

News snaps

Shab-i-Miraj observed

MADARIPUR, Nov 20: Shab-i-Miraj was observed here on Tuesday with due solemnity, reports BSS. Different religious and social organisations arranged various programmes on this occasion. The programmes included Zikir-asker, Milad mahfil discussion and prayer. A discussion on the significance of Shab-i-Miraj was held at Kulfardi Khanka-i-Chisti. Peer Hazrat Maulana Golam Rasul delivered speech in the mahfil. Large number of devotees participated in the mahfil.

House building grant sanctioned

RAJSHAHI, Nov 20: The government has sanctioned Tk 38 lakh as house building grant in the district in two phases to rebuild the houses damaged by the recent prolonged flood, reports UNB.

During the devastating flood, houses of some 1.80 lakh families have been damaged, of which, 80,000 are worst affected. But the allocation is quite inadequate against the need, a people's representative expressing his dissatisfaction said that most of the families of his ward are distressed so he could not make a selection of a few people among them.

The government is going to provide the grant among only 10 per cent of the affected people while the others are being deprived of the facility, he added. Meanwhile, 84,700 VGF cards have been distributed in most of the areas of all the thanas against the demand of 1.10 lakh cards.

Bhasani's death anniversary observed

SANTOSH, (Tangail), Nov 20: The 22nd death anniversary of national leader Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani was observed here on November 17 in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

A large number of Bhasani followers from all walks of life, political leaders, educationists, students and representatives of different socio-cultural organisations assembled in the mazar to pay their homage to the great leader. Khatme Quran, Mazar ziyarat, placing of floral wreaths, discussion meetings, milad mahfil, urs and distribution of shirni were the main items of the day-long programme. Maulana Bhasani - founded Maulana Mohammad Ali College held Quran khawani, milad mahfil and discussion meeting on this occasion.

Rivals' clash leaves 5 hurt

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 20: At least five people were injured in a clash between two rival groups at Aalipara area in Sidhirganj thana here on Monday, reports UNB.

Police and local people said following a previous enmity a group led Rehan and another group led by Mandal locked in a clash near the house of late Saded Ali at about 1.00 pm. At least 25 to 30 rounds of bullets were fired and about 50 bombs were exploded in the fierce clash in which Ibrahim, 20, received bullet wound and Noorjahan, 62, Nasreen, 30, Nasima, 25, and a boy Nadim were injured a bomb attack. Ibrahim was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition and others were admitted to Narayanganj Hospital. A tense situation was prevailing in the area.

Court documents stolen

KURIGRAM, Nov 20: The normal activities of all the courts under the district sessions judge remained stopped on Wednesday following a mysterious theft committed in its four rooms on the previous night, reports UNB.

Official sources said an organised gang of lifters stole necessary documents including few ballot papers brought for setting an election case. The list of the lifted documents is being prepared by the district and other judges of the court. It is feared that many valuable case documents were stolen by the muggers.

Four kidnapped

KHAGRACHHARI, Nov 20: A group of tribal terrorists kidnapped four people from Laxmichhari thana here on Monday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the four tribals were abducted from Lelangpara village of Baramachhari union by the terrorists opposed to the CHT Peace Accords. The victims kidnapped from deep forest were identified as Aungjai Marma of Majorpara, Jotish Dewan of Dewanpara of Jana Sanghati Samity, Pai Tu Aung Marma of Hrajchhari village and Mong Koy Aung Marma of Monghalapara. Meanwhile, security forces are conducting search operations to rescue the victims.

Municipality employees in misery

PATUAKHALI, Nov 20: A total of 160 employees of Patuakhalai municipality have been leading miserable life as they are not getting salary since last July, reports UNB.

Municipal authority sources said they are not in a position to pay salary amounting to nearly Tk 1.73 lakh per month as about Tk 2.2 crore tax remained outstanding. Of the total, about Tk 98.60 lakh has been lying outstanding with the government organisations while Tk 2 lakh with the business establishments and Tk 60 lakh with the poura dwellers. The employees urged the authorities concerned to repay their salaries immediately to ease their sufferings.

Rice donated to PM's Fund

THAKURGAON, Nov 20: The rice mill owners of Thakurgaon district donated rice to the prime minister's relief fund, reports BSS.

