

News snaps

Menace of mad dog

NOAKHALI, Nov 24: The menace of mad dog has increased alarmingly in Hatya thana and at least 40 people died of hydrophobia following the dog bite during the last two months, reports UNB.

Sources in the Thana Health Complex said the number of patient of hydrophobia has increased alarmingly during the last few weeks. Local people said domestic animals like cow and goat are also being bitten by dogs. The situation has taken serious turn and in a meeting held at the Thana Health Complex a number of steps have been taken to combat the menace. Director General of the National Health Institute presided over the meeting, attended by specialists on prevention of Hydrophobia.

Training for farmers

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 24: The Agriculture Extension Directorate (AED) has imparted training to 2,330 farmers of 13 thanas recently, reports BSS.

According to AED sources, the thana-wise trainees are: Hossainpur 185, Sadar thana 160, Pakudja 220, Katladi 185, Karinganj 185, Tarail 155, Itna 185, Mithamoni 155, Nikli 185, Austragram 185, Bajitpur 185, Kuliarchar 185 and Bhairab 190. The farmers were imparted training on the modern methods of cultivation, utilisation method of manure and fertilisers.

Problems grip branch post offices

SHARIATPUR, Nov 24: Branch post offices in six rural thanas of Shariatpur district have been limping with multifarious problems, reports APB.

They do not have proper office buildings and most of these post offices are located at the residences of the respective post masters, local Union Parishads and even shops. At present the number of letters, money-orders, parcels and the like have swelled, which have commensurately increased the responsibility of the post masters. Nearly 50 branch post offices in six thanas also do not have adequate number of furniture and not even steel almirahs for safe-keeping of cash money and valuable items.

Money lenders doing brisk business

NARAIL, Nov 24: The small and marginal farmers of the district are being compelled to borrow money from the money lenders due to financial hardship and dearth of agricultural inputs, reports UNB.

With the recession of flood waters, the affected farmers are taking preparations to cultivate 'Boro' paddy to recoup their losses, but they are facing problems in farming for want of running capital. It is alleged that though the government has sanctioned agricultural loans through Krishi Bank and other commercial banks on easy terms and condition, most of the poor farmers and share croppers could not avail of the opportunity due to alleged malpractice by some corrupt officers of the banks. Taking advantage of the situation, a section of unscrupulous money lenders are doing brisk business by lending money to the needy farmers at high rate of interest. The poor farmers are borrowing money from them at 15 to 20 per cent of interest per month.

Snatching near Mathurapur

THAKURGAON, Nov 24: Taka two lakh twenty seven thousand were reportedly snatched away from two rice traders on Monday near Mathurapur on Baliadangi-Thakurgaon road, reports BSS.

It was learnt that rice traders Anwarul Islam and Sirajul Islam of Baliadangi were going to Hill to purchase rice. On way near Mathurapur suddenly a microbus halted their motor cycle and forcibly lifted them into the microbus. After snatching money the rice traders were expelled from the microbus and the snatchers fled away with the microbus.

19,900 VGF cards allocated

NARAIL, Nov 24: The government has allocated 19,900 VGF cards for the flood affected people of 37 unions and two pourashavas here, reports UNB.

Officials sources said the government has sanctioned 10,400 kgs of rice and 10,400 kgs of wheat against the VGF cards for distribution among the flood affected people. Total 5,000 VGF cards have been allocated for seriously affected five unions, 3,500 cards in less flood hit five unions, 6,000 cards for flood hit 12 unions while 4,500 cards for the distressed people in 15 unions who are not flood-affected. Besides, 600 cards have been also distributed in Narail Pourashava and 300 cards in Kalia Pourashava respectively.

BKB loan for farmers

RAJBARI, Nov 24: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) has distributed about Tk 7.43 crore among the small and marginal farmers of the district under its post flood rehabilitation programme, reports APB.

The loans included Tk 5.58 crore for crop production and the remaining amount for other sectors, BKB officials here said. The bank, under the agri-rehabilitation programme, will distribute Tk 21.47 crore among the farmers of four thanas during the current fiscal year.

Misappropriation of ration goods

KHAGRACHHARI, Nov 24: Some 268 families of 13 cluster villages in Dighinala thana here brought allegation of misappropriation of ration goods against the authorities, reports UNB.

They said the local administration did not distribute the ration goods among the families properly. The thana administration received 137 metric tons of rice in March this year from the district administration as ration of these families for six months. But the Project Chairman of the cluster villages did not distribute these foodgrains properly among the holders of 200 ration cards, alleged the villagers. They said most of the holders of ration cards do not know about the allocation for them from the administration. The news of the allocation they came to know later angered them much.

