

News snaps

Attackers yet to be nabbed

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, May 7: The accused persons who attack two brothers at Mominpur union under Rangpur Sadar thana were not arrested.

The victim brothers are undergoing treatment at Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) in a critical condition. According to the allegation, two brothers A Rashid and his younger one were returning to their village home by rickshaw from Rangpur town on March 23 at night. Then some terrorists halted them at Dalia bridge and mercilessly bated them up and which caused severe injuries on their persons. Mother of the victims lodged a case, but police did not arrest yet any accused till filing of this report. There are allegations, the accused persons are openly moving and threatening the family of the victims to withdraw the case.

Drug addicts up

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 7: There has been an alarming rise in the number of drug addicts here and its adjoining areas.

Social activists as well as members of the public in general have expressed concern over the matter. The crossings at Thanapara, Kataikhana and Kadamtala, Majampur Raigate crossing road, BIDD markets, Millpara, Cheuria Lalon Mazar premises have turned into a haven of young drug addicts. Guardians of these youths can not manage their wards. The law enforcing agencies are not playing their due role in this regard. The young drug addicts often resort to nefarious activities like toll collection from the businessmen. Even youths in the rural areas are accustomed to different drugs like opium, morphine, sedative tablets, Mito Sanjibani Sura and alcoholic spirit. Unconfirmed reports say, the teenagers are now prone in taking drugs causing a serious threat to society. The youths are allegedly getting involved in various crimes day by day.

Abducted teacher freed

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, May 7: An abducted school teacher was released following strong demand of the students and initiatives of the police.

Chandra Kanto, 38, senior teacher of Tikarbila High School under Sripur thana was abducted from his house at deep night on April 10 by a gang of terrorists. The miscreants demanded money in exchange of his release. Students of Tikarbila High School held a protest rally on Magura-Langaband road via WAPDA crossing pucca road the next day demanding immediate release of the teacher unconditionally. Sripur Police took the initiative for release of the ill-fated teacher. The victim got released on April 13 after three days of his abduction.

College union poll held

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, May 7: After six years Gaibandha Government College Students' Union election concluded on April 29. Out of 24 posts four seats including Vice-President were bagged by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and 20 others seats including general secretary were occupied by Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD). The election was conducted peacefully. But three activists of BCL sustained injuries following inner conflict of two rival factions.

Woman killed

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, May 7: An unidentified woman was killed under the wheels of a speeding bus at Nandail thana Sadar on April 17.

The driver fled the scene after crashing the woman. A case was filed in this connection.

Noted physician dead

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, May 7: Abdur Razzak, 72, an MBBS, doctor died of massive heart attack at his Jhilly residence in the town in the early hours of April 29.

Besides his private practice with good name and fame, he served Rajendra College and Yasin College as an honorary teacher of Biology for a long time until they were nationalised. He was a man of amiable disposition and is survived by his widow, two sons, four daughters, a host of students, relatives and well wishers to mourn his death.

Homes for shelterless

CHAPAINAWAGANJ, May 7: At least 20,000 destitutes shelterless poor people, who have lost their houses in the last devastating flood in the country, got bamboo-made kutcha houses, reports BSS.

These houses were built by local government under "Ashrayan" programme for the homeless by flood. The houses were handed over to different chairman of union parishads by the Deputy Commissioner in a simple ceremony. Deputy Commissioner Nazrul Islam said, the government is always aware about the condition of the landless and destitute people and as such has been trying to provide help and shelter to them.

14-yr RI for rapist

HABIGANJ, May 7: A court here on Sunday sentenced six people to 14 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) each for raping a young girl, reports UNB.

The court also fined the convicts Shamsul Alam, Alta Mia, Siraj Mia, Tamsha Mia, Yakut Mia and Abdul Latif of Chunarughat thana Tk 5,000 each in default to suffer six months more RI. According to the prosecution, in brief, the accused kidnapped the girl of Baroabada village in the same thana from the nearby Chandana village on September 15, 1993 and gangraped her at the house of Abdul Latif. The victim was returning home with her parents after giving evidence to a local court. Mother of the victim filed a case under Woman and Child Repression Prevention Act with the local police station.

