

News snaps

Winter clothes distributed

LALMONIRHAT, Jan 17: Bangladesh Air Force Women's Welfare Association (BAFWWA) distributed winter clothes worth Taka 50 thousand among 2,500 distressed people here recently, reports BSS.

The BAFWWA undertook the programme in response to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's call for assisting the distressed people in the wake of the recent cold wave.

Mustard farming programme

MANIKGANJ, Jan 17: A total of 5,500 hectares of land have been brought under mustard cultivation in the district during the current season, reports BSS.

According to Agriculture Extension Department (AED) sources, about 4,950 metric tons of mustard are expected to be produced in the district. Of the total, 1,500 hectares have been brought in Sadar thana, 800 hectares in Satoriya, 800 hectares in Singair, 500 hectares in Shiblaya, 700 hectares in Daulatpur, 900 hectares in Ghior and 300 hectares in Harirampur thanas. Earlier, the concerned authorities have supplied necessary seeds and fertilisers to achieve the production target.

Property occupied

BARISAL, Jan 17: A vested quarter has reportedly occupied part of the ancestral property of martyred intellectual Jyotirmoy Guha Thakurata in Banaripara Potarashava, reports UNB.

Sources said two influential people with the help of about 60 musclemen occupied a portion of the house of the late intellectual on Dec 10 last year and already constructed a house there. They said now the illegal occupants were trying to grab the temple and buildings of the house.

Manikganj Palli Bidyut AGM

MANIKGANJ, Jan 17: The sixth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Manikganj Palli Bidyut Samiti (MPBS) was held here in its office premises recently, reports BSS.

The meeting was presided over by Chairman of MPBS M A Wahed. The election of MPBS was also held here in the AGM. MA Wahed was re-elected chairman of MPBS for the third terms. Other office bearers were Vice Chairman — Mir Abdul Wadud, Secretary — Abdul Malik and Treasurer — Khailur Rahman.

UP member arrested

JHALAKATI, Jan 17: Police arrested a union parishad member on charge of violating a young housewife in Baroya union of Rajapur thana last week, reports UNB.

Police said Alamgir Hossain, UP member of Baroya Union, violated the housewife at village Sonargaon at night on November 29, 1999. Police arrested the UP member from Putiamall Bazar under Rajapur thana following submission a complaint with magistrate's court by the victim on Dec 1, 1999. Alamgir was sent to jail hajjat when he was produced before the court.

Death anniversary

BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 17: The first death anniversary of former state minister and valiant freedom fighter Dr Faridul Huda was observed here on Friday, reports BSS.

Elaborate programme was chalked out on the occasion. A discussion was also held here at Court Road with Dr A Rosul in the chair. It was addressed, among others, by Local Awami League Leader Advocate Lutful Hye Sachchu, a former MP, Advocate Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan, MP, Mohammad Ashraf, Advocate Abdus Samad, Poet Jaidul Hossain, Begum Asia Rahman, Dr M Abu Sayeed, Advocate Nurul Haque and Dr Nazmul Huda Biplob.

Two killed in incidents

BARISAL, Jan 17: Two people were killed in separate incidents in Mehendiganj and Muladi thanas of the district recently, reports UNB.

Police said an old man, Hamed Bhuiyan, of Furba Ratanpur in Mehendiganj thana was chopped to death by miscreants while he was returning home from a party at night. In another incident in Muladi thana, schoolgirl Ramala Rani Talukder, 15, of Karaiya village reportedly committed suicide taking poison. Villagers said Rani killed herself as her fiancé turned down her marriage proposal. Separate cases were filed.

Pulse seeds distributed

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 17: Agriculture Extension Department (AED), Kishoreganj has distributed a total of 3,150 kg of pulse seeds among farmers of 13 thanas of the district in the 1999-2000 fiscal year, reports BSS.

Of the total, 100 kg were white, 670 kg were mashur, 480 kg were chhula, 100 kg were mug and 1750 kg were mustard seeds, sources said. The farmers have already sown the seeds. The seeds were high yielding variety, sources added.

Remote village electrified

BARISAL, Jan 17: The people of remote Bakal village under Agoyillhara thana will have electricity under the rural electrification scheme, reports UNB.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry and Chief Whip of Jatiya Sangsad Abul Hasnat Abdulla inaugurated the power connection on Tuesday. A 297 km distribution line has been set up under the Barisal Palli Bidyut Samity-2 extending electricity facility to 69 villages.

