

News snaps

Millennium celebrated in Barisal

BARISAL, Jan 4: The advent of the new Millennium was celebrated by the people of this divisional city with joy and fanfare on the first day of the year, reports BSS.

Tens of thousands of colorful fire works lit the sky over the city just after one minute past midnight on December 31, 1999 when the millennium began. In the morning, Barisal district unit of Sangskritik Sangathan Samannaya Parishad held a colorful rally at Aswini Kumar Town Hall premises to greet the new century and the millennium. After the rally, a colorful procession was brought from there and paraded the city roads. The participants in the procession carried placards, banners and festoons pledging to keep the Barisal division as well as Bangladesh free from Rajakars and 'Al-Badars'.

Foodgrains for distressed

JHALAKATI, Jan 4: Some 306 metric tons of foodgrains have been allocated from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the distressed people on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, reports UNB.

Over 30,000 destitute people of 32 unions and two municipalities will receive the grains, officials said.

Man killed in road mishap

BENAPOLE, Jessore, Jan 4: One person was killed and 15 were injured in road accident on Jessore-Benapole highway near Nawaron Akij Biri Factory, reports BSS.

Helper of the bus Nasiruddin, 22, son of Abdul Khair at Muthurapur village in Monirampur Thana, died on the spot. The bus was coming from Benapole. The driver lost its control and it collided with a road side tree. Three of the injured persons were admitted to the Jessore Sadar Hospital. They are bus supervisor Lekan, 27, Monirul, 30 and retired police super Tapan Chandra Boruya. The rest 12 persons were taken to the Sarsha Health Complex. A case has been registered in this connection.

Judicial activities delayed

CHANDPUR, Jan 4: A total of 39 posts, including seven of magistrates are lying vacant in the district administration, delaying judicial activities, reports UNB.

According to officials, some LAO posts have been lying vacant since October 14, 1999 while that of ADLG since July 1 and of NDC since December 26. There are 11 posts of magistrates in the district, but currently four are carrying out all the administrative and judicial activities. Besides, 22 posts of office assistants, six CAs, two chief assistants and treasurers and one office sapper have been lying vacant for long.

Paddy procurement drive begins

BARGUNA, Jan 4: Aman paddy procurement drive began in the district on Monday, reports UNB.

Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Fakhrul Islam inaugurated the drive by buying nine maunds of paddy from a farmer of Kumarkhali village. Officials said 150 metric tons of paddy will be procured from the district during the drive at Tk 320 per maund, up by Tk 80 than the market rate. This for the first time the government is buying paddy directly from the farmers of the district, they said.

Nine fishermen abducted

BARGUNA, Jan 4: Pirates kidnapped nine fishermen along with a trawler while they were fishing in the Bay on Saturday, reports UNB.

The pirates swooped on the trawler, FV Mosharref, and picked up the fishermen as they were fishing here at night. However, a fisherman, identified as Sultan, slipped away from the clutches of the bandits by jumping into the Bay. Another trawler, FV Mohsin, rescued Sultan and took him to Pathargatha the following day. Eight of the kidnapped fishermen were identified as Sohrab, 30, Nabi Hossain, 30, Kabir, 25, Anwar, 28, Faruk, 20, Majbur 35, and Selim, 15.

Laksam sub-registrar sued

COMILLA, Jan 4: Bureau of Anti Corruption has filed a case against a sub-registrar in Laksam thana for indulging in corruption, reports UNB.

According to the case filed on December 22, 1999, sub-registrar M Abdul Awal earned over Tk 18 lakh from 1975 to 1993 beyond his known sources. Abdul Awal is now working in Bahubal thana of Habiganj district.

Telephone lines disconnected

GOPALGANJ, Jan 4: Over a hundred telephone lines have been disconnected in different areas despite payment of bills by their subscribers, reports UNB.

The subscribers alleged that the telephone lines of politician and influential people have not been cut off although they have huge unpaid bills. There have been allegations that a petty T&T employee in connivance with a high official in Dhaka has long been collecting money from the innocent subscribers assuring them uninterrupted telephone service throughout the year.

Social loan distributed

BANDARBAN, Jan 4: A total of Taka 6,313,000 interest free loans has been distributed among the poor tribal and nontribal families and seven thanas by district social service department since 1977, reports BSS.

Official sources said, the department disbursed interest free loans among the small traders, poultry farms and 30 mother centres in Bandarban district during the period.

