

### RU Commerce students continue agitation

From RU Correspondent  
**RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Aug 21:** The students of Commerce Faculty of the university continued agitation demanding the reinstatement of six-month semester system in examinations.

The authorities have decided to introduce one-year course system instead of semester system in Commerce Faculty, which includes Accounting, Finance and Banking, Management and Marketing departments.

The decision to introduce course system was taken by the academic council of the university on August 1. The decision now needs final approval from syndicate.

However, the students of the faculty are now divided over the issue. Two groups of students locked in a clash over the issue on August 10, leaving 150 injured.

### Three unnatural deaths in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent  
**FARIDPUR, Aug 21:** Three unnatural deaths were reported in the district recently.

Sahera Begum, 23, wife of Asad Mia of village Shibrampur under Sadar upazila committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling of her bed-room on August 6.

On receipt of information police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Faridpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy. The reason behind the suicide could not be known.

On the same day, Bhojan Kumar Saha of West Goalchamot in the town committed suicide by taking poison. He was rushed to Faridpur Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

In another incident, Salma, 7, daughter of Halim Biswas of village Kohaldia died after she fell from a branch of tree recently.

### Child labour rising

**MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 21:** Social welfare activists have expressed concern over the rising trend of child labourers in the district in the recent times, reports UNB.

Caught by various natural calamities like floods and cyclones the poor parents failing to provide food and education to their kids were forced to engage them in odd jobs to earn their living and support their distressed families.

Many families of the low-income group of people have been rendered homeless and destitute as the local moneylenders grabbed their lands and homesteads for failing to repay the loans taken from them.

# A sick hospital

From Our Correspondent

**RANGPUR, Aug 21:** 10-bed Dahagram Hospital is beset with various problems, including dearth of physicians, medicines and fund, depriving at least 15,000 residents in Dahagram and Angorpota enclaves of proper healthcare.

Hospital staff said they are not getting salaries for more than six months. There are four doctors, four nurses, and nine other staff.

The hospital faces acute shortage of medicine. Hospital sources said the authorities cannot purchase necessary drugs due to want of required funds.

An ambulance of the hospital is now out of order. No initiative has been taken to repair the emergency vehicle.

The hospital was constructed in 1995 at a cost Taka 35 lakh. But unfortunately due to these problems the people are not getting proper treatment. A large number of people are visiting hospital every day.

Critically ailing people in the enclaves are being shifted to Patgram hospital.

Local people have urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to solve the problems of the hospital.

**UNB from Jhenidah adds:** Some 67 posts, including those of doctors, remained vacant in



A front view of Dahagram Hospital at Dahagram where its staffers are not receiving salaries for six months. — Star photo

the 100-bed district Modern Hospital for long, hampering the medicare facilities.

Officials said the Health Directorate created five posts of specialist doctors for the department of medicine, eye, cardiology and anaesthesia. Of them, only one post has so far been filled up.

On the other hand, posts of 63 nurses and other employees are lying vacant.

Apart from the shortage of doctors and nurses, the hospital is beset with other problems

like shortage of medicines and beds, and unhygienic condition.

Due to want of beds many patients are compelled to take seats on the floor and corridor.

An on-duty doctor of the hospital told the news agency that although the 50-bed hospital has been upgraded to 100-bed one, but the facilities were not increased according to the needs.

He said it has become impossible to give proper attention to the patients with insufficient staffs.

# Massive erosion in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

**GAIBANDHA, Aug 21:** Erosion by the River Brahmaputra has taken alarming turn in Shaghata, Fulchhari and Sadar upazilas, rendering a large number of people homeless and devouring acres of croplands.

Four villages—Kumarpara, Kalurpara, Haldia and Hatbari—under Shaghata upazila have already been devoured, rendering at least 873 families homeless. Besides, arable lands and other establishments, one primary school, two mosques and one madrasa are also destroyed.

Homeless people have taken shelter in public buildings and on high lands. Erosion victims—Jaban Ali and Alzol Prodhan of Hatbari Char under Shaghata upazila—said they shifted all their belongings to safer places.

About 45 families have taken shelter at South Dighal Kandi model village. All of these erosion victims have been suffering from pure drinking water, food and clothes.

However, Upazila Nirbahi

Officer (UNO) of Shaghata distributed one metric ton of rice among the erosion and flood victims. But the relief is very scanty against high requirement.

Erosion also is alarming in Fulchhari upazila, although local Water Development Board (WDB) is working hard to arrest the erosion. The WDB have erected bamboo spars and dumped concrete blocks and sandbags in the sensitive areas.

Last year the WDB also dumped concrete blocks spending Tk 92 lakh.