Anniversary of birth

SHERPUR, May 7: The famous communist revolutionary and a leader of the Tebhaga Movement Babu Robi Niyogi has just observed the 90th day of his birth vowing to continue until death his struggle for the establishment of a just society, reports UNB.

Speaking at a discussion meeting on the occasion at his home in the Girdanarayan area of the town last week the onetime anti-British political prisoner of Andaman jail, Babu Robi Niyogi said politics and religion sought people's welfare which cannot be attained without sacrifices. Freedom fighters of the colonial days under British and Pakistani rule and some former comrades of Niyogi were present and spoke about their old days together. Those who spoke included Prof Sudhamoy Das Prof Abu Taher, freedom fighters Abdur Rashid and Komol Chakrabarty.

False case against newsman

NOAKHALI, May 7: A journalist was implicated in a false case by local musclemen detainers of collecting illegal tolls of Tk 318 from them, reports UNB.

The accused UNB Correspondent Chowdhury Mohiuddin Manzoor, said he visited Ramgati thana for collecting information on April 17. There the musclemen of Alekzander area threatened him for reporting their misdeeds. In apprehension of attack, Mohiuddin filed a GD with Ramgati police against the terrorists on April 18. Later on the terrorists filed a case against him with a motive to undermine him and his image. Officer-in-charge of Ramgati thana admitted that the case against Mohiuddin was accepted on advice from the top. Leaders of the local unit of the journalists union have expressed concern at implicating a journalist in false case and demanded immediate withdrawal of it.

16 criminals arrested

KUSHTIA, May 7: A total of 16 accused persons have been arrested in the district in two days.

Two shutter guns and one dagger and six rounds of ammunition have been recovered. The arrested six from Kushtia sadar, five from Kumarkhali, two from Khoksa, two from Mirpur, one from Daulatpur thana. Police arrested Badsha, 40, from Mirpur thana and recovered one shutter gun one dagger and six rounds of ammunition from his possession. Besides, police recovered one shutter gun from village Masbura in Daulatpur thana in abandoned condition.

Wheat farming exceeds target

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, May 7: Wheat farming in the district has exceeded the target by 5,000 hectares during the current season.

There was a target to put 31,500 hectares of land under wheat farming, but ultimately it reached at 36,400 hectares so far. The Agriculture Extension Department is now expecting bumper yield of wheat around one lakh metric tonnes, this year.

Over 50,000 drug addicts detected in Pabna

From Ranesh Maitra

PABNA, May 7 : Drug addiction among the youth community, both male and female, are on alarming rise in the district.

According to a survey, the number of drug addicts exceeded 50,000 in the area. Specially the students of schools and colleges, transport workers and unemployed youths have become addicted to heroin, phenisidyl and hemp in this district town and in Kashinathpur, Atakula, Ishurdi, Chatmohar, Muladuli, Dasuria, Tebunia and Hemayetpur areas. Government steps to check the menace of illegal drugs, is extremely inadequate. The guardians are helpless in this regard.

According to the survey, drug addiction took an alarming turn in this district since the eighties, when heroin appeared in the market through smuggling. During the last 15 years, over 1,000 youth died here after being addicted to heroin. Several thousand boys and girls are suffering from various diseases caused by such addiction, the survey report reveals.

The report says that school and college students, both boys and girls have already been addicted. In the shops around various educational institutions, heroin, phenisidyl and hemp are on open sell. Rush of boys are found around these shops, and restaurants. Similarly the shops near the bus stands, bus terminals, ferry-ghats, railway stations and junctions have turned into places of open sale of such drugs.

Moreover, a large number of men and women have been ferrying the drugs in different localities before the very nose of police since long.

But, according to a lawyer of Pabna Bar, police personnel are arresting some persons every month on charge of 'illegal possession or sale of banned drugs', but the arrested persons are extremely poor who have been forced to take up this illegal profession out of sheer poverty.

Moreover according to the lawyers, these people are engaged by their 'god-fathers' who are well-known to police, but they do not touch them. These 'god-fathers', according to them, are the real smugglers, and stockists and distributors of illegal drugs. They earn crores of taka by selling the drugs. Police are virtually the protectors of these so-called influential 'god-fathers'.

This correspondent contacted the Pabna sub-zonal office of Narcotics Control Department and collected the following informations with regard to their activities.