92,380 VGF cards for 4 Madaripur thanas

MADARIPUR, Nov 24: The government has sanctioned a total of 92,380 Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) cards for four thanas of the district including three pourashavas, reports BSS.

According to official sources, thana wise distribution of cards is as follows: 18,000 VGF cards for Madaripur sadar and pourashava, 17,000 cards for Kalkini thana and pourashava, 21,000 cards for Shubchar thana and pourashava, 10,000 cards for Rajbari thana area. Earlier, rest 36,380 VGF cards have been distributed. Farhad Rahman, Deputy Commissioner told that distribution of foodgrains for October was completed under the supervision of thana-level officials.

Shortage of 'Boro' seeds

MADARIPUR, Nov 24: The target production of 'Boro' paddy may not be achieved in greater Faridpur this year due to acute shortage of seed, reports APB.

Some 98,780 hectares of land were earmarked for 'Boro' cultivation in Faridpur, Madaripur, Gopalganj, Shariatpur and Rajbari. Supply of seeds from Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) is much below the requirement.

Meanwhile, the seeds, supplied by BADC, are being sold at Tk 16-17 per kg, sources here said, adding that the price is around Tk 20 at some places.

Severe pest attack on Aman crop in two districts

Severe pest-attack on 'Aman' fields in districts has created great panic among the farmers.

Our Sherpur Correspondent reports: 'Aman' paddy on more than 12 thousand hectares of land is under pest-attack in five thanas of the district. The pests are locally known as 'Sanggha' and 'Pamri'.

According to local sources, out of the above mentioned pest attacked areas 6,265 hectares are in the Sadar thana, 2,015 hectares in Shebordi, 1,102 hectares in Jhenaidah, 1,235 hectares in Nakla and 1,383 hectares in Nalitabara thana.

The district agriculture office sources, however, confirmed that about seven thousand hectares of Aman paddy field have been affected by the pests in five thanas.

An affected farmer informed that the green paddy plants have turned yellow and as a result dried up.

It has been alleged that the department prepared the report on the basis of information supplied by the block supervisors who did not inform the concerned department about the pest-attack. Pests are now attacking new fields.

The farmers told this correspondent that the spray machines supplied by the agriculture department have been lying inoperative for want of proper care. Local experienced quarters expressed that if the authorities concerned do not take any effective measures immediately the situation may get out of control. Local farmers

of the affected areas can not afford to by the required quantity of pesticides which are being sold in the local markets at an exorbitant price.

The farmers urged the proper authorities to take immediate measures to save the standing crops from pest-attack.

Besides, poor peasants of some villages in five thanas are selling their standing 'Aman' paddy in advance at a lower price due to economic hardships.

A group of well-to-do section of the areas is taking the advantage of the situation, it is informed.

Poor and marginal peasants are selling their paddy between Taka 180 and Taka 200 per maund whereas the actual price of paddy is now Taka 410 to 420.

Bona fide farmers of the flood affected areas are not getting agri-loan from banks as some dishonest bank staffers harass them on various grounds, it is learnt.

Our Magura Correspondent says: Pests have attacked on more than 22 thousand hectares of 'Aman' crop lands in 10 Southwestern districts of Magura, Jhenidah, Jessore, Narail, Khulna, Bagerhat, Sathira, Kusthia, Chuadanga and Meherpur during the current season. Of them pest-attack on about 17 thousand hectares have been checked by applying different methods including Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Programme, according to Agriculture Extension Department (AED) Sources.

T-'Aman' growers under the Ganges Kobadak Project (GKP) of Magura and adjoining Jhenidah districts said some plots of a vast tract of green 'Aman' paddy plants turned yellow and orange colour due to pest-attack recently. Pests like Majra, Leda and different types of grasshoppers have damaged their standing 'Aman' crop. Besides, the green leaves of Aman plants in many plots have become dry due to attack of virus like Tugro, they added.

Meanwhile, the official sources of AED said, 2,125 hectares of 'Aman' crops have been attacked in Magura, 3,667 hectares in Jhenidah, 6,146 hectares in Jessore, 727 Hectares in Narail, 1,278 hectares in Satkhira, 956 hectares in Bagerhat, 3,166 hectares in Kusthia and 1,000 hectares each in Chuadanga and Meherpur district.

AED sources added, about 77 per cent pest affected 'Aman' crop lands have been controlled by using insecticides and other methods in the above mentioned districts.

