

Feni  
DIARY

From Our Correspondent

96 deep tubewells  
to be installed

FENI, June 12: A total of 96 deep tubewells will be installed in five upazilas in the district soon to ease the water scarcity problem, official sources said.

According to local Public Health and Engineering Department (PHED) sources, of the deep tubewells, 27 will be installed in Sadar upazila, 17 in Sonagazi upazila, 26 in Daganbhuyan upazila, 14 in Porshuram upazila and 12 in Chhagalniya upazila.

Drug addict  
found dead

A drug addict was found dead in Gazicross Road area in the town last week.

The dead was identified as Mohammed Balal, 20. Residents said Balal, who used to take heroin, was infamous for his addiction in the area. No case was filed in this connection.

## Two convicted

A court here recently sentenced two people, including a primary schoolteacher, to five years' imprisonment for torturing a woman.

According to prosecution story, Swapan Chandra Paul, the schoolteacher, and his brother Shyamal Chandra Paul of village Kajirbag under Sadar upazila beat Sabita Rani Paul, wife of Shankar Chandra Paul of the same family following an altercation on May 20, 1997. After examining witnesses and records, the court found the two brothers guilty and pronounced the verdict.

Two killed in  
road accident

Two people were killed and five others injured as a truck ramed into in a roadside slum at Mohipal on Friday.

The dead were identified as Mohammad Shahin, 20, and Bayelid, 32. Witnesses and police said the accident occurred when a truck hit the slum after the driver lost his control. The injured were admitted to Feni Sadar Hospital.

450 bottles of  
phensidyl  
seized

Police seized 450 bottles of Indian phensidyl syrup and arrested five people in this connection from Subapur under Chhagalniya upazila on Friday.

Acting on a tip-off, police intercepted a microbus and recovered the contraband from the vehicle. Five passengers of the vehicle were also arrested. They were identified as Mohsin, Nur Mohammad, Jahangir, Motiur Rahman and Jasimuddin.

Pests invade C'nawabganj  
mango gardens

From Abdul Wadood

RAJSHAHI, June 12: Pest attacks have imposed serious threats on production of mango during the current season.

In Chapainawabganj, the main mango producing area of the country, pests have extensively attacked most of the mango gardens.

Though it was off-year for mango production, almost 70 per cent mango trees abundantly blossomed and grew mangoes. Early in the season, continued drought and later frequent storms and hailstorm made harms to growing mangoes. Despite these hindrances, experts and farmers were expecting a satisfactorily good harvest of mango during this season.

But recent pest attacks have put the expectation at stake.

Abdul Jabbar of Ranihati area in Chapainawabganj sadar upazila said, "one kind of worm of off-white colour with brownish stripe, measuring about 2 centimeters in length found inside the mango that ultimately gets rotten." The infested mango is identified by a black spot on the green surface of mango. That spot is a result of boring the worm for entering inside the mango.

Most varieties of mango namely Gopalbhog, Langra, Mohanbhog, Kirshpat, Rani-pachand etc. have been mature enough to be harvested shortly. At this stage, the pest attacks have appeared as a thunder-stroke for the garden-owners and businessmen.

The garden owners are using different kinds of pesticides to contain the pest attacks but

nothing good can be done, they said.

"We have repeatedly contacted local experts of Agriculture Extension Department (AED) but their advises have also gone in vain," Abdul Jabbar said.

Pest control expert of AED, Chapainawabganj district office Rabin Kumar Majumder said that the pest had been seen for last three to four years in a very limited number during the harvesting time of mangoes. Neither the farmers nor the experts had cared the pest for its negligible harm in the past years. The pest attacked mangoes from the very beginning of this year in limited number, but suddenly the attacks have become very extensive and alarming," said Majumder.

Local people said that the pest had been completely unknown to them. The pest has probably come from the neighbouring Maldaha district of West Bengal of India," said Jabbar.