Discussion on Social Welfare Day

NARSINGDI, Jan 4: A discussion jointly organised by the district administration and the district social welfare department was held here at the local town hall on the occasion of first National Social Welfare Day on Sunday, reports BSS.

The discussion was presided over by deputy Director of District Social Welfare Department, Narsingdi Saif Uddin. Deputy Commissioner of Narsingdi Rafiqul Islam attended the discussion as the chief guest while Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Ashraf Hossain and Deputy Director of Islamic Foundation AKM Sirajul Islam were special guests. It was addressed, among others, by Rajpara Thana Social Welfare Officer Amir Hossain, Polash Thana Social Welfare Officer Bodruzzaman and General Secretary of District Social Welfare Department Employees Union, Narsingdi Rafiqul Islam.

Tk 1.20 cr projects progressing

MADARIPUR, Jan 4: A number of projects are being implemented in Kalkini thana of the district at a cost of taka 1.20 crore, reports BSS.

According to officials sources the project include construction of culverts and connecting roads. About sixty per cent work of the projects has already been completed and the rest will be completed soon.

Seminar by BIC

BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 4: A seminar organised by the Brahmanbaria Islamic Centre (BIC) was held here at its premises recently, reports BSS.

It was chaired by Deputy Commissioner of Brahmanbaria and the president of BIC, Lutfur Rahman while the inaugural speech was given by general secretary of BIC Prof. Mohammad Mujibur Rahman. The seminar was addressed, among others, by principal of Brahmanbaria Government College Prof. Mohammad Ashraful Islam, Advocate Syed Emdadul Bari and Additional District Magistrate, Brahmanbaria Mohammad Afzal Hossain. It was followed by an Iftar party.

Course on reproductive health

BARISAL, Jan 4: A day long orientation course on "Reproductive Health and Gender Issues to the department of Mass Communication" was held at the Thana Parishad of Wazirpur thana recently, reports BSS.

Organised by the Divisional Information Office, the course was attended by the Deputy Commissioner of Barisal Alauddin as chief guest. Presided over by the TNO Abul Hossain, the function was participated by 57 health workers and local teachers. The chief guest gave prizes and certificates among the participants at the end of this orientation course.

10 of a family hurt by terrorists

FATUAKHALI, Jan 4: Ten men of a family were injured as armed terrorists attacked the house of one person named Zakir Hossain at Khajurbaria village in Bauphal thana on December 26 following previous enmity, reports UNB.

Of the injured, Zakir Hossain, 38, Nasir Uddin, 32, and Zahid, 16, were admitted to Barisal Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Four others — Nazrul, 28, Nazma Begum, 25, Khushi Begum, 45, and Azizul Haq, 18, — were admitted to local thana health complex. Police said the terrorists led by Halim Mia of the same village launched the attack. A case was filed with the local police against ten people.

Bheramara-Paksey ferry service closure disrupts road communications

From Our Correspondent

KUSHIYA, Jan 4: Suspension of ferry services in Bheramara-Paksey route has disrupted the direct road communications between the southern and northern parts of the country.

Bheramara-Paksey ferry services were suspended due to abnormal fall of water level in the river Padma at Haldinge Bridge point.

Trucks carrying goods remained stranded on both sides of the ghats. The ferry services had been limping from the last week of December, 1999. The services were closed on December 29 morning due to abnormal fall in water level and emergence of shoals in the

The authorities concerned have engaged dredging machine for smooth movement of ferries. But the dredging machine was not working on Saturday, which will delay the resumption of ferry services.

Truck drivers and local people have blamed Roads and Highways Department for the closure of the ferry service on the route, for the first time in 30 years.

