

Flood victims need support for agri-rehabilitation

From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, Oct 22: Flood-hit people of Mohespur and Kotchandpur upazilas are in urgent need of financial assistance to start their agriculture rehabilitation programme immediately.

The affected people of 12 unions and a municipality of Mohespur upazila and five unions and a municipality in Kotchandpur upazila are in need of financial assistance for agricultural rehabilitation.

Otherwise, experts of Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) fear, the affected 251,686 people of Mohespur and 50,290 people of Kotchandpur upazila will be in much trouble.

During the deluge, 95,587 metric tonnes of crop including seedling Aman, T-Aman, vegetables and other crops of 57,860 acres of land in Mohespur upazila and 2734 metric tonnes of crops on 4,890 acres of land in Kotchandpur upazila were damaged partially or fully recently.

The flood-loss was estimated at Tk 77.89 crore and 286.30 crore respectively.

A highly placed source at the Cotton Development Board and some other departments said that the loss might be more than the figure assessed by DAE.

According to them, although flood water was receding from the bordering area sharply, almost entire upazila of Mohespur has turned into a beel area as water is stagnant there. No measure has been taken yet to clear the water.

The flood-affected farmers thought that they would be able to make up the loss partially by cultivating winter crops there. But their hopes were far from reality. The croplands became barren due to water logging. The water may remain stagnant in the area for another couple of months, they said.

When this correspondent visited Jinanagar, Samanta, Bhairaba, Kazirber, Padmapukur and some other parts on Thurs-

day last the farmers alleged that they were assured of post-flood rehabilitation and that all of them would get Tk 1,000 for house building, but they were not given a single coin.

Flood-affected people informed that most of them were farmers, day labourers and small traders who had been running their families in hardship. But the deluge which they did not imagine at all, shattered their dreams. The deluge razed all their belongings to the ground.

Affected people also alleged that the relief materials that have been distributed among them, were too inadequate to meet their daily needs. They also brought allegations against some union parishad Chairmen and members regarding distribution of relief materials.

However, some of them lauded the activities of some non-government and private initiatives.

Meanwhile, the Department of

Agricultural Extension (DAE) has taken up an initiative as part of their rehabilitation programme for 88,500 farmers who were severely affected by the flood. A total 17,950 hectares of land would be brought under the rehabilitation programme at a cost of Tk 10.66 crore to cultivate Boro, wheat, hybrid maize, groundnut, lentil, betel leaf and vegetables. But the initiative was not adequate, some sources said.

When contacted, Shoyebur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, said that they had distributed 1,275 mt rice, Tk 6,28,800; 565 tins of biscuits, 18 mt of flattened rice, about 5 metric tonnes of molasses, 2,000 pieces of saree, 1750 pieces of lungi, 500 pieces of old clothes, 70 rolls of plastic, 1800 pieces of hurricane, 1500 pieces of glass, 1200 pieces utensil, 1360 water jug, baby food and other materials to ease the sufferings of the flood-hit people of Mohespur and Kotchandpur upazilas.

Literacy drive 50 hurt as examinees clash in Shahjadpur

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 22: At least 50 people including male and female examinees of literacy centres were injured, nine of them critically, when the candidates of Purantepri and Baroitpri villages clashed at Baroitpri literacy centre under Shahjadpur upazila at 2 pm yesterday.

Police and witnesses said Shahjadpur upazila administration launched the literacy centre under a programme titled 'Prodipto Sirajganj' at Baroitpri Primary School. Some 400 male and female students aged between 10 to 46 appeared in the examination held yesterday.

The clash erupted when students of Purantepri village had alterations with the students of village Baroitpri over seating arrangement at the examination centre. At one stage the people of Purantepri attacked villagers of Baroitpri with ram, axe and other sharp weapons. Some fifty people including 9 male and female students were seriously injured.

