

Fund shortage hampers works on Magura District Jail project

From Hossain Seraj

MAGURA, Apr 26: Three hundred and six prisoners are compelled to live in sub-human condition in the old district jail due to non-completion of work on Magura District Jail project till filing of this report.

Fund shortage has

compelled the prisoners to live in such a pitiable condition in the old jail building built 150 years ago with a capacity of only 42 prisoners.

The lives of district jail inmates have become miserable now. Their sufferings know no

bounds as they have to pass sleepless nights due to lack of accommodation.

"We hardly sleep at night as 293 persons have been living here in the male ward which has the accommodation capacity of only 36 persons."

said Ashrafuzzaman Shameem, an accused of a case under Public Safety Act (PSA).

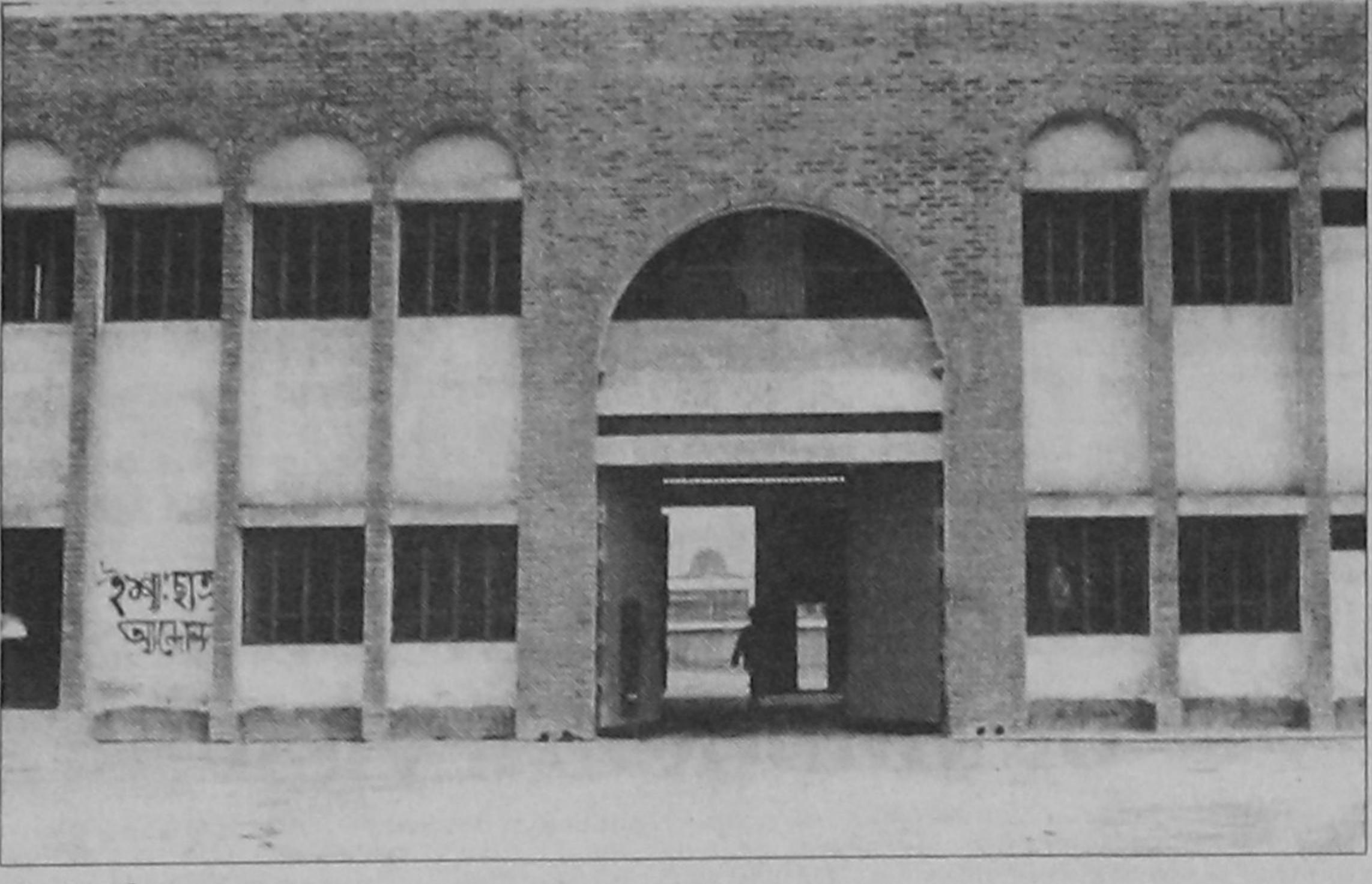
The old building was built in 1849 with the accommodation capacity of 36 male and six female prisoners.

According to an official source, as on March 27 this year, the number of inmates in male and female wards of this building stood at 306, which is about seven times higher than the actual accommodation capacity. When produced before the local magistrate court some inmates told this correspondent that influential prisoners have been collecting money regularly from the non-locals for giving opportunity to sleep at night under the nose of the jail authorities.

The authorities have turned a deaf ear to the prisoners' complaints.