Special VGP programme

BANDARBAN, Jan 17: A total of 270 metric tons of rice and wheat were allotted for special VGP programme. It will be distributed among 27,000 card holders under the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, reports BSS.

Official sources said, 135 tons of rice and 135 tons of wheat have been allotted by the government. The distribution programme started from Sunday last. Each of the card holder family will get 5kg rice and 5 kg wheat under the programme. A total of 27,000 poor families in seven thanas including one municipality in the district will get it.

Army destroys 50 acres of hemp plants in CHT

KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 17: Bangladesh Army Saturday destroyed standing ganja (hemp) plants on about 50 acres of land at Dewanpara under Lakhichhari thana in the district as parts of its drive against clandestine production of the drug, reports BSS.

Acting on a secret information, members of Bangladesh army, Lakhichhari zone of Guimara region unearthed the ganja plantation on Monday last on fertile and silted up lands on both sides of a canal of village Dewanpara. Zonal Commander Lt Col Feroz told a group of journalists who were flown in her from Chittagong prior to the destruction of this harmful drug.

"We have unearthed the largest quantity of ganja in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) from which around five tons of dried ganja could be produced. And the information was furnished by non-tribal people," Col Feroz told journalists who were flown in by a helicopter of Bangladesh Air Force to watch the destruction of the plantation.

Major Akbar, Major Mohammad Sha Alam and Captain Nur who supervised the destruction of the plantation also briefed journalists on the increased trend of commercial cultivation of various drugs like Opium, Hashish and Ganja in the remote areas of the CHT.

Col Feroz said it took three to four days to unearth the entire cultivation of the ganja, he said, adding that one tola of dried ganja is locally sold at Taka 25 while the same outside CHT is around Taka 50.

He further said ganja is planted in disguise of Jhum cultivation so that none can understand the misdeed and local people preferred the remote and inaccessible areas in CHT for the plantation of ganja. Opium, hashish and poppy crops as movement of the members of the security forces are restricted.

Bangladesh army as part of its social welfare and motivational programme has started to apprise the local people of the harmful effects of drugs by creating public awareness against production and use of drug materials besides.

The army is also assisting the poor people of the inaccessible areas with cash money and necessary materials for rehabilitating them by choosing alternate crop production.



A newly constructed road in Bazaar Station area in Sirajganj town collapses recently. Local people allege substandard construction materials were used in the road. — Star photo

Blood of 41 freedom fighters covered the grassy plain of Jhenidah village

JHENIDAH, Jan 17: It was midnight following October 13 and all were in deep slumber as usual. The moonless night showed the whole nature within its deep black curtain but a high-powered search light suddenly broke the silence of Kumiradaha village.

The barbaric Pakistani soldiers laid siege to a base of freedom fighters there and opened fire upon it in a frenzy. As the sun of October 14 peeped over the eastern horizon spraying soft crimson rays all over, the frightened villagers counted bullet-riddled bodies of 41 valiant sons of the soil lying around their camp.

They could neither utter a word nor could they weep at the sight of the bodies of the young boys and their already clotted blood that covered a wide grassy plain around their camp. None but only the night silently witnessed how ruthlessly the Pakistani devils gunned down these brave sons.

Kumiradaha under

mediately sense what to do but soon we decided to fire back risking our lives," he said.

The freedom fighters were in fact quite helpless in the face of the sudden attack of a heavy armoured troupe of Pakistani Army at midnight but they fought bravely till the next morning. A lieutenant of the enemy was also killed in that battle.

They were earlier tipped off about the enemies' possible march to this village from Khamarpara under Shreepur thana of neighbouring Magura district where the hyenas were killing innocent Bangladeshes and burning down their dwelling houses. "We saw people fleeing from Shreepur thana to Shaillakupa thana and then we were waiting for the blood-sucker demons to proceed to us," Akter Hossain recalled.

In the meantime, the freedom fighters in Kumiradaha camp were taking all preparations by digging bunkers and amassing their weapons what-



A grower poses for photograph beside his bicycle-turned cart of bottle-gourds, a popular winter vegetable, at village Binanderpara under Sadar thana in Jamalpur district recently. A big size bottle-gourd sells between Tk 15 and Tk 20 in local markets. — Star photo

Land acquisition Affected people in Kishoreganj yet to get compensation

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 17: People affected by acquisition of land by the government in Mirganj thana have not got compensation even after 15 years, reports UNB.

They said 12 acres of land were acquired in 1984 for construction of Upazilla Parishad building and officers quarters. Land Acquisition Department fixed the compensation at Tk 18.84 lakh taking into account the price of land, trees and infrastructure. The affected people were informed that they would get the compensation money in due time.

But the money has not yet been paid despite repeated written request to the authority. Officials said a message was sent to the Deputy Commissioner, informing the Local Government Department sanctioned Tk 12 lakh for payment to the affected landowners. But the payment has not yet been made due to bureaucratic bottleneck.

Literacy drive begins on Feb 1 in C'Nawabganj

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Jan 17: Preparations are almost complete to begin the literacy drive in the district from February 1 for which a people-oriented movement has been launched to make it a success, reports UNB.

The literacy rate in the district is as low as 37 per cent. Officials said nearly 3 lakh people of aged between 11 and 45 have been listed to bring them under the drive named 'Aokan'. They will be provided informal education at 9,795 centres in different parts of the district for a period of six months.

Necessary teachers for giving the knowledge of letters and supervisors to oversee operation of the education centres have already been recruited from among the educated youths. Each teacher will be paid Tk 500 and supervisor Tk 1,200 per month.

Teachers' rally held in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent SIRAJGANJ, Jan 17: A teachers' rally organised in connection with a literacy campaign was held in Ullapara Science College premises in the district on Wednesday.

Prodipta Sirajganj, the literacy campaign, was launched in the district recently under Total Literacy Movement programme.

Presided over by Ullapara TNO Azhar Ali, the rally was addressed, among others, by Abdul Latif Mirza MP as chief guest, Deputy Commissioner AFM Saiful Islam, ADC Abdul Mannan, non-government college teachers' association official Sirajul Islam, Moulana Abu Taher and Sahadat Hossain.

The chief guest urged the teachers to help make the campaign a success.

About 2,000 teachers of schools, colleges and madras attended the rally.

Farm lands in two irrigation projects shrinking

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Jan 17: Agricultural lands in Chandpur Irrigation Project (CIP) and Meghna-Dhanagoda Irrigation Project (MDIP) areas are gradually shrinking due to unauthorised construction of dwelling houses on the farm lands.

Because of unauthorised structures about 20 per cent agricultural lands have been lost during the last 20 years in CIP, sources said.

Tk 100 crore Chandpur Irrigation Project was commissioned in 1978. The project covers an area of about 220 sq miles area under Chandpur and Laximpur districts.

The main purpose of the project was to bring the area under irrigation, besides ensuring flood control and developing communication.

There are about one lakh hectares of arable lands under the project.

On the other hand, Tk 200 crore Meghna-Dhanagoda Irrigation Project (MDIP), which was commissioned in 1988 comprising 15 unions of Matlab thana, is also facing the same problem. Over the years many farm lands have been lost due to unauthorised construction in the project area.

The project area is surrounded by 50 mile-long embankment. The project area is also threatened by the erosion of the river Meghna.

Before the project was implemented people in the area used to harvest only one crop in a year, but now they can harvest three crops in a year.

Corruption in teachers' training institute

NOAKHALI, Jan 17: The Primary Teachers' Training Institute at Laximpur is wrought with widespread corruption and irregularities where hundreds of taka are illegally realised from trainees and students of the experimental primary school, reports UNB.

Sources in the institute said irregularities of more than Tk 1 crore had been made but no action was taken against the corrupt elements who remained posted for about a decade or more.

About 200 teachers come to the Institute every year for training. Each of them is charged with Tk 2,300 as against the actual of Tk 1,200 as fees. Besides, Tk 3,000 is taken in the name of 'party work'. On completion of training, each of the teachers is to pay Tk 200 for which no receipt is given.

The experimental primary school within the Institute charge an admission fee of Tk 195 and fee for promotion to higher class Tk 165 from each student.

Another Tk 45 is realised in the name rally and get together of the guardians of the students. Around Tk 50,000 is realised from the students in different ways.

When the allegations were brought to the notice, the Superintendent of the Institute admitted that there were lot of allegations of corruption. Inquiry was held but those were found baseless.

Water logging hampers Rabi cultivation

NOAKHALI, Jan 17: Water logging in vast tracts of land in the districts of Laximpur and Noakhali hampers cultivation of Rabi crops, reports UNB.

Four killed in separate incidents in Manikganj

MANIKGANJ, Jan 17: Four persons were killed and nine injured in separate incidents last week in the district, reports UNB.

Police said a minor boy, Jewel, 8, was crushed under the wheels of a running truck when he was crossing the Dhaka-Aricha Highway at Shivalaya at 3pm on Friday.

In another incident Joyntab Bibi, 70, died on the spot as she was knocked down by a truck at Nayadingi on the same road at noon the same day.

Ten passengers travelling on rooftop of a Dhaka-bound bus from Aricha fell down as the driver pressed hard the brake causing severe jolt at Bathin on Dhaka-Aricha highway at noon Tuesday.

All the injured were rushed to the district Sadar Hospital where a young man, Mullah-mud Yusuf Sheikh, 25, succumbed to his injuries at 5 pm.

Sheoli Akhter 14, daughter of Shamsul Alam, of village Brahmanbaria under Satoriya thana, committed suicide by hanging with rope in her house.

রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
শ্রেণী প্রকাশনা ও জনসংযোগ দপ্তর

জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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Office of the Project Director/Chief Engineer
River Bank Protection (RBPP), BWDB, Bogra
Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Invitation No: IFB-02/1999-2000
IDA Credit No: 2791-BD
Dated: 06.01.2000
IDA Credit Name: River Bank Protection Project

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association towards the cost of River Bank Protection Project and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for Procurement of Works Bidding is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD loans and IDA Credits.

2. The Project Director/Chief Engineer, River Bank Protection Project, BWDB invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the construction of:

Bid Pkg No	Description	Class of contractor	Cost of tender document per set (2000/- or its equivalent in freely-convertable currency)	Time of completion
6/A	Strengthening of Ranigram Groyne at Sirajganj Hard Point during 1999-2000 in PS: Sirajganj, District: Sirajganj	Special class enlisted contractor of BWDB during 1999-2000 or eligible any local or foreign contractor	Tk 2000/- or its equivalent in freely-convertable currency	150 days.
29/C	Construction of Water Bound Macadam Road from Dhap to Mathurapara Hard Point (5.93 km) over BRE under River Bank Protection Project in PS Sariakandi, District: Bogra	A-class enlisted contractor of BWDB during 1999-2000 or eligible any local or foreign contractor	Tk 1000/- or its equivalent in freely-convertable currency	120 days.

3. Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased at:
(a) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi (for bid pkg no 6/A & 29/C)
(b) The Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Building Branch, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka (for pkg no 6/A & 29/C)
(c) The Manager, Janata Bank, BSCIC Branch, Bogra (for bid pkg no 6/A & 29/C)
(d) The Manager, Janata Bank, BSCIC Branch, Bogra (for bid pkg no 6/A only) during office hrs up to 14.02.2000. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned.

4. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Works (SBD), National Competitive Bidding (Trial Edition-January 1998, Revised February 1999), issued by the World Bank Dhaka office.

5. Bids shall be valid for a period of 91 (ninety-one) days after bid opening and must be accompanied by security of Tk 2.5% of total quoted amount and shall be delivered to the office of Project Co-ordinator, CERP-RBPP, PMU, Alhaj Mansion (7th floor), 82, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Phone No: 02/9555673 on or before 15.02.2000 up to 12:30 hrs.

6. Bidders may deliver their Bids by any means including Courier Service, Registered Mail with Acknowledgment Due, etc, which must reach office of the Project Co-ordinator, CERP-RBPP, PMU, Alhaj Mansion (7th floor), 82, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, before the deadline for submission of Bids. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted.

7. Bids shall be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 12.45 hrs on 15.2.2000 at the office of the Project Co-ordinator, CERP-RBPP, PMU, Alhaj Mansion (7th floor), 82, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Phone No: 02/9555673.

8. A pre-bid conference will be held on 7.2.2000 in the office of the undersigned at 11-00 AM. All bidders are requested to attend the conference in time.

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