

News snaps

Video camera recovered from border area

SATKHIRA, Oct 18: BDR recovered three Panasonic video camera with film from Madra border area on Saturday, reports BSS.

BDR jawans of 21 Battalion of Madra BOP recovered three Panasonic video cameras with film covered in a bag from Madra border area while its was being smuggled to India from Bangladesh. The smugglers were carrying the video camera towards the border when the patrol duty of BDR chased them. The smuggler ran away leaving the cameras on the road. The cameras were deposited to the Satkhira Custom authorities. None was arrested in this connection.

2 alleged criminals arrested

RANGAMATI, Oct 18: Two persons were arrested from Chandraghona and Kawkhali area here Sunday on charges of dacoity and other criminal cases, reports UNB.

Acting on secret information, police arrested Abdul Halim, son of Siddique Ahmed, of Kodala in Rangunia thana from Chandraghona area. In another drive police raided Betbunia area in Kawkhali thana and arrested Abdul Quddus, son of Abdul Mannan. They were set to jail *hajjat*.

Ecological balance affected

NAOGAON, Oct 18: Indiscriminate felling of trees for use as firewood and other purposes has been adversely affecting the ecological balance in the district, reports UNB.

A huge number of trees are being cut everyday for use in brick fields, cooking purposes and making furniture hastening the desertification in the district. Even, trees belonging to government and NGOs are not spared from the hands of the cutter negating the tree plantation campaign. A statistics prepared by a non-government organisation shows that about 24.70 lakh trees are being cut every year for different purposes.

BRDB scheme to disburse loan

RAJBARI, Oct 18: Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) has undertaken a scheme to disburse Tk 3 crore loan to develop the socio-economic condition of its Samity members during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

The loan is being given for food grain cultivation, small business, fishery, poultry and dairy farming, food processing, small cottage and pottery industries including the rural transport to make them self-reliant. BRDB has already disbursed Tk 1.17 crore among its 1,500 male and female members under the project.

Training course on health

BANDARBAN, Oct 18: A week-long training course on health and nutrition has begun at a local Town Hall here, reports UNB.

Beer Bahadur MP on Sunday inaugurated the course, organised by CHT Development Board. Some 25 workers from remote areas of the district are taking part in the course. Another 250 workers will be given training on the same theme in the next two months. Local Government Council Chairman Thoingochu Pru and Deputy Commissioner Atiqul Islam Chowdhury were present on the occasion.

জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
সাতার, ঢাকা।

১৯৯৭-৯৮ শিক্ষাবর্ষে স্নাতক (সম্মান) শ্রেণীতে ভর্তি সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ১৯৯৭-৯৮ শিক্ষাবর্ষে স্নাতক (সম্মান) শ্রেণীতে ভর্তির সময়সূচি নিম্নরূপ পুনঃনির্ধারণ করা হয়েছেঃ

ক) মেধা তালিকা : ২৫-১০-৯৮ থেকে ১০-১১-৯৮ তারিখ পর্যন্ত।

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মুহাম্মদ আবদুল গফুর
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Principal
Dhaka Medical College, Dhaka
Memo No DMC/M S MD/98/1780 Dated: 12-10-98

Admission Notice

Applications are invited from gov't/private medical graduates with the undermentioned qualifications for admission to post-graduate course at Dhaka Medical College during 1998-99 (January) academic year.

Name of course : (A) MS Urology
(B) MS Neurosurgery
(C) MD Paediatrics

Qualification for Admission

- Only such candidates as have completed two years after passing MBBS i.e. prior to January 1998, can apply in this case.
- Gov't/private doctors having required qualification for admission can apply in this case. Gov't doctors having been on deputation earlier but not having expired three years for 2nd time deputation cannot apply for this course. Above all, they may study in these courses subject to availability of gov't-approved deputation/study leave. Gov't candidates should apply through proper channel. The highest age limit for gov't candidates in this case is 45 years.
- (A) **Applicable for MS Urology course:** FCPS (Surgery) degree holder candidates can apply for admission directly to 3rd level of MS Urology course. They need not appear at written test in this case, only have to attend viva-voce.
- (B) **Applicable for MS Neurosurgery course:** FCPS (Surgery) MS General Surgery degree holder candidates can apply for admission to 3rd level of MS Neurosurgery. They shall only have to attend viva-voce in this case.
- (C) **Applicable for MS Paediatrics course:** FCPS (Paediatrics) degree holder candidates can apply for admission directly to 3rd level of MD Paediatrics. They need not appear at written test in this case, only have to attend viva-voce.
- Written test of all qualified candidates will be held on 19-11-98 at 10-00 AM at this college. No viva-voce will be taken in this regard. Results of the test will be given on the notice board of this college only.
- Application form can be collected from the office of the undersigned subject to deposit of Tk 500/= (five hundred) which should be filled in and reached to the undersigned by 12-11-98. Attested photo copy of SSC/MBBS/FCPS/BM & DC's registration/training/ place of works working certificate/other post-graduate certificates/2 (two) copies passport size attested photographs & original money deposit receipt must be submitted with the admission forms. No application will be received after the prescribed date. Incomplete application will not be considered for admission. Necessary articles for written test should be brought along by the candidates.
- The date of viva-voce for direct 3rd level admission candidates will be informed later on through the notice board of this college. Candidates should bring along original copies of all certificates at the time of viva-voce.