According to the statistics given by the Department, they have recovered a total quantity of 49.5 grams of heroin and instituted 32 cases for possessing heroin illegally during July, 1998 to March, 1999.

During the same period they recovered 1958 bottles and six litres of Indian phenisidyl and started 34 cases.

Moreover, the department recovered 1175 grams of hemp and 24 hemp plants during the same period and started 22 cases. They also started 12 more cases following recovery of other illegal drugs at the same time.

Again, during 1997-98, the Narcotics Control Department recovered 145 grams of heroin and instituted 28 cases, recovered 562 bottles of phenisidyl and started 11 cases, recovered 19 kg 700 grams of hemp and instituted 28 cases against such recoveries. They also started 47 other cases against recovery of other illegal drugs at the same time.

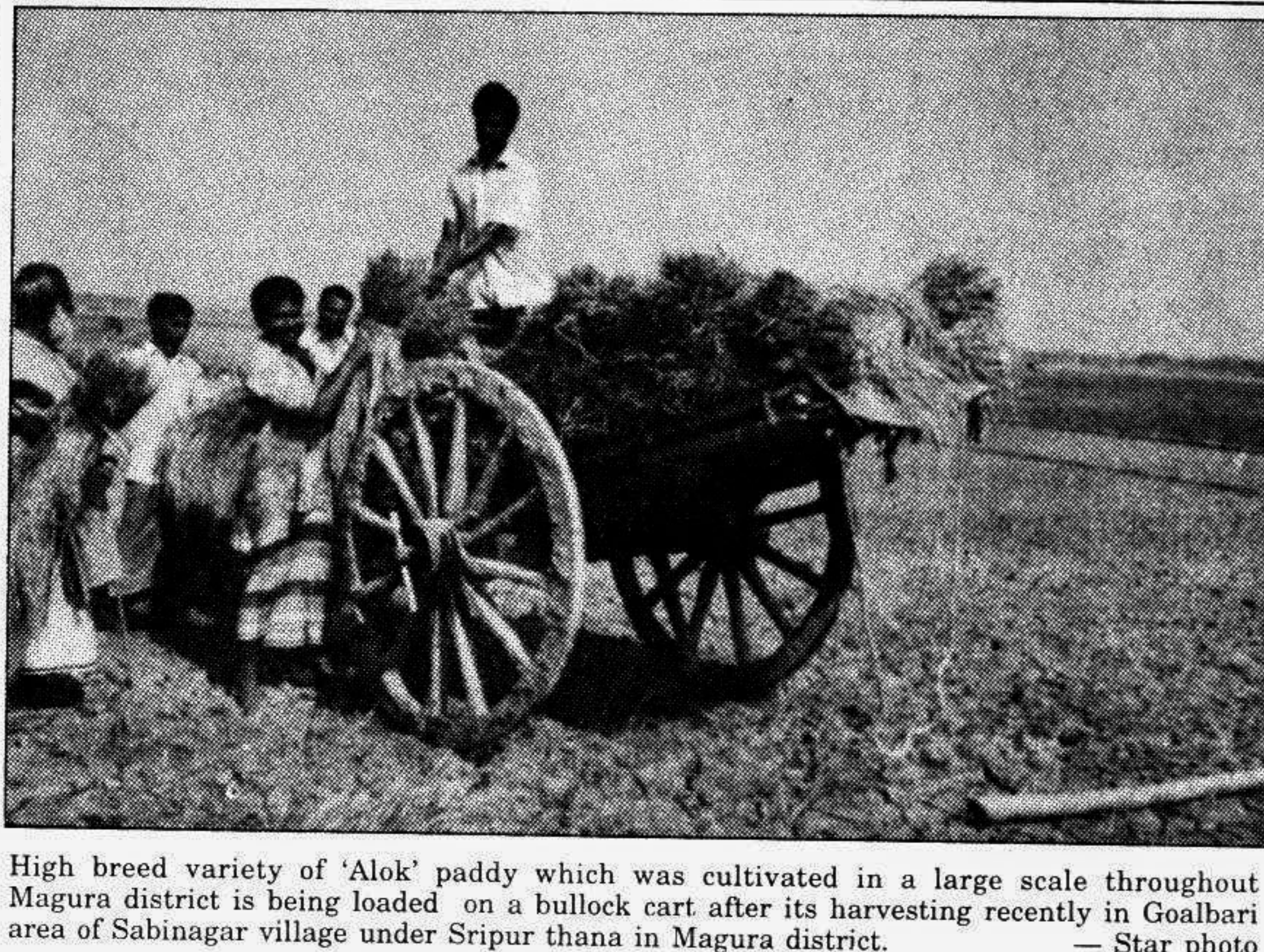
The Narcotic Control Department further told this correspondent that during the financial year 1996-97, they recovered 107.75 grams of heroin and instituted 72 cases for illegal possession or sale of heroin.

