

# Independence Day in dists

The 29th anniversary of independence was celebrated on Sunday in Gazipur, Faridpur and Rangamati districts as elsewhere in the country amid enthusiasm and festivity, reports BSS.

People from all walks of life in Gazipur district celebrated the Independence and National Day in a befitting manner.

Different political parties, socio-cultural organisations, educational institutions and trade unions chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day.

The programmes included hoisting of the national flag atop of all private and public buildings, placing of the wreaths at central Shaheed Minar and the portrait of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reception to freedom fighters and Shaheed families, discussion and cultural functions, children rally and march past, food distribution and sports competitions.

A discussion was held at Gazipur Rajbari Play Ground on the day which was organised by district administration.

Presided over by Shamsul Haque, Deputy Commissioner of Gazipur, it was addressed among others, by Ahsan Ullah Master MP, Awami League lead-

ers AKM Mozammel Haque and Nurul Islam Master.

In Faridpur, the day started with hoisting of national flag atop important public and private buildings. A colorful march past was organised by the district administration. Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur Atiqul Islam Chowdhury took salute and inspected the march past. Children from different educational institutions participated in the acrobatic show after the march past.

Local unit of Bangladesh Shishu Academy arranged poetry recitation and musical programme at Kabi Jashimuddin Hall.

A discussion of 'Independence and Contribution of Bangabandhu' was held in the same hall to mark the occasion. Various socio-cultural organisations also organised similar functions to celebrate the day.

A friendly soccer match between Deputy Commissioner's XI and Municipal Chairman's XI was held in the afternoon at local stadium.

Special prayers were offered in mosques, temples and churches for the peace, progress and prosperity of the country.

In Rangamati, district administration, political parties and different socio-cultural and

professional bodies organised various programmes to mark the day.

The day in the district headquarters was heralded with 21 gun salutes. National flags were hoisted atop all public and private buildings, which were also illuminated in the night.

March past was held in the morning at the old Court Building ground in the town. Chairman of Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council, Joytirindra Bodhipriyo Lama, took the salute.

Reception was accorded to the family members of the martyrs of liberation war and freedom fighters by the Rangamati Hill District Council at Council's conference room at 11.30 am.

Octogenarian mother of Bir Shrestha Lance Naik Munshi Abdur Rauf, who came in the town from her village home at Salamapur in Boalmari thana of Faridpur district, attended the reception as the chief guest.

Documentary films on the liberation war were screened at local cinemas.

Improved diets were served in orphanages, jail and students dormitories by the administrations on this occasion. A number of discussions were also held to mark the day.



Future leaders march forward

Juveniles' Independence Day parade at Shaheed Shamsuddin Stadium in Sirajganj on March 26.

— Star photo by Akhteruzzaman Bablu

## Gopalganj Health Complex needs proper treatment

From Alimuzzaman Miah

GOPALGANJ, Mar 28: Gopalganj Health Complex is beset with manifold problems hampering health care service.

The health complex was established in 1963 and started with 31 beds during the period of Pakistan. Then Gopalganj was a sub-divisional town. The health complex is situated 15 kilometer (km) east of Gopalganj town.

But after a few years the beds were reduced, the health complex is situated in the middle point of Gopalganj and Kasiani thana.

Insufficient doctors, lack of medicine, unhealthy drainage system, no ambulance and polluted environment have completely shattered the health service. Ramshackle doors and

windows of the health complex also added to the problems.

Shortage of doctors are hampering the treatment facilities very much.

Most of time there is no doctor in the health complex, it is widely alleged.

While talking to a patient named Kazi Abdur Rahim of village Bolaia, adjacent of the health complex he told The Daily Star correspondent, only simple ailments like common cold, dysentery, headache are being treated in the health complex.

Kazi Rahim further said, 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 instruments are not available below the requirement.

There is shortage of pure and safe drinking water at the health complex. There are two hand tubewells and the tubewells are out of order for long time. Due to erratic power supply, absence of X-ray machine, most of toilets are not usable as these are dirty.

Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, visited the health complex on March 8 and found the health complex.

Local people have demanded mitigation of sufferings of the health complex patients by enhancing the beds immediately.

## Separate incidents kill 11 in B'baria

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Mar 28: At least 11 people were killed and 60 others injured in three separate incidents in the district recently.