AED sources said, drought, storms and hailstorms destroyed at least 20 per cent of mangoes. The harm caused by the recent pest attacks would already be at least 15 per cent. The amount of damage would be very higher if the pest attacks cannot be controlled immediately. The "Fazli" and "Ashshina" varieties of mango will remain in the tree for at least another two months.

Pest attacks have turned very serious in Chapainawabganj municipal area, Ranihati, Baragheria, Maharajpur, Gobratola and Balladanga of sadar

upazila; Rahanpur, Alinagar, Chwodhala, Bangabari, Boalla and Gomostapur of Gomostapur upazila; Gohalbari, Bholahat, Jambaria and Daldali of Bholahat upazila and Shahbajpur, Ghoraparkina, Dhainagar, Monaksha, Daipukuria, Morabarapur, Binadpur, Shampur, Chakkirti and Kansat areas of Shibganj upazila.

Some garden owners have started harvesting immature mangoes fearing further damage by pests.

Meanwhile, Athi varieties of mango have already flooded markets of Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts. A huge amount of mangoes are also coming from India through both legal and illegal ways. The Kalani variety mangoes like Khirshapat and Gopalbhog are now abundantly available in the markets.

Our Kushtia correspondent says: Different varieties of mangoes have started coming in Kushtia markets, but prices of these are higher than that of the previous year.

Greater Kushtia district is one of the good mango producing area. Meherpur district where considerable quantity of mangoes were produced although this year is the off-year. About 30 per cent mango trees were without any flower at the first stage but with the initiative of the owners of mango gardens some of those trees blossomed. But due to recent cyclonic storm which lashed greater Kushtia district several times in the month of May a large number of mangoes were lost.

As a result, production of mango has fallen sharply this year. Consequently different variety of mangoes are being sold at high prices in the markets.

Huge quantities of mangoes are generally produced in greater Kushtia district. But production of mango has fallen by 50 per cent during the last 15 years for shortage of pragmatic policy and patronization. A large number of mango trees are destroyed every year for use as fuel in brick fields and tobacco factories.

Poverty stricken people in the mango producing areas sell their trees to maintain their families. Production of mango in the main mango producing areas like greater Rajshahi, Dinajpur and Rangpur districts has also fallen abnormally. Total production of mangoes in the country was 3 lakh tonnes in 1985. It came down to 1.80 lakh tonnes in 1991. A total of 45,000 hectares of land are now under mango cultivation, according to Agriculture Extension Department.

Production per hectare is now four tonnes which was 6.0 tonnes in 1985.

About 5,000 people are engaged in mango production in greater Kushtia while more than 50,000 people are engaged in the same profession in greater Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dinajpur districts.

Traders and brokers from different parts of the country including Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Narayanganj come to the districts to buy Bangladeshi mangoes.

2 KNM officials  
suspended

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, June 12: Two officials of Khulna Newsprint Mills (KNM) have been placed under suspension and two others served with show-cause notice for their involvement in producing and supplying bad newsprint to newspaper owners.

The two suspended officials are Abul Khair of the Wrapping Department and Md Shafiu, Assistant Manager, Warehouse. Two others who were served with show-cause notice are Mohammad Zakir, Superintendent of the Paper Machine Department and Abdus Samad Naqib, Assistant Chief Manager, Warehouse.

According to a source of KNM, the officials who were placed under suspension and served with show-cause notice did not try to improve the quality of newsprint, despite enhancement of its price by at least Tk 4,000 per ton.

The allegation of frequent high handedness was brought against Zakir and Naqib. They allegedly delayed in delivery of consignments and favoured those who could offer tips for taking better quality of newsprint from the warehouse.

Newborn baby  
murdered

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, June 12: A 42-day-old baby was murdered allegedly by his stepbrother at Koyelgati village under Sadar upazila here on Wednesday.

The deceased was identified as Suman, son of late Baghi Khan.

Police and family sources said stepbrother Rezaul strangled the newborn baby and left the body in a ditch near the house. The motif of the murder is to grab property.

