

News snaps

Power connection given

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, May 12: Pali Biduyt Samity-I (PBS-I) at Rupatali, at the outskirts of Barisal town has given power connections to 28,106 dwelling houses in 312 villages under seven thana areas of Barisal and Jhalakati districts during last nine years.

According to PBS-I sources here, this samity brought seven thana areas — sadar, Mehendiganj, Bakerganj, Hizla and Muladi of Barisal district and sadar and Nalchiti of Jhalakati district under its electrification programme on commercial basis since 1990. PBS-I during this time also constructed 1,552 kilometres of electrical lines through which 32,345 power connections were provided to the consumers. Of these, there are 28,106 domestic, 3,365 commercial, 479 industrial, 24 irrigation and 373 other electrical power connections.

3 cheats arrested

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, May 12: People caught three alleged cheats red-handed with fake 500 taka notes at Muktagacha Bazar under Muktagacha thana here on May 5.

According to police and witnesses, three cheats identified as Omar Ali, Minto and Lukman of village Kawnia under sadar thana were caught when they were paying taka after buying a cow at the bazar. People also recovered six fake 500 taka notes from their possession and took them to the toll collectors of the bazar. Later they were handed over to police.

Suicides up in Magura

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, May 12: Suicide cases have been increasing alarmingly in four thanas of the district.

According to police, hospital and family sources, five persons including a housewife allegedly committed suicide in a week in different areas of the district. Samsur Rahman, 35, of village Ghoramara under the sadar thana killed himself by taking poison recently. Nripen Biswas, 18, of village Madhupur under Muhammadpur thana committed suicide after taking poison. On the same day Alomoti, 14, a teenager girl of village Darisail under Shalikha thana killed herself by hanging. Dolena Khatun, 25, wife of Atiar Rahman also allegedly committed suicide by taking poison recently.

15 hurt in road mishap

SUNAMGANJ, May 12: Some 15 people were injured, many of them seriously, when a bus skidded off the road and fell into a roadside ditch on Sylhet-Sunamganj Road at Janigao village on Friday morning, reports UNB.

Six of the injured were identified as Nur-e-Alam, 20, Anwar, 30, Abdus Sattar, 50, Sattayajit, 30, Jalil, 32, and Ukil Datta, 50. The identity of others could not be known immediately. Police said two people including Nur-e-Alam were rushed to the district Sadar Hospital and another two at Sylhet Osmani Hospital. Legs and hands of the many of the injured were broken in the mishap. The driver of the Sunamganj-bound vehicle coming from Sylhet lost control over its steering as he tried to save three ducks crossing the road resulting in the mishap at 10.30 am. The vehicle was also damaged in the accident.

Buffalo goes berserk: 2 hurt

LALMONIRHAT, May 12: Two people were hurt grievously when a buffalo attacked them at west Doljor village in Aditmari thana in the district on Friday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the animal which was brought from the hill area by a brick-field owner suddenly went berserk and attacked Moinuddin, 40, and Abul Kalam, 42. They were rushed to the Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. The owner was using the large size animal for leveling soil and carrying goods.

Lightning kills young man

DINAJPUR, May 12: A young man was killed and his other family members received injuries when struck by lightning at Boiragipara village in Parbatipur here early hours on Saturday, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Subash Chandra Roy, 24. His wife, son and daughter were rushed to the local hospital. Meanwhile, the dead body of a 21-year old unidentified girl was found in a marshy land at Haidibari railgate of Parbatipur town at 8 am on the same day. Local people suspected that the miscreants might have dumped the body killing her after rape.

Vegetable farming scheme

KISHOREGANJ, May 12: A total of 33,200 hectares of land have been brought under vegetable cultivation in seven districts under Dhaka Agriculture Extension Zone (DAEZ) in the current summer, fixing the production target at 4,15,000 tons, reports UNB.

Of the total land, 4,800 hectares will be cultivated in Dhaka, 4,800 hectares in Narayanganj, 2,800 in Narsingdi, 2,800 in Munshiganj, 9,800 in Gazipur, 3,400 in Manikganj and 4,800 in Tangail, officials said. Meanwhile, the farmers have been provided with necessary loan, high yielding varieties of seeds, fertiliser, pesticides and other agri-inputs for successful implementation of the programme.

