

Construction of bridge progressing

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Sept 17: Construction work of the 5th Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge over Gokhali Channel in Jhalakati district is progressing satisfactorily.

With the completion of the bridge, the foundation stone of which was laid by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, road communications in the southern region will be easier, local people said. Official sources said 40 per cent of the work has already been completed.

China Hilong Ziang International Economic and Technical Co-operative Corporation is constructing the bridge under the supervision of Road and Highways Department at a cost of Tk 80.92 crore including Chinese assistance of Tk 49.54 crore. The Bangladesh government is providing the rest Tk 31.38 crore.

The 918 metre-long and 10 metre wide bridge, which will be 60 feet high from the water level, will have 25 spans.

The bridge will connect Barisal and Khulna divisions with the rest of the country.

Tree plantation programme

CHUADANGA, Sept 17: All the five Ashrayan projects of three upazilas of Chuadanga district have been brought under tree plantation programme, reports BSS.

The five Ashrayan projects are 'Dhaturhat' under Chuadanga Sadar Upazila, 'Gargari' under Alamdanga Upazila and 'Karpashdanga', 'Subalpur' and 'Chilla', all under Damurhuda Upazila. According to an official source, so far, a total of 8,968 saplings of both fruit bearing and non-fruit bearing trees have been planted in all these Ashrayan projects. Of the total, 1,000 saplings have been planted in 'Dhaturhat', 243 saplings in 'Gargari', 6237 saplings in 'Karpashdanga', 1205 saplings in 'Subalpur' and 283 saplings in 'Chilla' Ashrayan projects.

Body of youth recovered

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Sept 17: Body of a young man identified as Jamaluddin, 20, was recovered from a place near Hotel Royal International here on Wednesday.

Police suspected the youth was strangled. However, the body was sent to hospital for autopsy.

Police arrested three persons including a woman from Boyra area in this connection. The arrested persons were identified as Sohrab, Robiul and Jobeda. Jobeda and Sohrab are close relatives of the victim.

Jute price worries farmers

From Our Correspondent



Farmers cultivate jute though they are deprived of its fair price every year. This is due to lack of pragmatic policy of the government. Photo shows: Jute processing going on in full swing somewhere in Kushtia district.

Magura, 10,985 hectares against 10,661 in Meherpur, 11,605 hectares against the target of 11,465 hectares in Chuadanga, 10,332 hectares against the target of 24,024 hectares in Jessore, 3,920 hectares against the target 13,325 hectares in Narail, 365 hectares against 1,424 hectares in Khulna, 331 hectare against 1,194 hectares in Bagerhat and 5,259 hectares against the target of 9,644 hectares in Satkhira.

Meanwhile, UNB from Panchagarh says: Three purchasing centres in the district have so far bought about 2,540 quintals of jute from August 2 against the target of 15,000

quintals. Jute price at the purchasing centres was set at tossa variety Tk 857 and white variety Tk 777 per quintal. But the traders are not inclined to bring in jute at the centres for non-payment of outstanding dues. As a result, jute price has declined. In fact, there is hardly any buyer in the rural markets and the growers face problem with jute.

The purchasing centres of Platinum Jute Mills owe Tk 60 lakh to traders for the jute supplied last year. The Bhajanpur purchasing centres in the district have been closed. Only Debiganj centre of Eastern Jute Mills is buying some jute. In the absence of

buyers of domestic mills, informed sources said large quantities of jute are sold to buyers coming from across the border. An unknown quantity of jute is smuggled out every year through the border.

As the jute mills have either closed or turned sick, for golden fibre has now reduced to a problem for the farmers.

Mohammad Yeasin, Deputy Director of Agriculture Extension Department, said jute cultivation in northern districts has declined to one-tenth in last five years. He estimated that jute was cultivated only on 50,000 hectares this year as against 5 lakh hectares five years ago.

Price of hilsha comes down

BAGERHAT, Sept. 17: Price of hilsha fish came down abruptly here on Thursday as fishermen caught huge quantity of the fish during the last 2-3 days in the sea, reports UNB.

First ever reduction of the price was noticed this season with the arrival of 40 trawlers loaded with hilsha here on the day. Each kg hilsha was sold at Tk 50/60. Many enthusiastic customers were seen buying the popular fish following the reduction of its price. Hilsha was sold at Tk 150/160 per kg at the advent of monsoon season due to its acute scarcity.