Because of mother's  
inspiration

By Z A M Khairuzzaman

Ali Idris decides to donate his 5-decimal plot of land in his home town Habiganj for a charitable clinic.

He has taken the lofty decision at the inspiration of his mother.

"Most often my mother used to tell me and my brothers in our boyhood to live by helping others," told Idris who was born in a farmer's family at Shaistanagar in Habiganj. "My mother's words inspired me to begin charitable work at my birthplace" he said.

About his plan he told that he wants to construct a building on the plot using part of his savings which was meant for emergency medical treatment of himself and his family. According to his plan, there will be five shops in the ground floor which will be rented. Income of the shops will be used for running the clinic. The first floor will be used as a clinic and a doctor will reside there.

Gradually he will turn the second floor of the same building into a five-bed hospital. There will be a technical school in the third and fourth floors where school and college leaving boys and girls will get vocational training and prepare for their future career jobs or self-employment.

His conscience first woke up seeing pneumonia, diarrhoea, dysentery, hepatitis, TB and common diseases like cold and fever in and around his locality during his boyhood days which took many lives due to lack of health-care services. Even in this modern age many unfortunate poor people die of similar diseases though the diseases are easily curable. With faith full of good senses and braving all limitations, Idris who is now working as the Manager (Finance) of Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka has decided to begin charity at his hometown.

Production of  
fruits comes  
down

MADARIPUR, June 12: Production of fruits has come down drastically due to lack of proper care and favourable climate, reports UNB.

Once, various kinds of fruits like mango, black-berry, jack-fruit, palm, litchi, guava, coconut, wood-apple and betel-nut were produced here in plenty but these are now rarely found in some areas.

Production of mango and blackberry is not satisfactory while the condition of palm is almost same during this season.

Jack-fruit used to grow in plenty on higher places but the century's worst flooding in 1998 damaged most of the jack-fruit trees.

Blackberry was sent to other parts of the country after meeting local demands. Now, the situation has reached such alarming proportion that its production has fallen down by 80 per cent during the current season.

Shibchar, Kalkini and Rajpur upazilas were known as wood-apple producing areas, but the fruit is not grown in plenty now-a-days.

Many local families maintained their livelihood by cultivating coconut and betel nut. The number of plants has reduced by recurrent natural calamity. Besides, local people used coconut leaves for making their houses.



Coexistence with disasters

A primary school at village Kalar Char in Putigana Union under Phulbari thana of Mymensingh district was damaged by a recent nor'wester.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H  
Narayanganj Road Division  
Shimrail, Narayanganj

## R&amp;H Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender notice number : 139/Narayanganj Road Division, year 1999-2000.
  2. Name of work : Construction of HBB pavement and widening of road embankment by carried earth beside Dhaka-Chittagong Road Intersection on the 12th KM of Dhaka-Chittagong Road under Narayanganj Road Division during 1999-2000 fiscal year.
  3. Estimated cost : Taka 4,18,264/-
  4. Earnest money : Taka 8,366/- in the form of Bank Draft/Treasury Challan/Protrakkha Sanchay Patra/5-year term Bangladesh Sanchay Patra and Bonus Sanchay Patra from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.
  5. Time allowed for work : 20 (twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
  6. Eligibility of contractor : 'A' to 'E' general class.
  7. Offices of availability of tenders : Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Dhaka/Manikganj/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Vitikandi/Narayanganj Road Sub-Division-1/2, Shimrail, Narayanganj, Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and Executive Engineer, R&H, Narayanganj Road Division, Shimrail, Narayanganj.
  8. Offices to receive tender : 19-6-2000 till office hours.
  9. Last date and time of selling tender : 20-6-2000 at 12:30 PM.
  10. Date and time of receiving tender : 21-6-2000 at 1:00 PM, Executive Engineer (R&H), Narayanganj Road Division.
  11. Date and time of opening tender : 22-6-2000 at 1:00 PM.
  12. Date and time of : Lottery
  13. Official to approve : Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka.
  14. Head of expenditure : 168-repair.
  15. Cost of tender : Taka 500/- per set (non-refundable).
- Mentionable that tender has been invited subject to approval of the estimate by the appropriate authority and approved rate and estimated cost will be considered as final.

