



**Ugly and dangerous:** The barricades with barbed wire and steel frames are used by police to block traffic on median crossing. But they pose dangers to motorists on darkened streets. And they took so ugly. Almost like concentration camp barricades. Can't we have better designed and better looking barricades? — Star photo

## EC, UNFPA to finance projects on reproductive health

### Seven South Asian nations all set to launch massive drives

Seven South and Southeast Asian countries, including Bangladesh, are launching massive drives jointly financed by European Commission and UNFPA to improve reproductive health services for rearing balanced and healthy populations, reports UNB.

Under the programme five projects have been planned for Bangladesh on Expanded RH Services to Low-Income Women and Men, Community Involvement in RH with Special Attention to Adolescents, Improved Access to Better Quality RH Services, Expansion of Quality RH Services in Rural areas and Umbrella Project.

In 1997, signing of the Financing Agreement (FA) with the European Commission and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Initiative for Reproductive Health in Asia (RHI) took place.

The drives brought international and national partners together for working towards the common goal of improving the overall reproductive health status in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

A fund of 30 million pounds sterling was earmarked of which 25 million pounds will come from the EC and 5 million from UNFPA and the NGOs to support the projects to be implemented by local organisations in these countries in

partnership with European NGOs and nonprofit institutions.

This was revealed by annual report 1999 of EC/UNFPA Initiative for Reproductive Health in Asia. In Bangladesh, the RHI is being executed and implemented by national NGOs.

Selected local RHI partner agencies developed the five projects that started in August 1999 with preparatory activities and capacity building.

The RHI in Bangladesh was developed in the context of Government's Health and Population Sector Programme (HSP) marked by an integrated approach to family planning and Reproductive Health Services.

As per the annual report, financial involvement in the five projects of Bangladesh is US dollars 2,632,536 sanctioned by EC and UNFPA and over US dollars 505 by NGOs.

Objectives of the projects include easy access to sexual health services, particularly of poor ones of under-served urban and peri-urban areas of Bangladesh, through increasing the utilisation of Reproductive Health Services, including family planning with special emphasis on clinical contraceptives.

Clinics will be established for providing long and short-term family-planning methods as well as RH information and services.

## Clinton's greetings on Eid-ul-Fitr

As Muslims across the world prepared for celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr festival, US President Bill Clinton extended warm greetings to the people of Islamic faith in the United States and around the globe, reports UNB.

President Clinton said the month of fasting that Muslims everywhere are completing is not only a sacred duty, it is also a powerful teaching, a gift from Islam to the world, according to a message issued by USIS here yesterday.

It reminds not just Muslims but all people of our obligation to all those who face poverty and suffering," he said, adding that it also reminds people to work together to build a better, more humane world.

Clinton hoped and prayed for a world where all faiths are respected, where people of different beliefs and ethnic backgrounds can live together in harmony, finding strength and joy in their differences and in common humanity.

He also prayed that the new moon would bring a new era of peace — in the Middle East and all across the world — so people can emerge from the shadows of violence and make better lives for their children.



Rickshaw vans and pushcarts transporting building materials further deteriorate condition of traffic jams in the city. This picture was taken from English road in the old city. — Star photo

## BDRCS sends warm clothes, food to cold hit districts

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) has rushed some 25,000 blankets and other warm clothes including 500 pieces of shawls for urgent distribution to northern and other districts as a severe cold wave sweeps the country, a BDRCS press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

It said the Red Crescent also sent 452 tonnes of rice and 90.4 tonnes of pulses to 39 districts and the volunteers of the organisation were distributing the relief materials.

A government announcement on Thursday said over 61,000 blankets were sent to northern districts and Chittagang Hill Tracts from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management for distribution among the chill-hit people.

In addition to 61,438 blankets, 27,985 sarrees, 2,500 lungis, 6,200 baby clothes, 224 woolen shawls, 20,276 shirts, 9,900 readymade garments, 4,214 jackets, 2,020 blouses, 5,200 sweaters and 1,21,148-metre cloth were also allocated from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

The Relief Ministry's dispatch contained 80 cartons of readymade garments and 272 cartons of second-hand clothes.

## Police performance improved in 1999

The performance of the law enforcing agencies, particularly the police, has marked a slight improvement in 1999 as records showed decline in police cases despite multiple professional and other handicaps, reports BSS.

A number of development measures and incentive offer by the government as well as strict enforcement of discipline have remarkably contributed to the better performance, explained police headquarters.

The year-wise tally of recorded cases with the figure of the previous year was 7622 in 1995. It was 10,3789 in 1996 while in 1997 the figure was 8151 and 12065 in 1998.

Whereas, the number of

recorded cases from January to December 1999 was 5001, most of which are less important complaints.

