

News snaps

Fishermen deprived of their rights

NARSINGDI, Jan 13: Fishermen in the district are deprived of their fishing rights as two big water bodies, Mona Beel and Nali Beel, have been leased out again to some local influential people ignoring rules, reports APB.

The vast water bodies along the river Meghna have been leased out by some corrupt officials by declaring those as 'enclosed' areas although a government investigation three years back showed that those were 'open areas', fishermen alleged. The thana land settlement officer, on orders from higher authorities, had carried out a survey and found that the beels were 'open' areas. After the survey report was submitted the corrupt officials delimited the two beels into four. They renamed and declared those as 'enclosed' areas and leased out for three years to some influential people.

Crimes on rise

JHENIDAH, Jan 13: Incidents of murder, rape and other crimes in the district almost doubled last year compared to the previous years, reports APB.

At least 110 people including 15 women were murdered and 46 women raped last year. Six of the women were murdered after being raped. In the previous year, 64 people were murdered, police said. Most of the murders were committed by members of outlawed parties. A good number of the murders were due to inter-caste conflict. There were 297 recorded cases of decoucy and 2,000 cases of other crimes including hijacking, burglary, arson, acid throwing and mugging.

Tangail Minibus Owners Assoc body

TANGAIL, Jan 13: A 25-member executive committee for 1999-2000 term of Tangail District Minibus Owners Association was elected recently with Murad Siddique as its president and Kh Iqbal Hossain as secretary, reports BSS.

Election of the Tangail District Bus-Coach Owners Association was also held recently. S M Pervez Taleeg was elected president and A Rouf Khan general secretary for a two-year term.

Acute crisis of fodder

BHERAMARA (Kushitia), Jan 13: An acute crisis of fodder has been prevailing in Kushitia, Chuadanga and Meherpur districts for the last couple of months, reports APB.

Shrinkage of pasture lands and successive crop failures have caused the crisis, farmers said. Traditional pastures have been turned into agricultural lands because of population boom. High prices of oil-cake and other processed animal feed have made problem more acute, they said.

Loan disbursed among farmers

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 13: Kishoreganj regional office of Bangladesh Krishi Bank disbursed a total of Taka 25,20,84,000 in 13 thanas of the district through bank's 20 branches till December 30, reports BSS.

The percentage of disbursement is about 85 and recovery is about 55. The disbursement work is in full-swing, according to official sources. The 13 thanas are: Kishoreganj sadar, Karimganj, Itna, Astagram, Mithamon, Nikli, Bajiapur, Bhairab, Kuliarchar, Pakundia, Hossainpur, Katiadi and Tarail.

Fund shortage hampers work

PATUAKHALI, Jan 13: Construction work of the much-needed 31-bed Rural Health Complex at Dumki thana has been stopped for about one year now for want of funds, reports APB.

Official sources said Tk 3,88,64,000 was allocated for the project in '95-'96. Construction began after Tk 1,50,00,000 was released. Earth-filling work, quarters for Class Four employees, dormitory and sinking of a deep tubewell have been completed. But construction of the main hospital building, doctors quarters has been stopped now.

Liquor recovered

MUNSHIGANJ, Jan 13: One hundred and seventy-three bottles of contraband foreign wine and 82 bottles of phensidyl were recovered by the police from Char Mukterpur in Sadar thana on Monday afternoon, reports BSS.

One person was arrested in this connection, police said. Acting on a tip off, Sadar thana police raided a stationery store at Char Mukterpur at around 1:30 pm on January 9 and recovered the contraband liquor from there. Abul Kasem, 25, an employee of the store, was taken into custody.

Agri-loan distributed

RAJBARI, Jan 13: Sonali Bank has so far distributed over Tk 2 crore as agriculture loan to provide assistance to the farmers under post-flood rehabilitation programme, reports UNB.