It is learnt from the agricultural experts and marginal and landless farmers that most of the ignorant paddy growers in remote areas usually apply pesticides, according to their whims. In many cases they depend on the pesticides vendors of the local hats and bazaars though most of them do not know how to prescribe proper pesticides for driving out pests.

On the other hand, it is largely alleged that smuggled, banned and adulterated pesticides are available in the local markets of the above mentioned dis-



FARIDPUR: An agriculture officer recently distributed relief materials from his personal fund among the flood victims of Gazirtek in Char Bhadrason. — Star photo

Diarrhoea claims 29 lives in Feni dist

FENI, Nov 24: Some 13,000 shallow and deep tubewells are inoperative in six thanas of the district, causing outbreak of various water-borne diseases, official sources here said, reports APB.

The Civil Surgeon said 4,500 deep tubewells and 9,116 shallow tubewells have gone out of order due to flood and water stagnation.

The thana-wise breakup of the inoperative tubewells are as follows: Sadar-3,180, Begumganj-4,930, Chaktil-2,691, Senbagh-8,881, Hatya-588 and Companyganj-552.

However, 1,300 tubewells have been repaired on an emergency basis and the remaining ones would be mended in phases, the Civil Surgeon's office sources said.

Meanwhile, diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases claimed 29 lives and affected at least 300 others across the district during the last two months.

Various water-borne diseases have broken out here mainly due to arsenic-pollution, sources here said, adding that at least 2,000 tubewells needed to be installed on an emergency basis.

Another report from Jhenidah: Nearly six lakh people of 10 south-western districts were suffering from diseases like leprosy, goiter, tuberculosis, kala azar, filaria and jaundice.

According to a survey conducted by a non-governmental organisation recently, some 50,000 people have been attacked by leprosy and an equal number by goitre in the districts.

While some one lakh people were found to be suffering from jaundice and over four lakh

from tuberculosis, kala azar and filaria. The districts where the survey was conducted are: Jhenidah, Magura, Narail, Kusthia, Meherpur, Chuadanga, Jessore, Khulna, Satkhira and Bagerhat.

The study revealed that there were a lack of institutional, medical and specialist treatment facilities in those areas to combat the diseases.

Man dies after drinking country made wine

JESSORE, Nov 24: A man died and four others fell seriously ill after drinking poisonous country made wine at Hamidpur village in Kotwali thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said, Narayan Chand Biswas, Haran Biswas, Prodip Biswas, Khairul and Sukumar went to liquor seller Abul Khair's house of the village at about 10 PM and fell sick after having the wine.

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বাগড়াছড়ি পার্বতা জেলা

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এতদ্বারা স্বপ্ৰসিদ্ধ ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী/প্রকৃত দোকানদারগণের নিকট হইতে নিম্নলিখিত বিষয়সমূহের দরপত্র আগামী ৩০-১১-৯৮ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিসে রক্ষিত বাস্তব দাবিলের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে। এদিন ১২-৩০ ঘটিকার সময় ঠিকাদারদের যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। সামনে বাস্তব খোলা হইবে।

কিস্তির বিবরণ/শর্তাবলী/সিডিউল বাগড়াছড়ি পুলিশ রেশন স্টোরের উচ্চমান সহকারীর নিকট হইতে ২৯-১১-৯৮ইং তারিখ অপরাহ্ন ৫ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত প্রতিটি পাঠে লিখিত (অক্ষেরতযোগ্য) নগদ মূল্যে পাওয়া যাইবে।

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- (১) পুলিশ রেশন স্টোরের ১৯৯৯ইং সালে শুকনা জ্বালানি কাঠ সরবরাহ। সিডিউলের মূল্য ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা মাত্র।
- (২) পুলিশ রেশন স্টোরের ১৯৯৯ইং সালের গম ভাণ্ডারের ঠিকাদার নিয়োগ। সিডিউলের মূল্য ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা মাত্র।
- (৩) পুলিশ রেশন স্টোরের ১৯৯৯ইং সালে লেবার হ্যাভলিং-এর ঠিকাদার নিয়োগ। সিডিউলের মূল্য ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা মাত্র।
- (৪) পুলিশ রেশন স্টোরের ১৯৯৮-৯৯ আর্থিক বৎসরে অফিসের কাজে ব্যবহৃত বিভিন্ন স্টেশনারী দ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহ। সিডিউলের মূল্য ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা মাত্র।
- (৫) শর্তাবলী
- (৬) প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিক ছাড়া কাহাকেও সিডিউল দেওয়া হইবে না।
- (৭) কোন প্রতিষ্ঠান সম্পর্কে কোন প্রকার সন্দেহের উদ্ভেদ হইলে যথারীতি তদন্তের মাধ্যমে নিশ্চিত না হওয়া পর্যন্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ সিডিউল দিতে বাধ্য নহে।
- (৮) প্রকৃত মালিক ছাড়া কাহাকেও গম মিলিং-এর সিডিউল দেওয়া হইবে না।
- (৯) সিডিউল ব্যতীত কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।
- (১০) দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলার দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।

কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন প্রকার কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়া যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং সর্বনিম্ন দর গ্রহণ করিতে বাধ্য নহেন।

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পুলিশ সুপার

বাগড়াছড়ি পার্বতা জেলা

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No development work done in Pabna Jail in 116 years

PABNA, Nov 24: No development work was done in Pabna jail during the last 116 years, much to the sufferings of the inmates, reports APB.

The prison with a total capacity of 521 — 514 for males and seven for women — still has the similar accommodation after its establishment in 1882, the jail sources said.

At present, the sources say, about 950 jailbirds crowd the prison, and they, as a result, are getting infected with various ailments, including skin diseases.

Although a single-storied lock-up has been constructed in the jail compound recently, it is found to be unfit for keeping inmates due to its faulty construction, concerned sources said.

The lock-up, they inform, has been built with below-standard construction materials and the quality of work is not found satisfactory. It is now being used for official purposes.

Meanwhile, the lone double-storied building of the penitentiary has been lying abandoned owing to lack of repair and maintenance, the sources said. The roof of the building may collapse at any moment.

At the moment, there are 10 pucca wards, a couple of tin-sheds, two cells, a hospital with a female ward, a handicrafts

department, the administrative department, toilets and baths in the prison.

A superintendent, a jailor, a deputy jailor (in place of sanctioned two), a medical officer and two clerks have been conducting the administrative activities of the jail. The Civil Surgeon supervises the medical affairs.

Led by a subadar, there are 11 guards, who include two women, ensuring security of the jail.

The prisoners suffering from mental diseases are generally sent to Pabna jail hospital as there are special facilities for treatment of such patients there.

At the time of filing of this report, there were 30 such patients undergoing treatment in the hospital, including 26 men and four women.

The hospital has a total of 20 beds, which is absolutely inadequate for prisoners, the sources observed.

Besides, such narcotics as heroin, cannabis, Charash and alcoholic drinks are available inside the jail on payment of 'proper fees' to the jail guards, a competent source told.

Moreover, visitors through the jail gate everyday as they can see their desired inmates by simply paying a graft of Tk 20 to the guards.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Female Secondary Stipend Project
Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education
Road No 5, House No-25/B, Dhanmondi,
Dhaka-1205

No-516/95/27887

Date: 17/11/98

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in prescribed forms are invited by the undersigned from the bona fide manufacturer/dealer/agent/importer for purchasing computer papers for the above-mentioned project. The cost of each set of tender schedule is Taka 400/- (four hundred) (non-refundable) in the form of Pay Order.

Tenders can be dropped in the tender box kept at the Development Section of the Ministry of Education (Room no-1800/1, 18th floor, building no-6, Bangladesh Secretariate, Dhaka) and Administration section of the head office of the project (House no 25/B, road no-5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka till 12 noon, Sunday on 13/12/98 (Bangladesh time) and will be opened the same day at 12-30 pm only in the places mentioned above before the tenderers (if anyone remains present). No tender will be received after the expiry of the specific period under any circumstances. Tender schedule with detailed description and terms and conditions can be procured on payment of usual fees (non-refundable) in the form of Pay Order from 26/11/98 to 10/12/98 during office hours (9 am to 5 pm) from the development section (Room no-1800/1, 18th floor, Bhaban no 6, Bangladesh Secretariate, Dhaka and from head office of the project (House no 25/B, road no 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka). Non-refundable Pay Order as the cost of purchasing schedule should be from any schedule bank in Bangladesh (on any branch in Dhaka of the concerned bank) in favour of Project Director, Female Secondary Stipend Project, Ministry of Education, Dhaka and tender schedule can be collected by applying in the respective pads of the firms participating in tenders (with pay orders).

Mentionable, attested photocopy of Pay Order (by the class I government officials) of purchasing tender schedule (above-mentioned) will have to be deposited with the tender.

