

## 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.

## Sowing of Aman almost complete

By Staff Correspondent

T-Aman cultivation has been facing setback in Gopalganj and Netrakona districts due to insufficient rainfall and scarcity of transplanted seedlings. However, the cultivation is nearing completion in the northern districts.

**Our Gopalganj Correspondent says:** Growers in the district could not prepare land for Aman cultivation this season mainly due to insufficient rainfall.

Drought like situation has been prevailing in the district. Local met office said expected rainfall did not occur in the month July and the current month of August. An official of Met office said rainfall in the season is the lowest in the last six years in the district.

Like other places in the country the farmers of the district too depend mainly on rainfall for cultivation.

According to Agricultural Extension Department (AED) sources, target has been fixed to bring 41,500 hectares of land under the cultivation this season in the district. But the

drought like situation is casting an adverse impact on the prospect of farming.

Farmers in Gobra, Manikdha, Ghosherchar, Sonakair, Paddarerchar, Suktail, Modhipur, Lakania, Borfa, Gopanpara, Eshakhalai voiced concern over the situation.

They said newly planted saplings are dying for lack of water.

**UNB from Netrakona says:** Scarcity of transplanted Aman seedlings posed a threat to the target of cultivation in the district during the current season.

During the sowing season of seeds, there was an acute crisis of seeds and the farmers could not raise sufficient seedbeds required for transplantation.

Farmers, who had approached the BADC (Seed) sale centres to purchase Aman seeds, returned home with empty hands, sources said.

Now during the pick period of transplantation, seedlings are being sold at exorbitant price, beyond the capacity of the common farmers.

The production target includes 63,28,000 tons of hybrid

variety rice from 28,00,000 hectares of land, another 31,82,000 tons of local variety rice from 21,50,000 hectares of land.

**T-Aman production target in 16 northern district of Rajshahi division** has been fixed at 32,28,830 tons of rice from 16,11,400 hectares during this season.

In Rajshahi zone comprising Rajshahi, Naogaon, Natore, Chapainawabganj, Bogra, Joypurhat, Pabna and Sirajganj districts, a target to produce 12,29,400 tons of T-Aman rice from 6,03,000 hectares has been fixed.

In Rangpur Zone comprising Rangpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Dinajpur, Panchagarh and Thakurgaon districts, a target to produce 19,99,432 tons of rice from 10,08,400 hectares has been fixed.

Deputy Director of AED, Kurigram Abdur Rouf said that several steps had been taken by the AED throughout the country to make the T-Aman cultivation drive a success.

**Another report from Pirojpur says:** Agriculture Extension Department has taken up an intensive programme to bring 72,000 hectares of land under Aman cultivation in six upazilas of the district in the current season.

Of the total, some 59,000 hectares of land will be brought under local variety while the rest 13,000 hectares under high yielding variety (HYV).

### 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 Ujjal 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.

## 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, Godibari, Sonatoli and Gupiakhali have become homeless. They have taken shelter on the WDB constructed new embankment at Dtpur. 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, Kazipur 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 Gupiakhali have alleged that they are not getting sufficient relief materials. They have demanded proper relief and rehabilitation immediately.

## 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 Agoljhara 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 Paisharhat Bus Stand in Agoljhara 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 Agoljhara 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 Bandarbani, Rangamati and Khagrachari 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 parishes. Henceforth, municipality authority or the union parishes have been barred from imposing tax on agricultural products.

### Five arrested

NARSINGDI, Aug 29: Police arrested five persons during a clash with villagers at Bhogiratpur 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 Bidduy 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 Menda bazaar at 10 am on Sunday he was going to school. He died shortly after taken to Sadar hospital. Six temple passengers were injured in another accident on Jessore-Kestabpur road near Kuadah bazaar in Mouriaupur upazila on Saturday night. The three-wheeler was hit by a truck from behind. They were admitted to in 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

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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 Labouratory 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

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SI No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Eligibility for submitting tender
1)	Work of supply of Carbon Brush and Packers for Char Fashion Electric Supply under Bhaba Electric Supply	1,75,000/00	Ku, Kha, Ga, Gha, classes valid enlisted contractors of Power Development Board
2)	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.	
3)	Place of availability of tender	Additional Chief Engineer, Distribution Western Zone, PDB, Khulna, Superintendent Engineer, O&M Circle, PDB, Barisal and Manager, Agrani Bank, Kalinath Bazar, Bhaba.	
4)	Place for submitting tender	It can be purchased till 13/9/00 during office hours. Tenders mentioned in Serial No-2 can be submitted in the office of the undersigned (excluding 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).	
	Resident Engineer (Executive)	Bhaba Electric Supply PDB, Bhaba	

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### Notice Inviting Applications for Admission into Postgraduate Programmes

October 2000 Semester

Applications in prescribed form are invited for admission into the following postgraduate programmes starting in October, 2000 semester.

M.Sc.Engg./M.Engg.

Advanced Engineering Management, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering (Environmental), Civil Engineering (Geotechnical), Civil Engineering (Structural), Civil Engineering (Transportation), Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Industrial & Production Engineering, Materials & Metallurgical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, Petroleum and Mineral Resources Engineering, and Water Resources Engineering.

M. Arch.

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Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics.

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Architecture, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Industrial and Production Engineering, Materials and Metallurgical Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, Petroleum and Mineral Resources Engineering, Physics, Urban and Regional Planning, and Water Resources Engineering.

Admission Requirements

- At least one first class/division in a public examination for M. Sc. Engg./M. Engg. / M. Arch/ MURP/M. Phil. and two first class/division in public examinations for Ph.D.
- At least 50% marks or minimum GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 or its equivalent in B.Sc. Engg. /MA or M.Sc. or MSS/B. Arch. /BURP in the relevant branch or its equivalent.
- No third division/class in any public examination, and
- Other qualifications as detailed in the Prospectus to be seen at Registrar's Office/Departmental Notice Boards and supplied with the Application form on payment of prescribed fees.

Other Information

Last date for receiving the applications is 14 September 2000. Classes will commence on 01 October 2000. Prescribed Application form and Prospectus will be available from Registrar's Office (Academic Section) on cash payment of Tk. 200/- (two hundred taka) or by sending a Bank Draft for this amount in favour of BUET drawn on Sonali Bank, BUET Branch, Dhaka along with a self-addressed envelope affixed with a postal stamp of Tk. 6/- (six). Candidates will have to appear before the Departmental Selection Committee on dates to be notified by the respective Heads of Department on Departmental Notice Boards. Candidates in employment must apply through their employers for both part-time and full-time enrolments. A few Teaching Assistantships may be awarded to suitable full-time students.

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