Official sources said the bank has already disbursed the loan among 2,100 farmers in four thanas through its seven branches for cultivating transplanted 'Aman', 'Boro' and winter crops, species and pulses. The target of loan disbursement has been fixed at Tk 3.20 crore during the current fiscal year. In another scheme, Public Health and Engineering Department has taken up a scheme to sink and re-sink 332 tubewells in three flood-affected thanas free of cost to ensure supply of pure water in the rural areas. The work under the programme has already started in Sadar, Pangsaha and Goalanda thanas.

Indian goods seized

SATKHIRA, Jan 13: The members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized various kinds of Indian goods worth over Taka 4.78 lakh during the last three days, reports BSS.

The BDR members of 21 Battalion of Satkhira raided the Shakra, Toligachi, Jhaudana, Kayba, Boiakari, Rubbrapur and Bhomra border areas and seized various kinds of Indian goods smuggled into Bangladesh. The BDR said, the goods included sugar, salt, sarees, bidi, common seed and bi-cycle. The goods were deposited to Satkhira Customs authorities. None was arrested in this connection.

305 crimes against women in a year

MAGURA, Jan 13: Police recorded 305 criminal offences against women in 10 districts of Khulna division during the last year, reports UNB.

Of these, 206 were cases of violation of chastity, 83 abduction and 16 various types of other repression, according to the official sources. Throughout the year, some 25 offences were recorded in Magura district, seven in Narail, 80 in Jessore, 19 in Khulna, 24 in Satkhira, 27 in Bagerhat, 50 in Kushtia, 28 in Meherpur and 20 in Jhenidah.

Good harvest of 'Aman' in 11 dists

BARISAL, Jan 13: There has been a good harvest of 'Aman' paddy in the 11 southern districts this year, reports APB.

The production would be around 90 lakh tonnes, sources in the Agricultural Extension Department told. A production target of 12.40 lakh tonnes from 7.5 lakh hectares was fixed. About 8.50 lakh hectares were brought under 'Aman' cultivation. But crops on 1.40 lakh hectares were completely damaged during the last flood. Seedlings were replanted in the lands but the yield was not satisfactory because of late sowing, they said.

Smuggling goods seized

JESSORE, Jan 13: The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized smuggled goods worth Tk 14 crore and arrested 74 people on charge of smuggling in 1998, reports APB.

It also arrested 4,522 people for illegally crossing the border, according to sources in the 32 Rifles Battalion. The seized goods include Phensidyl, liquor, motor parts, tortoise, sugar, salt, shawl, sweater, crockery, motor-cycle, Chinese silk yarn, copper and brassware. About 1,868 cases have been filed against the alleged smugglers. Of the trespassers, 1,328 were caught while trying to go to India and 3,194 were caught while infiltrating into Bangladesh.

Two uplift projects implemented

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 13: Bangladesh Islamic Foundation, Kishoreganj has implemented two development projects in the 1998-99 fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the project included mosque-based child and mass-education activities at 81 centres and training to nine Imams.

Burglary in Joypurhat municipal office

JOYPURHAT, Jan 13: A daring burglary was committed in the municipality office of the district here on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Police said an organised group of thieves broke open some seven rooms of office and looted over Tk 1.5 lakh in cash. Meanwhile, police arrested Abul Kalam Azad, a night-guard of the office on charge of alleged involvement with the burglary.

Huge quantity of 'Aus' paddy produced

MEHERPUR, Jan 13: Despite country-wide devastation by recent flood, the farmers of Khulna division produced huge quantity of 'Aus' paddy in the current season, reports BSS.

According to sources of Agriculture Extension Department (AED) in Meherpur, a total of 1,64,421 hectares were brought under 'Aus' cultivation in 10 districts of the division. Of this, 521,170 hectares were cultivated with High Yielding Variety (HYV) and 1,12,251 hectares with local variety seeds.

10 firearms looted from Cable Shilpa Limited yet to be recovered

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Jan 13: Ten firearms which were looted more than five months back from Cable Shilpa Limited at Shiromoni are yet to be recovered.

There has been no headway in the investigation till now. The case was handed over to Detective Branch (DB) of police two months back by the former police commissioner.