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SYLHET: Jagannathpur-Chilaura road in Sunamganj district has been badly damaged by the recent floods. A good portion of the road measuring about five kilometres has been washed away. — Star photo

Use of contraceptives up in Chowgachha thana of Jessore

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, Oct 18: Chowgachha thana is on top out of 104 thanas in the country in popularizing the system to pay for contraceptives among users.

Introduced by Family Planning Management Development (FPMD), a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) and organised by its volunteers under Local Initiatives Programme (LIP), this system is gaining momentum.

It is learnt that Sukpukuria and Singhajhuly unions of this thana had been selected for experimentation of the new system in November 1996. Sukpukuria was selected as intervention union and Singhajhuly union as comparison union. Within two years the progress made in this respect was commendable.

During survey by a group of local journalists, it was found that use of pills, traditional method injectables and sterilizations were highest in this intervention union.

It was learnt during the survey, use of pills was 30.88 per cent in this union while it was 39.07 per cent in the comparison union. Use of condoms was 7.11 per cent in the intervention union and the percentage of its use in the comparison union was 10.11 per cent. Similarly the percentage of injectables was 23.77 in the intervention union and 25.96 per cent in the comparison union. Percentage of traditional methods was 17.40 in the intervention union and 8.20 in the comparison union. Percentage of sterilization was 16.67 in the intervention union and 13.39 in the comparison union.

Regarding adoption of permanent method in both the unions it accounted for higher percentage in the intervention union than the comparison union.

Incidentally 'mean' age of the female respondents in both the unions was on average just below 30 years, while that of males was 38 years.

As to education of female respondents 42 per cent of them received some education. Out of them one third had studied for six years or more.

On the other hand about 53 per cent of male respondents had some education. Three fifths of them studied for six years and 95 per cent of surveyed respondents were Muslims.

In an interview with the female respondents regarding payment of the contraceptives they replied in the affirmative.

In the intervention union percentage of respondents willing to pay for modern methods was 92.58 and the percentage for traditional method was 91.55.

When asked how much they were willing to pay for contraceptives every month 45 per cent said they were willing to pay at the rate of Take five every month.

When contacted with

Sukpukuria union chairman Habibur Rahman, he told the pressmen that though his union was the largest one in size and population yet it remained the most backward and undeveloped union in the thana a few years ago.

During the Upazila system of Ershad regime it was connected with the communication network and Family Welfare Centre (FWC) was constructed in this union.

He told that the services of Family Welfare Assistants (FWA) and LIP volunteers increased and the services of fixed sites of Satellite Clinics, Extended Programme of Immunization (EPI), Health and Family Welfare Centre (HFWC) and Thana Health Centre (THC) decreased. This happened because of frequent visits by FWAs and LIP volunteers in the union when new system of 'pricing' was introduced.

He added that the clients wanted home service and lower rate of prices than that of pharmacy.

Thus they preferred the services of FWAs and LIP volunteers.

He also informed that the revenue earnings from his intervention union on account of payment for contraceptives is worth mentioning. He said that it doubled from Taka 652 in November '96 to Taka 1,335 in May '97. He told further that this system was certainly a milestone in social development in rural Bangladesh.

When contacted with the Programme Director of FPMD Abu Sayed, he told The Daily Star that as part of its efforts to improve sustainability of government services, the LIP of FPMD in collaboration with the Family Planning Directorate was implementing this experiment in 104 thanas in the country.

He told that there are two phases in the contraceptive pricing system. In the first phase fees are introduced for short and medium-term contraceptives methods and no charge is required for use of long-term methods.

Memo submitted to Nageswari TNO

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Oct 18: A big procession was brought out in Nageswari thana protesting the killing of ex-Union Parishad chairman and former headmaster of Santoshpur High School Ali Hossain Sarker, 55. He was assassinated by some miscreants of the area at dead of night recently at his residence.

The processionists paraded the main streets of the thana, chanted various slogans demanding exemplary punishment to the culprits.

A protest meeting was also held at the campus of Nageswari Thana Parishad which was addressed, among others, by Mustafizur Rahman, MP, Khairul Alam, and Entaz Ali.

