALLI, Oct 17:** The prolonged devastating flood of this year caused extensive loss to fish resources worth about Tk 22.37 crore in the district, reports UNB.  
 The district Fisheries Department sources said, some 30,510 ponds of six thanas were washed away resulting in losses to 5,608 tons of various species of fish. Besides, shrimp cultivation has been affected adversely. The owners of projects said some 19 metric tons of shrimps were lost in the calamity. Only 20 to 50 projects could be saved from the catastrophe. Most of the shrimp enclosures at the coastal belts have been washed away, they added. Besides, extortionists damaged a number of shrimp enclosures in the district for failing to collect money, the owners alleged.

**Shortage of primary school teachers**

**BANDARBAN, Oct 17:** A total of 4,945 students in the district are being deprived of primary education due to shortage of teachers at different government primary schools, reports UNB.  
 Official sources said 23,385 students are studying at 219 primary schools. Only 461 teachers are engaged in teaching the students against the total requirement of 565. The Local Government Parishad alleged that the recruitment of primary teachers in the area is being hampered for obstruction of the Janasanghati Samity here. The parents of deprived students urged the higher authorities to take immediate steps to fill up the vacant posts.

**Fishermen in miseries**

**SHARIATPUR, Oct 17:** Fishermen of the district are facing hardships as the rivers and other water bodies are drying up due to want of proper dredging, reports UNB.  
 Most of the water bodies have dried up and chars emerged in river beds hampering fish output. They said the water bodies are turning into plain land due to lack of care by authorities concerned. According to a survey, there are four rivers and about 2,000 canals and other water bodies in the district and the rivers have lost the navigation due to accumulation of silts. Chars emerged in these rivers are being used for cultivating of various crops including 'Boro' paddy.

**Man commits suicide**

**NOAKHALLI, Oct 17:** A middle aged man of village Shollagachi in sadar thana alleged committed suicide by taking poison due to his inability to repay the loan taken from a money-lender at a high rate of interest, reports UNB.  
 Family sources said, Abdur Rahman, son of Abdur Jabbar borrowed money from a money-lender of Raninagar thana to carry out his hotel business. Due to adverse situation he could not repay the loan in time that afterwards stood a big amount with the accumulation of interest. Meanwhile, the money-lender started pressurising him to repay the money. Finding no other way out, the victim took poison in the morning of October 9. He was rushed to a local Health Complex and later shifted to the district Sadar Hospital where the attending physicians declared him dead.

**Rly lands under illegal occupation**

**NOAKHALLI, Oct 17:** About five acres of valuable Railway land in the district are under the illegal occupation of a vested quarter, reports UNB.  
 According to the local people, with the help of some dishonest Railway Estate Department officials and employees the group constructed slums, shops and business centres adjacent to the rail stations of Sonapur, Choumuhani, Sonaimuri and Delta and earning a lot depriving the government of huge revenue. For years together these lands remained out of the railway's possession mysteriously. It was learnt that several attempts were taken to evict the unauthorised occupiers which ended in failure due to the influence of certain quarters.

**Ex-UP chairman sued**

**KURIGRAM, Oct 17:** The District Anti-Corruption Bureau has filed a case against a former UP chairman of Bhurungamari thana on charge of misappropriation of Tk 20,000 of an ADB project, reports UNB.  
 According to official sources, Abul Hossain, former chairman of Shilkhuri union parishad misappropriated Tk 10,000 allocated for construction of a tin-shed classroom of a primary school at Uttar Dhalbhan and another amount of Tk 10,000 allotted for reconstruction of roads during his tenure. The project was undertaken during the fiscal 1995-96 financed by Asian Development Bank (ADB). Mohammad Fazul Bari, Assistant Inspector of the Bureau, filed the case with the police station on September 30 after investigation.

**Wheat allocated by Relief Deptt**

**PIROJPUR, Oct 17:** A total of 520 metric tons of wheat have been allocated by the Relief and Rehabilitation Department under Test Relief (TR) programme during the current fiscal year here, reports UNB.  
 Official sources said of the wheat sanctioned under the rural infrastructure maintenance scheme, some 79 metric tons have been allotted for Vandaria, 56 mts for Kauhkali, 106 mts for Mathbaha, 89 mts for Nazirpur, 97 mts for Nesarabad and 93 mts for Sadar thanas. The wheat will be utilised against the earth filling works of fields of different educational and religious institutions.