The erosion has also hit Kamarjani river port under Sadar upazila. In the last week about 200 dwelling houses and other establishments in the area were devoured by the river. Besides, Kamarjani High School and old building of Sonali Bank are now on the verge of ruin.

The people of affected areas have appealed to the authority concerned to take immediate measure to address the erosion and erosion victims.

# 1:100 teacher-student ratio!

From Our Correspondent

**CHANDPUR, Aug 21:** Chandpur Government University College is beset with manifold problems including shortage of teachers, accommodation of class rooms, hostels, lack of seminar facilities and transport problem.

As a result there is no proper environment of education in the college.

The college was established in 1946 on about 11 acres of land which have at present 6,000 students. The college was nationalised in 1980. Honours, preliminary and masters courses were introduced in 1991-1992 session.

According to Enam Commission report, Chandpur Government University College needs at least 120 teachers, but at present the college has only 60 teachers and the remaining 60 posts of teachers are lying vacant for a long time. The college has honours courses in 14 subjects. The subjects are Bengali, English, Accountancy, Economics, Political Science, History, Management, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Mathematics, Geography, Social Welfare and Physics. These departments employ 38 teachers but at present only 43 teachers. Masters final has been introduced in seven subjects in 1994. The subjects are Bengali, English, Accountancy, Economics, Political Science, Management and History. Each department needs 12 teachers. At present there are only three to four teachers in each department.

The posts of vice-principal and librarian are vacant for a long time. Principal of the college Prof Md Bazul Haque told this correspondent that he has written to the Ministry of Education about the shortage of teachers. Students complained that there is no seminar room in many of the departments.

There is no staff and clerk in any of the departments. The college has only two academic buildings consisting of about 50 rooms, while it requires 100 classrooms including seminar and office room in each department. Due to accommodation problem, Honours and masters classes remain suspended during the board and university examinations.

Chandpur Government University College has both higher secondary and degree courses in Arts, Commerce and Science. It is difficult on the part of teachers to manage classes in H S C, Degree, Honours, Preliminary and Masters final courses. Due to acute shortage of teachers the academic atmosphere of the college are being hampered. The college has no full-fledged common room for Honours and Masters students. As a result the students are deprived of common room facilities.

Having no recreational facilities, the students during leisure period, are found loitering aimlessly in the corridors of the college hampering the on-going classes. There is no going slary wal in the college. Everyday a large number of cattle are found grazing in the field. Besides unwanted students and outsiders are found here and there in the college.

# News snaps

## Cleanliness drive

**RANGAMATI, Aug 21:** Rotary Club of Rangamati will launch a cleanliness drive in the town on August 25, reports BSS.

This was decided in a meeting held on Thursday at the residence of RTN Selim Chowdhury at Ananda Bihar in the town. Vice President of Rotary Club of Rangamati, AKM Maqsood Ahmed presided over the meeting.

Boy-scouts and girl guides will also take part in the cleanliness drive. The meeting was attended, among others, by past President RTN Dipankar Talukdar, MP, immediate past President RTN Mahbubur Rahman and President-elect RTN Ching Kew Roaza.

## Preventive measure

**COMILLA, Aug 21:** Comilla Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board has taken special steps to prevent phony admission seekers from getting admitted to various educational institutes, reports UNB.

The Board has decided to issue provisional certificates alongside original mark sheets to the students passing SSC and HSC examinations. It has come to the notice of the Board that a large number of students get admitted to different educational institutes each year with forged papers. The authorities have so far identified some 236 fake students who got admitted into various educational institutions under the board. So far, a total of 54,115 provisional certificates along with mark sheets have been issued to the students, who passed the SSC examination held under Comilla Education Board this year, through the heads of the educational institutes. The board also took measures to remove problems faced by the students in receiving certificates from the board and get admission into an institute in time.

## Harkatul Zihad member held

**BAGERHAT, Aug 21:** Police arrested an alleged member of Harkatul Zihad from Alukdia village in Sadar upazila on Saturday, reports UNB.

On information, police raided the area at noon and arrested Sheikh Abul Hossain, a fake marriage registrar and a leader of Olama League. Locals said Abul Hossain has been carrying out his business in the area for the last 10 years.

## Film show at JU

**SAVAR, Aug 21:** A show of contemporary films was held in the central auditorium of Jahangirnagar University on Monday, organisers said, reports BSS.

Three contemporary films—Ridley Scott's 'Gladiator', M Gibson's 'Patriot' and Aparna Sen's 'Paromita Ekdin'—was screened in this show, organised by the Jahir Raihan Chalachitra Sangsad, JU unit.

## 17 bridges completed

**BARISAL, Aug 21:** As many as 17 pucca bridges were completed here at a cost of about Taka 1.50 crore during the last financial year, reports BSS.

