

# Jamalpur DIARY

## 20 hurt in bus accident

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, June 27: At least 20 people were injured when a bus plunged into the Old Brahmaputra river at Jamalpur Ferry Ghat recently.

According to eyewitnesses and police, the driver of the bus lost control while boarding a ferry and plunged into the river, injuring 20. The injured were rushed to hospital.

## Body recovered

A body of an old man was recovered at village Pachbaria under Islampur upazila recently.

According to police, the body of Saheb Ali was recovered from a paddy field. He had been missing since May 28. The man was murdered with sharp weapons. The body was sent to hospital for autopsy. A case was filed in this connection.

## Youth mugged

A young man was robbed of Tk 2,000 at Shahapur in the town recently.

According to police, a group of armed muggers waylaid Sakhiawat Hossain Bipul, a student of BA, and snatched the money at gunpoint. The muggers also stabbed him. A case was filed in this connection.

## Housewife strangled

A housewife was strangled allegedly by her husband at village Masimpur in the town recently.

The victim was identified as Afra Begum, 25. According to police, the husband, Mozibur Rahman, strangled his wife following an altercation. A case was filed in this connection.

## 15 injured in clash

At least 15 people were injured as rivals clashed at village Binna under Sarisabari upazila recently.

Witnesses said the rivals locked in the clash as a sequel to previous enmity. The villagers used sharp weapons during the clash. The injured were admitted to Sadar Hospital. A case was filed in this connection.

## Youth crushed under wheels of train

A young man was crushed under the wheels of a train at Bidyaganj railway station in the district recently.

The victim identified as Idris Ali, 35. Details of the accident could not be known. The boy was sent to hospital for autopsy.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works E/M Division-1, Dhaka

Memo No-15-52/5047

### Tender Notice No 96 (99-2000)

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 in sealed envelopes on the basis of quoting item rate are invited from special first class/first class E/M contractors' firms with previous experience enlisted with the Directorate of Public Works, manufacturing establishment of manufacturing centrally airconditioning system of York Brand or local approved agents for the undermentioned work.

Last date of purchasing tender : 9-7-2000 (during office hours).  
Date and time of opening tender : 10-7-2000 (at 12:30 PM).

Name of work	Amount of earnest money	Time limit for completion
Yearly conducting and maintenance work of 3x150 ton capacity centrally airconditioned controlling system at the Prime Minister's office and ICC at Tejgaon.	2% of the quoted cost	36 (thirty-six) months

Establishments mentioned above interested in participating in the tender must have the previous experience of successfully completion of work conducting, maintenance and servicing for at least 1 (one) year of at least 100 ton capacity aircondition machine in a single unit of in any government/semi-government/autonomous establishments or organisation in a single tender and VAT registration from the National Board of Revenue.

The certificate for previous experience must be in the prescribed proforma (procureable from this office free of cost) and issued by the official of the concerned organisation (not below the rank of an Executive Engineer).

Application for purchasing tender must be made at least 7 (seven) days before the last date of selling tender to the Additional Chief Engineer (E/M), Public Works Directorate, Dhaka through the undersigned along with TIN registration or VAT registration certificate and attested copies of certificate for previous experience and enlistment register/certificate from the approved local agents of the manufacturer or certificate as manufacturer. Establishments getting permission can purchase tender on payment of specific fees in cash from Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/Public Works Mechanical Workshop Division/Public Works Timber Workshop Division/Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka and can drop the tenders till 12:00 Noon on the day of opening in the tender boxes kept at the Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/Public Works Mechanical Workshop Division/Public Works Timber Workshop Division/Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka. Contractors/ their representatives interested in participating tender may remain present during opening tender. Establishments getting permission can purchase tender form on payment of Taka 425/- (four hundred twenty-five) (non-refundable).

Earnest money as mentioned in the tender in the form of Bank Draft/PO/SDR/CD from any scheduled bank approved by Bangladesh Bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1, Dhaka will have to be deposited with each tender.

If the contractors of Public Works Directorate who have permanent security money want to utilise the security money instead of earnest money (if the security money is sufficient), then the certificate regarding permanent security within maximum 3 (three) months from the Executive Engineer concerned must be submitted with the tender. If the amount of permanent security money is less than that of the required money, then the rest of the amount of the earnest money must be submitted in the method as mentioned above along with the tender. Applications of establishments with the expiry of the date of renewal of enlistment will be unacceptable. The duration of contract may be extended if necessary under the same rate and terms and conditions.

