

## National



(L): Erosion victims of Supiakhali village under Shahjadpur upazila are engaged in dismantling their houses and in cutting trees for shifting to safer places. The photo was taken from near the old flood protection embankment (R): An inundated house of Batpur area where two girls have been marooned. The situation was created due to gushing of water from the mighty Jamuna through the damaged portion of flood protection embankment at Sonatoli. Both the pictures are taken recently from Sirajganj district.

## Erosion plays havoc

From Akhteruzzaman Bablu

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 29: The mighty River Jamuna has washed away six-kilometre area of the Water Development Board (WDB) embankment in Sonatoli. As a result 6,000 people of 1,200 families of village Jagtola, Vatpara, Lohinda, Godbari, Sonatoli and Gupiaikhal have become homeless. They have taken shelter on the WDB constructed new embankment at Dipur. But the erosion victims who have taken shelter there apprehend that the embankment might be damaged at any time due to heavy pressure of the Jamuna current.

At least one lakh people have taken shelter on the embankment during the last two months. Many more erosion victims are waiting to shift their homesteads to the embankment at any moment due to unabated erosion by the River Jamuna.

Meanwhile, crops on 1,000 acres of land have been washed away. Scores of houses have been

damaged.

More than 1,000 erosion affected people of 200 families of Shahjadpur, Belkuchi, Chowhali, Kaziapur and Sirajganj Sadar have lost their homesteads and have been living in sub-human condition.

With a view to protecting such erosions, the secretary of the Ministry of Water Resources, Azad Ruhul Amin and additional chief engineer Asaduzzaman visited Renduabari under Belkuchi upazila. They assured proper steps from the government in this regard.

The District Relief Office has sanctioned 25 metric tons of rice and Taka 5,000 in cash for the affected people in five upazilas. However, the erosion and flood affected people of Sonatoli, Jagtola and Gupiaikhal have alleged that they are not getting sufficient relief materials. They have demanded proper relief and rehabilitation immediately.

## Huge uplift for Rajshahi

From Abdul Wadood

RAJSHAHI, Aug 29: Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA) took up seven development projects this financial year at a cost of Taka 11.73 crore, official sources here said. Works on four projects, out of the total seven projects have already begun and are going on in full swing.

The ongoing projects are - construction of RDA office building at a cost of Taka 7.44 crore, establishment of a bus terminal at a cost of Taka 4.65 crore, construction of Banatara Market at a cost of Taka 4.50 crore and construction of Talaimari market at a cost of Taka 2.83 crore.

Other projects are construction of Shahid captain Jahangir Street Bypass and development of two residential areas.

Rajshahi Development Authority was formed on October 19, 1976 to enhance infra-structural development of the city. Since then it has been facing serious shortage of funds. Even it could not build its own office. It is now using two out-dated abandoned building at Kazihata in the city as its office.

In 1993-94 RDA undertook a project to build its own 10 storied office building at Bara, Bangram beside the Rajshahi-Naogaon highway. Ministry of Housing and Public Works approved the project of Taka 7.44 crore as a deposit work to be done by Public Works Department (PWD). In the first phase the building will be constructed up to the second floor. The works are going on in full swing and are expected to be completed by December this year. An amount of Taka one crore was released this financial year to complete the works.

RDA built a bus terminal at Shiroli in the city in front of Rajshahi Railway Station in early eighties. But this bus terminal is being seen too inadequate to accommodate the in-

creasing demands. To meet the problem, RDA submitted a project to build a bus terminal on three hectares of land at Naodapara in the city. The project was included in the ADP in 1997-98. An amount of Taka one crore was released for the project last year and the works on construction of the bus terminal are going on in full swing.

In the financial year of 1995-96, RDA undertook a Taka 4.50 crore project to build a modern market on 10.44 hectares of land at a place south-west of B.T. Rajshahi. The project was included in the ADP in 1997-98 fiscal year. An amount of Taka 50 lakhs was allocated for the first phase. Preliminary works have already begun in this regard, RDA sources said.

RDA is building another modern market at Talaimari in the city with its own funds at a cost of Taka 2.83 crore. The works on construction of the market started in 1998-99 fiscal year and going on slowly. An amount of Taka 90 lakh will be spent this year.

To ease the traffic jam in the city, RDA undertook a project to build a bypass road from Resham Bhaban at Bhadra crossing to the new bus terminal at Naodapara. The bypass was named after Bir Srestha Shaidul Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir. An amount Taka 3.32 crore was allocated for the first phase of the project. The bypass will run through the Padma Residential Area.

RDA has taken up two projects to establish two more new residential areas in the city. Chaudhura Residential Area will be built on 34.50 acres of land just to the north of Padma Residential Area at a cost of Taka 7.09 crore. The project was taken up in the ADP in 1995-96 and an amount of Taka one lakh was allocated the same year to start the primary works. An amount of Taka 4.49 crore was allocated for the project this year.

The project of Chayabithi Residential Area was taken in 1994-95 fiscal year. It will be built at Shyampur-Choddypoi-Bakhrabai area on 72.73 acres of land to the south of Rajshahi Rice Research Institute. An amount of Taka 13.72 crore will be spent for the project. Another amount of Taka one lakh was allocated this year to start the work, RDA sources said.