Md Abdul Mukhtar

Executive Engineer, R&H  
Narayanganj Road Division  
Shimrail, Narayanganj

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Office of the Executive Engineer  
Sylhet Public Works Division, Sylhet

## Tender Notice

No EE/E/M-74/1999-2000

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 in sealed envelopes are invited under the undermentioned terms and conditions for the following work.

- 1) Name of work : Project for constructing a few registry offices alongwith Sadar Sub-Registry Office and attached record room and a few separate Sub-Registry Offices in various districts in Bangladesh. (Sub-head: Installation of fans, external electrification, pump motor supply and installation and fire-extinguisher machine installation including internal electrification work under construction of registry office and attached record room of Bianibazar.
- 2) Estimated expenditure : Tk 1,81,084/-
- 3) Security money : Tk 3,622/-
- 4) Time limit for work order : 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of issue of work order.
- 5) Cost of each set of tender (Which is non-refundable) : Tk 425/- (four hundred twenty-five) only.
- 6) Place of receiving and selling tender : Office of the undersigned and all the offices of Executive Engineers under Public Works Circle, Sylhet.
- 7) Last date of selling tender : 18/6/2000 during office hours.
- 8) Eligibility of contractors to participate in tender : a) Special class of Public Works Department/special class I (combined)/class I (E/M)/2nd class approved of Public Works Department, Chittagong Zone (E/M) and class III approved of Sylhet Public Works Circle (E/M) contractor. Interested contractorship establishments should have valid electrical/mechanical ABC/BC/C contractorship and supervisory licences.
- 9) Date of receiving and opening tender : 19/6/2000 till 12:00 Noon and will be opened the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the willing contractors.
- 10) Lottery (if applicable) : Lottery will be held in the office chamber of the undersigned on 25/6/2000 at 12:30 PM in presence of the willing contractors.
- 11) The authority reserves the power to accept or reject any or all tenders including the lowest without assigning any reason.

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Executive Engineer  
Sylhet Public Works Division  
Sylhet

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Planning Commission  
General Economic Division  
Capacity Building of GED for Preparation of Development Plans Project

No PC/GED/KB/PC Purchase/2000/17/41 Dated: 01-06-2000

## Tender Notice

Tenders are hereby invited from bonafide suppliers/dealers/importers for purchasing vehicles, computers, books etc mentioned below for 'Capacity Building of GED for Preparation of Development Plans Project' under implementation under General Economic Division:

Sl No	Description	Number	Cost of schedule
1.	One microbus (12-14 seat)	1(one)	700/- Taka
2	PC computer	2(two)	200/- Taka
3	Laser printer	1 (one)	50/- Taka
4.	Fax machine	1(one)	50/- Taka
5.	Books	—	100/- Taka

2) Schedule containing necessary terms and conditions can be procured by 10:00 am to 4:00 PM during office hours within 5 (five) working days from the date of publication of notice in newspapers from (Block-14, Room-22) of this office. Tenders will be received in the offices mentioned within 7 (seven) working days at 12:00 noon from the publication of notice. Security money at the rate of 3% of the total quoted cost as mentioned in tender (refundable) in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft to the Project Director, 'Capacity Building of GED for Preparation of Development Plans Project', Planning Commission will have to be deposited.