None of the FIR named accused or any suspect has so far been arrested.

In the early hours of July 31 last year a group of alleged armed miscreants looted 10 firearms and one thousand rounds of ammunition from an unprotected room of the cable

factory by overpowering six security guards on duty. The miscreants entered into the factory scaling the boundary wall. The looted firearms include six rifles, two SBL guns, two DBL guns and 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

Those arrested for interrogation could not be detained as they did not confess their involvement.

The report of the probe body formed in this connection submitted a report which did not make anything clear about the sensational theft of firearms. The case was handed over to DB on October 14 last year. Meanwhile, the special po-

lice operation which was launched in the metropolitan area from November, 1998 could not make any satisfactory result as the law and order situation deteriorated further.

According to a source of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP), only nine illegal firearms were recovered from different areas of five police stations in November last year. A total of 351 persons were arrested during the same period.

In December, six firearms were recovered and 327 persons were arrested. Three persons were murdered and a total of Taka 9 lakh were looted at arms point in road robberies.

In Khulna district, a total of 16 illegal firearms were recovered from different areas of nine police stations in the month of November last year. A total of 402 persons were arrested on different charges during the same period.

In December, a total of 21 firearms were recovered and a total of 457 persons arrested during the period of combing operation.

A source of Khulna district police said that 79 criminal cases had been recorded with nine thanas in November, while a total of 91 criminal cases were recorded in December last year.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Prof K M Mohsin of Dhaka University speaking as the chief guest at a seminar titled "Bangladesh Studies in Japan" which was arranged recently by the Institute of Bangladesh Studies of Rajshahi University. Sitting on the dais Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Khaleque (Middle) and on his right and left Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Sayeedur Rahman Khan and President of the seminar Treasurer Prof Abul Fazal Huq. — Star photo

Wild elephants go on rampage in Rangamati

From Our Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Jan 13: Like every year, this year too, wild elephants have gone on rampage in Kaokhal thana. Two persons have lost their lives within two days.

Crops on a vast tract of land have been damaged and many houses have been destroyed by the wild elephants. Residents of the area are moving to safer places.

Recently the wild elephants attacked suddenly on the sugar mill model village of Kaokhal and destroyed houses and crops. At one stage, a young man Md Nasir, 32, died on the spot. The elephants went to deep forest after destruction of houses and crops.

After a couple of days, in a similar way another village

Seminar on heart disease in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent
FARIDPUR, Jan 13: A seminar on "heart disease" was held recently under the aegis of Faridpur district branch of National Heart Foundation at Faripur Medical College auditorium.

Presided over by Chowdhury Mamta Hossain, President of the district branch, the seminar was addressed, among others, by the country's eminent heart specialists Brig Abdul Malek, Prof R K Khondker, Prof Nabi Alam Khan, Prof Akhtaruzzaman Khan, and Prof K M H S Sirajul Haque.

The speakers elaborately discussed the causes of heart disease and its curative and preventive measures for nearly two and a half hours.

Gaibandha maternity ailing

From Our Correspondent
GAIBANDHA, Jan 13: The only maternity in Gaibandha district headquarters is seriously ill.

This is because all of its physicians went out for training course. As such the patients are suffering a lot.

Earlier, two physicians Dr Shamshi Ara and Dr Mostaque Ahmed were posted in the maternity complex, but both of them left for training three months ago. Later the authority replaced them by Dr Jane Alam who also left for training. This has caused a major breakdown in the administration of the complex. Later on Afroza Begum was deputed to look after the services, but she was also released for a training course.

On the other hand the maternity is not well-equipped with surgical apparatus. There is no consultant also. So critical patients are removed to private clinics for surgery.

It is a long felt demand of the people here to improve the maternity complex but the situation still remained the same.

Acute scarcity of garlic in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent
FARIDPUR, Jan 13: Acute scarcity of garlic has been prevailing across the district.

The price of garlic is soaring up. It is being sold here at Taka 70 to 80 kg.