**NARAYANGANJ:** Floods have damaged the Chamber Road of the town causing immense sufferings to the town dwellers. Their woes multiply when rain water remains stagnant for days together in potholes of cracked roads. — Star photo by Ehsanul Haque

**One gets jail term for keeping arms illegally**

**From Staff Correspondent**  
**BARISAL, Oct 17:** One person was convicted for 10 and 7 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) for keeping arms illegally.  
 Jamal Hossain Chakider was convicted under sections 'KA' and 'CHA' of Arms Act in the court of Abdul Kuddus Mia, Judge of the Special Tribunal-2 here on Thursday.  
 Another alleged accused Iran Hossain was acquitted of the charges. Jamal's imprisonment for both sections will continue simultaneously. He was tried in absentia. The case history in brief is, Barisal Kotwali Police acting on a secret information earlier arrested Iran Hossain but no arms were recovered from his possession. Later on, according to his confessional statement, police raided the house of Jamal Hossain Chakider at Bhasenchar village in the kotwali thana on 23 June 1997 and recovered a country made revolver with three rounds of bullets. But Jamal managed to escape. He is still absconding. Police after investigation submitted chargesheets.

**Erosion takes alarming turn in Jamalpur**

**From Our Correspondent**

**JAMALPUR, Sept 17:** Erosion of the rivers Jamuna and Brahmaputra has been continuing unabated. The rivers have already devoured a vast tract of land in the district. Residential areas, educational institutions, market, embankment and railway ferry ghat have been threatened by the erosion.  
 Like every year, the devastating erosion has once again taken a serious turn with the rise or recession of water level in the rivers. This year too, erosion has forced thousands of people homeless. The rivers have already devoured several acres of crops land.  
 About 50,000 people mostly poor, have taken shelter on roads and others places. The Bahadurabad railway ferry ghat, which was earlier shifted to new sites on several occasions needs shifting again as the river continues to engulf the surrounding areas.  
 Measures taken so far by the concerned authority to check the erosion in the district were inadequate. Thousands of acres of land have been engulfed by the rivers' erosion during the past few years. This trend has seriously affected the crop output in the district. This year too standing crops were affected by both erosion and flood.  
 According to unofficial sources, more than 26 square km areas in five unions of Islampur thana, two unions of Dewanganj thana, three unions of Madarganj thana have been washed away by the rivers' erosion in the last five years.  
 The worst erosion affected unions are: Kulkandi Belgassa, Ehinaduli, Nowarpara and Shadabari in Islampur thana, Bhadurabad, Eshikajani, Charamthana and Chukailaji in Dewanganj thana, Mianudpur and Nayaganj in Meandah thana, Baljuri and Charpadah in Madarganj thana.  
 The erosion in the district continues to affect the rural poor people who have lost at least 2,50,000 acres of land in the past few years.  
 It was alleged that the erosion-hit people were not provided with any relief goods. Many of the victims have fallen sick and need urgent medicare.  
 The severe erosion has also threatened many buildings and similar structures. The 1,000-

year-old Ghothail, Bazar, Gholhail High school and Madrasha cannot probably escape the threat of erosion. Jamalpur-Dewanganj Road at Kangal Kusha point is now only 20 feet away from the river bank.  
 Meanwhile, 75km long portion of 150km long Harindara Flood Control and Irrigation embankment from Bhadurabad ghat-Jagannathgong ghat has been washed away by the erosion of river Jamuna during the last 10 years. This year some portions of Harindara Embankment in Islampur thana have been washed away by the flood waters. As a result 50,000 acres of crop lands were affected by the flood waters. When contacted, a source of Operation and Maintenance Division of Water Development Board (WDB) informed this correspondent that smooth maintenance and repairing works of the embankment is being disturbed as both sides of the em-

