

**14 killed in Bogra road accidents**

BOGRA, Mar 21: At least 14 people have been killed and 50 injured in two deadly traffic accidents on the Dhaka-Bogra highway in Sherpur thana, reports UNB.

Two of the dead were identified as Golapi, 12, and Julekha, 35, of Pirganj thana in Rangpur district.

According to a delayed report, Golapi, Julekha and five other passengers were killed and 33 others injured in a mishap in Mirjapur area early hours Sunday when a Kurigram-bound night coach veered off the road and fell into a ditch.

All the 33 injured were rushed to the Sherpur Thana Health Complex and then shifted to Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospital as their condition deteriorated.

In another accident, early on Friday, near Jog Bridge in the same thana, seven passengers were killed and 17 suffered critical injuries.

Police said the mishap took place when a Natore-bound night coach fell into a roadside ditch as the driver lost control over steering.

All the injured were shifted to the Mohammad Ali Hospital after admission into the thana health complex.

**Municipality commissioner fined in Magura**

MAGURA, Mar 21: A magistrate court has fined a pourasava ward commissioner Tk 2000 for setting up a brickfield without licence and using firewood in it, reports UNB.

Abdul Gani, Commissioner of Ward-2, was arrested on March 15 for violation of rules and produced before the court following a mobile court filed a case and issued warrant against him.

Magistrate Mokhesur Rahman fined him as he confessed his guilt. Police later seized 100 maunds of firewood from his brick-field.



**Enjoying fishing**

Youths and children net fish in a pool in Sirajganj town recently. Fishing is one of the popular pastimes in the country. People generally net fish in the Bangla months of Falgun and Chaitra when water bodies such as canal and pond dry up. —Star photo

**Problems grip Chandpur BSCIC estate**

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Mar 21: The industrial estate in the district set up by the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) is beset with manifold problems.

Entrepreneurs said bureaucracy and lack of initiatives are hindering the progress of the industrial estate.

The estate also lacks security, they added. The estate has no boundary wall, allowing hundreds of cows and goats to graze in the area.

The road communication network in the estate area is in bad shape, discouraging entrepreneurs to set up industrial units.

Lack of bank loan is another hindrance to setting up factories, entrepreneurs said.

The estate was set up in 1977 at a cost of Tk 1 crore on about 10 acres of land at Baburhat, six

miles from the district headquarters. So far Tk 50 lakh was spent for earthwork in the project. An office was also established at a cost of Tk 12 lakh in the area.

According to BSCIC, Chandpur office sources, there are as many as 64 plots in the estate which are divided into four grades. Besides, there are some plots of special grade in the estate earmarked for big industrial units.

Some of the entrepreneurs have complained that the price of land in the BSCIC estate is very high.

So far 16 industrialists have shown interest in setting up industrial units in the area. But only 8 industrial units have so far been constructed in the estate.

The entrepreneurs have

urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to address the problems of the estate.

UNB from Shariatpur adds: Entrepreneurs could not set up industrial units on the estate of BSCIC in 12 years due to lack of funds.

Official sources said BSCIC acquired 13.83 acres of land at Baghia in Sadar thana, two km north of the district headquarters, in 1987.

Meanwhile, the fund allotted for the project has been spent in land acquisition and construction of administrative building and pump house.

Experts said agro-based industries could be set up in the estate as raw materials like bamboo, cane, coconut, cotton, jute, wheat, pulses and potato are produced here in plenty.

They estimated that over 6000 people would get job op-

portunities if industrial units could be set up in the estate.

BSS from Brahmanbaria says: Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) distributed loan of Taka 3 crore 59 lakh 74 thousand under its poverty alleviation programme.

According to official sources, of the total amount, Taka 94 lakh 35 thousand was given for Women's Entrepreneur Development Programmes, Taka 1 crore 58 lakh 98 thousand for the development of small and cottage industries, Taka 1 crore 71 thousand for self employment schemes and Taka 5 lakh 70 thousand for poverty alleviation programmes.

A total of 13,9000 poor and unemployed people received the loan, the sources added.

**3,307 crimes in Chawabganj in last five yrs**

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Mar 21: Some 3,307 crimes, including 134 against women and children, took place here in last five years, reports UNB.