Uplift programme begins

KISHOREGANJ, May 12: District Relief Rehabilitation and Disaster Management Department has taken up 135 projects for the development of the rural infrastructure under Food For Work Programme in nine thanas in 1998-99 fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to the official sources, the government allotted 1280 tonnes of wheat for implementation of the projects. Thanawise amount of allotment are: 130 tonnes in Itna thana, 110 tonnes in Mithaman thana, 155 tonnes in Bajitpur thana, 150 tonnes in Kuliarchar thana, 100 tonnes in Tarail thana, 185 tonnes in Bhairab thana, 110 tonnes in Hossainpur thana and 340 tonnes in Kishoreganj sadar thana.

Efforts on to ensure power

PATUAKHALI, May 12: State Minister for Textiles AKM Zahangir Hossain said the present government was relentlessly working to ensure power supply to all the villages of the country, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing a meeting while inaugurating a three-kilometer 11 KV electricity supply line of Rural Electrification Board at Amtali Bazar under Dashmina thana. With the inauguration of the distribution line five thousand households will be benefited. The minister said power is one of the preconditions of national development and the present government has been working hard to accelerate development in the power sector.

Chickenpox in Laxmipur

LAXMIPUR, May 12: Chickenpox has broken out alarmingly in the district affecting some 200 people in one week, health department sources said, reports UNB.

Ramgati and Sadar thanas of the district are the worst affected areas. Some 50 people were reported affected in Char Manasa village in two days. Most of them are children and women. It is known that the affected people depend on the village quacks as there are no medicine for its treatment. To identify the cause of the disease Health department sources told that the disease has broken out for excessive humidity and lack of adequate water while taking bath.

2180 cows inseminated

NARSINGDI, May 12: A total of 2180 cows were brought under artificial insemination programme in Narsingdi district during 1998-99 fiscal year through 15 insemination centres, reports BSS.

According to district Livestock Department, out of total 15 centres 10 were run by frozen semen and the rest five by liquid semen collected locally. Awareness about the programme has remarkably been developed and farmers are showing interest to develop hybrid variety of the bullock.

1,272 km area electrified

CHUADANGA, May 12: A total of 1272 kilometre area have been electrified in all the four thanas of the district under the Rural Electrification Programme (REP), reports BSS.

The four thanas are — Chuadanga Sadar, Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar. According to an official source, of the total area 284 kilometre area have been electrified in Chuadanga Sadar thana, 515 kilometre in Alamdanga thana, 281 kilometre in Damurhuda thana and 192 kilometre in Jibannagar thana.

FWP implemented

RANGPUR, May 12: The work on 1,440 projects under Food for Works Programme FWP has been completed in the district in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

At least 6,677 tonnes of wheat were spent towards the completion of the projects. According to Relief and Rehabilitation Department sources, the projects included rural road development and the earth work in different schools and mosques. With completion of the work, the road communication in the rural areas has been improved.



A bumper production of IRRI-Boro paddy has been achieved in Magura.

— Star photo

Archaeological monuments in Rajshahi being damaged

From Abdul Wadood

RAJSHAHI, May 12: Hundreds of archaeological monuments are being damaged in Rajshahi division for lack of proper maintenance.

Regional Archaeology Office, established at Tetutola in Bogra in 1984, looks after 130 monuments all over 16 districts of Rajshahi division. But the Archaeology Office cannot maintain these monument for lack of sufficient manpower and money, sources said.

There are thousands of archaeological and historical monuments including the undiscovered ones in Rajshahi division.

Excluding the monuments of Paharpur in Naogaon, Moshthan in Bogra and Rangpur, all other identified and undiscovered monuments are decaying.

Rajshahi divisional office of the Directorate of Archaeology

has sanctioned posts of only four first class and two second class officers and 19 other employees. Out of the total, two posts of Assistant Engineers, one post of Accountant, two posts of Store keepers and one post of Surveyer are lying vacant for a long time.