bankment are occupied by the homeless people.  
 Different Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) including Save the Children, Action Aid, Gonochatona distributed hoesue building materials among the affected families but a section of affected families are yet to receive any help. Grameen Bank has distributed hoesue building loan among the erosion victims of the district.  
 Erosion affected landless people who are mostly agricultural labourers are now facing starvation. Scarcity of drinking water, clothing and medicine is also prevailing.  
 The erosion victims have taken shelter on the embankment, railway line and other high land and some others are leaving the land.  
 One Nurul Islam, a erosion victim said that he had lost 110 acres of crops land including his homestead. Abdur Razzak, a victim of Chinaduli union said, 'I have been living in this

union for 60 years, but I never witnessed such a devastating erosion'.  
 Total damage is estimated to be Taka 2,500 crore during the period after the liberation of Bangladesh in all the affected areas.  
 Meanwhile, the river Brahmaputra has devoured at least 100 houses in Pul-lakhandi village in Dewanganj thana rendering scores of people homeless.  
 Bahadurabad Union Parishad chairman said the river Brahmaputra devoured most of the areas of village pul-lakhandi as the erosion intensified with the abnormal raise of water.  
 The shoal areas of the district have already remained inundated by water, he said.  
 Local MP Abul Kalam Azad recently visited some erosion affected areas of Dewanganj union and distributed some relief goods and money among the victims.

**British HC, Samata stand beside flood victims**

**From Our Correspondent**

**PABNA, Oct 17:** Samata, a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) has undertaken a massive emergency flood relief and rehabilitation programme with the financial assistance of the British High Commission in Bangladesh.  
 Initially Samata distributed relief materials with the assistance of DFID. Bangladesh among the flood victims of Shanthia, Bera, Sujaganar Sadar, Gurudaspur, Boraigram thanas in Natore district and Shahjadpur, Ullahpara, sadar, Tarash thanas in Sirajgonj district and other districts of Bangladesh.  
 Samata has been formed a strong and capable network of 28 NGOs to operate emergency relief works and post flood rehabilitation programmes in the districts of Pabna, Natore and



**Dilruba Haider, representative of the British High Commission in Bangladesh recently distributed relief materials among the flood victims.**



**Abdul Kader, Executive Director of Samata distributing relief goods among the flood affected people.**

Sirajgonj. Their distributed materials include two kg inflated rice and 250 gm molasses to each family in the first phase among 5,000 families through NGOs' network with the assistance of DFID, Bangladesh.  
 Samata also distributed 20 kg rice, three kg pulse, five kg potato, one kg salt and one kg soybean oil among 25,000 flood stricken families with assistance from the same donor agency.  
 The officials and employees of Samata also distributed relief materials among the flood victims with their salary of three days. To cope with the deteriorating health situation following recession of flood waters, Samata has also drawn up a long run programme of distributing medicine and health care facilities for preventing water-borne diseases like diarrhoea, dysentery and jaundice in Pabna, Natore and Sirajgonj districts. With the assistance from DFID, Samata has set up four satellite clinics in 14 flood affected areas. It will continue for the next two months.  
 Besides, Samata has also distributed winter vegetable seeds worth 5,000 taka among 10,000 flood stricken families in the above mentioned areas with the help from Bread for the World, Germany. At present Samata has undertaken a massive post-flood agricultural rehabilitation campaign worth 56 lakh taka with the help of Proshika Manobik Unnyan Kendra.

**Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation Second Rubber Development Project Kakraid, Modhupur, Tangail Tender Notice**

**No: 1/98-99 Dated: 8/10/98**  
 Tenders are invited from interested contractor/firm for completion of the following work for office of Rubber Development Project under BFIDC, Kakraid, Madhupur, Tangail and Peergachha Rubber Estate.  
 1. Construction of Dhumghar in Peergachha Rubber Estate.  
 2. Barbed wire fencing around the workshop of Peergachha Rubber Estate.  
 3. Production articles i.e. tub, GI wire, plainsheet, formic acid and fire wood etc.  
 4. Repair of jeep of the project kept at headquarters in Dhaka.  
 5. Barbed wire fencing in the area of the project office.  
 Tender schedule containing detailed description can be obtained till 28/10/98 during office hours in project office at Kakraid and BFIDC, Account Office Headquarters, 73, Motijheel, Dhaka on payment of Taka 100.00 (non-refundable) for each. Tenders will have to be dropped in the tender box kept at the office room of the project, Kakraid and General Manager (Rubber) at Headquarters till 1 PM on 29.10.98 and will be opened on the same day at 1:15 PM in presence of tenderers (if anyone remains present). The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.  
**FIDCOR:47/98-99 DFP-21698-13/10 G-2326**  
**M A Hannan Project Director**

