

News snaps

Disaster Prevention Day observed

HABIGANJ, Oct 19: Natural Disaster Prevention Day '98 was observed here on Wednesday, reports BSS.

A discussion meeting on "Flood and Media" organised by district administration was held at the local town hall in the evening on the occasion. Presided over by Ahmed Fajlur Rashid DC Habiganj, Abu Lais MD Mobin Chowdhury MP attended the meeting as the chief guest. M A N Siddik, ADC (gen), Enamul Haque, TNO Sadar, Shaifur Rahman Chowdhury, President Press Club Habiganj, Abu Zahir, Organising Secretary district Awami League Azizur Rahman Chowdhury ex-president district Awami League were present as the special guests.

Young man killed in road accident

JHENIDAH, Oct 19: A young man was killed in a road mishap in sadar thana of the district on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Police and eyewitness said, Liton, 22 of village Shapvula in Shaikupa thana was killed on the spot when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus dashed him from behind at Goalpara on Jhenidah-Dhaka highway. The victim was riding a bicycle. The body was sent to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital for postmortem.

48,000 VGF cards to be distributed

RAJBARI, Oct 19: A total of 48,000 VGF cards will be distributed among the flood affected distressed family of the district under the government's relief and rehabilitation programme, reports UNB.

Official sources said each VGF card holder family will receive 8 kg rice and 8 kg wheat in every month till harvesting of the next crops. Meanwhile, Tk 8.04 lakh has been allotted for the district in second phase under agri-rehabilitation programme. With this, total allotment at the district stood at Tk 20.78 lakh. More than 3,000 flood-hit farmers are expected to get benefit with the allotment, said Agriculture Extension Directorate sources.

2 unnatural deaths in Raypur

LAXMIPUR, Oct 19: Two people died of unnatural deaths in Raypur thana of the district on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Police said Hajera Khatun, 20, of Char Ababil village allegedly committed suicide following the torture by her husband and other in-laws for dowry. In another incident, police recovered the body of an unidentified man aged about 40, from Nayarhat area in Keroa village of the same thana. His body bore several marks of injury.

Flood victims deprived of health care facility

KUSHTIA, Oct 19: Over seven lakh flood affected people of the district have been deprived of proper health care facilities as the medical teams are hardly found working in the affected areas, reports UNB.

According to the Civil Surgeon, a total of 92 medical teams are working in 61 unions to render service to the water-borne diseases affected people. But the relief workers, who are engaged in the relief distribution for the flood victims, alleged that these teams are hardly found working. As a result, diseases including diarrhoea and dysentery have been spreading in new areas.

Law and order reviewed

JHENIDAH, Oct 19: A meeting of the district law and order committee was held on October 12 at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner, reports BSS.

Mohammad Aminur Rasul, Deputy Commissioner, Jhenidah presided over the meeting. The meeting discussed the law and order situation of the district and decided to take effective measures against all crimes particularly repression on women and children including dowry, torture, abduction, rape, murder and child-lifting. The meeting stressed the need for curbing terrorism at any cost.

White Cane Day observed

SATKHIRA, Oct 19: The World White Cane Day was observed here on Thursday in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

Various programmes including rally and discussion meetings were held by the government and non-government organisations. A blind rally led by Additional Deputy Commissioner (general) Emdadul Haque and Additional Deputy Commissioner (general) M. A. Hossain was held from Shahid Abdur Razzak park in the morning followed by a discussion-meeting at deputy commissioner's conference room. Deputy Commissioner Saiful Alam attended the discussion as the chief guest with Additional Deputy Commissioner (general) Emdadul Haque in the chair.

Massive IRRI-Boro farming scheme

NATORE, Oct 19: A massive IRRI-Boro crop cultivation scheme has been undertaken in 16 northern districts during the coming season to overcome the losses caused by the recent devastating flood, reports UNB.

The Agriculture Extension Department sources said some 10 lakh hectares will be brought under cultivation with a production target of about 25 lakh MTs. The target was about 23.50 lakh MTs of paddy from 8.50 lakh hectares of land in Rajshahi division during the last season.

Telephone network not working

PATUAKHALI, Oct 19: The telephone network here has not been working properly for the last few months, subscribers complained, reports APB.

Cross-connection has turned out to be a constant pain in the neck the users said, adding that it is quite unsafe to talk over telephone for overhearing. When asked, T&T officials here attributed the problem to 'overloading'.

People deprived of proper postal service in N-dists

PABNA, Oct 19: Nearly 3 crore northerners are deprived of requisite postal services for lack of the department's infra-structural development in keeping with today's mailing speed, reports APB.

The government is also losing revenue earnings worth crores of taka, concerned sources said, adding thousands of employees of the department are living a miserable life as a result.