According to police and eyewitnesses, a Sylhet-bound truck from Tongi with 20 to 25 people on board collided last week with another truck carrying goods from opposite direction on Dhaka-Sylhet highway near Bahadurpur Bus Stand under Sadar thana, killing eight people and injuring 10.

The bodies were identified as Akkas Ali, 45, his wife Hushara, 35, Ansar Ali, 37, Amzad Ali, 23, Aman, 45 and Omar Ali, 40, Robila Khatun, 45, and Basir Mia, 40.

The victims hailed from Gazipur, Narsingdi, Dhaka and Brahmanbaria districts.

The bodies were sent to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital for autopsy while the injured persons were sent to different clinics and hospitals.

Meanwhile, the drivers of both the trucks managed to escape the spot. A case was filed with Ashuganj police station in this connection.

In separate incident, two persons were killed and 50 were injured in a gun battle between two rival groups of village Lalpur and village Lambayek under Ashuganj Bandar thana.

According to eyewitnesses, the two groups equipped with firearms locked in a clash,

which lasted for four hours. Police said the clash was sequel to previous enmity.

Nasir Uddin, 22, was killed on the spot while Burhan, 20, succumbed to bullet injuries at hospital.

Four were admitted to hospital in critical condition.

The police from Ashuganj station rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Police Super of Brahmanbaria Chowdhury Ahsanul Kabir visited the spot.

In the third incident, a youth committed suicide by taking poison at village Muslendpur of Kundu union under Nasirnagar thana of the district.

The victim was identified as Abdul Khalek, 17, son of Abdul Maksud.

The reason behind the suicide could not be known.

The autopsy of the body was done at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital. A general diary (GD) was filed with police in this connection.

## Man strangled

JESSORE, Mar. 28: A night guard of a sawmill was strangled by robbers at Begarola in Manirampur thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police said the bandits numbering 10-12 broke into the sawmill and killed Abu Bakr Sheikh, 60, as he tried to resist them.

## Four mass-graves unearthed in Jessore

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, Mar. 28: During the last two months, the district unit of Bangladesh Mukti-Joddah Sangsad unearthed four mass-graves in the district.

In the mass-graves, bodies of hundreds of people were dumped by the Pakistani occupation soldiers and their local collaborators—members of Razakar, Al Badar and Al Shams forces—during the War of Liberation.

According to reports, Bangladesh Mukti-Joddah Sangsad, the organisation of freedom fighters, has initiated this programme recently to identify the mass-graves throughout the country.

As elsewhere in the country, a five-member Mass-grave Inquiry Sub-committee was formed here. Sarder Lutfor Rahman is the convener. Shahajahan, Mokbul Hossain, Moslemuddin and Montu are members of the committee.

The committee, after a thorough investigation, discovered a mass-grave within the bound-

ary wall of Horticulture Development Board, adjacent to Jessore Cantonment.

Jahanara, a resident in the area, said Pakistani soldiers dumped many bodies of innocent Bangladeshis during the liberation war.

Another mass-grave was unearthed within the boundary wall of Kartik Chandra Dey's house on the bank of river Bhairab at Birampur near the district headquarters.

A large number of people were killed here and later dumped.

Kartik said at least ten skeletons were recovered from the place after the liberation.

Another mass-grave was discovered at Bagchar near the town. Local people said at least 35 Bangladeshis were killed and buried in the grave. Locals believed Glas, Sajit, Kalipada, Sirshikesh, Prasanta Probas, Hirabash, Dipak, Kesto Lal, Modhusan, Balal, Gobinda, Basu Dev, Kanai, Sankar Modhu, Paritosh, Kali Charan,

Bagan, Ayub, Pulin and Kartik were killed and dumped in the mass-grave.

Another mass-grave, biggest so far, was discovered in Nilkurti area on the river bank of Bhairab at Rupdia Bazar under Sadar thana.

Noted freedom fighters Mahfuzul Haque and Golam Mostafa, among others, were killed and buried in the grave.

Aminuddin, 80, who miraculously escaped death in the camp of Razakar force, told that he was caught on March 28, 1971 along with 50 others. All were shot dead one by one, he said. I was shot but escaped death, he added.