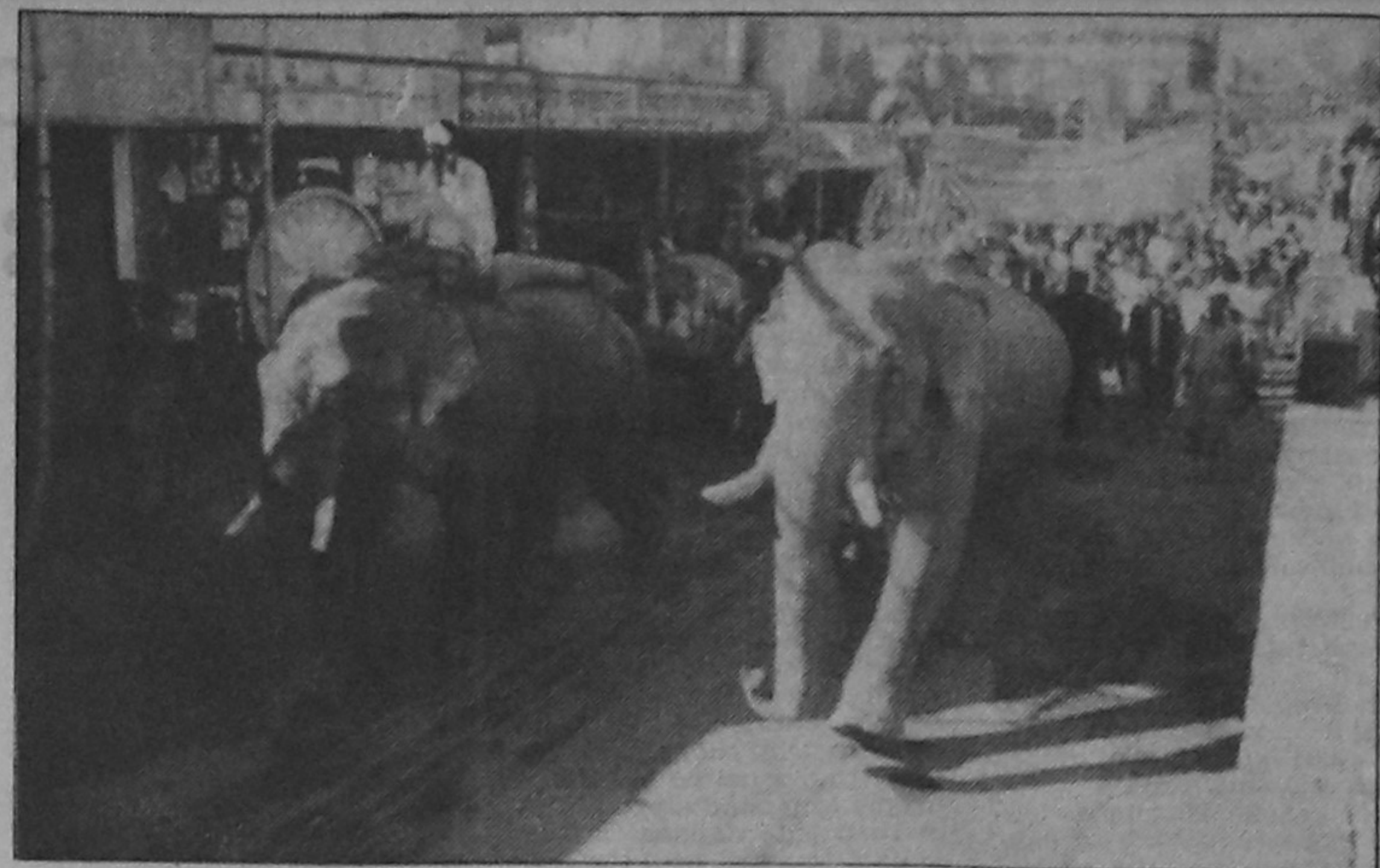
A depth between 5 and 6 feet water in the channel is re-

quired for the smooth movement of ferries. But now the depth is between 3 and 4 feet.

A serving of a ferry, Matiar Rahman, said he has been in the profession for the last 23 years but this time the ferry service was closed for the first time. He has attributed the closure mainly to negligence by the authorities.

A staff of Bheramara ferry ghat, Sukur Ali, said he has been working since 1969 but ferry service was regular except this year.

Officials of Dredging Division of Roads and Highways were not sure when the ferry services would resume.



A colourful procession with elephants in Moulvibazar.

— Star photo

No memorial monument at largest massacre ground in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Jan 4: The occupation Pakistan army committed the largest massacre in the district at Ishan Gopalpur village under sadar thana on May 22 during the Liberation War in 1971.

The army entered into the district head quarters on April 21. On their way to the town, they brutally killed eight saints praying through kirtan the glory of Lord Jagath Bandhu believed by the Hindu community to be God incarnate at Sree Angan gateway to the town.

Thereafter army, with the help of their local collaborators, prepared a blue print to commit genocide in some areas of the district where the town dwellers imbued with the spirit of Liberation War took shelter.