During the same year, they recovered 2,476 bottles of phenisidyl and for illegal possession or sale thereof, they started 34 cases. Moreover, they recovered 19 kg and 192 grams of hemp and 147 hemp plants and started 39 cases for illegal possession, sale or cultivation of this drug.

Besides, the department, started 35 more cases. The picture shows that very small quantity of heroin, phenisidyl and hemp were recovered in two years and nine months.

Many guardians, being helpless victims of the above situation, have urged the police authorities to arrest their drug addicted wards and detain under the prison-bars. Many other guardians have approached the lawyers to start cases against such wards. They were so much tortured by the addicted wards that they were compelled to take such measures against their sons or daughters.

It is so learnt from a reliable source that all sorts of illegal drugs had been reaching inside inside the jail regularly.



High breed variety of 'Alok' paddy which was cultivated in a large scale throughout Magura district is being loaded on a bullock cart after its harvesting recently in Goalbari area of Sabinagar village under Sripur thana in Magura district. — Star photo

Convincing rural people to use sanitary latrines

By Naimul Haq, back from Comilla

About three years ago almost none in the village had any idea of having sanitary latrine facilities. The majority of the people were used to the habit of using open toilet in their households.

Due to this reason, incidence of water borne diseases, particularly diarrhoea, were quite high. A local thana health complex (THC) physician while acknowledging this said, "About three years back we used to get lot of patients in the THC but since last two years the rate has drastically fallen."

Local people expressed the same view. Md Rois, working at a local school said, "In my family of nine members diarrhoea was a major health problem, but since I have switched over to habit of using sanitary latrines, diarrhoea is now a rare disease in my home."

Since 1996 a local non-government organisation — Palli Unnayan Parisad (PUP) has been engaged in Comilla's Jamtali village of Laxshama thana in promoting sanitary latrine programme through village sanitation centres (VSC) — a major component of the ngo's activities in the community level. So far it covered seven other villages with almost 100 per cent coverage.

The goal of the programme is improving health and reducing diarrhoeal diseases and parasitic infection through promoting personal hygiene.

One of the partners of PUP is NGO Forum, a non-profit organisation service delivery agency engaged in safe water and sanitation activities. The Forum has a network of over 800 local, national and international ngos. The focus of the network is promoting integrated safe water and sanitation programmes more commonly known as WATSAN.

A 15-member village development committee set up in each of the villages worked behind such a high rate of success," said Abdul Malek, Executive Director of PUP.

He said, "We believe the local community should play the role of motivating people to convince them to practice hygiene in use of their toilets."

He also said, "It didn't take us very long. All we had to do is to educate people on the part of the hygiene programme to the committee members. Once in the field, the committee members, most of whom belonged to the upper class in the society, were able to break the ice."

It was a difficult task on the part of the members to convince people to shift to use of sanitary latrines in a village where literacy rate is comparatively low.

Md Abdus Subhan, head of one of the committees said, "Our experience was quite different. In the beginning we took the task as a challenge to convince people to use sanitary latrines."

He said, "It is ridiculous not having a sanitary latrine in your house. Once people got to know about the significance of having a backhouse sanitary latrine they responded very rapidly."

Rustom Ali of Puhankucha in Sultanpur village never thought of having a sanitary latrine behind his house. It was hard to convince him and his family to accept the new concept.

Ali, in his mid seventies, said, "I decided to buy a latrine a year ago seeing my neighbour using the same. It looks better now that it gives a better view and we learned to use our latrines the hygienic way."