Two killed in Jessore

JESSORE, Sept 17: Two people were killed in separate accidents here on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Police said Sobhan Mollah, 65, died on spot when a Chowgachha-bound passenger bus knocked him down on Chowgachha-Moheshpur road. Mollah hailed from Moheshpur upazila of Jhenidah district. On the same day, an unidentified man, aged about 40, died instantly when he was run over by an Ishwardi-bound train in between Rupdia and Singia rail stations.

Rivals' clash leaves 15 hurt

BAGERHAT, Sept 17: At least 15 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of labourers in Morelganj upazila on Thursday morning, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash between the two groups took place in the upazila headquarters over establishing supremacy. Three of the injured - Haten Kazi, 25, Belayet, 34, and Nasim - were admitted to the Morelganj Thana Health Complex.

Smuggled goods seized

JESSORE, Sept 17: Members of Bangladesh Rifles seized a huge quantity of smuggled goods, worth about Tk 10.16 crore, from different parts of the district during the last six months till August 31, reports UNB.

A total of 1,053 cases were filed and 35 people arrested during the period. Goods worth over Tk 9.11 crore were recovered while being smuggled out to India and goods valued at Tk 1.04 crore seized while being brought into the country. The seized goods included saris, ready-made garments, medicines, cloths, sugar, salt, jute seeds, pens, bicycle and its spare parts, cosmetics, electronic goods, utensils, TV parts, mosquito nets, heroin, hemp, yarns, fruits, fishes, cattle-heads and tortoise shells.

Shaheed Minar to be built on IU campus

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 17: Islamic University authority has decided to construct a Shaheed Minar on the campus to commemorate martyrs of the Language Movement.

The decision was taken at a recent meeting of IU Advisory Committee with Vice Chancellor Kayesuddin in chair. Construction work of the 52-foot memorial will start soon, university sources said.

Horticulture programme

Sherpur, Sept 17: The government has taken up an extensive scheme for the development of horticulture here in this fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to DAE sources, under the scheme 1000 high yielding variety of mango plants have been produced. The department is also cross-breeding new varieties of jackfruit, guava, lemon and pomegranate plants by grafting those with the high yielding ones.

DAE has also distributed a large number of saplings among the farmers.

10 injured as transport workers clash

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Sept 17: At least 10 people were injured and 25 auto tempoes were damaged in a clash between two groups of transport workers at Rupatali Bus Stand here recently. Reason of the clash could not be known. Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Following the clash playing of tempo vehicles on Rupatali-Nathulab route remained suspended for hours, causing sufferings to hundreds of passengers.

