

News snaps

Allocation for motels

BANDARBAN, Dec 27: The government has allocated Tk 7.44 crore for construction of two motels in Bandarban and Khagrachhari for the development of tourism in the hill districts, reports UNB.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry Bir Bahadur told that the construction of the motels would begin soon. He said construction work on Bandarban motel will start on January next while that of Khagrachhari a few months later. Each motel will cost Tk 3.72 crore. Describing the scenic beauty of the hill district, Bir Bahadur said there are at least 150 panoramic tourist spots in Bandarban, including Chimbuk, Shallopata and Meghla. Development of tourists spots, he said, will also play a significant role in the development of socioeconomic condition of the hill people.

26 uplift projects undertaken

KISHOREGANJ, Dec 27: Local Government and Engineering Department, Kishoreganj, has taken up a total of 26 development projects in 13 thanas in the 1999-2000 financial year, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the government has sanctioned Taka 1,90,76,000 for implementation of the projects. The projects included construction of primary schools, flood shelters and development of rural infrastructure.

Loan disbursement programme

RAJBARI, Dec 27: Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) has undertaken a Tk 7.5 crore loan disbursement programme for the distressed and poor people, reports UNB.

The board distributed Tk 2.61 crore among its 4,438 members in four thanas under the 'Self-Employment of Rural People Project' in last five months. The loan is being utilised in various income-generating activities like cultivation of crops, small trade pisciculture, poultry farming, dairy farm and small cottage industries.

Old man beaten to death

BAGERHAT, Dec 27: An old man was beaten to death allegedly by his neighbours at Boro Banshbaria village in Sadar thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, police arrested four people — Sufia Begum, 55, her daughter Samiron, 30, Samiron's daughter Hosne Ara and son Russell — in this connection. Police said the four beat and pushed the victim, Abul Hossain, onto the ground following altercation over gathering bunches of paddy from a field at about 10 am on Wednesday. He died on the spot.

Maize farming programme

MADARIPUR, Dec 27: Agriculture Extension Department (AED), Madaripur has taken up a massive maize cultivation programme in four thanas in the current *Rabi* season, reports BSS.

A total of 900 hectares will be brought under maize cultivation programme. Of the total, 250 hectares will be cultivated in Madaripur Sadar thana, 250 hectares in Kalkini, 225 hectares in Rajoir and 175 hectares in Shibchar thanas.

Body recovered

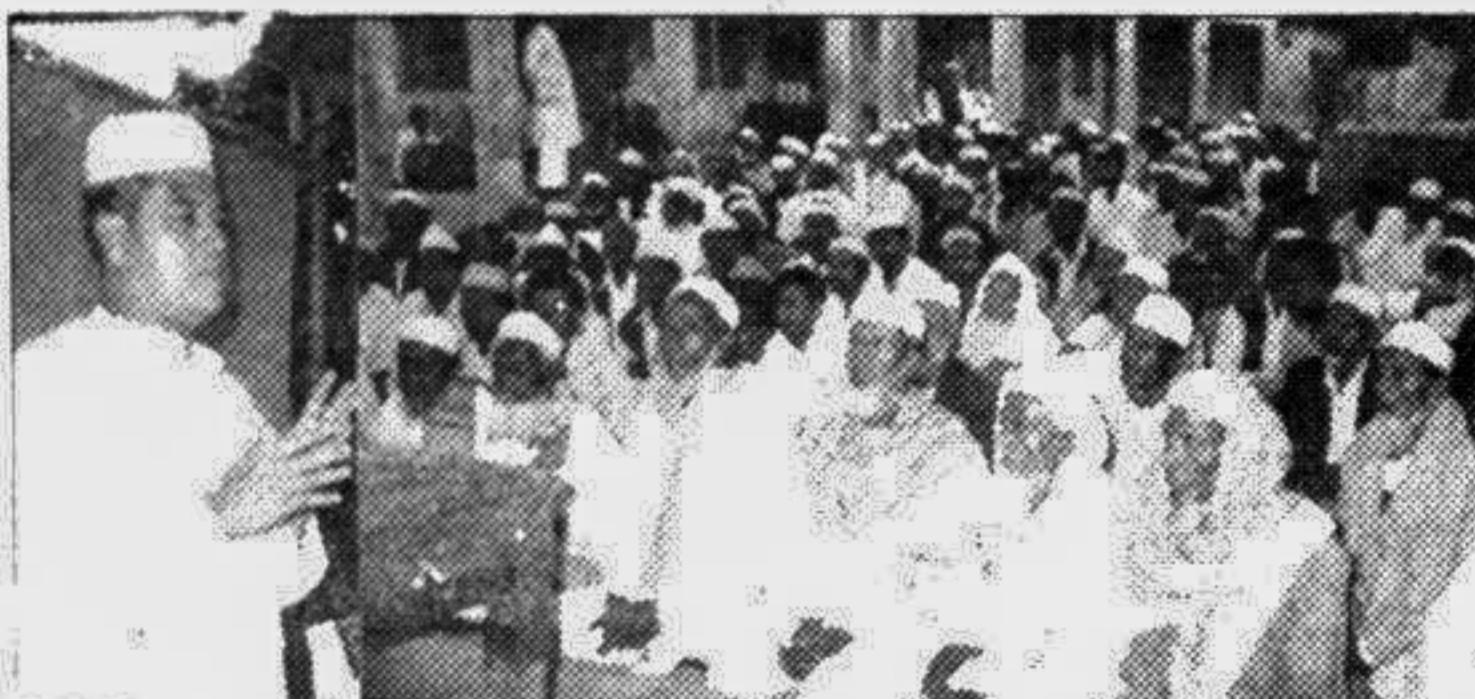
MYMENSINGH, Dec 27: Police recovered the decomposed body of a youth from a pond in Nandal thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Alaudin of Nandal village of the thana. The cause behind the killing could not be known immediately. A UD case was filed with the police in this regard.

