



Green coconut vendors doing brisk business in Rajshahi city as hot spell continues. The country's highest temperature 39.2 degree Celsius was recorded in Rajshahi on Sunday. — Star photo

Flash flood takes toll on Boro paddy in Netrakona

From Our Correspondent

NETRAKONA, Apr 10: Hectares of Boro paddy fields in Khallajury thana of the district have gone under flash flood water during the last three days. The flash flood has caused huge damage to croplands in Rangamatia, Rajuail, Khakria and Kirtonkula haor areas. The water level of the river Dano, one of the major rivers in the district, had registered sharp rise. The river overflowed its bank at Khallajury point. Waters from hills in neighbouring India caused the flood. Earlier, pests invaded the Boro paddy seedbeds during the cultivation in Sadar, Khallajury, Madan, Mahanganj, Atapara, Kalmakanda and Durgapur thanas.

Farmers used pesticides during the attack. But that was not effective enough as spurious pesticides flooded the local markets at that time, the growers said. A total of 126,940 hectares of land were brought under Boro cultivation in ten thanas of the district to produce 3,17,840 tons of paddy. Of them, 97,360 hectares were brought under high yielding variety (HYV) and 29,580 hectares under local variety. According to thana-wise break-up, 13,400 hectares were brought under HYV and 3,000 hectares under local variety in Sadar; 11,000 hectares under HYV and 1,000 hectares under

local variety in Purbadhala; 9,300 hectares under HYV and 2,000 hectares under local variety in Durgapur; 10,000 hectares under HYV and 3,000 hectares under local variety in Kalmakanda; 12,000 hectares under HYV and 1,900 hectares under local variety in Kendua; 5,000 hectares under HYV and 3,500 hectares under local variety in Mahanganj; 9,000 hectares under HYV and 1,900 hectares under local variety in Barhatta; 8,000 hectares under HYV and 1,700 hectares under local variety in Atpara; 10,460 hectares under HYV and 3,500 hectares under local variety in Madan; and 9,500 hectares under HYV and 7,500 hectares under local variety in Khallajury.

Arsenic panic in Satkhira

SATKHIRA, Apr 10: Arsenic contaminated in tubewells water has taken a serious turn in Satkhira Pourashava area creating panic among the people, reports BSS. Water of 90 per cent tubewells in Satkhira Pourashava area has found high percentage of arsenic contaminated. People of the poura area are fell sick to drink saline and arsenic contaminated water as there is no alternative source of drinking water. Satkhira Pourashava with

the help of Netherlands Government conducted a survey of 300 tubewells out of their installed 750 tubewells where 90 per cent tubewells were found high percentage of arsenic contaminated. During the survey the district Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) has put red mark on 150 high percentage arsenic contaminated tubewells and advised the people of the affected area not to drink water of the Arsenic contaminated tubewells.

According to World Health Organisation (WHO), 0.05 mg arsenic per litre of water is the tolerable limits for Bangladesh, but samples collected from different parts of the town indicated that the arsenic contents like 0.11 mg in the tubewells water during a survey at Allpur village in the town. 0.21 mg Arsenic has found in a tubewells water in 1997.

The source further said that the high percentage salinity are also found in the water of poura area. According to PHED office, 300-500 PPM salinity in per litre of water is tolerable limits but 1400-1500 PPM salinity has found in some tubewells water of several areas of the town. The people of the poura area are using the high percentage salinity water.

The Pourashava Chairman Ashrafal Haque said about 1.20 lakh people in 22 thousands family are living in the town. Pourashava has connected 1709 water supply line including houses and offices. They also installed 750 tubewells in several areas of the town. Most of the families in the poura area installed tubewells in their own effort, he added.

While contacted the executive engineer of PHED Akru Mian informed that, a water treatment plant has been set up in the town with the help of the Netherlands Government to prevent the danger of Arsenic contamination.

Mentionable that only 1709 family out of 22 thousand families in the poura area are getting pure drinking water but rest of the families are using saline and arsenic contaminated water.

Reopening of Shahjalal University demanded

SYLHET, Apr 10: The general students of Shahjalal Science and Technology University on Sunday demanded immediate reopening of the university and restoration of congenial atmosphere on the campus, reports UNB.

The students brought out a silent procession in the town that paraded the main thoroughfares before terminating at the local press club. Speaking after the procession the students urged the authorities to take necessary steps to reopen the university considering their future.

The University remained closed for five months for disturbances arose from the naming some buildings and halls.

Three cops closed

MYMENSINGH, Apr 10: Three cops were closed from Haluaghat thana of the district Sunday due to negligence to duty, reports UNB.

Police sources said armed dacoits blocked the Myemensingh-Haluaghat road at Gati and looted valuables from the passengers of four vehicles on Saturday night.