"It takes four to eight days for a letter, document or money order to reach its destination due to various hurdles," many sufferers said.

Neglect of duties of the concerned people is also strongly alleged in this regard.

Bangladesh Post Office (BPO) sources told there are 1,541 post offices, including a GPO and 16 head post offices, in the country's northern region.

Since the British Raj, the department has been operating domestic and overseas mailing services from the region through its 108 thana post offices, 148 sub-post offices, 9,259 branch offices and nine EDSOs under the supervision of the head post offices, they said.

BPO introduced the Guaranteed Express Post (GEP) system in the northern districts in 1984 with a view to expediting the mailing process for the convenience of the consumers.

To this effect, sources said, it attempted to dovetail the system with the Bangladesh Railway, but in vain, for it did not work along the desired lines owing to irregularities of rail traffic.

Finally, it had to revert to its own traditional transportation system.

Although letters and the documents are supposed to reach their destinations within 24 hours under the GEP system, the arrangement usually does not work in that manner, owing mainly to delays in crossing the rivers by ferryboats, the sources said.

No wonder that a system of courier service has grown up in different districts alongside the post offices due to the lapses of the BPO.

Although the system is comparatively expensive, members of the public find it better and faster than the postal service, depriving the exchequer of huge amounts of revenue.

Notwithstanding the introduction of electronic mail system in today's world, the importance of the postal system, however, has not diminished any way.

The sources gave a problem list blamed for the limping postal service. Most of the postmen are to walk or travel by rickshaw vans, bicycles or boats to reach their destinations throughout rural Bangladesh.

The country's branch post offices, set up on the lands and money donated by the people of the respective areas, are run by one to three people as per importance.



MUNSHIGANJ: The local district unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) has undertaken a massive programme of two-day cleanliness drive in the municipal area.

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

(পানির অপচয় বন্ধ করুন।। ম্যানহোলের ঢাকনা চুরি রোধ করুন)

Tenders are invited from prequalified category B-1 and B-2 contractors of Dhaka WASA under ADB-financial assistance Dhaka Integrated Flood Protection Project for construction of manhole and catchpit at Hazaribagh at an allocation of Taka 25,81,85.47. Tenders will be received till 4/11/98 at 12:00 Noon and will be opened the same day at 2:00 PM in presence of tenderers or their representatives (if present).

Tender schedule will be available in the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed description will be available in the office of the undersigned.

Address: Segunbagicha Dhaka Mir Matiar Rahman Executive Engineer (in-charge) DFP-21811-14/10/98 Drainage Division-3 G-2346 Dhaka WASA

257 road accidents in Noakhali in 30 months

NOAKHALI, Oct 19: At least 257 people died and 873 others were injured in 309 separate road accidents in six thanas of the district during the last two and a half years from January '96 to June this year, police records said, reports UNB.

According to an unofficial source, over a hundred others died during the period in at least 200 accidents which were not recorded with the police.

According to police, 97 people died and 403 others were injured in 118 separate road accidents in 1996 in the district and some 118 cases were filed with the police stations.

Some 109 people died and 405 others were injured in 101 separate road accidents in 1997. During January to June, this year at least 51 people died and 65 others were injured in 80 separate road accidents.

Local people alleged that most of the vehicles have no fitness certificates and drivers have no driving licences and no regular route permits.

The families of the victims did not receive any compensation as yet, according to the source.

It is learnt that about 90 per cent drivers of Noakhali, Laxmipur and Feni routes have no legal driving licence and about 87 per cent vehicles have no legal documents.

Most of the vehicle owners managed their driving licences, fitness certificates of vehicles and route permits illegally, the sources alleged.

5 kidnapped in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Oct 19: A group of terrorists kidnapped five persons including a freedom fighter from Koira in the early hours of Tuesday.

The kidnapped persons have been identified as Shushil Mondol, 50, Masum 42, Gautam 30, Shaheb Ali 28, and Ganesh 32.

Police said the alleged terrorists demanded ransom of Tk 20,000 from each of them two days before the kidnapping. They are now held hostages in the hideout of the terrorists in the sundarbans, police said.

Five separate cases have been lodged with Koira thana in this connection.

Export Promotion Bureau NOTICE

This is for the information of all concerned that the Export Promotion Bureau, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation, is going to organize a market development mission to the North America to promote export of the following group of products:

- (1) Readymade garments (coats, jackets, blazer, suits, dressing gown, sweater, pullover, cardigans etc of non-quota categories).
- (2) Leather footwear
- (3) Leather goods
- (4) Textiles including handloom textiles and specialized textiles.