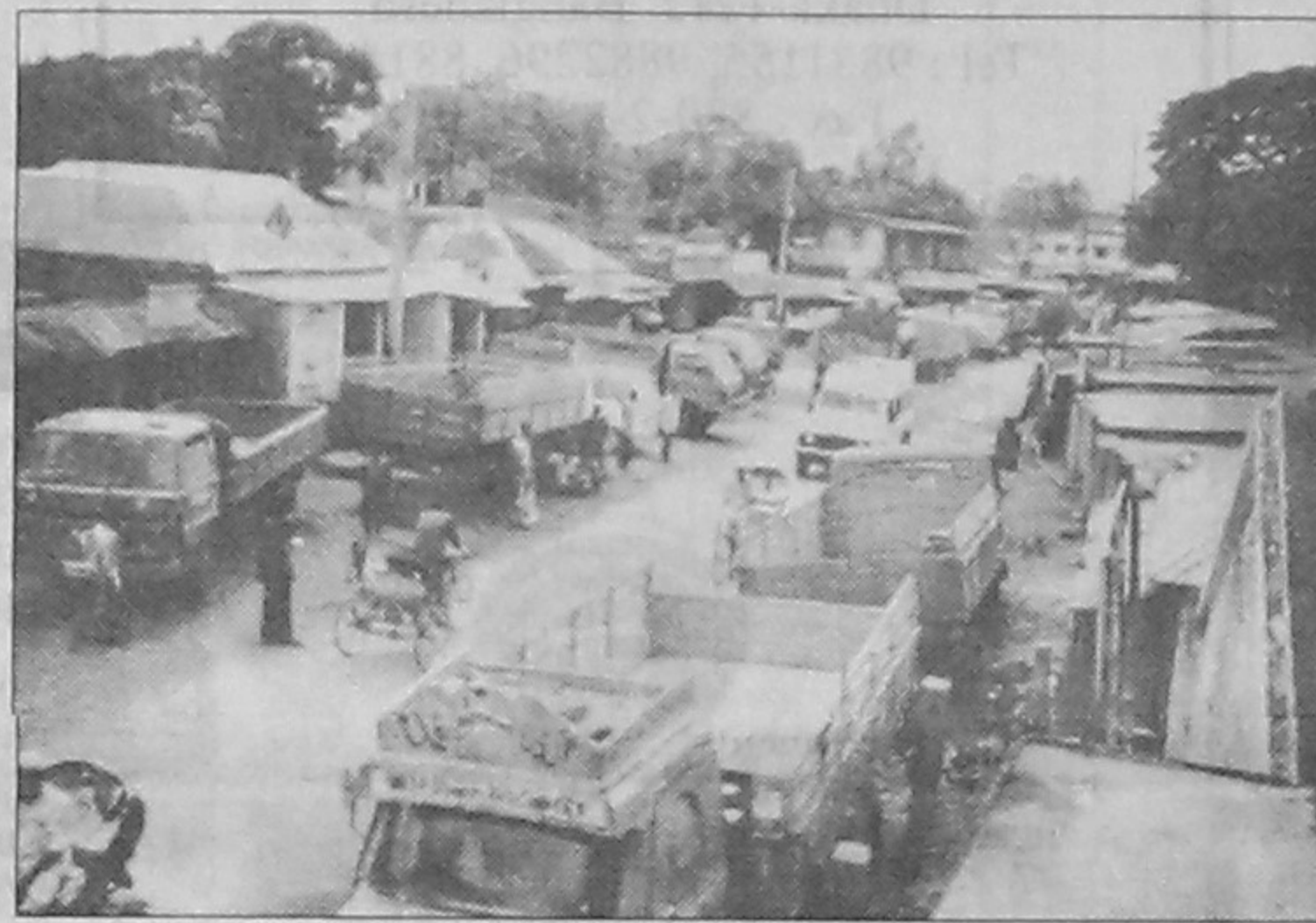
Newsman hurt in road accident

From A Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, Sept 17: The reporter of The Daily Protom ALO and The Pratidin Khagrachhari, Shyamal Rudra was seriously injured in a road accident at Narayanhat in the evening on August 29.

The accident occurred at Ramgarh in Ramgarh upazila. The accident occurred when he was travelling by a motor cycle from Chittagong. He wanted to save a passer-by who was crossing the road.

He was shifted to Nasirhat hospital on the day for treatment.



Drivers usually park their vehicles haphazardly in Sirajganj town due to absence of any truck terminal there. This snap was taken from the busy Bazaar Station area situated on New Dhaka road.

Sirajganj needs a truck terminal

From Akhteruzzaman Bablu

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 17: Because of absence of a modern truck terminal, the Sirajganj town dwellers have been experiencing a severe traffic congestion.

The problem is getting serious day by day with continued rise in the number of vehicles. The situation has gone worse over the last few years as the town became a district headquarters 18 years ago. Especially, a grim picture is seen on the road from New Dhaka Road. Mujib Sarak and Sirajganj Bazar to Eliot Bridge during the busy hours every day. Trucks in queue remain parked for hours together on these roads causing obstacle for the passers-by as well as for the vehicles plying on the roads. Besides, other vehicles are also seen in the same areas facing no obstruction by any authority or law enforcing agency. These are the main entry points from other districts. Traffic police have to face a lot of problem to control the traffic arrangement.

A number of the truck drivers said that, they had been compelled to park their trucks on the roadside places getting no place anywhere. They did not get any response from the authorities concerned for establishing a terminal for the last few years. The district administration and Sirajganj Municipality have not taken up any programme for establishing a modern truck terminal in the town.

Bus passengers harassed

From Abdul Matin Fakir

FARDIPUR, Sept 17: Passengers of buses plying in different routes of the district are being subjected to harassments,

humiliations and indecent treatments by the bus conductors, helpers and drivers over the enhancement of bus fare following

the recent price rise of petrol and diesel by the government. Sometimes passengers refusing to pay the abnormally enhanced bus fare are reportedly forced to get down from the bus on the way.