The rice was handed over to Ramesh Chandra Sen MP, at a simple function. The rice has been sent to Tungipara, Gopalganj for distribution among the flood victims. Ramesh Chandra Sen thanked the mill owners for their donations.

Immunisation programme progressing

MANIKGANJ, Nov 20: Livestock Department is implementing a programme of immunisation of cattle and poultry after the devastating flood in the district, reports BSS.

Under the programme 76,700 cattle head and 1,68,000 poultry have been immunized. At the same time 15,000 calves, 7,500 goats and 73,000 poultry were given medical treatment.

'Develop Muktinagar battle field as a tourist spot'

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, Nov 20: November 22 is a red-letter day in the history of our Liberation War in 1971.

Twenty-eight years ago, on this day, Jessore western front was liberated jointly by our valiant Freedom Fighters (FFs) and Allied Forces (AFs) in one day's fierce fight against the Pakistan Occupation Army on November 21 at Muktinagar battle field.

Pakistan Army deployed full divisions of Artillery, Infantry and Armoured Corps with a total of 10 tanks. They used modern war weapons including Anti-Aircraft guns, mortars, machine guns and rocket launchers in this battle.

Yet, the battle was not equally fought.

Pakistan Army suffered a crushing defeat. They lost all the troops, arms and ammunition despite fighting to the last with all their might to resist the attack.

According to local people, Pakistan Army took position at Muktinagar mangrove at mid-day on November 20 and built up a fortified stronghold overnight. Their activities showed that they had been engaged in a total war, the people revealed.

They also informed, suddenly from pre-dawn on November 21, Artillery of the Occupation Army went on shelling along the border areas and their troops moved to that direction in full fury through Gorbpur and Jahangirpur.

When contacted, people of these villages told that during their advance Pakistan Occupation Army ransacked many of their houses and searched for 'Mukti' (FFs). The Occupation Army killed a number of civilians including Shamsuddin, Shamsur Rahman, Nayan and Hanif Ali of Jahangirpur, Surat Ali of Huda Fatepur, Abed Ali of Vadra, Suniti Kumar and Nokul Chowkidar of Gorbpur and Taher Ali of Pitamberpur in a drive to mop up the Bengales.

The locals also told that no sooner had they reached the Dhapari point, they returned more quickly in a disorderly manner. The Allied Forces began the counter-shelling by their most powerful and sophisticated weapons -- 25 mm guns from the Shahajadpur make-shift pounding the enemies and their stronghold.

They were all perished with the fall of Pakistan Army at his-oric Muktinagar battle the same day before evening, the Jessore Western Front was liberated. After this battle was over, six damaged tanks out of 10 of the enemy were taken by Indian Army to their land. The other four left at Muktinagar, were later, sold on auction by the authority in Jessore Cantonment sometime in 1974 for reasons unknown.

Incidentally, the Pakistan Army, after long seven months of stay at kochubila, pulled out on November 19 and came back to shingh.

In the morning on November 20, four jet-fighters coming from Jessore cantonment flew over Mashila border and dropped several bombs, without provocation. This annoyed the AF, who shot down two jets of them and the other two escaped unhurt. Pilot officer, PAF, Khaled Parvez was caught red-handed by FFs from Dighalsingha and handed over to Indian Army. They moved to Muktinagar from here.

Shahajadpur make-shift was built up to provide logistic support to the FFs and AF in the Muktinagar battle.

Muktinagar is situated two kilometres to the south of Moshimarnagar on Sadhinata Sarak, that runs from Chowgacha to Jessore.

Seven years after liberation war, Jagonathpur was renamed as Muktinagar by the then Deputy Commissioner, Jessore Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir.

Considering the glorious

role, played by Muktinagar during liberation war and its historical importance, he took up this place for over all development.

He drew up a package plan to uphold the spirit and values of the Liberation War of 1971 particularly for the new generations.

The plan included a full fledged high school, hostel, library, museum, a rest house and link road from Moshimarnagar to Shahajadpur BDR camp via Muktinagar, Jahangirpur, Huda Fatepur, Fatepur Ramvadrapur, Ajmatpur, connecting Sadhinata Sarak.

But time did not permit him to fulfil the task. He was transferred in March 1979 after completing the construction of the school building which he named as Muktinagar Sahahid Sarani Sikkhya Niketan. Rest of the school work was done by the local Upazila Parishad in

1985. As State Minister for Planning, Science and Technology of the present government, Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir visited this place recently. He assured that construction of the proposed link road, science building for the school will be taken up in the current fiscal.