When asked some garlic traders informed this correspondent that there was no supply of garlic adding that its price would go up further till its harvesting season in next March.

It is also alleged by some quater that some dishonest garlic traders are creating artificial crisis of garlic to make a huge profit.

Outlawed party activist shot dead

JHENIDAH, Jan 13: A former activist of an outlawed party was shot dead at Shuvo-dia village in Kotchandpur thana on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Police said, Kheder Ali, 32, returned to his normal life recently and was maintaining his livelihood from the income of a grocery shop.

But his fellow activists of the Purna Bangla Communist Party could not take matter easily. They stormed his house and shot him dead while he was taking his dinner at 8 pm.

Wheat fields under pest attack

NETRAKONA, Jan 13: Pest attack in wheat fields and IRRI-Boro seedbeds in 10 thanas of the district has threatened the production this year, reports UNB.

Agriculture officials and local farmers feared that the production target of these crops might not be achieved during the season due to the menace.

The worst affected thanas are Sadar, Atpara, Mohanganj, Khatiajuri, Madan, Kalmakanda and Durgapur. The pests have affected crops and seedlings on 5,000 acres of land in these thanas, the sources said. With the attack, green leaves of the crops are becoming yellowish and ultimately reduce to straw. The attack in the paddy seedbeds might cause serious scarcity of seedlings during the upcoming season.

With the spread of pest attack, the price of pesticides in local markets has gone up and the poor farmers can not afford to buy pesticides for spraying in the field.

Moreover, those farmers who managed to buy some pesticides complained that the chemicals available in the markets have less effectiveness than claimed by the sellers.



CHANDPUR: Prizes being distributed recently to the winners at the annual sports competition of Chandpur Police. — Star photo

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Cabinet Reform

Public Administration Reform Commission
Jiban Bima Bhavan (Front Bloc, 4th floor)
10, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

Questionnaire on Public Administration Reforms

- NB:** This questionnaire is applicable for all government/semi-government/autonomous organisation/non-government establishment/persons. It is requested to send it to the abovementioned address to the member-secretary, Public Administration Reforms Commission by filling up questionnaire within month of the publication in newspapers. To answer to all question is optional. Answer may be given to those questions which are applicable for you/your establishment or you are interested to answer. Additional papers may be attached, if necessary.
1. a) Transparency, b) Accountability, c) Speed, d) Efficiency and e) What steps are necessary to increase the effectiveness in ministry/division, directorate, department and all other government offices and semi-government, autonomous/semi-autonomous organisation and all other similar government/semi-government establishment. Mention specifically.
 2. What should be the role of the concerned government office for the development of private sector, attraction of local and foreign investment and to give overall assistance to the industrial and commercial establishments? What methodical and organisational changes do you think to be brought in the administration in this regard. Write in details.
 3. What do you think are the fields of loss in public sector. Mention the reasons of misuse. What steps do you think necessary to check loss? What lapses do you think are there in government accounts and audit?
 4. What decentralisation and devolution of government activities can be done and what should be the desirable decentralisation?
 5. How can the people's participation in administration be ensured? Mention specifically.
 6. Comment on spread of corruption. What a) institutional b) legal and c) methodical steps can be taken to check corruption. Suggest.
 7. Do you think that manpower and the number of establishments of the present government is more? If so, what methods do you suggest to balance it?
 8. What steps do you think can be taken for supervision and inspection of the activities of public administration. Write in details.
 9. How do you think the members in the administration can be made more people oriented? How do you think the service in the public sector can be developed?
 10. Do you think that the tiers for taking decision in field level, secretariate and all other similar government/semi-government offices/autonomous/semi-autonomous establishment in present administration are excess? If so, what and how many tiers for taking decision do you suggest? Mention logically.
 11. Do you think there exists disparity among different service cadres? If so, what proposals do you make to remove?
 12. What structural/methodical changes are necessary to attract high standard of merit in government job? What steps do you think are necessary for participation of women in sufficient number in government job?
 13. How can the parliamentary supervision be strengthened to bring accountability, transparency and speed in the public administration?
 14. Do you have any comments on reform of public administration apart from these? If so, provide.
 15. What kind of administration do you expect in the 21st century in the context of the technological development, revolution in information, development in private sector and free market economy? Mention specifically.
 16. Are you interested in deliberating your views on the abovementioned topics individually? Or if you are associated with any organisation, are you interested in deliberation before the commission on behalf of that?