According to police records, 859 cases were reported with five police stations in 1999 while 760 in 1998, 602 in 1997, 679 in 1996 and 471 in 1995.

A senior police official said 16 murders occurred in 1995, 27 in 1996, 21 in 1997, 33 in 1998 and 37 in 1999.

He said 37 murders, 12 rapes, 27 repressive acts against women and children, 182 clashes, 104 thefts, 3 dacoities, 10 muggings, 7 kidnappings, 144 smuggling, 38 drug trading and 286 other criminal incidents took place in 1999.

But unofficial sources claimed that the number of criminal acts occurred during the period would be much higher than the reported ones.

**Man gets life term for killing wife**

SATKHIRA, Mar 21: A court here has sentenced a man to life term rigorous imprisonment with fine of Tk 10,000 for killing his wife, reports UNB.

According to prosecution, Hussain Ali Sarder of Nalta village in Sadar thana strangled his wife Rebeka Begum to death on March 1, 1998.

Third Additional Sessions Judge Mohammad Sirajul Islam handed down the verdict against Hussain with one year more RI in case of his failure to pay the fine on March 7.

**Adolescent Day observed at Thakurgaon**

THAKURGAON, Mar 21: The Samajik Kalyan Sangstha, a local NGO in collaboration with USC-Canada Bangladesh (USCC-B) and Adolescent Development Forum Bangladesh (ADF-B) observed 'Adolescent Day' here recently, reports BSS.

The day was observed with a call for taking a comprehensive effort to socially immunise poor and illiterate adolescent girls from all sorts of social exploitation and deprivation.

A colourful rally, followed by a procession of about 500 adolescent was brought out which paraded different roads of the town with festoons, banners and chanted slogans to highlight the significance of the day. The processionists placed wreaths at the high school Shahid Minar.

In connection with the day the processionists handed over a 9-point memorandum to the general secretary of Thakurgaon Press Club. At the press club premises a brief meeting was held. The meeting was addressed by Akhtar Hossain Raja, general secretary, Press Club, Syed Merajul Hossain, executive member, Press Club; Khademul Islam, chairperson, Samajik Kalyan Sangstha, Abu Aslam, district co-ordinator, USC-Canada, Ambiatun Zinat Chowdhury, executive director, Samajik Kalyan Sangstha, Niva Rani Roy and Runa.

**News snaps**

**Body of youth recovered**

JESSORE, Mar 21: Police recovered the body of a young man from a residential hotel here recently, reports UNB.

On information police went to the hotel, Coco Hotel, and recovered the body of the youth aged about 24 breaking the lock of a room. While visiting the rooms the hotel manager got bad smell from room number 17, hired by the youth, and informed it to police. The manager quoting the information put on the hotel register said two youths — Ashkuzaman, son of Abdul Malek, and Akhteruzzaman, son of Abdul Miraz of Betkashi in Koyra thana of Khulna — rented the two-seated room. The whereabouts of other youth could not be known. A UD case was filed in this connection.

**Two statues recovered**

RAJSHAHI, Mar 21: Detective Branch of Metropolitan Police here recently recovered two statues made of touchstone from a house in Kajla area of Motihar thana and arrested the house owner, Jamaluddin, reports UNB.

The two touchstone statues are of Ram and Krishna, said the police who raided the house acting on a tip off. The statues of Ram and Krishna weighing about 1.5 kg and one kg respectively are worth about Tk 10 lakh, said the police sources.

**VGD programme**

MAGURA, Mar 21: Some 2,106 families of the district will receive 756 metric tons of wheat under Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) programme in the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Under the programme, 390 families in Sadar will get 140 mts of wheat, 240 families in Sreepur 86 mts of wheat, 210 families in Shalkha 75 mts of wheat and 1,266 families in Mulhanmadpur 455 mts of wheat. Each family will receive 30-kg of wheat per month under the programme, to be continued till July.

**84 schemes implemented**

KHAGRACHHARI, Mar 21: Local Government Engineering Department implemented 84 development projects in Manikchhari thana during the last fiscal spending Tk three crore, reports UNB.

Of the schemes, 10 were implemented in agriculture sector, 23 in communication, eight in physical infrastructure and one in education sector. ADB had also provided financial assistance for the development of education in the region. Meanwhile, road development works involving Tk 1.12 crore have been completed under six road construction projects in the district.