According to official source, the relief and rehabilitation ministry has completed construction of these bridges under the financial assistance of the relevant ministry. Four bridges each were constructed in Bakerganj and Mehendiganj upazilas and three bridges each were constructed in Gournadi, Babuganj and Wazirpur upazilas.

## Grant money distributed

**BANDARBAN, Aug 21:** About Taka 2 lakh were distributed among 16 religious institutions of Bandarban sadar upazila recently, reports BSS.

Official sources said, Chairman of Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB) Bir Bahadur, MP handed over the cheques to the leaders of these religious institutions at deputy commissioner's conference room. President and secretaries of these institutions were present at the function.

Deputy Commissioner of the Bandarban Mohsin Ali Sardar was also present in the occasion.

## Two killed in road accident

**NAOGAON, Aug 21:** Two persons were killed in a road accident at Kusumba on Naogaon-Rajshahi road in Manda Upazila, reports BSS.

The accident occurred when a mini-bus and a motor cycle met a head-on collision. Police said the victims Esha, 40, and Enshan, 24, were riding a motor cycle. The mini-bus coming from Rajshahi met head on collision with the motor cycle. Esha died on the spot while Enshan succumbed to the injuries at the hospital.



A muddy road caused by faulty drainage system in Ward Number 1 of Gaibandha Municipality. But there is no initiative from the authorities concerned for improving the situation. — Star photo

## Training course ends

**NARSINGDI, Aug 21:** A four-day long training course on 'Integrated soil fertility and fertilizer management project', organised by Agriculture Extension Department Narsingdi at its training room concluded here on Thursday last, reports BSS.

A total of 157 block supervisors from Sadar, Raipura and Shibirpur upazilas took part in the training course. District level Agriculture Extension officers and Deputy Director Agriculture Extension, Dhaka region, were the resource persons.

# Ashrayan inmates still without promised money

From Delwar Kabir

**JHENIDAH, Aug 21:** Inmates of Gorai Ashrayan Project in the district are yet to get financial assistance from the government to start income generating activities.

Each family rehabilitated in the government-sponsored housing project for landless people are supposed to get Tk ten thousand for starting income generating activities. But no family has so far received the assistance.

Gorai Ashrayan Project was established on March 28 at village Kirtinagar under Shaalakupa upazila.

In the first phase, eight barracks have been completed. Initially ten families have been rehabilitated. Another four barracks will be constructed in the second phase, said Khairul Islam, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Shaalakupa.

Anil Kumar, 53, president of Gorai Ashrayan Project Co-operative Society, said residents in the project were assured of government assistance, but they are yet to get.

Some inmates termed the village as an isolated one as even there was no grocer shop near the village.

Members of the co-operative



Tubewells were installed in Gorai Ashrayan project where children procuring drinking water from a tubewell. —Star photo

society are interested to run a grocer shop for their own. But it is not possible for want of money.

When contacted, UNO of Shaalakupa said that proposals had already been sent for allocation of money for Taka sixteen lakh to the ministry concerned. The fund will be available soon, he added.

According to district administration office sources, another Ashrayan project is being

constructed on 15 decimals of land at village Kakuriadanga under Nityanandapur union of same upazila. A total of ten barracks will be constructed. Earth filling work has already been completed, sources added.

Earlier in 1997-98 the first rehabilitation project Dudsar Ashrayan Project was inaugurated at village Dudsar under Shaalakupa upazila. A total of 160 families were rehabilitated in sixteen barracks.

## Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No : 02/JRD of 2000-2001.
- Name of work : Const of 36.60M span bailey bridge at 31st KM of Barisal/Jhalakathi-Bhandaria-Pirojpur-Bagerhat Road (Rajapur town link road at Bagri Bazar) under Jhalakathi Road Division during the year 2000-2001.
- Estimated cost : Tk 8,10,000/-
- Earnest money : Tk 16,200/-
- Time allowed : 50 (Fifty) days.
- Eligibility of contractors : "A" to "C" special category of Roads & Highways Department & "D" class enlisted contractor under Barisal Road Circle, Barisal.
- Name of offices where tender will be available : Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Jhalakathi/Barisal/Pirojpur/Bhola/Patuakhali/Borguna/Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Jhalakathi.
- Name of offices where tender will be received in sealed cover : Office of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Barisal/Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jhalakathi/Barisal/Pirojpur.
- Last date & time of selling tender : Up to 5-00 PM on 28.08.2000 Eng.
- Last date & time of receiving tender bids in sealed cover : Up to 12-30 PM on 29.08.2000 Eng.
- Date & time of recording tender bids in sealed cover : At 12-45 PM on 29.08.2000 Eng.
- Date & time of opening : At 11-00 AM on 5.09.2000 Eng.
- Lottery date & time : At 11-00 AM on 7.09.2000 Eng.