A project plan was taken up to set up the new jail building on six acres of land at Satara area of Magura municipality at a cost of Taka 9.18 crores in 1996. The project is being implemented under the supervision of local Public Works Department (PWD).

But only Tk 7.45 crores had been sanctioned. Of which 80 per cent of the construction work have been completed. Rest of the money is yet to be sanctioned to complete the rest construction work of the new district jail.



No fund Fund shortage hampering the work on Magura District Jail building. — Star photo

Four unnatural deaths in Feni

From Our Correspondent

FENI, Apr 26: For unnatural deaths were reported in the last nine days in the district.

According to police and witness, Jaliangir, 32, of village Birinchi under Sadar upazila was crushed the wheels of a train at Sahadevpur rail crossing near the town on April 19.

The accident occurred when the victim was crossing the rail track at about 10 pm.

The body was taken to Feni Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)
Grameen Gas Distribution Project

প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস একটি সীমিত সম্পদ এর অপচয় রোধ করুন

Tender Notice

| Sl. No. | Description of works | Estimated cost (In Tk) | Cost of tender document (Non-refundable) | Completion time |
|---------|--|------------------------|--|-------------------|
| A. | Construction of 4 (four) bar gas pipe line from Horna to, Bancharmpur Upazilla Head Quarter and its adjoining area including Ujanchar under Comilla & Brahmanbaria district. | 22,98,471.56 | Tk. 1,000.00 per set | 90 (Ninety) days |
| B. | Construction of 4 (four) bar gas pipe line from Amirabad (Gourpur) to Kachua Upazilla Head Quarter under Comilla & Chandpur district. | 33,41,452.90 | Tk. 1,000.00 per set | 90 (Ninety) days |
| C. | Construction of 4 (four) bar gas pipe line at Saldanedi Gas Field and its adjacent area under Kosba Upazilla in the district of Brahmanbaria. | 11,05,514.56 | Tk. 1,000.00 per set | 90 (Ninety) days. |

Qualification of Contractor: Contractor(s) having license of category of 1.3/1.4. enlisted with Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited for the financial year 1999-2000 are eligible for these works. Contractors of on going project are not allowed to participate in the tender, if they have not completed 75% of their works within the scheduled time. In this connection an up dated performance certificate from competent authority must be submitted along with the offer.

Where tender schedule will be available:

- a) Finance & Account Department, BGSL, Chapapur, Comilla 3500.
- b) Accounts Section, BGSL, 137/CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong-4203.
- c) Liaison Office, BGSL, House No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka-1213.
- d) Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Petrocenter, 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
- e) Accounts Division, BAPEX, Ibrahim Mansion, 4th Floor, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000.
- f) Accounts Division, Titas Gas T&D Company Ltd., 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
- g) Accounts Division, RPGCL, BSEC Bhaban, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
- h) Accounts Division, Bangladesh Gas Fields Ltd., Court Road, Brahmanbaria 3400.
- i) Accounts Division, Jalalabad Gas T&D Company Ltd., Gas Bhaban, Mendibag, Sylhet 3100.
- j) Accounts Division, Sylhet Gas Fields Company Ltd., Chiknagool, Horipur, Sylhet.
- k) Accounts Division, Gas Transmission Company Ltd., House No. 1, Road No. 12, Sector No. 3, Uttara, Dhaka-1230.

Period of selling of tender documents:

From 27.04.2000 to 10.05.2000 during office hours.

Place, date & time of tender receiving:

Places as mentioned in the tender schedule. On 11.05.2000 up to 12.00 Noon.

Date & time of tender opening:

On 11.05.2000 at 12:10 PM.

If the tender opening date happens to fall on any govt. holiday, bids shall be received & opened at same places and hours on the first subsequent working day.

Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Atomic Energy Research Establishment

(Ganakbari, Savar)

GPO Box 3787, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

Telex: 632203 BJ, Fax: 880-2-863051

Dated: 11.4.2000

Ref No: CTF-Admn-1(138)/98

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the following groups of works of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka-

| Group No | Name of work | Amount of earnest money | Cost of tender document (non-refundable) | Qualification of tenderers |
|----------|--|-------------------------|--|---|
| "A" | Construction of Road | Tk 25000/- | Tk 1000/- | Enlisted contractors (A&B categories) of AERE, Savar. |
| "B" | Modification of Boundary Wall (Eastern Side) | Tk 2500/- | Tk 100/- | Enlisted contractors of AERE, Savar |

Tender document containing the detailed specifications, terms & conditions of the respective group of works may be purchased on cash payment of the amount shown against each group of works mentioned above from this office on all working days during office hours up to 9.5.2000 on written request and prior permission. Tender with earnest money noted against each group of works in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of 'Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Savar' shall have to be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned up to 2:30 PM on 10.5.2000 and will be opened the same day at 2:45 PM in presence of tenderers (if any, who may wish to be present). If the dropping and opening of the tender are not possible on the scheduled date due to unavoidable circumstances, the same shall be done on the next working day at the same time. No tender document shall be sold on the date fixed for opening the tenders.