Four cops of a patrol team were later caught by the local police allegedly for playing a silent role when their cooperation was sought during the dacoits.

Additional Police Super Shaibal Kanti Chowdhury closed three of them — constables Abdul Kuddus, Jalaluddin and Khorsheed Alam.

Potato farming surpasses target in Chandpur

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Apr 10: Potato cultivation in the district this season has surpassed the target.

Local Agriculture Extension Department (AED) fixed the target to bring 20,000 hectares of land under potato farming. But a total of 30,000 hectares of land have been brought under the cultivation.

Agriculture officials said seeds, fertilisers and other agriculture inputs were supplied to potato growers in time.

The weather has so far been favourable, they said, adding that steps have been taken up to combat possible pest attack.

Besides, AED has set up about 25 demonstration plots to impart training on cultivation and pest management to potato growers in rural areas.

The farmers expect good output of potato this season in the district.

UNB from Natore says: Agriculture officials expect some 12 lakh metric tons of potato will be produced against their target of 10.51 lakh tons from 87,600 hectares of land in 16 northern districts, including Natore, this season.

Meanwhile, the farmers have embarked on harvest. Sharifuddin, a regional agriculture information officer in Rajshahi, said despite belated sowing caused by seed crisis and excessive moisture in soil this year, the growers have been able to produce record amounts of potato.

He said the market price of newly harvested potato is also quite reasonable this year.

A recent visit to a local market showed that Kardinal variety of potato was selling at Tk 120-140 per maund while local varieties at Tk 220-260.

News snaps

World Health Day

MUNSHINGANJ, Apr 10: A discussion on different aspects of health sector of the district was held here in the Civil Surgeon's office premises on Friday in observance of the World Health Day, reports BSS. Civil Surgeon Dr Dil Afroza Huq presided over the meeting. District Awami League President Mohammad Mohiuddin attended as the chief guest while Deputy Commissioner Nurul Huq was present as special guest. Local newsmen also took part in the discussion.

30 injured in fire

NOAKHALI, Apr 10: At least 30 people were injured and 21 shops gutted in a devastating fire at Ramganj Bazar in Ramganj thana Thursday night, reports UNB.

Police said 21 shops of Garibullah market were burnt to ashes in the fire that was originated after a burning lamp overturned on a patrol shop during loadshedding at about 9:30 pm. Firemen, police and local people brought the flame under control after 2-and-a-half hours' efforts. Of the injured, Monir Hossain, 18, an employee of a patrol shop, were admitted to Modern Hospital in critical condition.

20 hurt in armed clash

BARISAL, Apr 10: At least 20 people were injured in an armed clash between police and cadres of outlawed Sarbojha Party following the arrest of their leader at a village in Madaripur district on Thursday, reports UNB.

Police arrested leader of the Quamrul group of Sarbojha Party Humayun Kabir from Char Palardi village in Kalkini thana in the morning. Knowing about Humayun's arrest, his comrades opened fire on police on their way to Kalkini thana. Some 50-60 rounds of gunshots were traded in the gunfight and a good number of bombs were exploded during the troubles. Police later arrested Humayun to Gouranadi thana of neighbouring Barisal district in the face of resistance in Kalkini. On the other hand, hearing about the arrest of Humayun, and accused of innumerable murders, hundreds of people aid siege to the thana demanding his trial.

Man stabbed to death

JESSORE, Apr 10: An alleged smuggler was stabbed to death at village Shikri in Sarsa thana Saturday, police said, reports UNB.

They said Altaf Hossain, 28, son of Khadem Ali of the same village, came under attack by his rival Moteleb group at about 10:30 am when he was reportedly distributing money, earned through smuggling, among his associates. Altaf was stabbed indiscriminately by his rivals as a sequel to a dispute over establishing supremacy at Shikri Ghat, known as a safe haven of smugglers. His accomplices fled the scene. Altaf died on way to Navaron health complex.

Panchagarh Bar Assoc polls

PANCHAGARH, Apr 10: The annual election of the District Bar Association was held at its office here on April 6, reports BSS.

Advocate Abu Taleb and Advocate Aminur Rahman have been elected president and general secretary of the organisation respectively. Other office bearers are vice president Advocate Asrafal Islam, assistant general secretaries Advocate Toslimuddin and Advocate Ismail Hossain, Sarker, sports and social welfare secretary Advocate Ahsan Habib and legal aids secretary Advocate Azaharul Islam.

Old man killed in road accident

GOPALGANJ, Apr 10: An old man was killed in a traffic mishap in front of Fisheries Department on Thursday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Omar Ali Chowkder, 60, of village Borashi was critically injured when a microbus knocked him down while he was returning home at night. He was rushed to Sadar Hospital where he died after admission.