**Md Nurul Huda Mollah**  
 Executive Engineer (RHD)  
 Jhalakathi Road Division



## DESA Tender Notice

Tender No HV/L3.8/169 dt 31/07/2000. Sealed tenders are hereby invited Form No T-1 from the DESA enlisted A,B,C class contractors having valid A,B,C Electrical & Civil Licence for Rehabilitation of the distribution system at (1) Extension of HT/LT line at Chanpara of Mainertak under O&M Division, Uttara under HV Lines Division, DESA, Road No-135, House No-47, Gulshan, Dhaka. The tender documents will be available upto office hours of 27.08.2000 in the office of the (I) Addl. Chief Engr (P&D), DESA, Dhaka (II) Supdt Engr (E&I) GDPDP, DESA, Dhaka (III) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka (IV) Executive Engineer, HV S/S/Division/Distribution Lines Division/Civil Division & (V) The City Bank Ltd, Gulshan Branch, Dhaka at the cost of Tk 200/- (Taka two hundred) only each set (Non-refundable) in the shape of Bank Draft in favour of Addl Director, RAO, DESA, Dhaka with written permission of the undersigned. Tender will be received on 28.08.2000 upto 12-00 Noon along with 2.5% (Two point five per cent) earnest money of the quoted amount in the shape of Bank Draft in favour of Addl Director, RAO, DESA, Dhaka in the office of (I) Addl Chief Engr (P&D), DESA, Dhaka (II) Supdt Engr (E&I), GDPDP, DESA, Dhaka (III) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka (IV) Director (P&D) DESA, Dhaka (V) Executive Engineer, HV S/S Division/Distribution Lines Division/Civil Division DESA & (VI) The Executive Engineer, HV Lines Division, DESA, Dhaka. The tender will be opened on the same day at 12-30 pm (in presence of the tenderer, if any). The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders assigning any reason thereof.

**Executive Engineer**  
 HV Lines Division  
 DESA, Dhaka

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## Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation

Krishi Bhaban  
 49-51, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000  
 (Purchase Division)

## Amendment to BADC's Local Tender Notice

Sl. No. 10 of BADC's Tender No. Pur/Bag/SP&P/108/2000 dt. 02.08.2000 is hereby amended as follows:  
 "BMC's Jute Mills & Private Jute Mills who have Registration with the Jute Ministry & Investment Board are eligible to participate in the tender. Work order will be placed at the rate of 55% & 45% respectively on the basis of lowest acceptable price".  
 All other terms & conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

**Md. Faridul Alam**  
 Manager (Purchase)  
 BADC, Dhaka



## Bangladesh Shilpa Bank

8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka-1000  
 Computer Department

## Tender Notice

### Development of LAN Based Application Software (Phase-1)

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank invites sealed tender (in triplicate) from the bonafide Bangladeshi Vendors/IT firms to develop, document, install and commission a number of client-server software applications suits for a LAN based automation of the function of BSB and provide training to BSB personnel.

- Joint venture bids will not be entertained.
- Tender schedules may be obtained from the Computer Department of BSB situated at 4th floor of BSB Building, 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka, on all working days from 9.30 am to 3:00 pm at a cost of Tk 1000.00 (one thousand) each, in cash (non-refundable). No tender schedule will be sold on the day of opening of the tender.
- Tenders in sealed covers in two envelope system to be submitted along with earnest money @5% (five per cent) of the quoted amount, in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft issued in favour of "Bangladesh Shilpa Bank" from any scheduled bank having branch within Dhaka city.
- Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon on 25.9.2000, and will be opened at 12:30 pm on the same day in presence of bidders, if any.
- BSB shall not be under any obligation to accept the lowest offer and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers, in part or full, without assigning any reason.

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## Bangladesh Shilpa Bank

Head Office, Dhaka  
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## Tender Notice

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank invites sealed quotations (alongwith deposit of earnest money @ 5% by way of Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Bank) from reputed and bonafide offset printing presses having modern photo-compose machinery for printing of its Annual Report for FY 1999-2000. Bank enlisted printers are not supposed to deposit the earnest money.

Tender schedule can be obtained from the Finance, Planning & Research Department of the Bank located at the 3rd Floor of BSB Building, 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka on payment of non-refundable fee of Tk 500.00 (Taka five hundred) only.

Tender will be received from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm on 07-09-2000 and will be opened at 2.00 pm on the same day. No schedule will be sold on the opening day. Bank authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all or part of any tender without assigning reason thereof.

**M Shafiqur Rahman**  
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