The Archaeology Office directly looks after only three monuments through three little teams of workers deputed there under the leadership of a custodian. All other monuments are lying unprotected under exposure to harms made by miscreants and nature. Most of these monuments are not visited by any of the employees of the Archaeology Office even in a year.

So these monuments easily become victims of nature, as well as of miscreants. Bricks, stones and inscriptions are often stolen by the miscreants and

damaged by ignorant people.

Influential people are taking the land of the monuments under their illegal possession every year in an increasing rate.

The number of archaeological monuments in Rajshahi division is higher than those in other divisions of the country. But the government does not pay due attention to the problems.

Rajshahi Regional Archaeology Office had got only about Taka 18.60 lakhs out of the total national budget of Taka 113.51 lakh for preservation and maintenance of the archaeological monuments in the fiscal year of 1996-97.

In 1997-98, the total budget was Taka 88 lakh, but Rajshahi got only Taka 28 lakh.

Rajshahi was given Taka 15.46 lakh out of the total national allocation of Taka 61.86

lakh in 1998-99 fiscal year.

There were many archaeological sites which needed excavation to unearth monuments. There are 203 sites in Rangpur, 143 in Dinajpur and 103 in Pabna.

Due to shortage of manpower and funds, the Archaeology Department cannot excavate these detected sites to discover the monuments.

Excavations in some sites were started, but are now lying incomplete for the same reasons.

In Rajshahi division, the detected and undiscovered monuments had been built during the Pal, the Sen, the Pathan and the Mughal dynasties.

If these archaeological sites are preserved and maintained well and roads are built for easy and safe transport, these can be sources of huge revenue.

Gaibandha villagers in misery

From K M Rezaul Hoque

GAIBANDHA, May 12: The people of Gaibandha are in grip of frustration following a series of crop damage, prolonged flood, drought and river erosion since last two years.

The sufferings of common people especially of farmers and labourers have been multiplied since 1998. During the period flood waters submerged a vast tract of land after staying for long 93 days. Prolonged floods have affected badly the vast areas of Gaibandha sadar, Fulchhari, Shaghata, Sadullapur and Gobindaganj thanas. The flood water largely damaged Aman crop, jute and other standing crops. The labourers also remained jobless for long four months.

Being failed to harvest

Aman crops the deprived farmers tried to overcome the crop deficit by farming Rabi crops. Due to presence of moisture in the crop fields the farmers could not grow Rabi crops like mustard seed, Kawn, wheat and pulse. A good harvest of potato was marked during the period but the farmers were deprived of fair price of potato. During the harvesting period potatoes were sold between Tk 2 to 3 per kg. So the farmers hardly received the production cost of potatoes.

Meanwhile, the farmers cultivated wheat extensively to partially overcome loss of Aman crops. But the adverse weather went against the interest of poor farmers. They harvested only four to five maunds of wheat against 24 to 25

maunds per acre of land.

Last year soon after the recession of flood water a dry spell continued throughout the district which prolonged for a pretty long time. During the period standing crops dried up in the field. Acute fodder crisis prevailed in the area. Many cattle died of different diseases and due to starvation.

This correspondent observed this during his visit to three shoal lands under Kamajani union. A total of 68 cattle died in different areas.

Acute joblessness also paralysed the labourers of the flood affected areas. During last two months over 50 persons of Bait Baikamari under Kamajani union left elsewhere in search of work and food, but

they returned disappointed being failed to arrange any work to earn their livelihood.

Considering the post-flood situation Oxiom (Bangladesh) introduced Cash for Work Programme for 36 days in the month of January '99 just to rehabilitate the deprived labourers. Under this programme 6,300 males and females got work at the rate of Taka 60 per head each day.

Besides, for the survival of cattlehead Oxiom allocated Taka 600 for each of total 1,800 cattleheads of the poverty stricken families under Kamajani union. The programme included 20 kg wheat waste, 10 kg husk and 10 kg molasses for 30 days.

Clash with villagers leaves Indian dacoit dead in C'nawabganj

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, May 12: An Indian dacoit was killed and seven Bangladeshis villagers were injured in a clash at Doulatbari Shialmara, a bordering village in Shibganj thana of Chapainawabganj district on Sunday night.