Consultants for the project area currently surveying the companies to assess their production and supply capabilities for ascertaining their suitability for participation in the programme.

Companies interested are requested to fill-up a questionnaire obtainable from the office of the undersigned and submit the same by 31st Oct '98. Those who had already submitted the filled in questionnaire need not do so again.

For any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Md Abdur Razzak Mondal Director (Policy & Planning) Telephone : 9556732

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Food Directorate Procurement Division 16, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka

Tender Notice No 6/98

Dated : 15.10.98

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from interested traders/ rice millers/establishment/supplier for purchasing 50,000 metric tons of par-boiled rice in the sales centres under Food Directorate mentioned below.

Sl No	Names of sales centre	Name of district	Quantity of purchasable par-boiled rice (metric tons)
1.	Dewanhat CSD	Chittagong	4,000
2.	Dharmapur LSD	Comilla	3,000
3.	Sylhet LSD	Sylhet	2,000
4.	B'baria LSD	B'baria	2,000
5.	Tejgaon CSD	Dhaka	7,000
6.	B'Betka LSD	Tangail	3,000
7.	Mymensingh CSD	Mymensingh	2,000
8.	Singhzani LSD	Jamalpur	1,000
9.	Netrakona LSD	Netrakona	3,000
10.	Kishoreganj LSD	Kashoreganj	1,000
11.	Maheswarpara CSD	Khulna	4,000
12.	Khulna CSD	Khulna	4,000
13.	Jessore LSD	Jessore	2,000
14.	Ishwardi LSD	Pabna	4,000
15.	Dinajpur CSD	Dinajpur	1,000
16.	Muladuli CSD	Pabna	2,000
17.	Santahar CSD	Bogra	5,000

Total 50,000 metric tons

Each set of tender schedule can be purchased till 09.11.98 during office hours by depositing Taka 1,000/- (one thousand) (non-refundable) in cash from all offices of Divisional Commissioners and the Cashier of Accounts and Finance Division of Food Directorate (Food Directorate, 16, Abdul Ghani Road, 5th floor). No schedule will be sold on the day of submitting tender.

3. Quality of rice, ruling, packing, payment of price etc have been mentioned in details in tender schedule. For any kind of deviation from these directives, the tender will be regarded as rejected.

4. One tenderer can submit tender for supply of minimum 1000 (one thousand) metric tons of rice in one centre. But one tenderer can submit tender for maximum 3 (three) centres, the quality of rice will have to be mentioned separately for different sales centre and earnest money for all quantities offered will have to be submitted. Earnest money at the rate of 2% of the quoted price in the form of Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director, Procurement, Food Directorate will have to be submitted with tender. Successful tenderer will have to complete the supply of whole quantity of rice under contract within 6 (six) weeks by starting it within three weeks from the date of contract.

5. Tenders will have to be submitted in the tender box kept in front of the office of any Divisional Commissioner or Room No 101, 2nd floor of Food Directorate. Tenders will be received till 12-00 Noon on 10.11.98 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of tenderers/their representatives (if anyone remains present).

6. All information regarding tender can be known from the Procurement Division of Food Directorate and Regional Food Controller office.

7. The tender committees in each sales centre may increase/decrease the quantity of purchasable rice, if necessary.

8. No tender with terms and conditions will be accepted.

9. Tenderers under contract will have to pay income tax on price of rice to be supplied as per existing rules.

10. The authority reserves the power to accept/reject the lowest or any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Md Khalilur Rahman Director (Procurement) Food Directorate, Dhaka Phone No 9550261

DFP-22083-18/10 G-2347

Occidental staff succumbs to burn injury

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Oct 19: An employee of the US company Occidental who received severe burn injury in an accident at a warehouse of the company here succumbed at a private clinic.

Babul Robin Rozario, while repairing an electric line in the warehouse at Barsala at about 2-30 pm yesterday met with the accident caused by a short circuit. The fire caused by the short circuit totally burnt the electric line which connected a motor and the octane tanker. Fire Service personnel brought the situation under control.

The injured employee Babul was immediately rushed to the Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. The Occidental officials later shifted him to a private clinic where the victim succumbed to his wounds at 4-30 am today, said the clinic sources.

Ban on politics from IU withdrawn

From Our Correspondent

Kushtia, Oct 19: Ban on political activities which was imposed on the campus of Islamic University has been withdrawn with effect from October 10.

The ban was lifted after holding a threadbare discussion with Proctorial body, student advisory body and leaders of various students organisations in separate meetings held on October 7. A four-point behavioural list has been prepared and anybody found to disobey the same will be severely dealt with, as condition of withdrawal of the ban.

Two bodies recovered in Narayanganj

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 19: Body of an unidentified man was recovered by police from a fishery at Pagla under Fatulla thana in the early hours.