In some categories, the number of crimes has increased last year, but it is an isolated phenomenon having no impact on the overall crime situation of the country, the police headquarters said.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) A Y B Siddique told BSS that in spite of crime-friendly unemployment, various political and social unrest and drug abuse, performance of police in curbing crimes has improved significantly in 1999 in comparison to that of the previous years. He believes that with continued government incentives and compliance of strict disciplinary measures in the force, Bangladesh police would become more friendly to the people and more effective in the beginning of the new year.

He said despite having a feeble one police personnel for every 1300 people, which is quite uncommon in the world, and with relatively poor equipment, the police force of the country has scored a biggest success of the year by weeding out terrorism in the chronic crime zones of the country's South-western areas.

The government steps including initiatives to modernise, equip and offering of incentives for police have strengthened morale of the force, he said.

The government, under active initiative from Home Minister Mohammad Nasim, has already allocated Taka 10.25 crore for establishing 150 permanent police camps with an additional deployment of 2500 Ansars for flushing out terrorists from the south-western zone of the country.

As a recognition to the courageous actions of police personnel, the government has introduced risk allowance which is being taken only by officers and personnel starting from the rank of Inspector.

Moreover, the government has allocated additional Taka 250 crore in the current budget for different development activities including construction of hospitals and barracks for the police.

In reply to a question, the IGP said, more development fund and incentive package for police in one hand and stern actions for breaking discipline on the other, have significantly reduced the crime tendency among police personnel.

He believes that if the trials for arrested criminals are quickened, then crime rate all over the country will drop further.

## 340 killed in 10 southwestern dists of Khulna division in 99

KUSHTIA, Jan 7: Some 340 people were killed in 10 southwestern districts of Khulna division in 1999, reports UNB.

Of the deaths, 72 were reported from Jessore, 90 from Khulna, 52 from Chuadanga, 51 from Jhenidah, 43 from Kushtia, 41 from Satkhira, 19 from Bagerhat, 19 from Narail, 18 from Magura and 7 from Meherpur districts.

The number of murders was 552 in 1998, according to police record.

Of the victims, 10 were killed in bomb explosions at Uddichi's function in Jessore.

Six people were also killed in a bomb explosion at Kadiani Mosque in Khulna city.

Also in the same year, 2200 unnatural deaths were reported from different parts of the region in addition to 235 rape incidents and 1000 dacoities.

## DU Eng Dept Alumni Society get together January 28

The annual get together 1999 of the English Department Alumni Society of Dhaka University will be held at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on January 28, says a press release.

Interested alumni have been requested to register by January 20.

## Call to donate warm clothes

Agrani Seba Sangstha, a social organisation has taken a programme to distribute warm clothes among the poor people and slum inhabitants, says a press release.

The chairman of the organisation, Khondker A Salam, made an appeal to the members of the organisation and well to do men of the society to donate warm clothes or cash to the organisation which is located at TMC Building (7th Floor) 52, New Eskaton, Dhaka.

## Jubo League to distribute warm clothes

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka City (South) unit of Jubo League would distribute winter clothes among destitutes in the city tomorrow on occasion of holy Eid-ul-Fitr, says a press release.

## Road Division, Rangpur

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited.

1. Tender Notice : 06-EE/RRD/1999-2000. No.
2. Name of work : Construction of flexible pavement at 24th (P), 25th & 26th (P) KM of Rangpur-Badarganj-Parbatipur road under Road Division, Rangpur during the year 1999-2000.
3. Estimated cost : Tk. 11,05,683/-
4. Earnest money : Tk. 22,114/-
5. Time allowed : 45 (Forty-five) days, for completion of work
6. Eligibility of contractor : "A to D" class contractor under general category of RHD.
7. Name of offices : i) Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi. ii) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Rangpur/Kurigram/Bogra/Gaibandha/Lalmonirhat/Joypurhat/Planning Division (P&D), Dhaka. iii) Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division-I/II, Rangpur.
8. Name of offices where tender will be received : i) Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD), Rangpur Zone, Rangpur. ii) Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi. iii) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Rangpur/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka. iv) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Rangpur/Kurigram/Bogra/Gaibandha/Lalmonirhat/Joypurhat.
9. Last date of selling tender : On 16.1.2000 up to 5.00 PM.
10. Last date & time of receiving tender : On 17.1.2000 up to 12.30 PM.
11. Date & time for opening tender box : On 17.1.2000 up to 12.45 PM.
12. Date & time for opening of all tenders by this office : At 12.00 Noon on 19.1.2000.
13. Date & time for lottery (if required) : At 11.00 AM on 20.1.2000.