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
 Office of the Executive Engineer  
 Facilities Department  
 Madaripur Zone  
**Re-Tender Notice**  
**No-02/FD/MZ/GPS/98-99 Dated: 08/10/98**  
 Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 from A/1 & A/2 class contractors enlisted with Facilities Department are invited for construction of government primary schools under a project Government Primary Schools Reconstruction and Renovation Project under Madaripur Zone.  
 Estimated cost of each group is 5,95,000/= taka

Group No	Name of district	Name of thana	Name of educational institutions	Time limit for work	Remarks
01	Madaripur	Sadar	Bhadrakholra Govt. Pry School	3 (three) months	3rd call
02	Do	Do	Uttar Kuchiamara Govt Pry School	3 (three) months	Do
03	Do	Do	Ka, Kha, Ga Govt Pry School	3 (three) months	Do
04	Shariatpur	Do	Atipara Govt Pry School	3 (three) months	2nd call

Tenders can be purchased till 27-10-98 during office hours on all working days from the office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Dhaka/Faridpur/Mymensingh/Tangail/N'ganj/Kishoreganj/Savar/Narsingdi Zone including the office of the undersigned and Asstt Engineer, Facilities Department, Gopalganj/Shariatpur on payment of Taka 400/= (four hundred) (non-refundable).  
 Tenders will be received till 28-10-98 till 12:30 PM in the office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Dhaka/Faridpur/Mymensingh/Tangail/Narayanganj/Kishoreganj/Savar/Narsingdi Zone including office of the undersigned and Asstt Engineer, Facilities Department, Gopalganj/Shariatpur office and will be opened on the same day at 1 PM in presence of the tenderers (if anyone present).  
 2% of the estimated cost of the earnest money in the form of BD/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of 'Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Madaripur Zone, Madaripur' must be submitted along with the tender. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.  
**Terms and Conditions**  
 01. Contractors will purchase tender by producing original registration book with fee submitted for renewal during 1997-98 from the abovementioned offices.  
 02. If any contractor submits rate below the 5% (five per cent) of the estimated cost, the tender will be rejected outright.  
 03. Bills will be paid subject to availability of allocation. But the contractor will be obliged to complete the work within the stipulated period.  
 04. VAT and income tax will be deducted as per government rule.  
 05. The name of educational institutions may be cancelled any time and for this contractor can not claim any additional financial compensation.  
**Abdus Salam Khan**  
 Executive Engineer  
 Facilities Department  
 Madaripur Zone, Madaripur.  
**DFP-21704-13/10/98 G-2328**

**Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution System Ltd**  
 (A Company of Petrobangla)  
 Pathantula, Sylhet  
 Ref No: 136 10 103/ Dated: 06.10.98  
**Notice for Assessment of Prequalification of Architecture Consultant Firms**  
 1. Applications in prescribed forms are invited from reputed architecture consultant firms for the task of drawing and design for construction of housing complex for the officers of Jalalabad Gas T&D System Ltd, Khademnagar, Sylhet.  
 2. Interested consulting firms can purchase from the liaison office of the Jalalabad Gas in Dhaka at Sector No 4, Road No-20B, House No 05, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka from 25.10.98 to 03.11.98 on payment of Taka 500/- (five hundred) in cash.  
 3. Application will have to be submitted to Managing Director, Jalalabad Gas T&D System Ltd by 12-noon on 05.11.98 latest in the liaison office in Dhaka.  
 4. Incomplete application will be regarded as outright rejected.  
 5. Jalalabad Gas authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.  
**DFP-21699/13-10/98 G-2329**  
**Managing Director**