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

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Director

Central Engineering Facilities

4 killed in cyclone in Sylhet

SYLHET, Apr 26: Four persons were killed in a cyclone which swept over the district on Monday, reports BSS.

The cyclone left a trail of destruction on standing crops and properties. Many *kutchha* houses were also destroyed.

The victims identified as Mohammad Ali, 50, Bachchu Meah, 30, Ziaur Rahman, 20, and Baset Meah, 25, all farm labourers, were in the field for harvesting during the cyclone.

Meanwhile our Faridpur correspondent says: A Nor'wester of moderate intensity swept over the district in the afternoon of April 15 causing immense loss to standing crops, *kutchha* dwelling houses

and mangoes.

More than 10 thousand *kutchha* houses suffered complete or partial damage. A good number of trees were uprooted blocking the roads and highways.

Some electric poles were uprooted disrupting electricity supply to the rural areas.

Besides, onion plants and onion seeds in the fields suffered damages in some areas. On the other hand, a little shower, the nor'wester accompanied has proved a blessing to the growth of IRRI-Boro plants in the fields.

However, casualties of human lives have not been reported.



An old banyan tree was uprooted by a nor'wester which lashed recently Pukurpara area under Shahjadpur Municipality. — Star photo by Akhteruzzaman Bablu.

Jhenidah farmers expect good Boro output

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Apr 26: Farmers in the district are expecting good harvest of Boro paddy in the current season.

Favourable weather and availability of quality seeds, fertiliser and pesticides during the cultivation have been attributed to prospect of good harvest.

Agriculture Extension Department (AED) fixed a target to produce 43,560 metric tons of paddy on 15,050 hectares of land in Sadar upazila; 16,820 mts on 5,800 hectares in Shailakupa; 18,800 mts on 6,500 hectares in Harina Kundu; 37,700 mts on 13,000 hectares in Kaliganj; 11,252 mts on 3,880 hectares in Kotchandpur and 55,100 hectares of land in Molespur.

Acting on a tip off, police raided a video shop to arrest Real Hossain, a BCL leader of Kaitgaon area in the town, at about 10 pm.

Sensing police presence, Real opened fire from his revolver on ASI Khondoker Zahir and tried to flee away. But, they caught him.

Police said Real is also an accused of a number of cases.

This correspondent recently visited some parts of Sadar, Shailakupa and Molespur up-

azillas thanas and talked to a number of farmers. The farmers expressed their hope that they would harvest good crop this season.

Jalil Molla, 47, of village Khalispur in Molespur upazila said this season he brought one hectare of land under the cultivation. I expect 3.8 mts of paddy worth Taka about 50,000, said Molla, who spent Taka 18,000 for the cultivation.

However, some farmers have already started harvesting.

BANDARBAN: A bandarban town unit BCL council

BANDARBAN, Apr 26: Council session of Bandarban town unit and Bandarban Government College unit of Bangladesh Chhahata League (BCL) was held at Bandarban Town Club premises on Tuesday, reports BSS.

The council session was opened by Lakshminanda Das while Mozammel Haq Bahadur was in the chair.

Notice Inviting Tender of RHD

1. Tender Notice : 23-BRD/1999-2000. No
2. Name of work : Construction of Toe-wall at 14th, 15th & 16th KM of Bogra-Shariatkandi Road under Road Division, Begra during the year 1999-2000.
3. Estimated cost : Tk. 8,40,000/- only.
4. Earnest money : Tk. 16,800/- only.
5. Head of accounts : 266-C.A.
6. Time allowed : 35 (thirty five) days from the date of issue of work order.
7. Eligibility of contractor : "A" to "D" special category contractor of RHD.
8. Last date of selling tender documents (within office hours) : Upto 03/05/2000.
9. Date & time of receiving of tenders : Up to 12:30 pm on 04/05/2000.
10. Date & time for opening of tender box by other receiving officers : At 12:45 pm on 04/05/2000.
11. Date & time of opening of all the tender by the undersigned : At 11:00 am on 08/05/2000.
12. Date & time of lottery if required : At 11:00 am on 10/05/2000.
13. Name of offices where tender will be received : i) Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur. ii) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Rangpur/Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. iii) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Joypurhat/Lalmirhat. iv) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Joypurhat/Lalmirhat/Planning Division (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka Sub-divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Bogra/Sherpur.
14. Name of offices where tender documents can be purchased : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Joypurhat/Lalmirhat/Planning Division (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka Sub-divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Bogra/Sherpur.

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Md Jalilur Rahman Pramanik
Executive Engineer, RHD.
Road Division, Bogra.

News snaps

Japanese team to visit Bagerhat

BAGERHAT, Apr 26: A 3-member Japanese delegation will arrive here on May 2 to see different self-employment projects for development of youths taken up here with external assistance, reports BSS.

During the week-long stay the members of the delegation will visit the government and non-government projects including poultry farming and shrimp-cultivation in Sadar, Kachua, Mongla, Fakirhat, Rampal, and Mollarhat. Senior officials of the government will accompany the delegation.

Lightning kills farm worker

SUNAMGANJ, Apr 26: A young farm worker was killed and two others received injuries in lightning at Nakoura haor in Sadar thana on Monday, reports BSS.