Their first choice fell on Ishan Gopalpur, 10 kilometres off the town where Chittaranjan Ghosh, one of the organisers of the Liberation War and his eldest brother Jagadish Chandra Ghosh, district correspondent of the then Pakistan Observer, Krishna Roy and Shipra Roy, two sisters and the then students of Dhaka University having political affiliation with Chhatra Union (Mafia group) took shelters with their family members along with

other freedom loving families of the town at the Ishan Gopalpur Zaminder House. On May 2, Pakistan occupation army along with their collaborators encircled the Zaminder House at noon. They picked up 24 male members hiding in and around the house and shot them to death one after another. However, Jagadish Chandra Ghosh, Chittaranjan Ghosh, Krishna Roy and Shipra Roy escaped the gruesome massacre as they left for India before the fateful day to take part in the Liberation War. All other male members who went into hiding came back to the village before dark when the Pak army had left the village. They, to their profound grief found dead bodies of 24 persons lying in a pool of blood on the premises of the Zaminder House of Ishan Gopalpur named after the benevolent Zaminder Roy Shahab Ishan Chandra Sarker and the women wailing embracing their near and dear ones.

However, the villagers dug a large hole beside the tank of the Zaminder House and kept all the 24 bodies buried there in ritual ceremony.

The names of those who embraced martyrdom on the

are Ashotosh Sarker, grand son of Zaminder Ishan Sarker, Jagadish Chandra Ghosh's father, a brother and a cousin — Jogesh Chandra Ghosh, Gour Gopal Ghosh, Bablu Chandra Ghosh, Gopal Das, Jadam Biswas, Ashu, Ganguli, Tarapada Ganguli, Monindra Nath Sikder and his son-in-law, Badal Sarker, Haripada Das, Montu Chandra Das, Sontash Das, Bimal Chandra Das, Omesh Sarker, Bishnu Thakur, Kala Chan Bairagi, Bota Saha, Badal Goswami, Mukunta Saha and other two whose names are not known.

The villagers enclosed the area where the dead bodies were buried with bamboo fencing and every year pay their homage to the martyrs of their own way by placing flowers and flower wreaths on May 2.

Twenty-nine years have elapsed since this heastly massacre. But no government initiative, whatsoever, has yet been taken to build a memorial to preserve the memory of these martyrs. It is the demand of the local people to build a memorial there in remembrance of them.

Awami League who led the Liberation War are now in power. So, they should take immediate steps to erect a memorial as a mark of respect to those who fell victims to the brutal killings of the Pakistani occupation army during the Liberation War.

Eid shopping gaining momentum

From Abdul Matin Fakir

FARIDPUR, Jan 4: Brisk selling has begun in the markets here centring the Eid-ul-Fitr ahead.

Buyers mostly women of affluent sections are clustering at post cloth and cosmetic shops. This gathering usually lasts from 10 am to 2 pm every day. Within days the rushes of buyers will be greatly increased. One shop-keeper said,

Katan, Benarashi, Jamdani, Tasar, Rajshahi Silk, Mirpur Katan, Batic Silk and soft silk sarees are selling here profusely. The young married women are marked to see 30 to 40 sarees one after another at once sitting in a shop. Whenever a piece of saree catches her fancy, she at once purchases it without much bargaining. They are also found to purchase foreign cosmetics to their choice without caring for the prices. Taking advantages of their likings for sarees and cosmetics the shop-keepers are making unexpected profits.

But there is, 'so to say', no zeal and enthusiasms among the people of low income till now because of their economic hardship.

Obituary

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Jan 4: Sheikh Wahiduddin, 82, a retired government official, died of old age complications on December 27 at Kamalapur in the town.

Sheikh Wahiduddin, father of Sheikh Mohammad Delwar Hossain, district correspondent of Bangla daily the Ittefaq, was a respectable person in the town.

Moulvibazar people hail Unesco declaration

From Our Correspondent

MOULVI BAZAR, Jan 4: People of Moulvibazar recently celebrated the Unesco's recognition to 21st February befittingly.

Unesco announced the 21st February as International Mother Language Day.

On the occasion colourful programmes, including rallies, patriotic songs and placing wreaths at the local Shaheed Minar, were chalked out. Moulvibazar district administration co-ordinated the whole programme.

The day's programme began with a grand rally at the Shaheed Minar in the morning where thousands of people including women and children gathered with colourful banners, festoons and placards.