3) The tender committee reserves the power to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

M A Sattar Bhuiyan  
Project Director  
Block-14, Room-15, Planning Commission  
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Police Super  
Gazipur

## Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from contractors experienced in police department construction work for the following projects of Gazipur district. Tenders will be received on 20-6-2000 from 10.00 AM to 12.00 Noon in the tender box kept at police office and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of tenderers present (if anyone remains present). Schedule containing terms and conditions for Bangladesh Form No 2911 will have to be procured till 19-6-2000 by producing all necessary documents from police office on payment of Taka 400/- (four hundred) per schedule (non-refundable). Earnest money at the rate of 2.5% of the estimated money (issued from any nationalised bank) in favour of Police Super, Gazipur will have to be deposited which will be reserved as security and will be refunded on the basis of satisfactory report of work after 6 months of completion of work. Tenders will have to be submitted with income tax certificate in respective pads, bank solvency, trade licence etc. The authority reserves the power to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

Name of project	Estimated money	Earnest money
1) Repairing work of Tongi Thana Bhaban and constable barrack	Tk 3,67,125/-	Taka 2.5%

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Police Super  
Gazipur

## News snaps

## Allowance disbursed

RANGPUR, June 12: The disbursement of old-age allowances is progressing satisfactorily across the eight thanas here, reports BSS.

A sum of total Taka 1,56,87,000 were disbursed from April '98 to December '99 among the old persons. An amount of Taka 7,47,000 is being distributed among the listed 7,470 old persons, per head one hundred Taka in every month. In 83 unions of eight thanas. The disbursement of old age allowance has been highly hailed by the people of all walks of life.

## Temple needs repair

SHARIATPUR, June 12: The Bhogeshwar Temple at Naria thana, an important place for worship of the Hindu community is now in dilapidated condition and may collapse at any time, reports BSS.

The ancient Bhogeshwar Temple stands on the western side of the River Padma for 180 years. The relic of the temple reminds us of the past heritage and tradition. During the British rule, the members of the Hindu community used to look after the temple. The fund, without donation, made by the Hindu community used to meet the expenditure of maintenance of the temple. At present due to lack of fund the repair of the temple could not be done.

## LGED projects progressing

PABNA, June 12: Works on 338 rural infrastructure development projects in nine upazilas here are expected to be completed by June next, reports UNB.

Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) is implementing the projects under Food-for-Work Programme spending 4,686 mts of grains. Upazila-wise breakup of the projects: Sadar-106, Atgharia-29, Sujanganar-36, Bera-31, Faridpur-20, Ishwardi-7, Bhanganura-17, Sahia-42 and Chatmohor-50. Meanwhile, 95 per cent works of the projects have been completed while the remaining ones are likely to be finished by the next month, LGED officials said.

## Meeting on safe maternity

PANCHAGARH, June 12: A meeting on Safe Maternity Day (SMD), organised by local Information Department was held at civil surgeon's office here with civil surgeon Dr Joyanal Abedin in the chair recently, reports BSS.

Among others, senior officials of local public offices including family planning, information attended the meeting. Besides, the president of the district Press Club also addressed the meeting.

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Office of the Executive Engineer  
Public Works E/M Division-5  
2nd 12-Storey Government Office Building  
Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

Memo No-SN/2477

Dated: 05-06-2000  
22-02-1407 Bang

## Tender Corrigendum Notice

The undermentioned amendment has been brought in the tender invited through tender invitation notice No-138 (1999-2000) Memo No-SN/2247, dated 11-5-2000 for unavoidable circumstances for the work of (supply, installation and operating 6 (six) lifts with the capacity of 12 passengers with 800 kg for the construction project of 4 (four) storied Annex Building in Bangladesh Supreme Court Compound).

(1) It will have to be read 'special first class, first class/E/M contractorship establishment and the lifts as mentioned in the tender schedule' instead of a 'special class, special first class, first class (combined), first class electrical/mechanical work contractorship establishments enlisted with Public Works Department and lifts of brand' mentioned in tender schedule as stated in the 1st and 2nd lines of the tender invitation notice.

(2) Last date of selling tender: 18-6-2000 instead of 5-6-2000.

(3) Date of depositing and opening tender: 19-6-2000 instead of 6-6-2000.

All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain in force as earlier. The corrigendum will be treated as part of the tender and will be included with the schedule of tender.

AKM Shafi

Executive Engineer

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