Student killed in road mishap

JHENIDAH, Dec 27: A college student was killed in a road accident at Arappur bus-stand in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the accident took place when a speeding truck rammed into a tempo in which the victim was travelling. The dead was identified as Liton, 25, a college student and JCD president of Dudshar union unit. The driver with its vehicle managed to flee the spot soon after accident. Later, local MP Abdul Wahab visited the residence of Liton and conveyed sympathy to his bereaved family members.



Noted freedom fighter Maj Gen (Rtd) Subed Ali Bhuiyan addressing an *iftar* party organised by Retired Soldiers' Association of Daudkandi in Comilla on December 18.

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority Tender Notice

No EEDL/8/545 Dated: 13/12/99
Sealed tenders are hereby invited from DESA enlisted A&B class electrical contractors having valid (i) Trade Licence, (ii) Income Tax Certificate, (iii) VAT Registration Certificate, (iv) Experience Certificate for concerned works, (v) Affidavit & (vi) ABC Licence for the following work/works:

- Installation of Transformers on East Rampura and Meradia OH to relieve overloaded Transformers under O&M Divn, Khilgaon.
- Extension of HT/LT Lines and Installation of Transformer at East Dhania, East Jurain and South Dhania area under O&M Divn, Postgola.
- Installation of 200 KVA Pole Mounted Sub-Station at different areas under O&M Divn, Tejgaon.
- Installation of 8 (eight) Nos of Transformers to relieve the overloaded Transformers at different places under O&M Divn, Gulshan.
- Rehabilitation & reinforcement of distribution system and installation of 200 KVA Pole Mounted Sub-Station at different areas under O&M Divn, Tejgaon and
- Installation of single phase transformers in remote areas and rehabilitation & reinforcement of distribution system in adjacent areas under O&M Divn, Gulshan.

Tender documents/schedule will be obtained up to 24th January, 2000 on payment of non-refundable Tk 100.00 (Taka one hundred) only per set (each tender) in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the 'Addl Director, RAO, DESA' from the office of the (1) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka, (2) Addl. Chief Engineer (P&D), DESA, (3) Supdt. Engineer (E&I), GDPDP, DESA, (4) Executive Engineer, HV S/S/HVL/Civil Works Divn, GDPDP, DESA and cash payment with prior permission from the undersigned, (5) Manager, Pubali Bank Ltd, Gulshan Model Town Branch, Dhaka-1212 on prior permission from the concerned Head of the Office. (i) An earnest money equal 2.50% (two point five-zero per cent) of the estimated cost is to be submitted alongwith the offer. (ii) Bidder quoting rate more than 5% above or below of the estimated cost Rate Analysis shall have to be submitted alongwith the offer. (iii) Bidder quoting rate from 5% to 10% below estimated cost will be required to submit 5% additional amount in excess of 2.5% i.e. in total 7.50% of the estimated cost as earnest money with their offer. (iv) Bidder quoting rate more than 10% below estimated cost will be required to submit 10% additional amount in excess of 2.5% i.e. in total 12.50% of the estimated cost as earnest money with their offer in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the 'Addl Director, RAO, DESA'. Tender will be received up to 12:00 Noon on the 25th January, 2000 and will be opened at 12:30 PM in front of the tenderers present (if any). Tenders will be received in the offices mentioned in SI No 1, 2, 3, 4 and office of the undersigned. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

National RU liberation war museum needs proper maintenance

From Kamran Reza Chowdhury

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Dec 27: Lack of resources is taking toll on the Rajshahi University liberation war museum, the first of its kind in the country.

The university authorities provide Tk 1.5 lakh annually for its maintenance and development. "But the amount which is inadequate", said Monsur Ahmed Khan, curator of the museum known as Shaheed Smriti Sangrahashala.

A committee, comprising renowned artist Hashem Khan, Prof Hasan Azizul Haq, Prof Julfikar Matin, and Monsur Ahmed Khan, the curator, was formed in 1997 to recommend the ways for its improvement and development. The committee recommended Tk 4.2 lakh package for the purpose. But nothing has been done in this regard.

The museum is situated in the university Shaheed Minar premises. The decision to establish a liberation war museum was taken at a meeting with the then Vice Chancellor Prof Syed Ali Ahsan on January 2, 1976.

With some photographs and exhibits the museum was inaugurated by Prof Abul Fazl, the then Education Advisor to the government, on March 26, 1976.

The museum houses a good number of exhibits, including wreckage of vehicles and weapons used by the Pakistani occupation forces, garment and other belongings used by martyred freedom fighters and intellectuals and photographs of rare events and posters during the War of Liberation.

The museum lacks adequate security. The museum is vulnerable to theft.

Serajuddin Hossain's martyrdom anniversary



From Our Correspondent MAGURA, Dec 27: 28th martyrdom anniversary of journalist Serajuddin Hossain was observed here in a befitting manner on December 10.

A rally was arranged by Shaheed Serajuddin Memorial Committee. A discussion meeting was also held at its office in his memory. The meeting was addressed, among others, by Khan Abdul Hossain, Abdur Rouf and Sharif Mizanur Rahman.

It is to be mentioned here that journalist Serajuddin Hossain, a resident of village Shorshuna under Shalikha thana of Magura district was killed on December 10 in 1971 during the fag end of the Liberation War.

Unfair means in exam hall: Student assaults teacher

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