Computers will also be supplied to the school shortly.

Every year political leaders, high officials, diplomats and journalists from different parts of the country visit this place to pay respect to the memories of those who laid down their lives at this battle for the liberation of Bangladesh.

Ex-Indian Army Chief, General Sankar Rai Chowdhury, who fought here as an officer of the Allied Force against the Pakistan Army visited this place this year.

Such a place deserves proper development as a tourist spot.



JESSORE: Monument on Muktinagar battle field. —Star photo



JESSORE: Stone inscription shows the place where a fierce battle was fought in 1971. — Star photo

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Road Division, Tangail,

(R&H), Tender Invitation Notice

Sealed tenders are invited in Bangladesh Form No-2911

- Tender Notice No : 3 (three)/TRD/year 1998-99.
- Name of work : Different types of works at different roads under Tangail Road Division during 1998-99 financial year. Divided in 20 (twenty) groups.
- Estimated cost : Taka - as per group list.
- Earnest money : Should be submitted as per group list through Bank Draft/ Treasury Challan etc from any scheduled bank in favour of the Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail.
- Prescribed time limit for completion of work : As per group list.
- Eligibility of tenderer : As per group list general class (R&H) enlisted contractors.
- Tender to be had at : Deputy Commissioner, Tangail/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail/ Mymensingh/Jamalpur/Kishoreganj/ Sherpur/Netrokona/Procurement Division (Civil) Dhaka/Police Super, Tangail and Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Road Sub-Division, Tangail/ Mirajpur/ Modhupur under Tangail Road Division/1st Line workshop Sub-Division, Tangail/Officer in Charge, Kotoali Thana, Tangail.
- Tender receiving offices : Additional Chief Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Mymensingh/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Deputy Commissioner, Tangail/Police Super, Tangail/ Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail/Sherpur/Mymensingh/ Jamalpur/Kishoreganj/Netrokona/ Officer in Charge, Kotoali Thana, Tangail.
- Last date of selling tender : 29/11/98 up to office hours.
- Last date & time of receiving tender : 30/11/98 up to 12:30 PM
- Date & time of opening tender : 3/12/98 at 2:00 PM
- Date & time of lottery : Will be held at 11:00 AM of 6/12/98 at the office of the undersigned.

Group list of different types of works at different roads under Tangail Road Division during 1998-99 financial year. Divided in 20 (twenty) groups.

