

# Mujibnagar Day in Meherpur Renewed pledge for building prosperous Sonar Bangla

MUJIBNAGAR, Meherpur, Apr 18: The world community supported desire for independent Bangladesh after Pakistani rulers refused to accept people's verdict given in the 1970 general elections, reports UNB.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad said this while addressing a public meeting here on Monday organised by Meherpur district administration to mark the historic Mujibnagar Day. He called for taking a renewed pledge on the occasion for building a happy and prosperous Sonar Bangla. "We will have to expedite the national progress by giving up the path of terrorism and anarchy," he said.

The Foreign Minister, accompanied by Awami League president member Syeda Zohra Tazuddin, State Minister for Social Welfare Dr Mozammel Hossain and local MPs,

laid wreath at Mujibnagar Memorial and stood there in solemn silence for some time.

Students of different schools in the district performed a display on "Eternal Bangla" highlighting formation of the government in exile, sufferings of refugees during the war, lives of farmers, *bauls* and *boishnabs*, boat race, bridal party and education.

The district administration also arranged various other programmes on the occasion.

Addressing the rally, Samad Azad termed the formation of first Bangladesh government at Mujibnagar as a unique incident in the history of the country. "The event will remain as an unparalleled one in the national history."

Abdus Samad Azad told the rally that the present government is committed to upholding the historic significance of Mujibnagar and development of the area.

It was also addressed by Awami League president member Syeda Zohra Tazuddin, State Minister for Social Welfare Dr Mozammel Hossain and MPs Prof Abdul Mannan and Anjuman Ara Jamil with DC Jaimrul Islam presiding.

Zohra Tazuddin said Mujibnagar government gave the political leadership in the liberation war with the spirit of Bangabandhu and organised all at home and abroad for independence of Bangladesh.

Elaborating on importance of Mujibnagar, Dr Mozammel said a children's complex will be built here at a cost of Tk 3.10 crore and interest-free loan be given in four unions of the thana.

He further informed that the government already had allocated Tk 9 lakh for orphanage and Tk 2 lakh for mothers' welfare in Bhopopara of Mujibnagar.



A three-day training workshop on "Bank SME Clients Training in Strengthening Business and Marketing Department" ended at Technical Training Centre in Bogra on April 10. The training programme was organised and sponsored by USAID funded JOBS programme in collaboration with Micro Enterprise Development Unit of Agrani Bank. It was conducted by the Centre for Human Excellence. Photo shows (From L-R) Md Ashrafuzzaman, Programme Director of Centre for Human Excellence, Prof M Shamsul Haque, Chairman, Centre for Human Excellence, M Amjad Hossain Tajma, President of Bogra Chamber of Commerce, Kazi Borhan Amin Raj, Director, Finance of Centre for Human Excellence and M Masrur Reaz, Director of Public Relation of Centre for Human Excellence at the closing and certificate awarding programme of the workshop.

# Banana farming gains momentum

From Aminul Islam

MYMENSINGH, Apr 18: Cultivation of banana is gaining popularity in the district because of the crop's profitability.

In nine thanas out of 12 in the district, banana cultivation has increased over the years.

Farmers said cultivation of banana is more profitable than that of paddy, wheat and jute. According to Agriculture Extension Department (AED) sources, some 1,720 hectares of land were brought under banana cultivation in nine thanas of the district this season. The cultivation, however, surpassed the target, sources said.

According to AED, a total of 470 hectares of land were brought under the cultivation in Trishal, 110 hectares in Gargaon, 450 hectares in Bhaluka, 420 hectares in Muk-

tagachha, 50 hectares in Sadar, 90 hectares in Gouripur, 60 hectares in Iswarganj, 50 hectares in Nandail and 20 hectares in Haluaghat thana.

Three varieties of banana were cultivated during the season here. The varieties are Sasi, Sagar and Meherjan.

Md Rafiqul Islam, an official local AED, said a farmer can easily earn Taka 40-45 thousand by cultivating banana in one acre of land.

He also said that the weather condition of the district is suitable for the cultivation.

He also said the AED is always ready to extend all sorts of help and co-operation to the banana growers here.

"Now the cultivation method has developed and farmers have

to use modern cultivation method instead of traditional method for better yield," added the official.

Sirajganj Prokrichi (BCS) Coordination Council's discussion

From Akhteruzzaman Bablu

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 18: A discussion and view exchange meeting was arranged here recently by Prokrichi-BCS Coordination Council, Sirajganj unit at the training hall of the Deputy Director of Agriculture Extension Department.