**Smuggled goods seized**

BENAPOLE, Jessore, Mar 21: The BDR has seized smuggled Indian goods worth over Tk 25 lakh from Sharsha and Chowgacha frontier areas, reports UNB.

Official sources said BDR patrol team in a surprise raid caught a truck driver along with substandard Indian motor spares from Chowgacha recently. They also seized Indian saree worth Tk 13.61 lakh in an abandoned condition from a garden in Sharsha thana. Separate cases were filed with police.

**Workshop on granular urea**

JAMALPUR, Mar 21: A day-long workshop on granular urea fertiliser was held at the Agriculture Research Centre here recently, reports UNB.

Chaired by Krishibid Zahurul Islam, Deputy Director of Agriculture Extension Department Golam Mostafa attended the programme as chief guest while Chief Scientific Officer of the centre Fariduddin Mia as special guest. Over a hundred people, including granular urea manufacturers, agronomists and farmers, took part in the workshop.

**Poverty alleviation project**

KHULNA, Mar 21: A one hundred crore taka ambitious project has been taken for poverty alleviation in Khulna City, KCC source said, reports BSS.

Khulna City Corporation (KCC) will implement the project with the financial support of UNDP. The source also said small credit and primary education and health services will be given among the slum dwellers of the city under the project. The project will start soon and is expected to be completed by the year 2002. Moreover, the project will also help develop infrastructure for slum dwellers.

**Skeletons of lightning victims in demand**

BARGUNA, Mar 21: Skeletons and scalps of human who died from lightning are being stolen from different graves in the district as those are said having valuable maguate and healing power of certain diseases, reports UNB.

In last week, skeletons and scales of human bodies were stolen after exhuming in Adabari and Patakata villages of Sadar thana.

Sources said more than 500 such incidents have so far recorded in the district.

An unofficial source claimed that the skeletons and scalps of the bodies are in great demand.

Reports of collection of such skeletons and scalps by bone traders were also received from various districts, including Khulna. These are smuggled out to India.

Experts however differ about the importance of such skeletons. Dr Salek, Assistant Prof of Physical Medicine Department in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University told the news agency that there is a false notion among a section of people that various parts and bones of human died from lightning have medicinal value for treatment of gout and asthma. There is also a belief that those carrying such bones would not fall victim of any accident.

"But there is no medical ground of such belief," he said.

Prof Salek said thousands of voltage of electricity pass through the body of a person hit by lightning, resulting in immediate death from heart blocking as well as the body tissues become roasted and coagulated.

**Office of the Executive Engineer**  
Moulvibazar O&M Division  
BWDB, Moulvibazar

**Short Tender Notice**  
No 11/1999-2000

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide enlisted "A & B" class contractors of BWDB for execution of the following works under Moulvibazar O&M Division, BWDB, Moulvibazar during the year 1999-2000.

Sl No	Name of work	Group No	Estimated cost (Taka in lac)	Eligible contractor
1	2	3	4	5
1	Bank revetment work along the left bank of Manu River in c/w Manu River left bank protection project from Barhat to Manumukh from 4.094 km to 4.164 km, 7.674 km to 7.709 km and 13.583 km to 13.642 km.	11/1	40.03	"A & B" class
2.	-Do- -Do- 12.668 km to 12.726 km & 13.419 km to 13.456 km	11/2	35.41	"A & B" class.

2. Place from where i) Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet Division, Sylhet. tender can be ii) Manager, Janata Bank, Main Branch, Moulvibazar. purchased iii) Manager, Janata Bank, Main Branch, Habiganj. iv) Manager, Janata Bank, Shamaboy Biponi, Kandipar, Comilla. v) Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel C/A Dhaka.

3. Place of receiving i) Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet Division, Sylhet. tender ii) Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, BWDB, Rupali Sadan, 156-157, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. iii) Executive Engineer, Comilla O&M Division, BWDB, Comilla. iv) Executive Engineer, Habiganj O&M Division, BWDB, Habiganj. v) Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division, BWDB, Dhaka. vi) Executive Engineer, Moulvibazar O&M Division, BWDB, Moulvibazar.

4. Cost of tender : Tender documents will be available @ Tk 750/- per set documents (non-refundable).

5. Tender security : Tenders must be accompanied @ 2.50% (two & half per cent) without FD holder & 1% (one per cent) for FD holder on the estimated amount.

6. Last date of : Up to 29-3-2000 (office/banking hours). purchasing tender

7. Receiving date of : 28-3-2000, 29-3-2000 during office hours and 30-3-2000 up to 12:00 Noon. tender

8. Date of opening : 30-3-2000 at 12:30 PM. tender

**Sunil Baran Debroy**  
Executive Engineer  
Moulvibazar O&M Division  
BWDB, Moulvibazar

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**সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড**  
(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)  
**Sylhet Gas Fields Limited**  
(A Company of Petrobangla)

**Invitation for Short International Bid (IFB) for Procurement of Spare Parts for Hindle "Switching" Ball Valves**

Tender No. SGFL/FP-7/2000 Dated: 20th March, 2000

Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A Company of Petrobangla) invites sealed offers in the form of bid under International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures (Single stage one envelope system) for supply of various types and sizes of HINDLE "Switching" Ball Valve Spares from the licenced manufacturer/fabricators and/or authorised distributor/dealer. The spares are required for maintenance of the various Hindle Ball Valves used for "Switching" the molecular Sieve gas dehydration towers.

The details of the scope of supply, the terms and conditions of supply, the information required to be furnished by the bidders, etc are given in the tender document which will be available from 27-03-2000 to 17-04-2000 between 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs on all working days on payment of Tk 1000.00 (non-refundable) at the following addresses:

1 Sylhet Gas Fields Limited PO Chiknagool Sylhet, Bangladesh	2 Sylhet Gas Fields Limited Dhaka Liaison Office House No 85, Road No 11/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
3 Bakhrahad Gas Systems Ltd Dhaka Liaison Office Plot No 3, Road No 2/A, Banani, Dhaka, Bangladesh.	4 Bangladesh Gas Fields Co Ltd Dhaka Liaison Office 97, Purana Paltan, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
5 Titas Gas T&D Company Limited Titas Gas Bhaban 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Avenue Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh	6 Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company Limited HBFC Building 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Bids will be received in SGFL's Head Office at Sylhet and its Liaison Office at Dhaka up to 1200 hrs (BST) on 18-04-2000 and will be opened on the same day at 1215 hrs (BST) in presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend the opening of the tender.

No extension in the closing date and time will be allowed by SGFL on any account and bid (s) received after the deadline for submission of bids will be returned un-opened. In case of any unavoidable circumstances such as strike, civil commotion, Government declared holiday etc. bids will be received and opened on the following working day at the same place and time.

No tender documents will be sold on the day of bid opening.

Sylhet Gas Fields Limited reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or annul the bidding process without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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**General Manager (Administration)**

**Office of the Executive Engineer**  
Naogaon O&M Division  
BWDB, Naogaon

**CORRIGENDUM NOTICE**

This is for general information all concerned in reference to the advertisement for the Re-Tender Notice of IFB No 04/1999-2000, 05/1999-2000, 06/1999-2000, 07/1999-2000 and 08/1999-2000 published in 'The Daily Star' & 'The Dainik Banglar Bani' on 14.03.2000 that the following words will be added against each package in the column eligibility of contractor after the BWDB specified class of contractor "or any other local or foreign bidder."

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

**Md Abdul Mannan**  
Executive Engineer  
Naogaon O&M Division  
BWDB, Naogaon

**দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং করপোরেশন**  
(বাংলাদেশ) লিঃ  
গাজীপুর-১৭০৩

এসপি/সিবি/এন-০৫২২/৮৭/০৪-২০০০ তারিখঃ ১৩-০৩-২০০০ ইং

**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

পিত্তপ্রিত্তি, এমইএস, ফ্যানসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট ও অন্যান্য সরকারী ও বাণা সরকারী, স্বায়তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের তাগিদকৃত পূর্ণ নির্মাণ কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ষ্টিকাদারদের নিকট হতে নিম্নোক্ত কাজের জন্য সীলমোহিতকৃত দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাইবে।

কাজের নামঃ এসপি/সিবি/এন মসজিদ নির্মাণের কাজ।

স্বাধীন প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ নিম্নলিখিত শর্তে নিমিত্তকৃত ক্রয় করিতে পারিবেনঃ

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