District unit commander of Mukti-Joddah Sangsad Abdul Hai said steps should be taken to re-excavate the mass-graves to preserve the memory of those who laid down their lives for the cause of national independence. He, however, said re-excavation work will begin soon.



People visit a mass grave on the bank of the River Bhairab at Rupdia Bazaar under Sadar thana, Jessore. The mass grave was discovered recently. Local people say during the War of Liberation Pakistani soldiers and their local collaborators dumped 40-50 bodies in the grave.

## Faridpur roads in bad shape

From Abdul Matin Fakir

FARIDPUR, Mar 28: Faridpur-Sadarpur Road via Char Bhadrasan and Faridpur-Sadarpur Road via Hat-Krishnapur are in bad shape.

Both the roads have developed cracks and path holes causing much inconvenience to the traffic movements.

Buses and mini buses in the routes run at a high speed causing frequent road accidents.

The drivers and the conductors of the buses reportedly misbehave with the passengers. The buses reportedly stop at any point on the route rather than stopping and take passengers making unexpected delay to reach the destination.

It is alleged that the buses collect excessive fare from the passengers especially just before and after any kind of festi-

val — such as Eid-ul-Fitre, Eid-ul-Azha and Durga Puja. They collect Tk 5 to 10 additional an average from each passenger than the normal fare during the festivals.

Besides, the buses carry passengers beyond their capacity very often leading to frequent quarrels and conflicts between the passengers and the conductors.



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সাতার, ঢাকা

বিস্তৃতি নং-৫/৯৯-২০০০/রেজিস্ট্রেশন (টিচিউ)

## নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিম্নলিখিত পদ পূরণের জন্য বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিম্নলিখিত হাতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

- (১) পরিবেশ বিজ্ঞান বিভাগের জন্য ১ (এক) টি স্থায়ী সহকারী অধ্যাপক পদ এবং ২ (দুই) টি স্থায়ী প্রভাসক পদ।
- (২) আন্তর্জাতিক সম্পর্ক বিভাগের জন্য ২ (দুই) টি স্থায়ী প্রভাসক পদ।
- (৩) নার ও অল্প পরিকল্পনা বিভাগের জন্য ২ (দুই) টি স্থায়ী প্রভাসক পদ।
- (৪) উদ্ভিদ বিজ্ঞান বিভাগের জন্য ২ (দুই) টি স্থায়ী প্রভাসক পদ।
- (৫) ইতিহাস বিভাগের জন্য ১ (এক) টি স্থায়ী সহকারী অধ্যাপক এবং ১ (এক) টি স্থায়ী প্রভাসক পদ।
- (৬) সহকারী অধ্যাপক পদের বেতনের হারঃ টাকা ৭২০০-২৬০-১০৮৪০/-
- (৭) প্রভাসক পদের বেতনের হারঃ টাকা ৪০০০-১৮০-৫৫৯৫-ইবি-১৯৫-৭৭৪০/-

নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার অফিস হাতে প্রাপ্ত নির্ধারিত বাল্য ফর্মসে আগামী ২৪শে এপ্রিল, ২০০০ (২৪-৪-২০০০) ইখ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার নিকট পৌঁছেতে হবে। দরখাস্তের সাথে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের রেজিস্ট্রারের অনুমোদিত অংশী ব্যাকে, জারি শাখার উপর অন্য যে কোন অংশী ব্যাকে হাতে ইস্যুকৃত ১০০/- (একশত) টাকার ব্যাকে ডাফটসহ অথবা অংশী ব্যাকের বিবিধ জমা পত্রের মাধ্যমে অংশী ব্যাকে, জারি শাখার সিডি ৬৬ নং একাউন্ট নম্বর ১০০/- (একশত) টাকার জমা রপিদ (অফিসের মাধ্যমে) দিতে হবে। আবেদন করিতে ইচ্ছুক প্রার্থীগণকে আবেদনের জন্য নির্ধারিত ফর্মসহ উল্লিখিত পদের ন্যূনতম শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা / অভিজ্ঞতা সংক্রান্ত তথ্যাদি অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে পূর্বাহ্ন ৭-৩০ মিঃ হাতে অপরাহ্ন ২-০০ টা পর্যন্ত নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার অফিস হাতে (সাপ্তাহিক ও অসাপ্তাহিক দুই দিন বাতীত) সপ্তাহে দুইবার জমা অনুরোধ করা হইল। বেতন নির্ধারণের ক্ষেত্রে জাতীয় বেতন স্কেলের নীতিমালা অনুসরণ করা হইবে।

