

News snaps

ORTC rally in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Apr 26: A colourful rally and another meeting were held under the ORTC programme in front of Charkana Union Council recently.
 The rally and the meeting were organised by the Health and Family Planning Office, sadar thana of the district to create awareness about the diarrhoeal diseases and using of oral saline. The meeting was presided over by the Karnakathi Union Parishad chairman Manirul Islam, while Bazul Rashid Howlader, Health Inspector, delivered the address of welcome.

Drought hampers mango output

From Our Correspondent
MAGURA, Apr 26: The production of mango and jack fruit will be seriously hampered in four thanas of Sadar, Sripur, Muhammadpur and Shalikhia in the current year due to severe drought and pest attack, owners of fruit orchards said.
 Due to prolonged drought most of the flowers of mango trees are being dried up and become black. Mango flowers were also damaged by pests.

Oath taking ceremony

From Our Correspondent
CHUADANGA, Apr 26: The oath taking ceremony of the newly elected chairman and ward commissioners of Alamdanga and Jibannagar Poursabhas were held recently.
 The newly elected chairman and ward commissioner of Alamdanga Poursabha are: Chairman — Md Hasan Kadir Gono, Mia, Ward Commissioners — Mahabub Feroz, Asgar Ali, Johan Ali, Shaheen Reja, KHM Mojibur Hasan, Md Abul Quasem, Rahmat Ali, Nazrul Islam Ahmed Hasib Reja, Rina Rani Sarkar, Rabeya Khatun and Aseda Begum.

Woman raped

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, Apr 26: One woman was raped in Assassuni thana recently.
 According to police sources, the victim of village Mahishkur in Assassuni thana was sleeping in her room at dead of night when one Ekramul Islam, son of Mizanur Rahman of the same village entered into the room and raped her. Local people caught the rapist Ekramul red handed and handed him over Assassuni police.

14 shops gutted

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, Apr 26: A devastating fire which broke out in Sompur Bazar of Khoksa thana in the early hours of April 14 gutted seven shops completely.
 Khoksa thana has got no direct road link since the ferry service in the river Goral remained inoperative due to the negligence of R&H Department. Fire brigade from Kushtia could not reach the place even after receiving the news. Origin of the fire could not be known. No loss of life, however, was reported. Electric short circuit might be the cause of the incident. Loss due to fire was estimated to be Taka 20 lakh, according to local and Fire Brigade source. Absence of fire station in Khoksa and Kumarkhali thana have been causing huge loss during the last 20 years due to fire.

Alleged criminal arrested

From Our Correspondent
RANGPUR, Apr 26: Kotwali police nabbed a veteran criminal and terrorists named Ranak, 25, from a hidden place of a house of Munshipara recently.
 He was wanted in an attempt of a murder case. Attempt was made on Likat Ali Badal, Secretary, Press Club, Rangpur and North Bengal correspondent of The Daily Khabar. Police said the arrested person was absconding for a long time after sustaining grievous injury on head of Badal a few months back with a view to killing him in broad daylight in the heart of the town.

5 students hurt by terrorists

BARISAL, Apr 26: At least five students were injured in a terrorist attack at Syed Hatem Ali Collage hostel here on Wednesday night, reports UNB.
 The students laid siege to the residence of the principal and hurled bricks on the residence protesting the incident. Hearing the news, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Police and hostel sources said unidentified attackers stormed into Nabogram road hostel of the college in the midnight and beat up the students. The students, however, managed to catch one of them and locked him in a room before going to the Principal's residence. The attackers took away the youth by breaking open the door and they also ransacked the room.

40 hurt in road accident

NETRAKONA, Apr 26: At least 40 people were reportedly injured in a head-on collision between a passenger bus and a truck near Rajendrapur on the Netrakona-Mymensingh highway on Wednesday, reports APB.
 Fifteen of the injured were admitted to Netrakona Modern Hospital and others shifted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. Of them, condition of Sahera Khatun, 40, and Dipu Rani Sarker, 20, was stated to be critical. Police said the accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound bus collided with a sand-laden truck in the morning. The bus turned turtle and skidded into a roadside ditch.

Tubewells being installed

NATORE, Apr 26: Public Health and Engineering Department (PHED) took up a scheme to install and re-sink 7,143 tubewells under its post flood rehabilitation programme in 13 northern districts during the current year, reports UNB.
 But the work is yet to start even after six months, said the local sources. The tubewells included 1,303 shallow, 2,774 Tara pumps and re-installation of 3,066 Tara pumps. Of the items, installation of 10 shallow tubewells, 285 Tara pumps and re-sinking of 261 Tara pumps were scheduled in six thanas of Natore and 23 shallow tubewells, 297 Tara-pumps and re-installation of 141 Tara-pumps in Rajshahi. The schemes in other districts are: Chapainawabganj — 32 shallow, 424 Tara and re-sink of 257 Tara pumps, Naogaon — 32 shallow, 424 Tara and re-sink 667 Tara-pumps, Pabna — 103 shallow, 272 Tara and re-sink 530 Tara-pumps, Sirajganj — 128 shallow, 260 Tara and re-sink 280 Tara-pumps.