After the meeting a memorandum was submitted to the Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) of Nageswari to press home their demand.

Motive behind Samad murder yet to be known

From Fakhrunnessa

KUSHITA, Oct 18: Motive of the murder of paura commissioner Abdus Samad could not be known as yet. Nobody has been arrested so far.

He was killed on Thursday night at his Kalisankarpur house.

However, police is vigilant and vigorous investigation is going on, according to police sources. A strong contingent of police have been deployed in and around the area of the incident.

It may be mentioned here that Kushtia district Awami League is divided into two groups and late Abdus Samad belonged to Roul Ibrahim group. Anwar Ali is the leader of another group.

Following the murder of Samad his wife lodged a case with Kushtia police station. She stated that some unknown assailants murdered her husband on Thursday night. Her people of the area have become panicky following the murder as this type of murder is the first of its kind in the town.

Floods damage crops worth Tk 68 cr in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Oct 18: Standing crops worth Taka 68 crore in eight thanas were damaged due to floods, according to district Agriculture Extension Department sources.

The sources said that the crops damaged totally or partially in the flood included 'Aus' paddy on 5,803 hectares of land, Broadcasting 'Aman' on 25,858 hectares, seed-beds on 24 hectares transplanted 'Aman' on 4,227 hectares, jute on 19 hectares, vegetables on 2,058 hectares and sugarcane on 2,707 hectares of land.

The sources further said, crops on 40,689 hectares of land were damaged showing an average damage percentage of 31. Excessive rainfall and prolonged flood have increased the extent of damage.

A total of Taka 27,35,940 was sanctioned for the rehabilitation programme of the farmers, sources said adding that the amount would be spent to cultivate 'Rabi' crops including wheat, IRR 'Boro', mustard, pulse and maize on 1,600 hectares of land.

A total of 4,800 farmers would be benefitted from this rehabilitation programme. The amount would be distributed among the farmers to purchase agricultural inputs including seeds and fertilizer.

Besides, Taka 1,00,000 would be disbursed among the farmers to buy 'mash Kalai' seeds, the sources said.

Misappropriation Tension over arrest of UP chairman at Hatibandha

communication disruption.

LALMONIRHAT, Oct 18: Arrest of a UP chairman on charge of misappropriation of VGF foodgrains at Hatibandha thana in the district sparked off a protest from his supporters, reports UNB.

Sindurna UP Chairman Amjad Hossain Tazu was arrested at 2 am on Saturday, upon a complaint from VGE card holder that they were not given foodgrains allocated for them. The chairman allegedly sent back 74 VGF card holders on Thursday without giving foodgrains.

The protest against the arrest, over 1000 supporters of the chairman put barricade on Burimari-Dhaka road at about 10 am on Saturday disrupting road communications.

A number of imported rick-laden trucks came from India through Burimari Land Port remained stranded due to the communication disruption.

Another report from Netrakona says, Police arrested a UP chairman on charge of misappropriation of VGF rice and wheat in Purbadhala thana of Netrakona district early Saturday.

Police said Saiful Islam Samrat, chairman of Narandia Union Parishad, was arrested after a probe body found that 4,565 kgs of rice and wheat allocated from VGF cards were misappropriated.

Local people lodged a complaint with the Deputy Commissioner against the chairman for embezzlement of the foodgrains.

The DC constituted a probe committee with a Magistrate to investigate into the matter.

The chairman was sent to jail *hajaj*.



RAJSHAHI: A big rally was brought out in the divisional town on October 15 in observance of World White Coffee Safety Day. State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Jinnatunnessa Talukder led the rally. — Star photo

Chittagong Port Authority
Marine Division

Re-Tender Notice

Two separate sets of tenders are invited from bonafide repairing firms in respective field for repairing of 1 (one) Governor of the Dredger Khanak of Chittagong Port Authority. Schedule of tender can be collected at Tk-500/= (non-refundable) per set through challan from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all work days. No tender will be sold on the date of opening tender. Tender should be submitted in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned within 12:00 Noon of 16-11-98 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any). The Port Authority reserves the right to accept/reject tender in part or whole.

DFP-21709-13/10 Deputy Conservator
G-2333 Chittagong Port Authority.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Works Division, Gopalganj

2nd Tender Corrigendum Notice

- The first corrigendum notice through Memo No 1272 (20) dated 16.9.98 and Memo No 1273 (20) dated 16.9.98 inviting tenders on 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, & 24/1998-99 (fiscal year) through Memo Number 1238/19, 1242/19, 1246/19, 1253/19, 1255/19 and 1257/19 of this office, the date of selling and receiving tender 18.10.98 and 19.10.98 respectively and the date of lottery on 29.10.98 and the last date of selling and receiving tender have been refixed to 28.10.98 and 29.10.98 respectively and the date of holding lottery has been refixed to 10.11.98 in view of devastating flood.
- Following terms and conditions have been inserted with the terms no 6 of the tender notice. Tender for work including 2911 No Form, schedule, additional terms and conditions and rules and regulations (design if applicable) etc can be purchased from all zone offices of Public Works Directorate i.e. Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna and office of the Divisional Commissioner of Dhaka and all the offices of the Executive Engineers under Khulna Public Works Zone and Sub-Division under this office during office hours.