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## Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division, Kushtia

### Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice : 83/99-2000 No
2. Name of work : Const of work way around the perimeter wall attached to the Dist Jail at Kushtia.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 3,83,767/-
4. Earnest money : Tk 7,676/-
5. Place of selling and receiving of tender : All Offices of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division under PWD Circle, Jessore.
6. Last date of selling tender : Dated 04.04.2000 during the office hours.
7. Date of receiving and opening of the tender : Up to 12:00 noon of 05.04.2000 & will be opened on the same day at 12:15 pm.
8. Eligibility of contractor/firm : Enlisted & valid building contractor/firm of PWD according to their financial capacity.

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Executive Engineer  
PWD Division, Kushtia

## News snaps

### Press club election

NAOGAON, Mar 28: The election of Mandha Press Club (MPC) under Mandha Thana was held here recently, reports BSS.

Nurul Islam and O M Rezaul Islam were elected president and general secretary of MPC respectively. The other elected members were vice presidents, Babul Hossain and Jasimuddin, joint secretary, Abdus Sattar Khalifa, cultural secretary, Dallur Rahman and office secretary, Mokdesur Rahman. Nabir Uddin, acting president of Naogaon Press Club (NPC), acted as returning officer.

### Illegal arms recovered

PIROJPUR, Mar 28: Police on Thursday recovered two revolvers, one pipe gun and eight rounds of cartridge from Helen Manjil, a house of city's CI Para, police sources said, reports BSS.

Police also arrested Azad Al Masud alias Shuva, 25, in this connection. A team of CID raided the house — Helen Manjil — following an investigation of a dacoity case and recovered the arms and arrested Shuva. Shuva, son of Harun-Ur Rashid, has been produced before the court.

### Medical camp

SHARIATPUR, Mar 28: A daylong free medical camp was held at Kogodi in the town recently, reports UNB.

Former MP Prof Dr KA Jalil inaugurated the camp, organised by Shariatpur Samaj Kalyan Sangstha. Some 1,200 poor patients of the municipal area were given treatment, including medicine, free of cost.

### Touchstone statue found

THAKURGAON, Mar 28: A touchstone statue of a Hindu god, Narayan, has been found while re-excavating an old pond at Shata village in Birganj thana, reports UNB.

Local sources said it is believed that there was a temple in the middle of the ancient pond, called Arjunahar. The statue worth nearly Tk 50 lakh, found March 15, has been kept at Birganj police station. Earlier, on February 20, the district task force recovered another touchstone statue of Bishnu weighing 109 kg.

### Man gets life term

NATORE, Mar 28: A special tribunal here recently sentenced a man to life term rigorous imprisonment for trafficking a woman to Pakistan in 1991, reports UNB.

The court also fined the convict, 'Montaj Ali, Tk 10,000, in default, to suffer five years more in jail. The case history in brief: Montaj, 50, of Nurpur-Malanchi village in Bagatipara thana trafficked his fellow-villager Maksuda Begum, 30, to Pakistan in 1991 through an Indian agent. The accused had taken Tk 40,000 from the victim assuring her of a well-paid job in India and later sold her to one Yunus Ali. However, Maksuda returned home in 1997 with the help of Women Lawyers' Association and filed a case against Montaj. The Judge after examining the records and witnesses handed down the verdict.

### 560 bottles of phensidyl seized

MANIKGANJ, Mar 28: Police seized some 560 bottles of Indian phensidyl syrup from a private car at Aricha ghat and arrested two people in this connection on Saturday, reports UNB.

One of the arrested was identified as Alam, 35. Another report from Sathkira adds: BDR jawans recovered 50 kg of cannabis from Chandolia boarder in Sadar thana on March 22. The cannabis, believed to have been smuggled from Afghanistan through Pakistan and India, was sent to Dhaka for chemical test.

### Projects being implemented

RAJBARI, Mar 28: Nine infrastructure development projects are being implemented in the district at a cost of Tk 5 crore, reports UNB.