Bridge needed

MADARIPUR, Apr 26: The absence of a bridge over the river Arial Khan in between Hazarapur and Charmuguria in Sadar thana is causing immense sufferings to the people here, reports BSS.
 The river has divided the Hazarapur-Charmuguria road into two parts and the people who use the road for communication between Hazarapur and Charmuguria are in great difficulty due to absence of a bridge here. They face much difficulties during the rainy season when the river is in full spate it becomes beyond crossing. Besides, the people who deal commodities in two hats are the worst sufferers. The school going children are also the sufferers during the rainy season. They have to cross the river by rafts at the risk of their lives, local people added.



NATORE: A good production of mango is expected this year from greater Rajshahi region. Photo shows two boys and a girl appreciating the newly grown fruits. — Star photo

Good prospect of mango output in Natore, adjoining dists

From Anwar Ali

NATORE, Apr 26: There is a good prospect of mango production in Natore and its neighbouring districts this season, experts said.
 Horticulturist Ayub Hossain Khan, while talking to The Daily Star, told that there had been a prospect of bumper mango production this year as it was 'on year' for mango trees. Abundant flowers and buds also appeared in mango trees. But frequent fluctuation of temperature and cold along with dense fog during late winter days and flowering period of mango trees and a prolonged drought have hit mango production hard. Although the prospects of bumper output have already evaporated, yet fruiting in mango trees in this region showed a handsome promise, Khan said.
 Bunches of mango can be seen growing everywhere in Na-

tores, Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj and Naogaon districts. At the same time, new leaves are also appearing in many mango trees signaling 'no fruit' this year.
 According to experts and mango growers, nearly 30 per cent of the expected production has already decreased as mango fruit-stones are falling off from the stalks following the scorching dry weather that resulted in lack of sufficient sap into the stalks. If it does not rain immediately, another five per cent mangoes will also fall. However, this dropping of fruit-stones is not extensive, said the experts.
 Meanwhile, outbreak of some diseases in the mango gardens in different areas here has also threatened the production. These diseases have been diagnosed mostly as ganosis and anthracnose. The number of such affected gardens are also negligible and natural, Ayub Hossain Khan said.
 Khan and his colleagues expected that this summer's mango production would exceed 60 per cent of target if no west-ers and hailstorm did not attack the mango trees.
 Local caretakers of mango gardens informed this correspondent that the traders of Dhaka, Chittagong, Faridpur and many other districts and their agents had started visiting areas of this region where mango grows abundantly. Some of the mango gardens have already been purchased by the traders.
 The plucking of mango will be started from mid-May. Among the most famous varieties Gopabhog, Langra, Khirsapat, Ranipasad and Kalua will come first in the markets.

Local experts expect that the new variety of Amrapali will deserve much attention of buyers as it has gained popularity.

A sad tale of a rickshawpuller

From Aminul Islam

MYMENSINGH, Apr 26: Dulal Mia, a rickshawpuller lost his wife and his daughter in a fire incident which took place at his house recently.
 Dulal, a young man and father of two children, named Aminullah, 7, and Asma, 4, was living with his wife Jorina Begum, 25.
 But a fire incident took away their happiness. Now only Dulal thinks about the past days.
 On the fateful night, the fire incident took place when Jorina, a pregnant woman of eight

months, of village Kumargata Modhapara in Muktagacha thana was pouring kerosene from a container to a lamp at about 9 pm. Suddenly the flame of the lamp touched the container and started burning.
 Dulal was not at home then. Jorina tried to bring the fire under control by watering it. At this the kerosene container burst after a few minutes and the fire spread all over the house. It caught the saree of Jorina.
 Jorina, managed to come out from the burning house, but she was injured critically. All parts of her body received severe burn injuries.
 Immediately Jorina was rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH). Following deterioration of her condition, the attending doctors referred Jorina to Dhaka for better treatment. But the poor rickshawpuller, Dulal was totally unable to bear the high expenses of treatment in Dhaka and took back Jorina at home in a critical condition.

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 Ministry of Education
 Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka
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Notice

Subject: Regarding Monbusho Post-graduate Research Scholarship 1999-2000 offered by the Government of Japan

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for studying in the following subject/branch for awarding scholarship on the basis of merit under Monbusho Post-graduate Research Scholarship offered by the Government of Japan during 1999-2000 academic year.