RDA chairman Abdus Salek hoped that all the seven projects would be completed within the scheduled period. But source in RDA contradicted the opinion and apprehended that none of the projects could be completed as per schedule. "We are observing that the government does not release money according to the schedule," said an RDA official on condition of anonymity.

## Five held from court premises in B'baria

From Our Correspondent  
BRAHMANBARIA, Aug 29: Police arrested five people from Jude Court premises here on Sunday following an untoward incident.

According to witnesses and court employees, a group of angry people staged demonstration on the court premises demanding exemplary punishment to the culprits of Sharif murder case. Class three and class four employees of the court scuffled with the demonstrators as they damaged windowpanes of court building. During the melee, seven staff were injured.

Police later arrested five demonstrators.

## Two convicted in Chittagong

From Our Correspondent  
CHITTAGONG, Aug 29: Two men here on Sunday were sentenced to five years' imprisonment and fined Tk 20 thousand each in a case filed under PSA. Dulal Nath and Akram Khalifa were caught by mob while snatching money from a cash box of a stationary shop at Atarar Depot under Panchlaish thana on April 30 this year.

## News snaps

## Phensidyl bottles recovered

BARISAL, Aug 29: Police in separate drives recovered 118 bottles of phensidyl syrup and arrested three people including two women from Agoljkhara and Sadar upazilas on Saturday and Sunday, reports UNB. Police said Sabina alias Sumona, 35, was arrested and 55 bottles of phensidyl were recovered from her possession after raiding Paisarhat Bus Stand in Agoljkhara on Sunday. From the same spot, police on Saturday also arrested Sahida Khatun, 45, along with 57 bottles of phensidyl. Police said both the women came to Agoljkhara from Khulna and Gopalganj. In another drive on Sunday, CID police arrested Masum, 22, with six bottles of phensidyl from Fakirbari road in the town.

## Housewife hacked to death

MYMENSINGH, Aug 29: A housewife was hacked to death allegedly by her husband at Bazar Kushtia village in Sadar upazila on Saturday, reports UNB. The deceased was identified as Anwara, 25, wife of Korban Ali. Family sources said Korban Ali demanded Tk 500 from Anwara for gambling when she went to her parents' house on Friday. But he became furious when Anwara refused to pay the money. Later, on the following early morning when Anwara went out of the house to respond to the call of nature the cruel husband hacked her to death. Police recovered the body and arrested Korban Ali. A case was filed.

## College student commits suicide

TANGAIL, Aug 29: Having failed to pass the HSC examination for the third time, a student of Kumudini Women's College allegedly committed suicide on Saturday night, reports UNB. Family sources said Shilpi Shil, 20, daughter of Rabi Shil of Sabalia in the town, hanged herself at dead of night, as she could not endure the shock.

## New system to collect tolls

BANDARBAN, Aug 29: A new system has been introduced to collect tolls from agricultural products and leasing markets in three hill districts, reports UNB.

As per the new system, the bazaar fund committees have been given the authority to lease out markets or bazaars in Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachhari districts. The CHT Affairs Ministry in a circular sent to bazaar authorities recently introduced the new system, which will continue until further notice. Apart from this, the bazaar administration will also collect tolls from the agri-products in CHT as per the government rate. Earlier different agencies used to collect tolls from the growers. As per the new system 40 per cent of the leasing money will go to bazaar fund while the same per cent to municipality. The rest 20 per cent will be distributed among the respective union parishads. Henceforth, municipality authority or the union parishads have been barred from imposing tax on agricultural products.

## Five arrested

NARSINGDI, Aug 29: Police arrested five persons during a clash with villagers at Bhogratpur in sadar upazila on Sunday as they tried to prevent installation of a high-tension electric line over a mosque, reports UNB.

Witnesses said local people clashed with the police when Narsingdi Palli Biddyt Samity-1, with the help of the law enforcers, was installing 11,000-KVA electric line over to give connection to Nilon Textiles Mills. Police charged batons on them and arrested five protestors from the spot.

## Schoolboy killed in road mishap

JESSORE, Aug 29: A schoolboy was killed and seven others were wounded in two separate road accidents here on Sunday, reports UNB.

Mukul, 15, of village Bankhibda under Kaligonj upazila of Jhenidah district riding a by-cycle was fatally injured when hit by a truck near Dulal Mendia bazaar at 10 am on Sunday he was going to school. He died shortly after taken to Sadar hospital. Six teen-age passengers were injured in another accident on Jessore-Keshabpur road near Kusadha bazaar in Monirampur upazila on Saturday night. The three-wheeler was hit by a truck from behind. They were admitted in to Sadar hospital where the doctors said the injured were in bad condition.



Rajshahi Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu visits a stall at bonsai exhibition held in Rajshahi recently. Rajshahi Bonsai Society organised the exhibition, which attracted a large number of visitors.