Other terms and conditions and rules and regulations will remain unchanged. This corrigendum notice will be considered as an inseparable part of the tender.

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JESSORE: Sukpukuria LIP volunteers attending a training class. — Star photo

Satkhira Newsletter

Abducted girl recovered

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, Oct 18: After 16 days of abduction, police recovered Fatema Khatun, 14, daughter of Abul Hossain of village Kalkhali in Shyamnagar thana on October 8. Police also arrested abductor Mahabbat Ali, son of Abbas Ali of the same village.

Police sources said, the victim was abducted by a group of miscreants led by Mahabbat when she came out of her house in response to the call of nature in the early morning on September 22. They took her forcibly by the side of an embankment where they raped her repeatedly one by one. She lost consciousness and later on regaining consciousness she found herself in a house of an unknown person of village Shamsnagar in Bashirhat thana of 24 Parganas in West Bengal, India. There she was also raped again by Mahabbat Ali several times. On October 8, Mahabbat Ali and Fatema came back home.

Police arrested Mahabbat Ali in this connection while Fatema was taken to safe custody for medical examination.

A case was lodged with Shyamnagar police station.

Bus dacoity

A bus dacoity was committed near at Jhhowdanga in Sadar thana on Satkhira-Jessore road in broad daylight on October 8. The dacoits looted away Taka 2 lakh from the passengers at gun point, police sources said.

According to eyewitnesses, when a Jessore bound bus from Satkhira reached near Jhhowdanga, a group of dacoits who were travelling in disguise of passengers, attacked the passengers at about 11 am in the morning and at gun points looted away cash and other valuables amounting to Taka two lakh from the passengers. They got down from the bus and left the place by a microbus that was awaiting there to carry them.

None was arrested in this connection.

Godown officer suspended

The godown officer of Basantapur Customs godown in Kaliganj thana has been put under Suspension on charge of defalcating a huge quantity of banned items, the Customs officials said.

According to norms, the banned items which are deposited with the Customs godown are usually burnt to ashes. According to government rules, the banned items would be burnt to ashes in presence of Magistrate, BDR and Police officials. But violating the rules, S M Bellal Hossain, Customs Inspector who was also the godown officer of Basantapur Customs godown, burnt to ashes the banned items secretly. It is alleged that the godown officer burnt to ashes a few banned items and misappropriated a huge quantity of banned items.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Road Division, Noakhali

R&H Tender Invitation Notice

Tenders are invited in Bangladesh Form No-2911

- Tender Notice No : E/N/22 of 1998-99.
- Name of work : As per the undermentioned "list".
- Name of offices where tender to be had at : Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong Division, Chittagong/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Noakhali/Feni/Lakshimpur/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Procurement (Civil) Division, Sarak Bahban Ramna, Dhaka/ail Sub-Divisional Engineers under Noakhali Road Division.
- Name of offices to receive tender : Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong Division, Chittagong/Additional Chief Engineer (R&H), Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Noakhali/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bahban, Ramna, Dhaka and Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Noakhali.
- Last date & time of selling tender : 2/11/98 during office hours.
- Last date & time of receiving tender : 3/11/98 up to 12:30 PM.
- Date & time of opening tenders by the Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Noakhali : 5/11/98 at 12:45 PM.
- Detailed description of work

Tender Notice No	Group No	Name/location of work	Estimated cost	Amount of earnest money	Time for completion of work from the date of work order	Eligibility of contractor
E/N/22 of 1998-99		Work of repairing in water bound Macadam process then carpeting & seal coating with Waterbound Macadam base course in total 3 (three) groups at submerged damaged/destroyed portions in excessive rain/flood at different kilometres of Begumganj-Maizdi Road under Noakhali Road Division during 1998-99 financial year.				R&H enlisted general class contractors.
1 (one)		-Do- 1st km (part), 2nd km (part), 3rd km (part) -do- -do-	Tk 22,24,468/=	Tk 44,500/=	45 (forty-five) days	'A' to 'D'
2 (two)		-Do- 4th (part) km -do- -do-	Tk 16,96,217/=	Tk 33,930/=	35 (thirty-five) days	-Do- -Do-
3 (three)		6th km (part), 8th km (part) -do- -do-	Tk 10,30,266/=	Tk 20,610/=	30 (thirty) days	-Do- -Do-

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