Tender notice, terms and conditions, rules and regulations and Bangladesh Form No 2911 etc, will be an integral part of the tender.

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

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## National

# Chalan Beel Project turns into a bane for farmers

PABNA, June 27: The gigantic Chalan Beel Project, which was supposed to be a boon to the farmers, has turned into a real bane for them, reports UNB.

Split into four polders, ABC and D, the ambitious project was launched in 1977 with financial assistance from World Food Programme (WFP) and International Monetary Fund (IMF), aiming to boost farm output by saving croplands from flood onslaughts.

Under the project, embankments stretching over 12 thanas of Pabna, Natore and Sirajganj districts were constructed at a cost of Tk 43.46 crore. But faulty construction of the embankments continues to take its toll on the farmers.

Crops on vast tracts of land under the project, especially in Singra and Atrai upazilas, are damaged each year due to faulty construction of its embankments. Hundreds of homesteads and educational institutions also come under flood on-

slaught every year.

As per the project profile, the project was supposed to have 251 miles of flood control embankment, 187 miles of water extraction canal, 24 regulators, 58 outlets and inlets, 55 bridges/culverts and 132 buildings. But the project was not implemented accordingly.

The authorities had expected that additional crops worth about Tk 8.42 crore would be produced from some 2.13 lakh acres of land under the project area upon its implementation.

Keeping this view in mind, some 225 kms of flood protection embankment were constructed along west bank of the river Atrai from Kalomnagar of Singra thana in Natore via Atrai thana to Mohadepur in four years from 1978.

But the authorities stopped disbursing funds for the project in 1984 saying that 50 per cent works of the project had been reduced following the installa-

tion of a regulator at the confluence of the River Barai near Charchhat.

The authorities, however, resumed implementation of the abandoned works in 1989 and constructed 129 miles more flood protection embankment.

But they did not install any sluice gates on the embankments, except the one at Kalomnagarpara, causing severe water stagnation inside the project area.

Meanwhile, countless cracks have developed on the embankments in Sutkigachha, Badhaighara, Boitkhali and Sutrama of Atrai upazila, and Nagarkandi, Ninggoan and Kotabari of Singra upazila as locals cut away soils from the embankments for smooth movement of their carts. A 4-km embankment from Ninggoan to Chalkpur has become vulnerable to floodwaters due to numerous cracks.

Water Development Board was learnt to have proposed the authorities to set up two big pump houses in C block of the project to save croplands from water stagnation, a proposal refused by the donor agency.

An official, who would not disclose his name, said during heavy rain in Naogaon's Barendra area, rainwater rolls down fast inundating low-lying areas from Mohadepur to Kalomnagar, causing colossal damage to crops.

The Atrai also bursts its bank with downpour, submerging croplands on its vicinity. Sometimes, the river water pours into the project area through the breaches of the embankments.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, addressing a public meeting here on January 12, 1999, had assured that necessary measures would be taken to resolve the Chalan Beel problem. But the government has failed to come up with follow-up programmes.

## Award after

## Prof Sarwar Jahan at RU

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, June 27: The university has introduced an award named after late Prof Sarwar Jahan of Bangla Department of the university.

The award will be given every year to the winner of the Rajshahi University Central Students' Union (RUCSU) literary and cultural competition.

The decision in this regard was taken recently by the Syndicate.

Prof Sarwar Jahan, a noted singer of Tagore song, died of heart failure at the Suhrawardy Hospital in Dhaka recently.

Jahan, who did his MA in 1967 from the university, authored some books and articles.

**Erratic power supply in Gopalganj**

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, June 27: Erratic power supply in recent days has multiplied the sufferings of people here.

The residents in the town usually experience power outage twice or thrice every day.

Besides, frequent voltage fluctuation often cause damage to TV sets, refrigerators, cassette players, fans and other electronic goods.

Production in mills and factories also has come down because irregular power supply.

Power disruption is also hampering water supply in the municipality area.

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## Jahan at RU

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