Uplift projects taken up

SHARIATPUR, Apr 10: Naria Municipality has taken up 36 projects under its Annual Development Programme (ADP) at a cost of over Taka 39 lakh in the current fiscal, reports BSS. The programme includes construction and reconstruction of different roads, markets, culverts and drains. According to official sources, the project will be completed within two months.

Smuggled sugar seized

JOYPURHAT, Apr 10: The district task force on Anti-smuggling and BDR in a joint drive seized two trucks with smuggled sugar worth Tk 5 lakh from Danejpur of Panchbibi upazila last week, reports UNB.

Officials said 373 sacks of sugar smuggled from India were being carried in two trucks to reach different destinations. The truck drivers and helpers managed to escape. The trucks along with the sugar were handed over to Bangla Hill Land Port Customs.

Problems grip post offices

KURIGRAM, Apr 10: Most post offices here have been grappled with numerous problems affecting the standard of services, reports UNB.

According to officials, there are 68 post offices here of which 13 are government and 55 non-government. They said 58 of the post offices are being run at rented houses in filthy atmosphere. The condition of post office employees is even worse. They said each extra-departmental office has three employees — extra departmental agent, delivery agent and mail carrier. But they receive Tk below 700 as their monthly salaries.



Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman handing over the Regimental Colour to 'Deadly Tigers', a battalion of the East Bengal Regiment, at Bogra Cantonment on Sunday. — ISPR photo

Regimental Colour presented to Deadly Tigers of East Bengal Regiment

BOGRA, Apr 10: A ceremonial parade marking the presentation of Regimental Colour to a Battalion of the East Bengal Regiment the Deadly Tigers was held at the Bogra Cantonment on Sunday.

In his brief speech on the occasion the Chief of Army Staff said that the members of the East Bengal Regiment earned respect and affection of the countrymen for their contributions to the Liberation War, the post-liberation reconstruction and other public welfare activity. Their role in the Liberation War and their professional efficiency as well as their services to the nation remains eloquent in the history of Bangladesh, he observed. General Mustafiz further said that the Deadly Tigers were awarded with the Regimental Colour in recognition of professional performance and high standard of services to the countrymen.

A veteran freedom fighter General Mustafiz recollected the turbulent days of March '71 and recalled with deep gratitude that the members of the Bangladesh Armed Forces had responded to the clarion call of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and were inspired to make supreme sacrifice.

High civil and military officials were, among others, present on the occasion. The Commanding Officer of the Deadly Tigers, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Makbul Kader commanded the ceremonial parade.

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা

প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, অঞ্চল-৫

আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত সকল শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯/১১ তে সীলমোহরকৃত নামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইবে। আগামী ১৮/৪/২০০০ই তারিখে বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল প্রকৌশল বিভাগ কর্তৃক দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ৫ দিনই বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্র দাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিগণের সম্মুখে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র খোলা হইবে। শতকরা হারে দর অঙ্ক এবং কথায় উভয়ই লিখিত হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের মেয়র মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশে যে কোন সিটিউল ব্যাঙ্কের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে বাযনার টাকা দরপত্রের সহিত জমা দিতে হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল অঞ্চলের নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়ে এবং অঞ্চল-৫ এর প্রকৌশল বিভাগ ও হিসাব বিভাগের কার্যালয়ে নিকট হইতে প্রতিবেদন নির্ধারিত মূল্যের বিনিময়ে করপোরেশনের চালান মারফত (অফিসের/স্বাক্ষর) দরপত্র শর্তাবলী, সিটিউল জন্ম করা হইবে। এতদ সন্মত বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অঞ্চল-৫ এর নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর হইতে জানা যাইবে।

কোন দরপত্রদাতা দরপত্রের ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচ ভাগ) অপেক্ষা অধিক নিম্ন দর এবং ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচ ভাগ) অপেক্ষা অধিক উর্ধ্ব দর প্রদান করিলে উক্ত দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। একাধিক ঠিকাদার দরপত্রের একই দর প্রদান করিলে প্রকৃষ্ট লটারির মাধ্যমে ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান নির্বাচনের কাজ সম্পন্ন করা হইবে।

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খাত : সড়ক খনন

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৪)	ধানমন্ডি আ/এ রোড নং ১৪ (নতুন) এলাকায় ঢাকা	টাকা ১,৯৭,৮১৭/-	টাকা ৫,৯৩৫/-	২৫ "
৫)	ওয়সা কর্তৃক খননকৃত রাস্তার মেয়ামত কাজ।	টাকা ২,২৭,৮৩০/-	টাকা ৬,৮৩৭/-	৩০ "

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী
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Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation
Krishi Bhaban
49-51, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000
(Purchase Division)