The meeting presided over by Engineer A K Azad, Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), was attended by Agriculturist M Enamul Haque, Vice-President of Prokrichi-BCS Central Coordination Council, President of Prokrichi Central Coordination Council and DG, Agriculture Extension Department.

The meeting dwelt on inter-cadre disparity and progress of the movement of Prokrichi.

One of the members, M Nazrul Islam answered to the questions of other members. Then the meeting welcomed the new initiatives of the central coordination council.

The chief guest urged the 26-cadre Prokrichi (BCS) members to work unitedly for realising this just demands. He expressed his deep satisfaction for development of the work of Sirajganj district unit.

Agriculturist Abdul Zabbar Miah presented the note on overall activities of the organisation. He thanked the central leaders for their presence here.

Agriculturist Fazlul Karim, Member Secretary, Prokrichi-BCS Coordination Council conducted the meeting.

# Chicken pox in Satkhira Diarrhoea, dysentery break out in southern dists

BARISAL, Apr 18: Diarrhea and dysentery have broken out in the southern districts under Barisal division in an epidemic form during some days past, reports BSS.

The Barisal Divisional Health office sources said a total of 3,352 persons including women and children have been attacked with diarrhoea in the six districts of the region in the last three weeks. The sources also claimed that the situation is now under control of this department here.

Of the total, 93 persons were attacked with diarrhoea in Barisal district, 864 persons in Jhalakathi, 781 persons in Patuakhali, 769 persons in Bhola, 664 persons in Pirojpur and 181 persons in Barguna districts.

Non-official sources claimed that at least one thousand people of the region attacked with this disease in this period and same number of people were also attacked with dysentery in the rural and urban areas of six southern districts under the region just after, the holy Eid-ul-Azha.

The worst affected areas are: Mehendiganj and Hizla thanas of Barisal district, Nalchity, Rajapur and Kathalia thanas of Jhalakathi district, Baulal, Mirjagonj and Dashmina of

Patuakhali district, Tazumuddin, Lalimohon and Monpara thanas of Bhola district, Bhandaria, Nazipur, and Mathbaria of Pirojpur district and Patharghata, Kalapara and Banna thanas of Barguna district.

The doctors attributed that due to lack of safe water and sanitation awareness among the people the diseases are spreading fast at the adjoining areas.

The divisional health office sources said the overall situation is not so alarming. The sources told that at least 352 medical teams have been work-

ing to fight against the diseases.

However, no death toll was reported from anywhere of the region.

UNB from Satkhira says: About 4,000 people of three thanas have been attacked with chicken pox as the disease broke out in an epidemic form.

# Weavers pass hard days in Satkhira

From Abu Ahmed

SATKHIRA, Apr 18: Weavers in the district are passing hard days due to price hike of yarn and lack of marketing facilities for their products.

About 25,000 weavers in four thanas depend on the professions to earn their living, but now they are unable to run their factories mainly because of capital dearth.

The weavers of Nalta, Shetpur, Rotonpur and Nazimganj in Kaliganj thana; Sarulia, Kumira, Islampur and Magura in Tala thana; Bhadiali, Kakkanda and Sonabaria in Kalara thana; and Tahigacha, Satani, Agardari and Banshdal in Sadar thana produce *saree*, *gachha*, *lungi* and other clothes and sell in local markets.

Smuggled clothes from neighbouring India have flooded the local markets. Products of the local weavers cannot compete with the low-priced smuggled goods. Besides,

due to lack of marketing facilities local cannot reach other parts of the country.

Comparatively low-priced smuggled goods enjoy easy access to buyers, much to sufferings of local weavers.

Many weavers have closed their factories in recent years, giving rise to unemployment in the district.

Moreover, a large number of weavers in four thanas have been contemplating to give up their ancestral profession as they are passing hard days, local people said.

RANGPUR, Apr 18: Distribution of rice among the distressed persons, under special VGF programme, has begun in Rangpur, reports BSS.

# UP by-polls held in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 18: Mahfuja Pervin was elected chairman of Shuradanga union parishad (UP) in Bagmara thana recently.

The by-election to the post was held following the murder of the incumbent Chairman Golan Rabbani. Mahfuja Pervin is the wife of Rabbani.

Rabbani was killed on January 16 allegedly by the activists of outlawed Sarbahara Party.

Pervin defeated her only rival Rajshahi district unit president of CPB Mohsin Ali, who is one of the accused in Rabbani murder case.

Mahfuja Pervin bagged 6,430 votes, while Mohsin Ali got 4,908 votes.

**Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation**  
Eastern Wood Works  
185/A, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka

## Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide supplier establishment/manufacturing establishment of hardware and polish and stationery goods for supply of hardware, polish and stationery goods.

Serial No	Name of goods	Cost of schedule	Date and time of receiving tender
1)	Hardware goods	Tk 300.00	25-4-2000 at 12:00 Noon.
2)	Polish and stationery goods	Tk. 300.00	-Do-

Tender containing terms and conditions will be available till 24-4-2000 from this unit and the cashier of BFIDC headquarters, 73, Motijheel C/Area, Dhaka on payment of the said cost (non-refundable). Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Co-ordination Officer of the Director (Finance), BFIDC headquarters, 73, Motijheel C/Area, Dhaka and this unit till 25-4-2000, 12:00 Noon and will be opened the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any one remains present). No schedule will be sold on the day of receiving tender.

The authority reserves the power to accept or reject tender without assigning any reason.

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Phone: 600825.

# Ershad for punishment to Kalaroa terrorists

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Apr 18: Jatiya Party chairman H M Ershad urged the people to be united to replace the ruling corrupt and inefficient Awami League government by a democratic government for saving the country from ruin.

"People do not want to see this government in power any more as the country is on the verge of destruction due to misrule of the present government," Ershad said while addressing a big public meeting at Sakhiur KBA College ground in Debhata thana on Monday afternoon.

"The present government even failed to ensure safety in the SSC examination centre at Kalaroa Government College sub-centre in Kalaroa thana where four persons including a SSC examinee and a female teacher were killed by the terrorists of the ruling party on March 2 last."

He demanded arrest and punishment to the terrorists involved in the incident.

The former president said, "we are united to oust this corrupt and inefficient government as there is no alternative to ouster of the government to save the people." He called for making all their agitation programmes successful to hasten the fall of what he termed 'terrorist government'.

JP chairman introduced Kazi Alauddin as Jatiya Party nominee in the next general elections.

Presided over by Kazi Alauddin, the meeting was also addressed by JP president member Syeda Razia Foyez, Secretary General Nazim Rahman Monir, Alhaj Abdul Gamil, Abdul Fazal and others.

# Special VGF programme

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# Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Public Works Timber Workshop Division  
Mirpur, Dhaka.

## Tender Invitation Notice

Memo No: TWD/26/2980 Dated: 6/4/2000  
23/12/1406

- Tender Notice No : 107/1999-2000.
- Tenders in sealed envelopes in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 on item rate basis are hereby invited from 1st/2nd and 3rd classes E/M contractors with the licences of the Public Works Department and who have the registration certificate of the Value Added Tax Department for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/E/M Workshop Division including the office of the undersigned and Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka as per following date and time and will be opened the same day at 12:15 PM before the tenderers (if anyone remains present).
- Name of work : Supply of mixed materials for polishing, and making, fitting and fixing of leaf of netted window with the wage of the labourer (group-3).
- Estimated cost : At the rate of 2% of the rate quoted by contractor.
- Security money : 20 (twenty) days.
- Time for completion of work : 26/4/2000 (during office hours).
- Last date of selling tender : 27/4/2000 (at 12:00 Noon).
- Last date of receiving tender : 27/4/2000 (at 12:00 Noon).
- On the basis of item of schedule will have to be quoted in figures and words legibly. Mentionable that more than two figures after decimal cannot be used.
- Security money in the form of BD/PO/CD/SDR/ Protrakkha Sanchaya Patra from any scheduled bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Timber Workshop Division must be submitted with the tender. Without this tenders will be treated as rejected.
- Schedule of work, rules and regulations of contract etc can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned, office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/E/M Workshop Division and Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka on payment of Taka 425/- only in cash (non-refundable) till the last day of selling tender. Contractor himself or person authorised by him can purchase tender by producing all the necessary papers including registration register.
- The authority reserves the power to accept or reject any tender without any reason.

**Executive Engineer**  
Public Works Timber Workshop Division  
Mirpur, Dhaka.

DFP-8661-12/4  
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— Star photo

# News snaps

## Nor'wester hits Shariatpur

SHARIATPUR, Apr 18: Nor'wester swept over the district on Monday morning causing extensive damage to kutchha houses and standing crops, reports UNB.

Officials estimated more than 1,000 dwelling houses were damaged in seven thanas rendering several thousand people homeless. Many trees were uprooted and standing crops on vast areas affected by the storm.

## Bright prospect of turnip farming

NAOGAON, Apr 18: The district has immense potentials to grow turnip as soil and climate here proved to be more suitable for its cultivation, reports UNB.