Fisherman fishing at about 3 am discovered the body in their net, police said. When recovered, its hands and legs were found tied with rope.

The victim aged about 32 could not be identified immediately. Police suspect that the man was murdered about four to five days ago.

The body was sent to the Narayanganj District Hospital morgue for autopsy. In another incident, police recovered the body of Shamim Manjur Shimul, 17, from the river Buriganga at Dharmaganj in the evening.

Police said that Shamim, son of one Manjur Elahi had been missing since yesterday.

Directorate General Defence Purchase Tender Notice

Ministry of Defence New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

(1st Time)

1. Sealed tenders are invited in local currency from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/ Suppliers/ Indentors (Enlisted Firms and Firms Applied for Enlistment) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Army:

Sl No	Nomenclature	Date of Selling		Date of Opening	Currency	Tender No
		From	To			
a.	Rice Pajiam (Atap) 396 Metric Tons	01.11.98	17.11.98	18.11.98	Local	525/P-8

2. Tender schedule with detail specifications will be available on payment (not refundable) as per I/T selling rate during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender will be dropped latest by 1000 hours and opened at 1005 hours on concerned opening dates in front of tenderers present at that time.

ISPR/Misc/98/823 DFP-21782-14/10 G-2342

Lt Col for Director General

Directorate General Defence Purchase Tender Notice

Ministry of Defence New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

1. Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers/ Indentors (Enlisted Firms and Firms Applied for Enlistment in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy.

Sl No	Name of Items & Qty	Date of Selling		Date of Opening	Currency	Tender No
		From	To			
a.	Portable Gas Monitoring Sets Qty - 06 Sets	1-11-98	10-12-98	13-12-98	FC	5794
b.	Portable Air Compressor Qty - 10 in Nos					5795

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (not refundable) during office hour between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in the presence of tenderers (if present).

ISPR/Misc/98/818 DFP-21782-14/10 G-2343

Lt Commander BN For Director General

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet

Notice Inviting Tender No E/M-12/1998-99

1. Tenders in sealed cover in the BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the approved and eligible (those who are registered under VAT Regulation Act, 1991). Special Class-I, Class-I, and Class-II, Electrical/Mechanical Contractor of PWD (Special Class-I, and Class-I, holding ABC and Supervisory Licence and Class-II holding BC & Supervisory Licence contractors under PWD. Tenders will be received by the undersigned as well the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sunamgonj/Moulvibazar/Habiganj under PWD Circle, Sylhet on 3/11/98 up to 12:00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers who like to remain present at the time of opening.

Name of work	Estimated cost in Taka	Earnest money in Taka	Time allowed
Construction of reserve office at RP Line, Sylhet during the year 1998-99 (Subhead:-Providing Internal Electrification including supplying & fixing of ceiling fan in the ground floor & first floor) in the office building at reserve police line, Sylhet	3,44,306/-	6,890/-	90 (ninety) days.

2. Contact documents, consisting BD Form No 2911, schedule of item, additional terms and conditions etc can be seen & purchased from the office of the undersigned & Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sunamgonj/Moulvibazar/Habiganj under PWD Circle, Sylhet & Sub-Divisional Engineer, I/II/III/E/M of Sylhet PWD Division on payment of usual charges of Tk 425/- (Tk four hundred twentyfive) only non-refundable per set of schedule, terms & conditions & 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 representative & other requisite papers of his eligibility with signature of the representative duly attached by the contractor on any day during the office hours up to 2-11-98.

Abdul Wahed Joarder Executive Engineer Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet.

DFP-21802-14/10 G-2345

BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিফটনে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Ltd., Rangadia, Chittagong invites sealed tender from manufacturers' genuine agent against Tender No. CUFL/PUR/98-99/4(25) dated 11.10.98 for purchase of Micro Computer & Printers. Tender documents are available at the cost of Tk. 50.00 (fifty) only (non-refundable) per set up to 15.11.98 during office hours in the following offices (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) BCIC branch office, 06, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & (3) CUFL, Accounts Department, Rangadia, Chittagong. Tender will be received in the Commercial Department, CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong and BCIC branch office, 06, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong up to 11.30 AM on 16.11.98 and will be opened simultaneously both the places immediately thereafter. CUFL management reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

BCIC-907-13/10/98 K S Barua Manager (Purchase) for Managing Director. DFP-21816-14/10 G-2344



SYLHET: Prof Habibur Rahman, VC, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology speaking as chief guest at the task force meeting of the 'Sylhet Healthy City Programme' organised by Sylhet pourashava with the assistance of WHO and Public Health Engineering Department on October 12 last. — Star photo