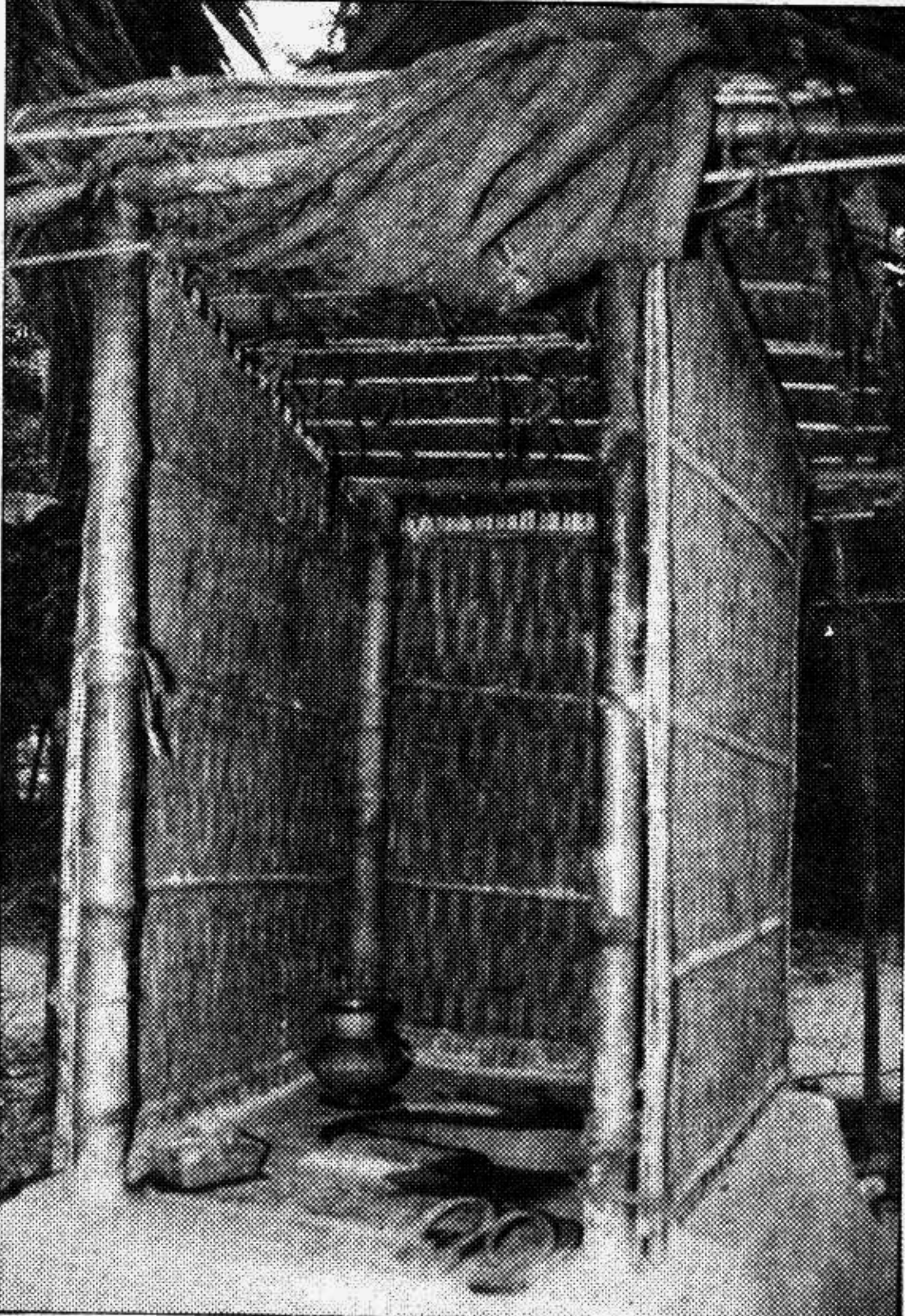
PUP like other partner NGOs received Taka 50,000 in cash for VSC programme as revolving money in addition to steel mould for making pans and rings for the latrines.

Each centre must have the capacity to produce at least 100 latrines each consisting of one slab and five rings. These are the plenary stages of NGO Forum's WATSAN programmes.

Of course, software support is also included in the programme. This support comprises all necessary activities needed to build up awareness among the community, beneficiaries, implementers, village policy makers and planners.

"The whole idea of software support is to mobilise the community to share experiences, identify problems and to understand the needs of the people," an NGO Forum official said.