Agriculture officials said the demand for foreign turnip has marked a rise in the country in recent times and our growers could easily grab its market. The ideal time for cultivation of turnip is Falgun to Jaishtha and it could be harvested within 7-8 months of cultivation. According to the officials, the land which has adequate organic and drainage system is best for its farming. Cow dung, waste, urea and DAP fertilisers and potash could be used for a good harvest.

## EPI programme succeeds

RANGPUR, Apr 18: Some 75,235 expecting mothers and 2,79,899 children were immunised under the Expanded Programme of Immunisation (EPI) in eight thanas and one municipality last year, reports UNB.

Officials said Tetanus Toxoid (TT) vaccines were given to 75,235 mothers, BCG to 71,933 children, DPT injection to 69,638 children, polio drops to 69,237 children and measles vaccines to 69,091 children during the period. A total of 2,072 immunisation centres were set up in the thanas and Rangpur Municipality to conduct the immunisation drive while 2,271 men engaged for implementation of the programme. Meanwhile, some 83,533 pregnant mothers and 2,41,936 children were brought under the programme for this year.

## Power in every village planned

NARAYANGANJ, Apr 18: Science and Technology Minister Lt General (ret'd) Noor Uddin Khan has said the government is pledge-bound to reach electricity to the doorsteps of people in every village of the country, reports BSS.

"Electricity is a precondition for development," he said while inaugurating the electricity connection yesterday at the remote Kalapahar union, situated on the bank of the river Meghna, under Aral Hazar thana.

President over by local UP Chairman AKM Fazul Haque, the function was addressed, among others by, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Prof Rafiqul Islam, Alhaj Emdadul Haque Buiyan, MP, former lawmaker Shamsul Haque, Chairman of Rural Electrification Board MA Malek and Managing Director of Titas Gas Sikkandar Hayat Khan.

## Medical services hampered

NAOGAON, Apr 18: Medical services in hospitals are seriously being hampered as over 50 per cent posts of physician and health worker have long been lying vacant, reports UNB.

Official sources said 93 posts, out of 163, in Sadar Hospital, thana health complexes and other government health centres could not yet be filled up despite repeated appeals. In the 100-bed Sadar Hospital, considered as a dependable healthcare centre for 26 lakh people, the posts of Dental Surgeon, ENT and pathological technicians are lying vacant, inflicting sufferings on the patients. The Dental Surgeon of the hospital is now working in Rajshahi on deputation. When asked the Civil Surgeon said the higher authorities have already been informed about the dismal condition of the hospital.



A reception was accorded to the prominent citizens of Moulvi Bazar on April 7 last by the local Gujjan Sambardhana Parisad (Committee for According Reception to Prominent Citizens). — Star photo

## ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন

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### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকানারগণের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯১১তে সীলমোহরবদ্ধকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। আগামী ২৪/৪/২০০০ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা, জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা এবং ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল অঞ্চলের প্রকৌশল শাখা কর্তৃক দরপত্র গৃহীত হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিগণের সম্মুখে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। খোঁজা হইবে। শতকরা হার দর অর্কে এবং কথায় উচ্চমই লিখিত হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য করা হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের মেয়র মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিভিল ইঞ্জিনিয়ার বায়কোট/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে বায়নার টাকা হিসাবে দরপত্রের লিখিত জমা দিতে হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল অঞ্চলের আঞ্চলিক অফিস এবং হিসাব বিভাগের হিসাবরক্ষক এর নিকট হইতে প্রতি সেট নির্ধারিত মূল্যে চাহানের মাধ্যমে জমাাদানপূর্বক (অফেরতযোগ্য) টেন্ডারের শর্তাবলী, সিভিল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারি জন্ম করা যাইবে। সিভিল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারের প্রাক্কালে ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্ত ও চলতি নবায়নের কাগজপত্রাদি দাখিল করিতে হইবে। এতদসঙ্গেও বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অঞ্চল-৮ (মিরপুর) এর প্রকৌশল শাখায় নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তরে জানা যাইবে।

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### Extension of closing date of Tender No TCB/IMP-03/2000 dt 29.3.2000 for import of 25,000 M Tons ± 10% sugar by TCB

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances, it has been decided by the Authority to extend the closing date of the captioned tender up to 1300 hours on 23.4.2000 instead of 1130 hours on 22.4.2000 as announced earlier. Accordingly the tender will now be opened on 23.4.2000 at 1310 hours.

All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged.

**AIM Amanullah**  
Senior Executive (Import-II)

GD-353