Group No	Name of work	Head of expenditure	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work	Price of tender document	Eligibility of contractor
1 (One)	Repairing of flood damaged brick pavement at different kilometres of Tangail-Aricha Road during 1998-99 financial year	266-Development/168-RBF	Taka 5,79,178/-	Taka 11,584/-	30 (thirty) days	Taka 520/-	'A' to 'D' general class contractors
2 (two)	Repairing with granting & sealed of flood damaged pavements at different kilometres of Tangail-Aricha Road during 1998-99 financial year.	-Do-	Taka 13,81,710/-	Tk 27,635/-	35 (Thirty-five) days	Taka 520/-	-Do-
3 (three)	Construction of flexible pavement at the 26th (part), 27th (part) kilometres of Tangail-Aricha Road during 1998-99 financial year	-Do-	Taka 26,15,434/-	Tk 52,310/-	45 (forty-five) days	Taka 1020/-	-Do-
4 (four)	Construction of with earth work at the flood damaged parts of different kilometres of Tangail-Aricha Road during 1998-99 financial year	-Do-	8,15,110/-	Tk 16,303/-	30 (thirty) days	Taka 520/-	-Do-
5 (five)	Repairing of flood damaged HBB with earth work at different kms of Dhubunia -Salimabad- Chouhali Road during 1998-99 financial year.	-Do-	Taka 26,1,978/-	Tk 5,240/-	20 (twenty) days	Taka 520/-	-Do-
6 (six)	Repairing of flood damaged brick pavement with earth work at different kms of Dhubunia -Salimabad- Chouhali Road during 1998-99 financial year.	-Do-	Taka 11,05,625/-	Tk 22,115/-	30 (thirty) days	Taka 520/-	-Do-
7 (seven)	Construction of flexible pavement at the 12th (part) km of Gopalpur-Jagannathganj Road during 1998-99 financial year	-Do-	Tk 7,80,343/-	Tk 15,607/-	35 (thirty-five) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
8 (eight)	Repairing with sealcoat at the 5th km of Gopalpur-Jagannathganj Road during 1998-99 financial year	-Do-	Tk 2,59,953/-	Tk 5,200/-	15 (fifteen) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
9 (nine)	Road Widening with earth work at the 7th (part) km of Gopalpur-Jagannathganj Road during 1998-99 financial year	-Do-	Tk 3,93,605/-	Tk 7,873/-	25 (twenty-five) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
10 (ten)	Road widening with earth work at the 3rd km of Gopalpur-Jagannathganj Road during 1998-99 financial year	-Do-	Tk 3,93,605/-	Tk 7,873/-	25 (twenty-five) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
11 (eleven)	Construction of flexible pavement replacing the brick pavement at the 2nd (part) & 3rd (Part) KM of Bharaduba-Ghatali-Bhuapur Road during 1998-99 financial year. (Ghatali-Bhuapur part).	-Do-	Tk 21,33,513/-	Tk 42,671/-	40 (forty) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
12 (twelve)	Repairing with carpeting & sealcoat at the 1st (part) KM of Kalihati-Barochawna Road during 1998-99 financial year	-Do-	Tk 10,27,752/-	Tk 20,556/-	25 (twenty-five) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
13 (thirteen)	Construction of flexible pavement at the 1st (part) & 2nd (part) KM of Kalihati-Barochawna Road during 1998-99 financial year	-Do-	Tk 10,96,295/-	Tk 33,926/-	35 (thirty-five) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
14 (fourteen)	Construction of brick pavement at the 4th (part), 5th (part) KM of Sakhipur-Sedstore during 1998-99 financial year (3+500 to 4+500)m.	-Do-	Tk 13,09,182/-	Tk 26,184/-	30 (thirty) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
15 (fifteen)	Construction of brick pavement at the 5th (P) & 6th (P) KM of Sakhipur-Seedstore Road during 1998-99 financial year (4+500 to 5+250)M	-Do-	Tk 9,81,887/-	Tk 19,640/-	30 (thirty) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
16 (sixteen)	Construction of brick pavement with earth work at the 18th (P), 19th (P) KM of Karatia-Basail-Sakhipur Road during 1998-99 financial year (17+650 to 18+650)	266-Development/168-Repair	Tk 13,30,716/-	Tk 26,615/-	35 (thirty-five) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
17 (seventeen)	Repairing with granting of the damaged pavement at the 2nd (P) & 3rd (P) km of Karatia- Basail-Sakhipur during 1998-99 financial year	-Do-	Tk 1,03,952/-	Tk 2,080/-	15 (fifteen) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
18 (eighteen)	Road widening with HBB at different market portions of different KM of Gorai-Sakhipur Road during 1998-99 financial year	-Do-	Tk 7,91,528/-	Tk 15,831/-	30 (thirty) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
19 (nineteen)	Repairing with brick consolidation and carpeting and sealcoat at the 28th (P) & 29th (P) KM of Gorai-Sakhipur Road during 1998-99 financial year.	-Do-	Tk 1,25,897/-	Tk 2,518/-	30 (thirty) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-
20 (twenty)	Repairing with sealcoat at the 10th (Part) KM of Gorai-Sakhipur Road during 1998-99 financial year	-Do-	Tk 69,433/-	Tk 1,390/-	10 (ten) days	Tk 520/-	-Do-

- Officers of the tender receiving offices will receive the tenders on the date prescribed in the tender notice and send the tenders to the Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail in sealed condition through special messenger.
- Work order will be issued fixing the quantity of work within the allotment limit only.
- Tenderers should submit tender after going through/reading the terms & conditions of tender.
- As the estimate has not been approved, formal tender will be received as per the approved estimate only.
- Bill of completed work will be paid after scrutiny of the work on the spot by the Engineer in charge (executive officer).
- If the date of receiving tender on holding lottery is declared a Govt holiday or hartal, it will be received/held on the next working day.
- If, under unavoidable circumstance, terms & conditions are not attached with the tender, the contractor shall have to sign an additional 1 (one) set terms & conditions at the time of submitting formal tender.