After the raising of prices of petroleum and diesel, bus owners have increased bus fare unilaterally and unreasonable rate which the passengers on board the buses refuse to pay resulting in altercations, scuffles, brawls and other untoward incidents between the passengers and the bus employees.

The prices of each litre of petrol has been increased by Taka two and that of diesel by Taka 2.55. In view of this increase in fuel prices, bus owners have allegedly been taking Paisa 55 to 60 as against Paisa 30 to 40 per kilometre from each passenger earlier.

At present Taka 25 is being taken from each passenger for travelling a distance of 48-km from Faridpur to Takerhat as against Taka 15 charged earlier. An amount of 20 is now being taken from each passenger in place of Taka 12 taken previously to travel from Faridpur to Sadarpur, a distance of only 38-km. Taka 20 per passenger is now being charged as against Taka 12 to travel a distance covering 35-km from Faridpur to Daulatdia. At the same rate bus fare has been increased in different routes of the district causing tremendous hardship to the daily bus passengers.

Reports of untoward incidents over the abnormal enhancement of bus fare have been pouring in at the district headquarters from different parts of the district.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Ferry Construction Division, House No-536
Road No-11, DOHS, Baridhara, Dhaka

Roads & Highways Department Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No : 06/2000-2001.
2. Name of work : Repairing work including supply of spare parts for overhauling of 110 Horse Power DAF Engine (right side) (Model DT-620) of utility type-2 (quality) 008/89 ferry of Kazitrek Ferryghat under R&H Ferry Sub-Division, Faridpur during 2000-2001 fiscal year.
3. Estimated cost : As per schedule.
4. Earnest money : At the rate of 2% of the estimated cost.
5. Specific time for completion of work : Time as mentioned in schedule.
6. Eligibility of contractors : 'A' to 'C' general category contractors of R&H department, 'D' general category contractor of Ferry Planning Circle, Dhaka and 'E' category enlisted contractors of Ferry Construction Division.
7. Offices from where tenders will be sold : Executive Engineer (R&H), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka/Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka/Ferry Division, Sylhet and Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Ferry Construction Sub-Division, Dhaka/Ferry Sub-Division, Faridpur.
8. Offices in which tenders will be received : Superintendent Engineer (R&H), Ferry Planning Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (R&H), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka/Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka/Ferry Division, Sylhet.
9. Last date of selling tender (during office hours) : 27.09.2000/12.06.1407 Bang.
10. Last date and time of receiving tender : 28.09.2000/13.06.1407 Bang till 12-00 Noon.
11. Date and time of opening tender (in the office of the undersigned) : 03.10.2000/18.06.1407 Bang at 12-45 PM.
12. Date and time of lottery (if necessary) : 05.10.2000/20.06.1407 at 11-30 am.

Executive Engineer (R&H)
Ferry Construction Division
Dhaka

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Headquarters

Bangladesh Coast Guard
DOHS, Baridhara
Dhaka-1206

Tender Notice

1. Tenders in sealed envelopes from bonafide traders/stockists are invited for purchasing the undermentioned clothing goods in local currency for Bangladesh Coast Guard:

Sl no	Name of goods	Quantity
Ka	Boot DMS	290 pairs
Kha	Blue nylon socks	510 pairs
Ga	Black/blue woolen socks	630 pairs
Gha	Shoe gym	630 pairs
Uma	Towel T/S (sailor)	630 pieces
Cha	Cap pick with badge (sailor)	325 pieces
Chha	Blue nylon belt with buckle	235 pieces
Ja	CG monogram	700 pieces
Jha	Pillow cases	520 pieces
Nio	Sports ganjee officer (with collar, half sleeve with CG monogram)	100 pieces
Ta	Sports ganjee sailor (round neck half sleeve with CG monogram)	350 pieces
Tha	Clothes sports bledger	100 metres
Da	Badges cap pick officer	40 pieces
Dha	Cap jockey with badge officer	60 pieces
Na	Cap jockey with badge single brush	20 pieces
Ta	Badges cap CPO, PO and sailor	600 pieces.

2) Schedule of tenders with requisite terms and conditions with specific cost (non-refundable) can be procured from the Coast Guard Headquarters during office hours (0900-1200 hours) on any working day. The sale cost of the schedule of tender is Tk 200/00. The last date of selling of schedule of tender is 02 October, 2000, the date of opening of schedule of tender is 03 October, 2000 at 1200 hours. The last date of receiving tender is 03 October at 1130 hours.