**LGED, Chuadanga Tender Notice No 05/1998-99**  
 Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from LGED's all projects pre-qualified & LGED enlisted up-to-date renewed financially capable all class contractors/contractors' firms for implementation of roads & infrastructures rehabilitation & repair (estimated cost Taka eighty-six lakh) in total 18 packages at different thanas of Chuadanga district under Rural Infrastructure Development Project and Road Development with AS (estimated cost Tk 17,57,000/- under IFFD Project). Tenders will be received in tender box kept at the office of Chief Engineer, LGED, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, (Md Selim, Executive Engineer), Divisional Commissioner, Khulna, Deputy Commissioner & Police Super, Chuadanga, Executive Engineer, LGED, Meherpur/Kushtia/Jhenidha/Jessore/Khulna & Thana Engineer, Chuadanga Sadar/Damurhuda/Alamdanga/Jeebannagar & the undersigned up to 1:00 PM of 29.10.98 & be opened on the same day at 1:30 PM in presence (if any one willing) contractors, and more than one contractor happens to be the lowest by submitting the same rate for the same work, then contractor will be selected through lottery as per LGED's usual rules. In that case the lottery will be held without any correspondence on 08.11.98 at 11:30 AM at the conference room of the undersigned. Tender schedule & other papers can be purchased from the above offices at prescribed price (non-refundable) every day during office hours up to 28.10.98. It may be noted that there will be provision for submitting tender by post, but tender sent by post must reach this office within the prescribed time.  
 This notice being short detailed information may be known from the above offices everyday during office hours.  
**Executive Engineer**  
 DFP-21553-11/10 Local Government Engineering Department  
 G-2331 Chuadanga

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
 Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Public Works Division-2  
 Dhaka  
**Tender Invitation Notice**  
**Memo No. D-2/T-24/D/98-99/809 Dated: 7-10-98**  
 1. Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate's licence holder special first class, first class sanitary contractors/firms, Public Works Dhaka Zone's 2nd class sanitary contractors/firms for the under-mentioned work. The tender will be received in the office of the undersigned & Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Public Works Division-1/3/Mohakhali & Eden-Building Public Works Division, Dhaka up to 12:00 noon of 28-10-98 and be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence (if any) of the interested tenderers. Tender should be submitted superscribing the name of work on the envelope. Contractors/firms not having VAT & TIN certificate will not be sold any tender. Attested copy of VAT & TIN certificate should be enclosed with the tender. No contractors' firm without up-to-date licence renewal will be eligible to purchase tender & no tender will be sold to them.  
 2. A) 100 mm dia GI pipeline connection from underground reservoir of PGR at Ganobhaban to ensure smooth water supply to "NAD & RCD" type quarters at uppergrade govt residential area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.  
 B) Estimated cost: Part-A — quoted price, part-B — Tk 3430/=   
 C) Earnest money: Part-A — 2% of quoted price, part-B Tk 70/=   
 3. Time limit for completion of work: 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issue of work order.  
 4. Contract form including Bangladesh Form No 2911, tender notice, schedule of work, additional terms & conditions can be purchased from the office of the undersigned & Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Public Work Division-1/3/Mohakhali & Eden Building Public Works Division, Dhaka on or before 27-10-98 during office hours at usual price Tk 400/= per set of schedule & Tk 25/= each Form No. 2911 (both non-refundable) on production of registration book, TIN & VAT registration certificate. No tender can be purchased on the date of opening tender.  
 5. Each construction firm should enclose a true copy of TIN & VAT certificate with other documents given in the tender submission estimate. Any construction firm participating in tender without TIN & VAT certificate will be treated as ineligible.  
 6. Contractor himself or his authorised representative can purchase the tender schedule. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.  
 7. Attested true copy of VAT registration certificate & TIN certificate must be submitted with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright.  
 8. In case the lowest tenderer is found to be more than one, lottery will be held on 5-11-98 at 10:00 AM at the office chamber of Executive Engineer, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Public Works Division-2, Dhaka. No separate letter will be issued in this regard.  
**A K M Abdur Razzak**  
 Executive Engineer  
 Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Public Works Division-2  
 Dhaka.  
**DFP-21430-11/10 G-2330**