He said, "We have plans to expand the idea in villages and people are very enthusiastic."



A sanitary latrine set up in the house of Rustam Ali, a villager of Sultanpur in Comilla district. — Star photo

BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিায়ানে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Ltd., Rangadia, Chittagong invites sealed tender from bonafide carrying contractor against Tender No. CUFL/MKT/Buffer Godown/864 dated 5.5.99 for carrying 5,500 (five thousand five hundred) MT bagged Urea from CUFL bag godown to Feni Buffer Godown, Feni. Tender documents are available at a cost of Tk. 200/- (two hundred) only (Non-refundable) per set up to 18.5.99 during office hours in the office of (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (3) CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong. Tender will be received in the tender box kept in the (1) Commercial Department, CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong (2) Purchase Division, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and (3) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong up to 11.00 AM on 19.5.99 and to be opened in presence of tenderers (if present) simultaneously at above places immediately thereafter. If the tender could not be opened on the specified date due to unavoidable circumstances, the tender will be opened on the next working day in the same places & time. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of opening of the tender.

Md Kamruzzaman
Manager (Marketing)
For Managing Director.

BCIC 400-6/5/99
GD-379

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Department of Supply and Inspection
48, Motijheel Commercial Area
Dhaka-1000
No-BDS/Administration/373(Part-5)
Dated: 13-01-1406 Bangla/26-04-1999

Tender Notice for
Repair of Vehicles

Sealed tenders are invited from the enlisted firms of the Ministry of Establishment for repairing vehicles for repair and replacement of parts of the vehicle Regi No-Dhaka-Metro-Bha-6963 (Proton Saga) of Supply and Inspection Department.

1. Place where schedule of : Department of Supply and tender will be available Inspection, 48, Motijheel C/A (4th floor), Dhaka-1000.

2. Cost of tender schedule : Tk 100/-

3. Date and time of : 16-5-99 at 11-00 am.

4. Submitting tender offer : 16-5-99 at 11-30 am.

5. Date and time of opening : 16-5-99 at 11-30 am.

6. Place of submitting : Will have to be dropped in the tender box kept at the Department of Supply and tender offer Inspection, 48, Motijheel C/A (4th floor), on time.

7. Details regarding the repair of vehicles have been mentioned in the tender schedule. Interested tenderers may contact the undersigned during office hours, if necessary.

Abul Kalam Azad
Assistant Director (Administration)
for Director
Phone: 9551511

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আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন

আপনার শিশুকে টিকা দিন

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অধীন নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজের জন্য বাংলাদেশ সরকারের লাইসেন্স বোর্ড হতে প্রাপ্ত বৈধ বৈদ্যুতিক লাইসেন্সধারী ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯১১তে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র আগামী ২৫-৫-৯৯ইং/১১-০২-১৪০৬ বাংলা তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা, জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা এবং ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল প্রকৌশল বিভাগ কর্তৃক দরপত্র গৃহণ করা হবে। একই দিনে বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে। শতকরা হিসাবে দর অংকে এবং কথায় উভয়েই স্পষ্টভাবে লিখতে হবে, অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য করা হবে। কোন দরপত্র প্রাকলিত মূল্যের উপর ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচভাগ) অপেক্ষা অধিক নিম্ন দরে এবং ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচভাগ) অপেক্ষা অধিক উর্ধ্বদর দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। দরপত্র প্রদানকারী ঠিকাদারগণের একাধিক রেসপনসিভ ঠিকাদার বর্ননিম্ন দর প্রদান করলে, সে ক্ষেত্রে নিয়মানুযায়ী লটারির মাধ্যমে ঠিকাদার নির্বাচন করা হবে। প্রত্যেক কাজের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের মেয়র মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিভিল ব্যাংক-এর ব্যাংক ডাফট/পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে বায়নার টাকা ২.৫০% হিসাবে দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে। ঢাকা বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা-এর কার্যালয় ও ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা ও সকল নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয় এবং প্রধান কার্যালয়ের হিসাব বিভাগের হিসাবরক্ষক (পোদার)-এর নিকট হতে প্রতিটি সেট নির্ধারিত মূল্যের বিনিময়ে করপোরেশনে চালান মারফত (অফেরতযোগ্য) টেন্ডারের সিভিল ক্রয় করা যাবে। দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণকারী প্রত্যেক ঠিকাদার বর্তমান আর্থিক বছর পর্যন্ত তাদের স্ব-স্ব ঠিকাদার প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্তির মূল কাগজ-পত্রাদি সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি জমা দিতে হবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ-২ এর দপ্তর হতে জানা যাবে। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ কোন সিভিল বিক্রেতা কর্তৃক হবার নার। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সমুদয় দরপত্র গৃহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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২।	১৯ নং ওয়ার্ডের গুলশান এলাকার রোড নং-১০৪, ১০৮, ১১৩ তে সোডিয়াম বাতি স্থাপনের কাজ।	৮৪,৩০,৮৮৮/-	৮১,০,৯৯১/-	৩০ দিন
৩।	উত্তরা সেক্টর নং-৫ এর বিভিন্ন সড়কে টিউব বাতি স্থাপনের কাজ। (ওয়ার্ড নং-১১)	৮২,০০,০০০/-	৮৫,০০০/-	২৫ দিন
৪।	উত্তরা সেক্টর নং-৪ এর বিভিন্ন সংযোগ সড়ক ও অন্যান্য সড়কে টিউব বাতি স্থাপন কাজ। (ওয়ার্ড নং-১)	৮১,৫৫,০০০/-	৮৩,৮৭৫/-	২৫ দিন
৫।	মিরপুর ৩ নং ওয়ার্ডের বিভিন্ন রাস্তার টিউব বাতি স্থাপনের উন্নয়নমূলক কাজ।	৮২,০০,০০০/-	৮৫,০০০/-	২৫ দিন
৬।	মিরপুর ৬ নং ওয়ার্ডের বিভিন্ন রাস্তার টিউব বাতি স্থাপনের উন্নয়নমূলক কাজ। গ্রুপ-“খ”	৮১,৫০,০০০/-	৮৩,৭৫০/-	২৫ দিন
৭।	মিরপুর ১৫ নং ওয়ার্ডের বিভিন্ন রাস্তায় টিউব বাতি স্থাপনের উন্নয়নমূলক কাজ। গ্রুপ-“ক”	৮১,৫০,০০০/-	৮৩,৭৫০/-	২৫ দিন
৮।	মিরপুর ১৫ নং ওয়ার্ডের বিভিন্ন রাস্তার টিউব বাতি স্থাপনের উন্নয়নমূলক কাজ। গ্রুপ-“খ”	৮১,০০,০০০/-	৮২,৫০০/-	২৫ দিন
৯।	মিরপুর ৮নং ওয়ার্ডের বিভিন্ন রাস্তার টিউব বাতি স্থাপনের উন্নয়নমূলক কাজ। গ্রুপ-“ক”	৮১,০০,০০০/-	৮২,৫০০/-	২৫ দিন
১০।	মিরপুর ৮নং ওয়ার্ডের বিভিন্ন রাস্তায় টিউব বাতি স্থাপনের উন্নয়নমূলক কাজ। "গ্রুপ-খ"	৮১,৫০,০০০/-	৮৩,৭৫০/-	২৫ দিন
১১।	মিরপুর ২নং ওয়ার্ডের বিভিন্ন রাস্তার টিউব বাতি স্থাপনের উন্নয়নমূলক কাজ। গ্রুপ-“ক”	৮১,০০,০০০/-	৮২,৫০০/-	২৫ দিন
১২।	অঞ্চল-৮ এর বিভিন্ন ওয়ার্ডের মেইন সূইচ ও সূইচ বক্সসহ সর্বাঙ্গীকৃত কাজ। ওয়ার্ড নং-২, ৩, ৪, ৫, ৬, ৭, ৮ ও ১৫।	৮১,০০,০০০/-	৮২,৫০০/-	২৫ দিন
১৩।	শেওড়াপাড়া ও পশ্চিম কাফরুল এলাকার মেইন রোড ও লেন-বাইসেনে টিউব বাতির পোল ও ফিটিং স্থাপনসহ সর্বাঙ্গীকৃত বৈদ্যুতিক কাজ (ওয়ার্ড নং-১৪)	৮২,৫০,০০০/-	৬,২৫০/-	২৫ দিন

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