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Satkhira Newsletter

From Our correspondent

Girl gangraped

SATKHIRA Nov 20: A-14-year old girl was gangraped by a group of miscreants at village Gunakarkati in Assauini thana recently.

The victim hails from village Dhamrail in Paikgachha of Khulna district.

According to police sources, when the victim reached village Gunakarkati at about 6 pm with her younger brother, a group of miscreants, namely Abdur Rashid, Sabur, Habibur Rahman and Shahadat Hossain of the same village intercepted on way and took her in a nerya-beel where she was gangraped.

Three commit suicide

Three persons including two housewives committed suicide by taking poison within a span of two days.

Rekha Rani, 22, wife of Asit Kumar of village Gava and Nazma Khatun, 19, wife of Khalilur Rahman of village Fairadanga sadar thana committed suicide by taking poison recently.

On the other incident Mujibur Rahman, 30, son of Ayub Ali of village Sultanpur in sadar thana committed suicide by taking poison.

Man killed in road accident

One person was killed in a road accident at Madhabakati bazar on Satkhira-Jessore road on November 16.

The victim is identified as Abdul Mazid, 32, of village Godaghatia in sadar thana. Police sources said that a speeding bus knocked the van puller Abdul Mazid down and he died on the spot.

Noor Hossain Day observed

Shaheed Noor Hossain Day was observed by different political and socio-cultural organisations recently.

Satkhira district Krishak League held a meeting at its office recently to pay tributes to the memory of Shaheed Noor Hossain. Presided over by Sardar Anisur Rahman, President Satkhira district Krishak League, the function was addressed by Prof Abu Ahmed, Advocate Abdul Ahad, Advocate Abu Bakar Siddique and kazi Kamal.

Speakers at the meeting recalled the sacrifice of Shaheed Noor Hossain in establishing democracy in the country. Muktiyoddah Sanghati Parisad of Satkhira district unit also paid tributes to Noor Hossain.

Notice Inviting Tender

(RHD) Road Division, Dinajpur

- Tender Notice No : 6 EE/DRD/1998-99.
- Name of work : Pavement repair with sealcoat of diff. road at diff location damaged by the recent flood under Dinajpur Road Division during the year 1998-99 in 5 (five) groups as per group list.
- Estimated cost : As per group list. Group list will be enclosed in the tender schedule.
- Earnest money : As per group list.
- Time allowed for completion of work : -do-
- Eligibility of contractor : A to E general category of (RHD) enlisted.
- Name of offices where tender documents will be sold : 1. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dinajpur/Thakurgaon/Nilphamari/Panchagarh.
2. Executive Engineer (RHD), Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Road Division, Rangpur.
- Name of offices where the tender bids will be received : 1. Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD), Rangpur Zone, Rangpur.
2. Superintending Engineer (RHD), Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
3. Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Dinajpur.
4. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dinajpur/Thakurgaon/Nilphamari/Panchagarh.
- Last date of selling tender documents during office hours : Up to 29-11-98.
- Last date and time for receiving tender bids : Up to 12-30 PM on 30-11-98.
- Date and time of opening tender box : At 12-45 PM on 30-11-98
- Date and time of opening tender bids (at the office of undersigned) : At 11.00 AM on 1-12-98.
- Date of lottery (if necy) (at the office of undersigned) : At 11.00 AM on 3-12-98.
- Chargeable Head : 266 Road.

Sl No	Name of road	Group No	Name of work with location	Estimated cost Tk with head of A/C	Earnest money	Time for completion of work	Eligibility of RHD contractor
1.	Rangpur-Badarganj-Parbatipur road (Dinajpur-Parbatipur portion)	1 (one)	Repairing with sealcoat work at diff. road and diff. location damaged by the recent flood at 14th (p) and 15th (p)	As per group list 266 Road	As per group list	15 (fifteen) days.	A to E general category
2.	Saidpur-Parbatipur road. (Dinajpur-portion)	2 (two)	-do- 13th (p), 14th (p), 15th (p)	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
3.	Birgonj-Khanshama-Darwani road. (Ranirbandar-Khanshama portion)	3 (three)	-do- 1st and 2nd KM	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
4.	Dinajpur-Khanpur road	4 (four)	-do- 7th, 10th (p) KM	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
5.	Dinajpur-Khanpur road	5 (five)	-do- 11th (p), 12th (p)	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-

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