3) Two copies of tender will have to be submitted. Total cost will have to be mentioned along with single cost. Separate tenders will have to be given for each of the item from serial no Ka to Ta. Rest of the items from serial no Da to Na, the tender will have to be given together. Specimen of goods must be submitted at the time of opening tender. Otherwise tenders will be regarded as rejected.

4) The following attested copies of documents will have to be attached with tender.
Ka) Bank solvency certificate.
Kha) Income tax / VAT certificate.
Ga) Trade licence renewed up-to-date.

5) The Bangladesh Coast Guard authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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M A Hye Bhuiyan
Commander BN
for the Director General.

News snaps



Blacksmiths of Magura district have been facing hard days now. This is due to poverty, shortage of capital and patronisation from the government and other non-governmental organisations.

New administrator

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Sept 17: Prof Mahbubur Rahman of History Department has been made administrator of Public Relation Office of the university.

Vice Chancellor Prof Sayeedur Rahman Khan appointed him for a three-year term. Prof Rahman, who took over charge on September 6, replaced Prof Faruk-uz-Zaman.

291 schemes implemented

GOPALGANJ, Sept 17: A total of 291 schemes were implemented in Muktadpur upazila in fiscal 1999-2000 under Food for Works and Test Relief programmes, reports UNB.

Official sources said a total of 1163.66 tons of wheat were spent to implement the schemes. Of these, 72 were completed under FFW programme while the rest 219 under TR programme. The works included construction and reconstruction of rural roads, earth filling in different educational institutions, repair of roads and bridges and renovation of mosques and shrines.

Production starts in full swing

MADARIPUR, Sept 17: Production in 43 industrial units here has started in full swing, reports UNB.

About 500 workers including 50 women are working in the units set up by BSCIC on eight acres of land costing Tk 1.42 crore on the bank of the Arial Khan river near the town in 1985. There are some 123 plots in the industrial estate where 17 industrial units are also under construction. The industrial units include cold storage, flour, pulse, oil, chanchur and soap factories and saw mills.

Workshop

COMILLA, Sept 17: An orientation workshop on 'Advocacy on reproductive health and gender issues' was held at Comilla Shishu Academy recently, reports BSS.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Education and Development) Yunusur Rahman was present as the chief guest. District Information Officer M Jasimuddin presided over the workshop. District Information Office organised the workshop. Twenty artists participated in the workshop.



Abdul Hannan Khan, Additional DIG of police recently planted a sapling at Zamtola Bazaar in Netrakona district as part of an afforestation programme - 2000 organised by Arthonotik Manobik Unnayan Sangstha, a non-governmental organisation.

Tender Notice



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

Sealed tenders in T-2 forms are invited from Ka, Kha, Ga categories licence holders and enlisted with Power Development Board for supply of goods at an estimated expenditure of Tk 42510 for various Grid Substations under Grid Maintenance Division, PDB, Comilla. Detailed tender schedule will be available on written permission from head of offices concerned from the offices mentioned below till 2.10.2000 on payment of Tk 40.00.

1. Chief Engineer, Transmission, No-1, A Ghani Road, Biddut Bhaban, Dhaka.
2. Superintending Engineer, Grid Circle, PDB, Sylhet Camp Office, Srimongal.
3. Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Bhaban Branch, Zangalia, Comilla.

Tenders will be received in the undermentioned offices on 3.10.2000 till 12 Noon and will be opened the same day at 12-30 PM before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present).

1. Chief Engineer, Transmission, PDB, No 1, Abdul Ghani Road, Biddut Bhaban, Dhaka.
2. Superintending Engineer, Grid Circle, PDB, Sylhet Camp Office, Srimongal.
3. Executive Engineer, Grid Maintenance Division, Zangalia, Comilla.

Rate in the tender will have to be written legible letters and figures in words and figures. Contractors must submit earnest money at the rate of 5% of the quoted cost in the form of Bank Draft/Pay/Order etc from any scheduled bank in favour of the "Deputy Director (Account), RAO, PDB, Zangalia, Comilla" with each set of tender. If the rate quoted in the tender is more or less than the estimated expenditure, then the contractor must enclose the rate analysis with tender. Incomplete tender will be regarded as rejected. The undersigned reserves the power to accept any tender or reject all tenders, if necessary without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer
Grid Maintenance Division
PDB, Comilla.
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