Decision on tender by the authority will be treated as final. The authority reserves the power to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason and can increase or decrease the number to meet the need of the office.

Kalim Ud-Din Ahmed

DFP-24466/18-11-98 Deputy Director (Administration) G-2633 FSSP.

Chittagong Port Authority
Office of the Director, Security

Tender Invitation Notice

Sealed tenders in 02(two) copies are invited from reputed interested firms for refilling/servicing/repair as per schedule of ABC&E Fire Extinguisher (6 kg capacity, stored pressure type) of Fire Service Section of Chittagong Port Authority. Tender documents consisting schedule of the said Fire Extinguishers, terms & conditions of tender can be collected at Tk 100/- per set (non-refundable) from the office of the Fire Service Officer/CPA attached to Jetty No. 4 during office hours up to 22-12-98. Tender should be dropped in the tender box kept at the office of Deputy Director, Security/CPA at or before 12:00 Noon of 23-12-98, which will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. No tender will be sold on the date of opening tender. If the office remained closed on account of govt holiday/natural calamity etc. on the last date of dropping tender & the date of opening tender, then the tenders will be dropped & opened on the next working day. Pay Order/Bank Draft for 25% of total quoted price in favour of Chittagong Port Authority must be enclosed with each tender. Otherwise no tender will be accepted. Interested tenderers may inspect the said fire extinguishers by contacting the Fire Officer/CPA during office hours.

The Port Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in part or full without assigning any reason.

Lt. Col.

DFP-24219-17/10

Director, Security

G-2635

Chittagong Port Authority

R&H Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice No: 14/R&H, FD Khulna/98-99.
2. Name of work, estimated cost, earnest money, time limit for completion of work: as per following group list.
3. Eligibility of : From 'A' to 'E' general category contractors under (R&H) Directorate (as per regional and financial capability).
4. Officials to receive : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Ferry Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Boyra, Khulna/Executive Engineer, R&H, Ferry Division, Khulna/Barisal/Equipment Control Division, Khulna.
5. Places where tenders : Executive Engineer, R&H, Ferry Division, Khulna/Barisal/ Equipment Control Division, Khulna/Sub Divisional Engineer, R&H, Ferry Sub-Division, Khulna.
6. Last date of selling : 09.12.98/25.08.1405 Bang.
7. Last date and time of : 10.12.98/26.08.1405 Bang at 12.00 Noon.
8. Date and time of : 10.12.98/26.08.1405 Bang at 12-15 PM.
9. opening tender box
10. Date and time of : 14.12.98/30.08.1405 Bang at 11.00 AM in this office.
11. opening tender
12. Cost of schedule : Taka 500/- (five hundred) only per set and Taka 25/- (twenty-five) only each 2911 form.
13. Date of lottery : 15.12.98/01.09.1405 Bang at 12 Noon in this office.

Group list

Gr No	Name of work	Estimated cost, Taka	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Work of assembling and supply of required goods for repair of site, deck, bottom etc of Pontoon No-PO 033 at Pirajpur Ferryghat under R&H Ferry Division, Khulna during 1998-99 fiscal year.	4,54,881/-	9,098/-	30 (thirty) days
2.	Work of assembling and supply of required goods for repair of site, deck, bottom, folder and superstructure of Rupsha-6 Ferry of UT type-01-006179 at Rupsha Ferryghat. -do-	4,42981/-	8,860/-	30 (thirty) days.

Md Nurul Alam Khan

Executive Engineer, R&H

Mechanical

Ferry Division, Shirononi, Khulna

DFP-24570-19/11/98

G-2636

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

পানির অপচয় বন্ধ করুন। | ম্যানহোলের ঢাকনা চুরি রোধ করুন

Tenders are invited from enlisted class I civil contractors of Dhaka WASA for the undermentioned work.

Name of work	Expenditure sanctioned	Date and time of receiving tender
1. Work of sand filling, construction of approach road, boundary wall at the site of deep tubewell installed under Interim Project-4 Group 'A'	15,57,331	7.12.98 till 12.00 Noon
2. -Do- Group 'B'	11,68,010/-	-do-

Tenders will be opened at 2.00 PM on the day of receiving tender in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if anyone remains present). Schedule of tender can be obtained from the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of the Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and All MODS Zone office of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed description will be available from the office of the undersigned.

Address:
WASA Bhaban
98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka
WASA-PI-314/98
DFP-24348-18/11/98
G-2634

AKM Zafarullah

Project Director

Interim Project-4

Dhaka WASA