Group (I) Humanities & Social Sciences	Literature, History, Law, Politics, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Fine Arts
Group (II) Natural Sciences	Engineering, Agriculture, Fisheries, Pharmacology, Medicine, Dentistry, Home Economics

2. Candidates from Humanities, Arts and Commerce groups should have minimum three first divisions up to post-graduate level and candidates from other groups should have extraordinary achievement alongwith 1st division in all examinations. Candidates for Medical Science and Dentistry should have minimum 60% marks in average in MBBS/BDS examinations and should have passed regularly.
 3. The age of the candidate should be below 35 years on 01-05-2000 (i.e. those who were born on 2-5-1965 or after that period)
 4. Those who have already been selected finally for any other scholarship by the Ministry of Education need not apply.
 5. One candidate cannot apply for more than one subject.
 6. Selected candidates will have to take part in specific course on Japanese language.
 7. Actions as per penal code will be taken against the candidate who will provide false statement/information willingly.
 8. If someone is nominated for a scholarship for any country, generally he is not considered as a candidate for other scholarship. So if someone not at all interested in availing the opportunity of the scholarship, is advised to refrain from applying for the scholarship.
 9. Candidates will be selected on the basis of marks obtained in the examinations from SSC level to graduate/post-graduate level and if necessary, viva-voce.
 10. The table for application will be as follows:

Application for Monbusho Post-graduate Scholarship (2000) of Japan Government
 Name of the subject applied for:

a) Name of candidate:	b) Father's name:	c) Present address (telephone if any):	d) Permanent address:	e) Date of birth:	f) Age:	g) Nationality:	h) Statement of publication in approved journal (if any):	i) Subject of proposed study/research:	j) Results in SSC & HSC examinations:
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Division obtained and marks					
Name of examination	Branch/subject	Year of passing	Division obtained	Total marks in examination held	Percentage
Secondary					
Higher Secondary					
Graduation					
Post-graduation					
Others					

11. The candidates who has obtained grade in lieu of marks they will have to transform the grades into marks and calculation in support of this will have to be shown in separate paper and attestation regarding this by the authorities concerned will have to be submitted. Otherwise it will not be brought under consideration. Candidates with MBBS and BDS the year of passing of each part and marks obtained will have to be mentioned in separate papers and total and average marks for each part will have to be mentioned in the original application.
 Candidates will have to reach their applications by 5-5-99 by post to the office of the undersigned or No 2 Wooden Box kept at the No 5 Gate of Bangladesh Secretariat. Incomplete application will be treated as rejected. Two sets of applications will have to be deposited simultaneously. Certificates of passing all examinations and mark sheets duly attested by the first class gazetted officials will have to be attached with one of the sets of application. The other set of the application will have to be attached only with the table for application and one copy of attested photograph and tagged the two sets by gems clip and Monbusho Post-graduate Scholarship and the name of branch/subject will have to be mentioned on the envelope of the application.
 13. Names of the candidates selected for nomination will be intimated on time to the candidates. Candidates nominated by the Ministry of Education will later on, have to appear at a viva-voce test to be conducted by the Japanese Embassy in Dhaka. The date of test will be informed later on.
 14. The decision of the authority in selecting candidates will be treated as final.

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Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Procurement of Gas Pipeline Materials under Cash Foreign Exchange

Date of Issuance of IFB: 20-4-99

1. Sealed bids are invited from the bonafide manufacturers or their authorised agents for supply of Gas Pipeline Materials as listed below under Cash Foreign Exchange:

Sl No	IFB No	Description of materials	Cost of tender document	Bid closing date
1	PD.2312/377-LOGGER	Single Channel Flow Data Logger	Tk 1000.00 or US\$ 22.00	06-06-1999
2	PD.2312/377-RECORDER	Electronic Pressure Recorder	Tk 1000.00 or US\$ 22.00	06-06-1999

2. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Deputy General Manager (Purchase) at the above address.
 3. Tender documents may be purchased by any interested bidder or their authorised representative upon payment of the cost of respective documents from Accounts Department of this Company at the above address from 09-00 hours to 13.00 hours on all working days with effect from 05-05-99. Copy of money receipt evidencing purchase of tender documents is to be furnished with the bid. No document will be sold on the bid closing date.
 4. All bids accompanied by a bid security for 2.5% of bid amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank located in Bangladesh or Bank Guarantee issued by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh or from any reputable foreign bank, duly endorsed by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh must be delivered to Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co Ltd at the above address on or before 11-00 hours of the closing date of the respective IFB. The bids will be opened on the same day at 11-15 hours in presence of bidders, if any. Should this day happens to fall on any holiday, bids shall be opened at the same hours on the first subsequent working day.
 5. The company reserves the right to accept any bid or reject all the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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 No: SA 13/1-4 (Professional)/99/556-Education Dated: 19/04/99

Notice

Subject: Regarding Monbusho (professional training course) Scholarship 1999-2000 offered by govt of Japan.