BDR sources said, a gang of Indian dacoits tried to rob some cows from the village. The villagers went out and chased them. The dacoits threw more than 50 hand bombs, but one of them, Shish Mohammad, 35, was caught and beaten to death by the villagers.

A tense situation was prevailing in the bordering areas.

First class first

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, May 12: Pradip Kumar Panday has stood first class first in the MSS examination of the Department of Mass Communication.

A step to solve crisis of pure drinking water

TUNGIPARA (Gopalganj), May 12: Hydropur, the country's first community surface water treatment plant has been installed here recently by Proshika in cooperation with a famous Belgium company Altech, reports BSS.

Proshika director JK Baral told a group of newsmen at the plant site at Patgati under Tungipara thana that the installation of this most sophisticated water purification device would help overcome the alarming arsenic problem as well as supply pure drinking water to the local people.

The Taka ten lakh plant is now producing 1,500 litre of water per hour and it will be able to meet the needs of about 300 local families, he said.

Proshika Communication advisor (director) Jyoti Prokash Dutta, ALTECH consultant Serje Allote, Vice-president of Bangladesh Arsenic Control Society HK Das were, among others, present on the occasion and apprised the newsmen from the capital city Dhaka of various aspects of this newly installed plant.

Baral said, at the backdrop of growing threat of arsenic contamination in underground water, his organisation recently entered into an agreement with the Belgium company to install such Hydropur plants in various arsenic prone areas of the country. According to a survey, four out of five thanas of Gopalganj district are identified as arsenic zones. At the preliminary stage Proshika will install 10 such plants at different parts of the country and will further expand the programme on the basis of the results to be obtained after practical operations.

While explaining the technical advantages of this plant Serje Allote told the newsmen that this device is an automatic

gravity powered one, running without any mechanical, electrical or electrical appliances. Its commissioning is very easy and requires no skilled manpower. Hydropur plant does not use liquid chlorine but special calcium hypochlorine tablets.

Other advantages of this plant include low installation cost, low exploitation cost, no maintenance, no noise, easy use and automatic cleaning system, quick and simple assembly and minimum operation cost.

At present, Proshika is supplying drinking water from the plant to the local people free of cost. But it has a plan to run the plant by its group members in the area to make it a economically viable project.

The journalists who visited

the plant site, witnessed a cross section of the local people to collect drinking water from the plant in big jars. A happy Walur Rahman Sheikh of Sarder Para told the newsmen that the plant was a blessing for them as they are getting pure drinking water from there. "Hitherto we have been suffering from various intestinal diseases including dysentery and diarrhoea as we have to drink contaminated water from ponds and canals", he said. Because of soil condition of the area neither shallow tubewells nor deep tubewells can be installed in this district. Similar reactions were also expressed by Sheikh Zafar Ali, Joyrab Bibi, Shafali and others who came to collect water from the plant.

Accommodation problem for girls at Chandpur College

From Shirin Akhter

CHANDPUR, May 12: The female hostel of Chandpur Government University College is beset with manifold problems for a long time.

The lone female hostel situated in front of the college with 200 students are living a sub-human life. Acute accommodation problem has been prevailing in the hostel for a long time.

The hostel was established in 1985 for accommodating 50 students. The students now reside in five tin shed houses and one dilapidated building. There is no proper arrangement for water supply and electricity facility. At present about 200 students are doubling in one seat. Some are staying in floor. The number of students are increasing day by day with the introduction of Masters and Honours courses in the college.

The students complained

that they had to perform their daily routines like study, sleep, attending nature's call, taking meals by rotation.

They complained they had to sleep sometimes on the tables and on the floor of verandah. Water and electricity crisis are acute in the hostel. Most of the time they have to remain without taking bath due to water crisis.

The students alleged, the quality of meal is very low. Guards and aayas are insufficient. There is no guest room in the hostel. Outsiders are seen talking and gossiping in front of hostel gate. So there is no safety and security of boarders in the hostel. The building of the hostel is dilapidated. The floor of the building is filled up by rain water during the rainy season. Rain water also enters in the tin shed rooms.



BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিলায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

The Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Company Limited, Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur hereby invites sealed tender from bonafide Workshop/Suppliers/Traders for repairing of A/C Machine against tender enquiry No.JFCL/LP/Electrical/Rop-7/238 dt. 26-4-99. Tender documents will be available on payment of Tk 25/- (Twentyfive) only per set in cash (non-refundable) during office hours from the office of the (i) General Manager (A&F), JFCL, Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur (ii) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka & (iii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.

Tender will be received simultaneously at BCIC Bhaban, Purchase Division (16th floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka & Jamuna Fertilizer Company Limited, Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur up to 11.00 AM on 29-5-99 and be opened immediately thereafter on the same day in presence of the tenderer (if any). No tender document will be sold on the date of the opening. Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders partly or fully without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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BCIC Enlistment Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিলায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Polash, Narsingdi invites application in prescribed form from the genuine Suppliers/Manufacturers/Importers of Bangladesh for enlistment as suppliers for the period of 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 financial years for supply of stores under limited tender to be invited against the following categories of stores (1) Hardware Goods, Work-Shop Tools, Paints, Varnishes etc. (2) All kinds of Electrical Goods (3) Medical/Laboratory Chemicals, Appliance/Instruments etc. (4) Steel Furniture, Wood and Wooden Furniture (5) Office Stationery and Printing Materials & (6) Miscellaneous Stores (Broom Stick, Ganjee Cutting, Phenyle & Naphthalene Sewing thread etc). Application forms with detailed terms and conditions will be available from (a) BCIC Head Office, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka (b) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong and (c) Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., on payment of Tk. 50.00 only (non-refundable) per set. Applications are to be deposited with the General Manager (Commercial) of the Factory on or before 15-6-99 positively. Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.

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DFP-9797-5/5

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Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation

Adamjee Court (5th Floor)
115-120, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

International Re-Tender Notice

Ref. No. BSFIC/PD-1/Carew/1687/98-99 Dated: 02.05.1999

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/Repairers by Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation on turn-key basis for repairing and commissioning of 2 Nos. 1500 KW Turbine of Carew & Co. (Bangladesh) Limited. Tenders will be received up to 11.00 AM on 03.06.1999 at Purchase Division, 3, Dilkusha Comm. Area, Dhaka and will be opened at 11.05 AM on the same day.

Tender documents with detailed specifications and other terms and conditions will be available from the Additional Chief Accountant (Cash) of this Corporation at Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka on cash payment of Tk 750/- (non-refundable) for each. No tender document will be sold on the day of opening.

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Abdullah

Additional Chief (Purchase)



Bangladesh Power Development Board

Re-Tender Notice

Name of work: Construction of Stores -Godown included in ADP for Sandip Power Generation Station under Sales & Distribution Division-3, PDB, Foudzdarhat. Eligibility of Contractor: PDB enlisted A, B, C licence category contractor's firm. Estimated cost: Taka 3,25,296/45. Price of tender: Taka-500/= (five hundred) only (non-refundable). Should be submitted through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Deputy Director, ZAO, পি ডি বি, PDB, Chittagong. Place & date of obtaining tender: Tender can be purchased from the office of the Chief Engineer, Distribution, West Zone, PDB, Chittagong/Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle, (North), PDB, Chittagong /Manager, Agrani Bank Cadet College Road Branch, Foudzdarhat, Chittagong and this Division up to 01/06/99.

Date of receiving & opening tender: Tenders will be received at the said offices (except bank) up to 12:00 Noon of 02/06/99 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any). All other terms & conditions of the tender must be complied with properly.

Executive Engineer

Biddut /Jana-1545 (5)/98-99

Distribution Division-3

DFP-10081-9/5

PDB, Foudzdarhat

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Chittagong.



Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon
Dhaka-1215

Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/ Suppliers/Indentors (Enlisted Firms and Firms applied for enlistment in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy.

Sl No	Name of Items & Qty	Date of Selling		Date of Opening	Currency	Tender No
		From	To			
a.	100 KW (125 KVA) Marine Generator Sets Qty-01 in No	18-5-99	14-6-99	15-6-99	FC	5985

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per 1/T selling rate (Not refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in the presence of tenderers (if present).

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Lt Commander BN

For Director General