Signature of person/chief of establishment:

Name :
Designation :
Address :
Date :

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Department of Supply & Inspection

Invitation of Tender

The following tenders are invited by the Department of Supply & Inspection. All the registered firms of this Department in the relevant group and other well-established firm (with prior approval from this Department) are eligible to participate in the tender.

Sl No	Tender no & nature	Short description of stores	Value of tender set (non-refundable)	Last date & time for submission of tender
1.	S-7/Tex/Local/13/98-99 dt. 5.1.99	Tarkis Tawal Carbon Stick	Tk 100/-	28.1.99 at 11.00 AM.
2.	S-5/Chem-2/Local/116/98-99 dt. 6.1.99	Offset Printing Ink, Scanner Film, P.S. Plate, Tube Light	Tk 950/-	26.1.99 at 11.00 AM.
3.	S-6/Chem-3/Local/118/98-99 dt. 6.1.99	Colour Box, Copper Sulphate	Tk 450/-	31.1.99 at 11.00 AM.

No tender will be sold on the date of submission of tender.

Tenders obtainable from:

1. Department of Supply & Inspection, 48, Motijheel C/A (4th fl), Dhaka.
 2. Department of Supply & Inspection (Shipping), CGO Building, Agrabad, Chittagong.
 3. Department of Supply & Inspection (Shipping), 51/A, Farazi Para Road, Khulna.
 4. Place for submission of tender: Department of Supply & Inspection (4th floor), 48, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- DFP-450-10/1
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- Asstt Director (CDN)**



Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority

141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from first class enlisted contractors of the Engineering Division of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority in prescribed form for the undermentioned work. Tenders will have to be submitted into the tender box kept at the office of the Superintendent, Dhaka Circle, BIWTA Bhavan, 141-143, Motijheel C/A (6th floor), Dhaka, office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka, and office of the Executive Engineer, BIWTA, Narayanganj till 1200 hours on 26-01-99 and will be opened the same day at 1215 hours in presence of tenderers (if anyone remains present). Tender related papers will be available everyday during office hours (except the day of opening tender). Earnest money as mentioned against each work and 2.5% and 3% and total 5.50% (five and a half) respectively of performance bond in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of 'BIWTA' will have to be attached with the tender. Schedule will have to be procured on payment of Tk. 750/- (Seven hundred and fifty) as the cost of the schedule (non-refundable) for each work in the Accounts Division of the Authority at Dhaka/Narayanganj.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

Serial No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Money of performance bond	Earnest money	Time limit for work
1.	Installation and repair work of damaged column, beam slab, bracing and steel fender of RCC Jetty at Badamtali	Tk. 13,22,000/-	Tk 39,700/-	Tk 33,100/-	60 (sixty) days
2.	Installation and re-construction of damaged column, beam, garder, bracing, deck slab and steel fender of Nawab Bari RCC Jetty	Tk 13,21,000/-	Tk 39,700/-	Tk 33,100/-	Do
3.	Reconstruction on urgent basis of column, beam, garder, bracing and steel fender of Mill Barrack RCC Jetty	Tk 10,07,000/-	Tk 30,300/-	Tk 25,200/-	Do
4.	Reconstruction of top surface and steel fender of new RCC Jetty at Khanpur Godown area in Narayanganj	Tk 11,65,500/-	Tk 35,000/-	Tk 29,200	Do
5.	Installation of fender and re-construction of old RCC Jetty at Khanpur Godown area of BIWTA at Narayanganj.	Tk 11,99,000/-	Tk 36,000/-	Tk 30,000/-	Do

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