Political leaders and workers of different political parties, freedom fighters, cultural activists, government officials, teachers, students and workers

streamed into the Shaheed Minar premises. School, Madrasa and college students marched to the venue singing patriotic songs. The Shaheed Minar premises and its adjacent areas wore a festive look.

A big and colourful procession led by G K M Nurul Ameen, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Moulvibazar paraded the main thoroughfares of the town. Political parties, student organisations, cultural and social organisations, educational institutions and different government and non-government offices took part in the procession with their respective banners. Two big elephants were brought by the district administration in the procession.

A discussion meeting was also held at the Shaheed Minar premises. A cultural function was also arranged on the occasion.

Mustard output may break previous records in N dists

NATORE, Jan 4: Mustard production in 16 northern districts of the country seems to break the previous records this year due to favourable weather, reports UNB.

Agriculture officials said they were expecting some 133,740 tons of mustard seeds from 148,600 hectares of land in the northern districts.

They said nearly 40,000 hectares of lands have been brought under mustard cultivation this year against the target of 1,48,600 hectares.

If the favourable climate continues to prevail, the mustard output will nearly be double than our target," said an official on customary condition of anonymity.

He said about 20,500 hectares of land in six thanas of Natore district have been brought under mustard cultivation this year while it was 16,500 hectares last year.

Another report says: Farmers of the district are also expecting a bumper mustard production this year.

In the district, mustard has been cultivated on 4,800 hectares of land.

Events of districts in picture



The launching ceremony of "State of the World Children" was held at a city hotel in Rajshahi on December 13. Khan Shahabuddin, Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi inaugurated the ceremony. —Star photo



Freedom fighters' council of Sylhet district command brought out a procession in the town recently protesting the 'conspiracy' against Shahjalal University of Science and Technology. —Star photo

Office of the Superintending Engineer
Rajshahi O&M Circle
BWDB, Rajshahi

Corrigendum Notice No. 02

IFB No. 06/1999-2000: IDA Credit Name: River Bank Protection Project (IDA Credit No. 2791-1BD).

The following Corrigendum Notice has been issued in connection with the IFB No. 06/1999-2000 as circulated from this office vide this office memo 13T-12/3456 (30) dt. 28-11-1999 due to unavoidable circumstances.

- The dead line for submission of bids is extended up to 12.00 hrs. on 04-01-2000 and the bids will be opened on 13.00 hours on the same day. The ending date of the bid validity period or the validity period of the bid security shall effectively remain the same as from the original bid opening date which is to say that the required period of the bid validity and bid security shall be 91 (Ninety-one) days after 03-01-2000.
- All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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সূত্র নং-সি/সক/১১২/৭৯-৯৭/পি-২(১৯৯৯) তারিখ ১০২-০১-২০০০

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

"ঘূর্ণিকবে" স্মৃতিস্মরণ চট্টগ্রাম বিনিস-এসআইআই গবেষণাগারের উদ্দেশ্যে "দরপত্র" শীর্ষক প্রকল্পের অধীনে সিভিল ও বৈদ্যুতিক কাজের জন্য পরিষদের সিভিল ও বৈদ্যুতিক তালিকাভুক্ত (যোগাযোগ অনুসারে) ত্রিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে (তফসিল মোতাবেক)।

দরপত্র আবেদন ২০-০১-২০০০ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সন্ধ্যা পর্যন্ত বিনিস-এসআইআই, সচিবালয়, ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রাম গবেষণাগারের কাগজখানার নিকট নাস মূল্য ৪০০/- টাকা হারে প্রদানপূর্বক (অফিস-সময়) করা করা যাইবে। দরপত্রগুলি ২০-০১-২০০০ইং বেলা ৩-০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে/তৎপূর্বে তত্ত্বাবধায়ক বেসিকেলী, বিনিস-এসআইআই, ঢাকা-এর অফিসে স্বাক্ষরিত দরপত্র বস্তু অথবা ভাটকাযোগে (সিভিল ও/বা/বৈদ্যুতিক সার্ভিস যোগে)/সরাসরি দাখিল করা যাইবে। দরপত্রগুলি ৫ দিনই বেলা ৩-১২ ঘটিকার উপস্থিত দরপত্র/প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে যদি কেহ থাকে) খোলা হইবে। দরপত্র যদি একই উদ্ভূত দর পাওয়া যায়, তবে লটারির মাধ্যমে সর্বনিম্ন দরদাতা নির্ধারণ করা হইবে।