Applications are invited from Bangladesh male/female students for awarding Monbusho Professional Training Course from the following subjects for training in Japan to 5 on the basis of merit offered by Japanese government during 1999-2000 academic year:

Sl No	Subjects for training	Requisite educational qualification
1.	Civil Engineering	a) Should have at least 80% marks in average separately in Secondary and Higher Secondary examinations for the students of Science group.
2.	Electrical Engineering	
3.	Architecture	
4.	Electronics	
5.	Telecommunication	b) Should have minimum 75% marks in average in Secondary and Higher Secondary examinations for students of Humanities group.
6.	Photography	
7.	Nutrition.	
8.	Tourism	
9.	Fashion, Dress making	c) For the subjects from serial No 1-5 students of Science group can only apply.
10.	Hotel Management	
11.	Design	
12.	Infant Education	
13.	Secretarial Service (Females only)	

2. The age of the candidate should be minimum 18 years and maximum 22 years on 1-5-2000 (candidates whose date of birth is within 2/5/1978).
 3. The candidates who have already been selected for any other scholarship by the Ministry of Education need not apply.
 4. The duration of course is for 3 years. Nomination will be made on the basis of merit of candidates but more than one candidate in any subject will not be selected.
 5. If anyone nominated for a scholarship in any country, is not generally considered as a candidate for another scholarship. Accordingly, a candidate who is not interested in availing himself of the opportunity of the scholarship is advised to refrain from applying for the scholarship.
 6. Applicant should have knowledge about Japanese language.
 7. Candidates will have to appear at the written and viva-voce tests in Mathematics, English conducted by the Embassy of Japan. The date of the tests will be intimated later on. Constant contact will have to be maintained with the ministry in this regard.
 8. Legal actions will be taken against the candidates who will give false statement information willingly.
 9. Two copies of applications in plain paper as per following table in English will have to be submitted. Certificates of passing both the examinations, mark sheet and passport size photograph duly attested by the class I gazetted officers will have to be attached with one copy of application. One copy of similar attested photograph with the other copy of application will have to be attached with gems chip with the original application in such a way that the two applications can be separated easily. There is no need to apply in other way.
 10. The table of application will be as follows:
Application for Monbusho (professional course) scholarship 2000 of the government of Japan.

a) Name of candidate:	b) Father's name:	c) Present address:	d) Permanent address:	e) Date of birth:	f) Age:	g) Nationality:	h) Present address, telephone number (if any):	i) Results of SSC and HSC examinations:
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Name of examinations	Board	Year	Roll number	Total marks obtained	Percentage
SSC					
HSC					
Total marks obtained in SSC and HSC examinations and percentage					

Detailed statement of any other scholarship if selected by the Ministry of Education.

12. Application should be reached by 5/5/99 to the undersigned or No 2 wooden box kept at the No 5 gate of the Bangladesh Secretariat. Incomplete application will be treated as rejected. "Monbusho Professional Course Training Scholarship" and total marks obtained in SSC & HSC examinations will have to be mentioned legibly on the envelope of the application.
 13. The list of provisionally selected candidates for nomination will be hung on 16/5/99 in the Ministry of Education. No letter will be given to candidate. Candidate will be selected on the basis of total marks obtained in Secondary and Higher Secondary examinations. Candidates nominated by the Ministry of Education will have to appear at the written and viva-voce test conducted by the Japanese Embassy in Dhaka. The date of test will be intimated later on. Constant contact will have to be maintained with ministry in this regard.
 14. The decision of the authorities regarding the selection of candidate will be treated as final.

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TENDER NOTICE

Ref. No. BIM/PGDCS/Computer/1998-99/01 Dated: 20 April, 1999

Name of the Work: Supply of 24 (Twenty four) Numbers of Microcomputers & Software

Price of Schedule: Taka 1000/- (One thousand) Only Non-refundable.

Last Date of Sale of Tender Schedule: 04 May, 1999 (Upto 11:00 a.m.)

Last Date of Dropping Tender Schedule: 04 May, 1999 (Upto 12:00 hours)

Last Date of Opening Tender Schedule: 04 May, 1999 (Upto 12:30 p.m.)

Details are available in the Tender Schedule which may be collected from Senior Accounts & Budget Officer, BIM Dhaka during office hours.

DFP-8523-2/14 **DIRECTOR GENERAL**