Local Tender Notice

- Tender No & date : 1-Seed (P)154/99-2000 dt 30-3-2000.
- Description of stores : 70-80cc Motor Cycle 13 Nos.
- Name of project : i) Pulse & Oil Seed Project 2 Nos.
ii) Potato Seed Project 11 Nos.
- Sale price of tender : Tk 200.00 (Taka two hundred) documents (non-refundable)
- Last date of selling of tender documents : 24-04-2000 during office hours.
- Date & time of submission of tender : 25-04-2000 at 12.00 hours.
- Date & time of opening of tender : 25-04-2000 at 12.05 hours.
- Place of submission of tender : Tender box kept in front of the Purchase Division (3rd floor), BADC, Krishi Bhaban, 49-51, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- Place of opening of tender : In the office room of Manager (Purchase)-I, Purchase Division, BADC, Dhaka.
- Source of fund : Local currency.

1) Tender documents can be purchased on cash payment on all working days during office hours from the Cash Section of Accounts Division (3rd floor), BADC, Krishi Bhaban, 49-51, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.

2) Tender documents will not be sold on the date of opening & closing of tender.

3) No tender documents or part thereof will be accepted after closing of the tender.

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Abdul Gafur Khan
Manager (Purchase)-1
BADC, Dhaka

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Facilities Department, Ministry of Education
Shikha Bhawan, Bangladesh, Dhaka.

Re-Tender Notice

Notice No. GPM/08/FD(1999-2000) Dated: 02/04/2000

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 are hereby invited from the bonafide Sole Distributors/Dealers for supplying vehicle for Facilities Department, Ministry of Education, under the project "Development of Madrasha (Govt. & Non-Gvt)". The number of vehicles and specification etc. are mentioned in the tender document.

The tender documents may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on all working days during office hour on cash payment of Tk. 750/- (Taka seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) for each set of document up to 17.04.2000 on submission of a written application on printed letter head pad of the bidder.

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned upto 12:00 hours on 19.04.2000 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of the bidders, if thereby any.

Each tender must accompany with earnest money @2% (two per cent) of the total bid amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of the CHIEF ENGINEER, FACILITIES DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SHIKHA BHABAN, DHAKA.

Instruction:

- Insertion of any additional clause in the tender by the tenderer shall be liable to summarily rejection.
- An authorisation certificate from the manufacturer/sole distributor showing the ready stock, service/spare parts availability must be attached along with the bid document without which the offer will not be considered.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Md. Idris Ali
Executive Engineer
For/Chief Engineer
Facilities Department

DFP-7904-5/4
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Office of the Executive Engineer
Operation and Maintenance Division
Lalbagh, DESA, Dhaka

Tender Notice

Sealed tender No. DESA (O&M) Lalbagh/128/210M Dated: 2.4.2000 is hereby invited in PDB form No. T-2 from DESA enlisted contractors/supplier & bonafide businessman for supplying of different size of (a) Marcri bolb, bolb seed, chock and holder, (b) Different size of Coper Rod, and Coper Nut, (c) Different size of soft aluminium binding ware, (d) Different size of binding ware, (e) Different size of Coper Lug, and (f) Different size of Tind coper fuse ware under operation and Maintenance Division, Lalbagh, DESA, Dhaka.

Tender documents are obtainable in the office of the General Manager, Consumer Services (South), DESA, Dhaka, Superintending Engineer, Consumer Services, Postagola Circle, DESA, Dhaka. Executive Engineer (Com. Operation Division, Lalbagh, O&M Division, Postagola, Com Operation Division, Postagola). Manager, Agrani Bank, Roy Shaheb Bazar Branch, Dhaka on payment of Tk 50/- (fifty) only (non-refundable) per set as Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Addl. Director, Regional Accounting Officer, DESA, Dhaka on producing necessary papers in favour of the firm obtaining pre-permission from the respective offices during office hour up to 14.5.2000. The tender will be received up to 12:00 (Noon) on 15.5.2000 in the office of the General Manager, Consumer Service (South), Superintending Engineer, Consumer Service, Postagola Circle, DESA, Dhaka and the undersigned offices will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in present of the bidders or their authorised representative (if any). Each tender should be accompanied as earnest money Tk 5% (five per cent) on the tender amount in the shape of Pay Order/Bank Draft. The estimated cost Tk 5% above or lowest bidder clarification must be submitted with tender. If the estimated cost Tk 5% to 10% lowest bidder along with additional 10%+ estimated cost Tk 5% = i.e. Tk 15% to be submitted with the tender as earnest money. The above mentioned Pay Order/Bank Draft (issue from any schedule bank) in favour of the Additional Director, Regional Accounting Office, DESA, Dhaka.

The undersigned reserves every right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

Executive Engineer
O&M Division, Lalbagh
DESA, Dhaka

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