অন্যান্য প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্য (যদি কিছু থাকে) নিম্নলিখিতকারীর দফতর হইতে (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে) জানা যাইতে পারে।

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Office of the Managing Director
Dhaka Water Supply & Sewerage Authority
68, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, WASA Bhaban
Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice (4th Call)

Dhaka Water Supply & Sewerage Authority (DWASA) invites tender for the works under "Urgent Sewerage Rehabilitation and Expansion Project" described below, in two separate sealed envelopes (one for technical and the other for financial) in one original copy & two duplicate copies from Bangladesh bonafide firms or in association with any local or foreign firms to award the contract on Turnkey Basis.

Sl No.	Name of Work	Package No	Date of Opening
1.	Rehabilitation of 29 Nos. Sewage Pumps Motors with their connecting piping works (partial) at different sewage lift Station of DWASA under Urgent Sewerage Rehabilitation & Expansion Project.	Package-II	16.2.2000

b. The bid documents may be purchased from the Accounts Section, DWASA (4th floor, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215) from 16-1-2000 during office hours on payment of Taka 3000/- (three thousand) in cash, per set, non-refundable and will be sold up to 24-1-2000.

c. Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the Managing Director, DWASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215 up to 12.00 Noon on 16.02.2000. Only technical offers will be opened on the same date in presence of the bidders or their representatives, if any.

d. Before purchasing the bid documents a written permission will be needed from the Project Director and SE DWASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215.

e. Dhaka WASA reserves the right to accept any offer and to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Dr Khondaker Azharul Haq
Managing Director
Dhaka WASA.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests
Gulshan Road, Bana Bhaban
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Tender dropping date of IFB No. 17/CCF/FRMP/99-2000 date-11.11.99 for procurement of computer & other accessories for Bangladesh Forest College Chittagong has been changed and shifted on 13.01.2000 up to 1 PM. The tender will be opened at 2 PM on the same day.

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

Md Yunus Ali
Assistant Chief Conservator of Forests
For Chief Conservator of Forests
Bangladesh.

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Biman BANGLADESH AIRLINES

ZIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KURMITOLA, DHAKA. PHONES: 834771-9, 834730-4. CABLE: AIRBANGLA. TXL: 642649. DABG. BJ.

Stores & Purchase Directorate
REF: DACPF/INT'L RE-TENDER/004/99-2000 Dated: 28-12-99

International Re-Tender

Sealed tender is hereby invited for supply of following items to Biman Bangladesh Airlines:

Sl No	Tender Number	Description of goods	Qty	Cost of schedule
01	DACPF/INT'L Re-Tender/004/99-2000. Dt: 28-12-99.	Juice Glass	21,000 EA	Tk 2,000.00 or USD 50.00 per set

Tender schedule with details specification terms and conditions will be available at the cost of USD 50.00 or BDT 2,000.00 per set (Non-refundable) from Accounts Officer: Cash & Banking, Biman Admin Building, Zia Intl Airport, Dhaka and Asst Manager Accounts: Cash & Banking, Balaka, Head Office, Zia Intl Airport, Dhaka and office of the Divisional Commissioner (1st-12 storied Govt office Building 1st floor, Room No 205) Segun Bagicha, Dhaka-1000 as well as with Finance Manager, Biman Bangkok, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, Dubai, London, Rome, Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Brussels & New York on cash payment on all working days up to 31.01.2000. A formal application in company's letter head pad mentioning tender number and date shall be required for purchasing the tender documents.

Sealed tender should be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the Dy General Manager, Purchase, S&P Directorate, Biman Admin Building, Zia Intl Airport, Dhaka. Main entrance Biman Medical Centre Security Counter (Ground floor), Farmgate, Dhaka and office of the Divisional Commissioner (1st-12 storied Govt office Building, 1st floor, Room No 205), Segun Bagicha, Dhaka latest by 11:00 hrs Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) on 01-02-2000. In case of direct offer Foreign Manufacturer/Principal must submit their offer as per terms mentioned in the tender schedule. Tender box will be opened on the same day at 14:00 hrs BST at the premises of S&P Directorate, Biman Admin Building, Zia Intl Airport, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers (if any).

Biman Management reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tender, increase or decrease the quantity of items without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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DY GENERAL MANAGER: PURCHASE: