

Sarisabari Health Complex in bad shape

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Feb 5: Sarisabari Thana Health Complex is beset with manifold problems hampering the medicare service.

Insufficient doctors, bed shortage, lack of medicine, unhealthy drainage system, disordered ambulance and polluted environment have shattered the health service. Ramshackle doors and windows of the health complex also added to the problems.

For carrying patients, rickshaws, vans and pullcarts are being used as the ambulance of the health complex remains inoperative for three months. Due to fund shortage, the ambulance could not be repaired.

Shortage of doctors are hampering the treatment facilities. Most of time there is no doctors in the health sub centres. It is widely alleged. The post of doctors in Pighna and Pugalidigha have been lying vacant for a long time.

Patients alleged only simple ailments like common cold, dysentery, headache are being treated in the 31-bed health complex.

Patients having complex diseases are being deprived of the better treatment. On the other hand, poor patients have to buy medicine from out side. About the complaint a doctor said the allocation of medicine, gauge, bandages, cotton and other surgical necessities round the year are too meagre than the requirement.

There is shortage of pure and safe drinking water at the health complex as its three hand tubewells had been stolen in 1997. Sixteen ceiling fans, out of 26 are out of order. Shortage of X-ray films are also prevailing. Most of toilets are not usable as these are dirty.

Due to erratic power supply the operation becomes risky as the health complex has no power generator.

Local people demand mitigation of sufferings of the health complex and upgradation of beds of the health complex up to 50 from 31.

UNB from Kushtia says: People in six thanas of Kushtia district are being denied proper medicare facilities due to shortage of doctors and other

basic amenities in the government hospitals and health complexes.

Amid hectic government campaign to reach healthcare facilities to the doorsteps of the common people at least 40 posts of doctors have been lying vacant in different health centers here since long adding to the sufferings of poor people.

Private clinics and pathological laboratories are doing brisk business taking advantage of the situation. Meanwhile, local people complained that government doctors remained busy with private practices in different clinics neglecting their official duties.

Some patients alleged that most of the doctors advise them to perform various tests in the private labs and take admission in private clinics for better treatment.

It was further alleged that officials of the health complexes misappropriate medicines meant for the poor patients and supply only paracetamol and histacin.



Former MP Azizur Rahman, Red Crescent Society officials and local journalists visited the erosion-hit Shahpur village in Charghat thana of Rajshahi district last week. — Star photo

10 hurt as two BCL factions clash in Ctg

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Feb 5: At least ten people were injured as two factions of ruling Awami League's student wing BCL (Bangladesh Chhatra League) locked in a gunfight in Hyldhor area under Anwara thana in the district on Monday morning.

Local people said Kalim group and Nadim group locked in the gunfight over toll collection from a road construction site.

The battle continued for over an hour, creating panic in the locality. Police arrested two persons in this connection.

Robbers kill shop employee, loot valuables

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Feb 5: Robbers killed a young man and looted cash and valuables from a shop of reconditioned vehicles and motor parts at Moulvibazar town on Sunday night.

The dead was identified as Hannan Miah, 27, employee of the shop, Auto Garden.

Police said the robbers stormed the shop, killed Miah, who was sleeping, and decamped with cash and valuables.

Body of the young man, who hailed from Adopasa village under Sadar thana, was sent to hospital for autopsy.

Denial of bail AL men stage demonstration in court

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Feb 5: A group of unruly activists of ruling Awami League demonstrated in a court here on Monday as the court rejected a bail prayer of Chuadanga town Awami League general secretary Ashraf Hoque.

Hoque was arrested on Sunday night under section 54.

Later the supporters of Hoque pelted stones at the residence of the deputy commissioner. They also staged demonstration in front of municipality office.

Smuggling of phensidyl up in Jhenidah dist

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 5: Smuggling of contraband phensidyl syrup from India is increasing alarmingly in Jhenidah and adjoining districts as the law enforcing agencies are not allegedly active in border areas.

The item was popular in various parts of Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Meherpur and Kushtia districts as *dail*. But the name has been turned into 'fancy'. Consumers of the harmful drug is mainly young people.

Recently a good number of young women, especially students are involved with the evil drug trading. A good number of female students of Islamic University reportedly have become addicted in phensidyl syrup.

Everyday staffers of the municipality collect hundreds of empty bottles of phensidyl syrup during cleaning of the roads. Usually empty bottles of phensidyl syrup are recovered from the rear sides of hotels, restaurants, bus stoppage, tempo stoppage and even from the toilet of the central Jame-Mosque in Jhenidah town.

Each bottle of phensidyl syrup is being sold at different parts of the district at the rate of Taka 110 to 130, while the rate is not above Taka 100 at Kaliganj thana headquarters.

A section of smugglers carry the item in gunny bags of potato, brinjal, tomato, or other vegetables. In big size milk can, jars of honey of similar jars.

Recently policemen of Halgopur post, being informed by the local people, recovered 166 bottles of phensidyl syrup from a shop at about 10 pm. Police named one Golam Sarwar for his alleged involvement with the illegal trading of phensidyl.

Local people alleged that the quantity of recovered contraband had doubled than the previous ones. But policemen mentioned about recovery of only 166 bottles. Furthermore the man who was nabbed was allegedly released on the same night.

Personnel of the Narcotics and Liquor Department led by a magistrate recently raided the house of one person named Abdul Malek at village Khamarmunda and recovered 270 bottles of phensidyl syrup from his possession. Six persons namely Mohammad Ali, Jamaluddin, Liton, Yar Ali, Ashikul Islam and Ekram were arrested for their alleged involvement in phensidyl trading recently.

Kaliganj police said, the arrested and the houseowner were allegedly involved in phensidyl trading for long.

Police said, acting on a tip-off, a contingent of police and the concerned department staffers led by class one magistrate named Prabir Kumar raided the house of Abdul Malek at about 9 am and recovered the contraband and arrested two brothers of Abdul Malek named Mohammed Ali and Jamaluddin. Liton and Yar Ali of Churamonkathi of Jessore, Kabir of Dohkhin Babla, Raliqui Islam of Daulatpur in Khulna and Ekram Ali of Jhikatala of Dhamondi in Dhaka in this connection.

All the arrested were involved in illegal drug business for long, police said.

A case was lodged with Kaliganj thana in this connection but houseowner, Abdul Malek is yet to be arrested.

Fire claims 21 lives in three dists

At least 21 persons were killed in different fire incidents recently in Madaripur, Jessore and Barisal districts, reports agency.

A teenage girl was burnt alive and five others were injured in a fire at Khagda village in Madaripur Sadar thana on Monday night.

Hasina, 12, who was asleep could not be rescued from the flame of the fire. Five people received burn injury in their bid to extinguish the fire.

Residents said the fire originated from electric short circuit in the house of Mannan Dhal and quickly engulfed six other houses.

At least 20 people died and scores were injured in 89 fire incidents in Jessore district during the last year.

Fire Service and Civil Defence officials said 15 fire incidents were recorded in January, 12 in February, 13 in March, 7 in April, 9 in May, 4 in June, 5 in July, 3 in August, 2 each in

September and October, 7 in November and 10 in December last year.

Most of the fire originated from electric short circuit, oven, open lamp and burning cigarette, they said.

Only four thana headquarters out of eight in the district have fire station. Bagerpara, Sarsha, Manirampur and Chowgachha thanas have no fire station where the fire incidents inflicted heavy losses of life and property.

Cotton worth over Tk 15 lakh was gutted in a fire at a cotton godown in Gournadi thana of Barisal district on Wednesday night.

Firefighters rushed to the spot and put out the flame. But it was not clear how and from where the fire originated.

In another incident, timbers and wooden furniture were gutted in a fire at a timber godown in Nazir Bazaar of the town on the same night.

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Phensidyl seized

JHENIDAH, Feb 5: BDR jawans seized 20,000 bottles of Indian phensidyl from frontier Mohespur thana on Monday, reports UNB.

On information, the BDR men from 32 battalion of Jessore area recovered the drug abandoned in an area on Barui-Jhadabpur road. The phensidyl bottles were taken to the BDR headquarters in Jessore.

Election held

SATKHIRA, Feb 5: The Annual Election of Satkhira District Transport Workers Union was held here at the bus terminal office recently, reports BSS.

Mohammad Jalaluddin and Moshier Rahman were elected president and general secretary respectively.

Body recovered

BARISAL, Feb 5: Two bodies were recovered from rivers Kalabadar and Nishinda in Barisal district on Wednesday, reports UNB.

One of the victims was identified as fish drier Amir Ali of Trawler FV Mahamaya, who was abducted earlier by pirates from the Kalabadar river. Another body of an unidentified man was recovered from the Nishinda river in Bakerganj thana. It bore marks of torture. The two bodies were sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

Restoration of old bazaar day

KHAGRACHHARI, Feb 5: With the restoration of peace in the hill districts, local leaders have decided to revert to traditional system of holding market in remote areas of the region on separate days from the present one-day system, reports UNB.

The decision was taken after discussion with bazaar administrations and the chairman of Parbatyia Zilla Parishad. Unrest in the hilly countryside after 1980s had forced the local leaders to hold market in different hats and bazaars on one day instead of separate days, depriving the farmers of due prices of their produce.

AL leader arrested

BAGERHAT, Feb 5: A local leader of Awami League was arrested from his house in Fakirhat thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police said Sarder Niamat Hossain, former general secretary of the thana Awami League, was held in a number of cases.

New power network

FARIDPUR, Feb 5: Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzaq on Tuesday said the present government has been working hard to ensure supply of electricity to each and every village of the country by the year 2006, reports UNB.

He said this while inaugurating the electrification network in newly created Shakhipur thana of Shariatpur district. He said the electricity supply has come to a somewhat stable position under the personal guidance and instruction of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Rural Electrification Board (REB) has constructed 11.89 km distribution line at a cost of Tk 920.54 million to facilitate 8,866 new consumers in the thana. Col (ret'd) Shawkat Ali MP, Master Mojibur Rahman MP and REB chairman Brig MA Malek also addressed the inaugural meeting.

Agri-loan distributed

BANDARBAN, Feb 5: The Banks and Non-Government Organisations have distributed over Taka 76 crore as agri-rural loans among two lakh and forty-three thousands tribal and non-tribal farmers during the last two fiscal years in three hill districts, reports BSS.

The three hill districts were Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachhari. The Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) and BRAC have distributed a major amount of the total loans in the three districts during the last two fiscal years.

New college at Raninagar

NAOGAON, Feb 5: A new college has been set up at Abadpukur under Raniganj thana of Naogaon district recently, reports BSS.

A discussion was held here in this connection which was presided over by Khubsur Rahman, General Secretary of the District Awami League. Naogaon Mohammad Abdul Malek attended the discussion as the chief guest. It was addressed, among others, by Wahidur Rahman, Mohammad Israfil, Mohammad Amzad Hossain, Produt Kumar and Mohammad Anisur Rahman.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H

Narayanganj Road Division, Shimrail, Narayanganj

R&H Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender notice number : 51/Narayanganj Road Division, year 1999-2000.
2. Name of work : Work of sealcoat along with repair in premixed carpeting system on different KM places of different roads under Narayanganj Road Division during 1999-2000 fiscal year. Divided into total 4 (four) groups.
3. Estimated cost : As per attached group list.
4. Earnest money : As per attached group list. In the form of Bank Draft/Treasury Chalan/Protrakkha Sanchaya Patra/5-year Bangladesh Sanchaya Patra and Bonus Sanchaya Patra from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.
5. Time allowed for work : As per attached group list.
6. Eligibility of contractors : As per attached group list.
7. Offices where tenders will be available : Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Dhaka/Manikganj/ Munshiganj/ Gazipur/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Bridge Design Division-1 (Eastern Zone), Bridge Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Bhitikandi/Narayanganj Road Sub-Division.
8. Offices where tenders will be received : Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and Executive Engineer (R&H), Narayanganj Road Division, Shimrail, Narayanganj.
9. Last date and time of selling tender : 15-2-2000 till office hours.
10. Date and time of receiving tender : 16-2-2000 at 12.30 PM.
11. Date and time of opening tender : 20-2-2000 at 1.00 PM, Executive Engineer (R&H), Narayanganj Road Division.
12. Date and time of lottery : 23-2-2000 at 1.00 PM.
13. Head of expenditure : 168-Repair and 266-Development.
14. Estimate approving official : Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka.
15. Cost of tender : Taka 500/- per set (non-refundable).

NB: It is mentionable that the tender has been invited subject to the approval of estimate by the appropriate authority and the approved rate and the estimated cost will be treated as final.