- Star photo

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Department  
Office of the Executive Engineer

District Jhenidah

Memo No: LGED/EE/Jheni/2000/2992 Date: 21/8/2000

## Tender Notice

No-04/2000-2001

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 in sealed envelopes are hereby invited from the laboratory equipment supplier establishments for purchasing i) AIV Apparatus - 1 Set ii) Concrete Test Hammer with Anvil - 1 Set iii) CBR/Marshall Machine with Water Bath & Others Accessories for both CBR & Marshall Test - 1 Set iv) Bitumen Test Equipment (Softening Point & Penetration Test - 1 set for use in the Laboratory of Local Government Engineering Department, Jhenidah district under its own fund during 2000-2001 fiscal year. Tender documents can be purchased from (1) Mr Md Shahidul Islam, Additional Chief Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207, (2) Executive Engineer, LGED, District-Jessore/Magura/Jhenidah, (3) Upazila Engineer, Sadar till 10-9-2000 on payment of specific fees. Tenders will be received in the places mentioned above on 11-9-2000 till 12:30 PM and tenders will be opened simultaneously the same day at 1:30 PM before the tenderers present. The tender notice is brief, so the amount of earnest money, time limit for work, additional terms and conditions and other information in detail can be known from the schedule purchased. The authority reserves the power to accept any tender or reject all tender without assigning any reason.

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Executive Engineer  
LGED, Jhenidah

## Bangladesh Power Development Board Tender Notice

সময়মতো সঠিক বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করুন  
সরকারকে ফাঁকি দেয়ার প্রবণতা বন্ধ করুন

Scaled tenders in T-1 form are hereby invited from the A.B.C.D. classes enlisted contractors of Power Development Board for the completion of the undermentioned work.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Eligibility for submitting tender
1.	Work of supply of Carbon Brush and Packets for Char Fashion Electric Supply under Bhola Electric Supply	1,75,000/00	Ka, Kha, Ga, Gha classes valid enlisted contractors of Power Development Board
1)	Cost for purchasing tender	The cost of each set of tender is Taka 175/00 only (non-refundable). It can be purchased by Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Deputy Director, RAO, PDB, Barisal.	
2)	Place of availability of tender	Additional Chief Engineer, Distribution Western Zone, PDB, Khulna, Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, PDB, Barisal and Manager, Agrani Bank, Kalinath Bazar, Bhola. It can be purchased till 13/9/00 during office hours.	
3)	Place for submitting tender	Tenders mentioned in Serial No-2 can be submitted in the office of the undersigned (excepting Agrani Bank) on 14/9/00 till 12:00 noon and tenders will be opened the same day at 12:30 pm before the attending tenderers (if anyone remains present).	

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Resident Engineer (Executive)  
Bhola Electric Supply  
PDB, Bhola

## Worker killed in accident in Ctg Port

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 29: A worker was killed in an accident during cargo handling at MPB Jetty in port here on Sunday.

The victim was identified as Md Ujjir Ali, 50, who hailed from Teknaf.

Witnesses said Ali died on the spot when he was crushed under a container high-stacker during cargo handling.

Ref. No. 22.02/1/2001

Dated: 29 August, 2000

## International Tender Notice for Supply of Petroleum Products during December, 2000-May, 2001

1. Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) hereby invites offers from International Integrated Oil Companies with a proven record of reliability and expertise in the supply and transportation of petroleum products, for supply on C&F Chittagong basis of about 9,500 million barrels plus minus 10 (ten) per cent at BPC's option of Motor Spirit (MS), Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO), Aviation Turbine Fuel (Jet A-1) and High Speed Diesel (HSD) during the period December, 2000 to May, 2001 in accordance with the delivery schedule and terms & conditions set out in the tender document.

2. Tender documents will be available on all working days during office hours from (a) Commercial & Operations Division, BPC Head Office, HBFC Building (4th floor), 1/D Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong, (b) Bangladesh Missions in Singapore, Jakarta, Kuwait, KSA, Abu Dhabi, Tehran, London & New York and (c) BPC Liaison Office, 1/1 Pioneer Road, YMCA Building, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka-1000, on payment of non-refundable amount of Tk. 16,000/- or US\$ 300/-. No tender document will be sold on the tender opening date.

3. Offers will be received upto 1200 hours (BST) on 03 October, 2000.

(a) in a sealed envelope delivered at BPC Head Office, HBFC Building (4th floor), 1/D Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong, Bangladesh.

(b) through Telex No. 633280 FUEL BJ & 633009 FUEL BJ (Offers through Facsimile shall not be accepted).

4. Unless exempted all offers must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in accordance with the provisions of tender documents and all offers must have validity upto 1800 hours (BST) on 26 October, 2000.

5. Bidders shall furnish along with the offer a declaration that the bidder has carefully examined and understood the tender document and his offer is subject to the terms & conditions contained in the tender document.

6. Tenders shall be opened at 1205 hours (BST) on 03 October, 2000 at the BPC Head Office, Chittagong, Bangladesh in presence of bidders or their authorised agents who would wish to be present.

7. No rights of any kind shall be created in favour of any person by virtue of having obtained the tender document, nor shall any right be created in favour of any person by virtue of submitting an offer, BPC reserves the right to accept the lowest offer or to reject any or all offers in part or in full without assigning any reason.



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Registrar