DFP-29601-2/1 Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Rangpur. G-47

### BCIC Tender Notice

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Managing Director, Chhatak Cement Co Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamganj invites sealed quotation for supply of Vibrating Machine & Fire Extinguisher against Tender No. PUR/B/242/99-2000. Tender will be opened on 26/1/2000 at 3:00 PM at Purchase Division, BCIC Head Office, Dhaka & Purchase Section, Chhatak Cement Co Ltd, Chhatak. Tender documents will be available against cash payment of Tk 400/00 only per set from 1) BCIC Head Office, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, 2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & 3) Chhatak Cement Co Ltd, Chhatak. No tender documents will be sold on opening day.

BCIC-1245-30/12/99 DFP-02-3/1 G-46

### Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Ferry Division, Barisal

## RHD Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No : 14 of RHD, Ferry Divn, Barisal/1999-2000.
2. Name of work : As described below.
3. Eligibility of Contractor : "A" to "E" general category contractor of RHD, as per financial capacity and territorial jurisdiction.
4. Availability of tender : (1) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl Ferry Divn, Barisal/Khulna. (2) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Mechl Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal (only office hours). No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender schedule.
5. Tender receiving : (1) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mechl Ferry Circle, Khulna officer (2) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl Ferry Divn, Barisal/Khulna.
6. Last date of selling tender documents : 12/01/2000 (only office hours), 29/09/1406
7. Last date of receiving tender in sealed cover : 13/01/2000 at 12 Noon, 30/09/1406
8. Date and time of opening tender : 16/01/2000 at 1 PM, 03/10/1406
9. Date and time of lottery (if applicable) : -do- at 3 PM.

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money.
I)	Overhauling and machining work of 110 HP Daf Engine No. 08299 with supplying spare parts under Ferry Sub-Division, Barisal during the year 1999-2000.	As per schedule	As per schedule
II)	Overhauling and machining work of 120 HP Hydromaster (Newford, Model-BSD-666T) Engine No G-906608 with supplying spare parts under Ferry Sub-Division Barisal during the year 1999-2000	"	"
III)	Supplying of spare parts for 120 H.P. Hydromaster (Newford-BSD 666T) under Ferry Sub-Division, Barisal during the year 1999-2000	"	"
IV)	Repair work with supplying spare parts for 2 No Gear-box of steel ferry "Dhumketu" SF-007 Titus SF-020 at Bekutia ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Division, Barisal during year 1999-2000.	"	"
V)	Supplying of spare parts for servicing of 150/190 kilowatt man engine (Model-D-2866E & D-2866TE) under Ferry Sub-Division, Barisal during the year 1999-2000.	"	"
VI)	Supplying of spare parts for 150 kilowatt man engine (Model-D-2866E) and 110 H.P. Daf Engine (Model-615) under Ferry Sub-Division, Barisal during the year 1999-2000.	"	"
VIII)	Supplying of spare parts for 150/290 H.P. Volvo-Penta Engine (Model-100D) of different steel ferry under Ferry Sub-Division, Barisal during the year 1999-2000.	"	"

DFP-29410-29/12 G-52

Md Saber Ali Executive Engineer, RHD Ferry Division, Barisal

## Obituary

Ashgar Ali Tarafdar, a valiant freedom fighter and president of BNP Kailiati thana died of cancer yesterday afternoon at his native village at Charon. He was 55, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, three sons, one daughter relatives admirers to mourn his death. His namaj-e-janaza will be held today after Zohr prayers at Kailiati college ground.

Meanwhile Shajahan Siraj, one of the four leaders of Swadhin Bangla Kendrio Chhatra Sangram Parishad and former Minister of State for Shipping in a statement condoled the death of Ashgar Ali and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

### Invitation for Tender

Sub: Extension of Time for Bid Submission for Greater Chittagong Power Distribution Project, Phase-III, for Construction of 132/33 KV&33/11 KV Sub-Stations.

The date of submission of technical and financial proposals for Greater Chittagong Power Distribution Project-Phase-III, for Construction of 132/33 KV & 33/11KV Sub-Stations has been re-fixed on 07/02/2000 up to 11.00 AM local time instead of 26/01/2000. The tender will be opened at 11:30 AM on the same day.

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

Director of Purchase BPDB, Dhaka. Biddut/Jan-1106(4)/99-2000 GD-37

### Bangladesh Power Development Board

#### ADDENDUM NO 1 (ONE) DATED: 04/1/2000 AGAINST TENDER ENQUIRY NO: PUR-421/99 DTD 22/1/99.

The closing & opening date of BPDB's International Tender Enquiry No Pur-421/99 dated 22/1/99 for supply of spare parts for Bheramara Power Station, PDB, Bheramara, Kushtia, is hereby extended up to 24/1/2000.

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

Director of Purchase PDB, Dhaka. Biddut/Jan-1107(4)/99-2000 GD-36

### সিকিউরিটিজ ও এক্সচেঞ্জ কমিশন

#### Securities and Exchange Commission

Jiban Bima Tower (15 & 16 Floor), 10, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000

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