Group	Name of work and description	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit	Eligibility of contractor
1 (one)	Work of sealcoat along with repair on the 5th KM part of Narayanganj Link Road in the pre-mixed carpeting system.	Tk 9,49,992/-	Tk 19,000/-	25 (twenty-five) days	'A' to 'D' general class
2 (two)	Do-Do-Do on the 6th KM part of Narayanganj Link Road in the pre-mixed carpeting system.	Tk 9,33,244/-	Tk 18,665/-	25 (twenty-five) days	'A' to 'D' general class
3 (three)	Work of sealcoat along with repair of the pavement damaged along the four sides of soakpit dug by the T&T from the 1st KM to 4th KM in flexible pavement construction system on Demra-Jutemill-Narayanganj Road.	Tk 5,52,788/-	Tk 11,056/-	15 (fifteen) days	'A' to 'E' general class
4 (four)	Work of sealcoat along with repair in premixed carpeting system on the 10th part KM (1st part) of Bhulta-Araihazar-Gopaldi-Banchharampur Road.	Tk 4,90,337/-	Tk 9,807/-	15 (fifteen) days	'A' to 'E' general class

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Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide wooden furniture manufacturers/suppliers or interior decoration firm who has experienced in making quality laminated wooden/particle board furniture having workshop facilities for supply of furniture to Biman Managing Director's Secretariat at Balaka, Kurmitola, Dhaka.

Tender documents will be available from the Cash & Banking Section of Biman Bangladesh Airlines 'Balaka Bhaban' Zia International Airport, Dhaka on cash payment of Tk. 100.00 (One hundred) only (non-refundable) per set on all working days up to 22-02-2000.

The tenderers shall have to deposit the following attested documents with tender (1) Valid trade licence (2) Experience certificate as manufacturer/supplier of laminated furniture worth Tk. 2 (two) lac minimum (3) Certificate must be submitted from the competent authority stating that current Income Tax return has been submitted quoting GIR/TIN No. (4) Bank solvency certificate (5) VAT registration certificate (all originals are to be produced on demand).

Tenderers shall have to deposit earnest money @ 2.5% (two point five per cent) of the total quoted amount in favour of Bangladesh Biman Corporation in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order with the tender without which tender will not be entertained.

The tender will be received in the office of the General Manager (P&W), 3rd floor, Balaka, Kurmitola, Dhaka up to 1400 hours on 23-02-2000 and will be opened on the same day at 1430 hours in presence of the tenderers (if any).

Biman management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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General Manager (P&W)



Dr M Idris Ali, Director General of Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA) awarding recently 'Breeder Seeds Certified Tag' to Sheikh Md Mujahid Nomanee, an official of 'Seeds Certification Agency' at BINA campus in Mymensingh. — Star photo

FP workers deprived of salaries

JHENIDAH, Feb 5: About 500 field workers of Family Planning (FP) Department in six thanas have been passing their days in great hardships as they are not getting their salaries during the last six months, reports UNB.

Local FPD sources said, the workers who are under the development budget are not getting their salaries due to the shortage of allocation. At a press conference at the local press club recently, the field workers said they were working hard for containing the population growth in the country popularising the contraceptive methods in rural areas. But their labour was not evaluated and now they are not getting their salaries. They demanded immediate payment of their outstanding salaries.

Juba League committee

BRAHMANBARIA, Feb 5: A meeting of Bangladesh Awami Juba, League was held at Kholapara Shah Farashat Ali High School premises recently with former chairman Abu Syeed in the chair, reports BSS.

Juba League Leader Haji Mohammad Syedur Rahman was present as the chief guest on the occasion. The meeting was addressed, among others, by Abu Zaher, Idris Haqsan Abu Shama and Hamdu Miah. Later Mohamed Lal Miah and Mozammel Haque were elected president and general secretary respectively.

Boro cultivation programme

MYMENSINGH, Feb 5: An intensive Boro cultivation programme has been taken up in 12 thanas of Mymensingh district during the current season, reports BSS.

According to official sources, a total of 1,65,000 hectare is being brought under the cultivation programme with the production target of 4,67,000 metric tons. Of the total 158,490 hectares will be brought under high yielding variety while local varieties will be cultivated on 6,360 hectares of land. The thanawise land for cultivation are as follows: Sadar-12,800 hectares, Muktagachha-1390 hectares, Fulbaria-12,750 hectares, Trishal-10,650 hectares, Bhaluka-12,750 hectares, Gaffargaon-12750 hectares, Nandail-13320 hectares, Phulpur-34,390 hectares, Haluaghat-13,320 hectares, and Dhobaura-9610 hectares.

Haji assembly

SHERPUR, Feb 5: The two-day haji assembly was held here at Attur Rahman Model School under Sadar thana on January 28 and 29, reports BSS.

Former MP Al-haj Mohammad Anisur Rahman presided over the assembly. The assembly was addressed, among others, by Attur Rahman Auk, MP and Advocate MA Samad, Municipality Chairman, Nurul Islam distributed the Holy Quran, Haj Guide and Islamic books, presented by Saudi Embassy, among the intending haji participants.