Officials said works on the projects were progressing fairly well under the supervision of Local Government Engineering Department. The projects, including reconstruction of 80km rural roads, construction of five bridges and 1.5 km drain, and setting up of five regulators in four thanas, are likely to be completed by May next.

### Tk 47.8 lakh loan disbursed

RANGAMATI, Mar 28: Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) has disbursed Taka 47.8 lakh as loan among the members of the District Cooperative Societies (DCSS) in the current fiscal, reports BSS.

The loan has been disbursed under BRDB's small credit programme. It has already been set up 22 DCSS so far in the district.

### Training concludes

SHARIATPUR, Mar 28: A four-day training on 'Tree Plantation and Gardening' concluded at BRDB office here recently, reports BSS.

A total of 215 local farmers participated in the training. It was organised by the district Agriculture Extension Department (AED).



## Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited

(A Company of Petrobangla)

PO Box No. 8, Court Road, Brahmanbaria

“গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ” - এর অপচয়  
রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন।

## Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. CD/HO/3(05)/2000

Dated: 14-03-2000

1. Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd. (BGFCL) hereby invites sealed tender in prescribed forms from the enlisted contractors of Public Works Department (PWD)/Roads & Highway Department (RHD)/Public Health Engineering Department (PHED)/Housing & Settlement Directorate (H&SD)/Bangladesh Railway (BR)/ Military Engineering Services (MES)/Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakhya (RAJUK) and Petrobangla & its Companies for the following works:

Sl. No	Name of the works	Estimated cost	Completion time	Cost of tender document (Non-refundable)	Minimum qualification of contractor
A.	Construction of RCC road on slope of the road from baily bridge (adjacent to Ansar Camp) to main gate of Loc-6 at Habiganj Gas Field, Habiganj.	Tk. 5,27,203/50	120 days	Tk. 1,000.00	2nd class
B.	Repairing and Maintenance Works of tin shed workshop at Location-1 of Habiganj Gas Field, Habiganj.	Tk. 4,02,589/65	100 days	Tk. 500.00	2nd class
C.	Re-construction of Master drain (damaged portion) at Housing area of Location-2, Habiganj Gas Field, Habiganj.	Tk. 53,591/25	60 days	Tk. 250.00	3rd class
D.	Construction of 3 Nos. Cubicles for Officers of Accounts Department at Court Road Office, Brahmanbaria	Tk. 36,390/90	60 days	Tk. 100/-	3rd class

2. Intending firms may obtain tender schedule from the following offices from 04-4-2000 to 18-4-2000 during cash transaction hours on cash payment.
  - a) Accounts Department, Court Road, Brahmanbaria
  - b) Liaison Office, 97, Purana Paltan, (Bijoynagar), Dhaka of Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd.
3. Tender shall be received in the tender box kept in Civil Engineering Department, BGFL, Paik Para, Brahmanbaria & Liaison Office, 97, Purana Paltan (Bijoynagar), Dhaka-1000 up to 11 AM on 19-4-2000 and simultaneously be opened at 11:15 AM on the same day in presence of bidders, if any.
4. Tenderers must submit earnest money equivalent to 2.5% of their quoted amount along with tender. If the quoted amount is less than the estimate beyond 5%, the tender must accompany additional earnest money equivalent to 10% of the quoted amount and item-wise detail rate analysis for the work. The earnest money in favour of Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd., Brahmanbaria will be in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.

5. Tender must also accompany the following:
  - a) Copy of work order of technically similar works completed with own supply of materials in a single work-order in the last 5 (five) years amounting not less than 75% of estimated amount shown in the tender notice along with completion certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.
  - b) Bank solvency certificate issued recently by any schedule bank of Bangladesh.
  - c) Income tax clearance certificate up to 1997-98 including Tax Identification Number (TIN), VAT registration certificate, up-to-date Trade Licence & Enlistment certificates.
  - d) Money receipt of purchasing tender schedule.
6. All the certificates to be submitted along with the tender must be in original or duly attested by a Gazetted Officer. Original certificates and papers must be produced on demand against the attested copies which will be returned after verification or any certificate(s) submitted along with the tender may be checked on direct contact with the issuing authority.
7. The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason without accepting any liability.

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Dy. General Manager (Civil Engineering)