Rafiqul, 25, a teacher of the centre, Abdul Mazid, 52, Abu Taleb, 46, A Manman, 34, Abdul Hamid, 39, Moslem Uddin, 30, Nasima Khatun, 30, Shaheda Khatun, 31 and Aklima Khatun, 34 were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital and Ullapara Upazila Health Complex. However, others were released after first aid.

A case was lodged with Shahjadpur thana in this connection but none arrested.

Clash over land

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 20: At least 15 people were injured, three seriously, in a clash over a disputed land between two groups of people in Ramchandrapur area under Mathur police station in the city on Friday night.

Seriously injured Saduddin, 50, his wife Saar Banu, 47, and their son Asadul Islam, 26, were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

News snaps



The open space in front of Islamia Government College in Sirajganj town is being polluted by human excreta, manure, garbage and other things posing a serious threat to public health. The municipal authorities seem to be indifferent to clean the residential area where Sirajganj General Hospital is also situated. Local elite have appealed for checking the unhealthy trend.

--Star photo

Concern over environmental pollution

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 22: Environmental pollution is causing a serious health hazard to people living in rural and urban areas of Sirajganj district.

In the municipality areas night soils are piled on open places like road sides, canals, ponds and bushes causing environmental pollution. The cultivators store cow dung adjacent to their dwelling houses and use kutcha latrines, polluting the atmosphere by spreading bad smell. Washing rotten jute plants in the ponds, tanks and pools adjacent to their homesteads also causes air pollution. Villagers have been suffering from various diseases, like malaria, enteric fever and various kinds of skin diseases due to pollution. A large number of people including women and children die of these diseases for want of proper treatment. Sirajganj town is now a town of wastes and garbage. Garbage is dumped in unhygienic condition in drains throughout the municipal area. Blood, bones and remains of slaughtered animals are thrown at a close distance of the market making the whole area polluted with germs and bacteria. Polythene bags are left here and there after use which block drains. This bags cause water logging in the town areas.

348 pending cases settled

COMILLA, Oct 22: A total of 348 cases, out of 551 filed with the Women and Children Repression Prevention Court were settled during the last four years, reports UNB.

Court sources said of the settled cases, death penalties were given in two cases and life terms in several other cases. Special public prosecutor of the court Mujibur Rahman said settlement of the cases delayed due to transfer of four judges during the period. Explaining the other reasons for delay in disposing the cases he said despite issuance of summons witnesses failed to appear before the court. Besides, investigating officers, doctors examining the victims and even the Magistrates dealing with the cases were found irregular.

Five arrested

SHERPUR, Oct 22: Five people were arrested in separate raids in Sadar upazila, police said on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip of a contingent of police led by Sadar thana OC Nur Mohammad raided a gambling den at Mirabari ground in Gouripur area in the town on Oct 11 and arrested Fazlu, Rafiq, Amzad and Abus Salam. Police also seized gambling equipment, playing cards and Tk 1200 in cash from the spot. Earlier, on the previous night local people caught red-handed Zakir Hossain, 20, with a dagger while snatching money from a pedestrian after stabbing him on Bakarkanda-Dhalakanda road in the upazila. Zakir's accomplice Khokan managed to flee the scene. The pedestrian identified as Shahed Ali was rushed to the Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. Later the snatcher was handed over to the police.

Acid attack on housewife

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 22: A housewife received head injuries when her brother-in-law Tuhin poured acid on her in the evening on Thursday.

The victim identified as Ayesha Begum, mother of two children and wife of a petty shopowner Ishaque Ali of Gokul Nagar Mahallah in Ishurdi Upazila under Pabna district. Police said, Tuhin offered bad proposal, but she refused. Then Tuhin became angry and on Thursday evening called his sister-in-law from her house and poured acid on her head. Locals recovered her and sent her to Ishurdi Health Complex. A case has been lodged with Ishurdi PS. None was arrested in this connection.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Director General

Directorate of Youth Development

Ministry of Youth & Sports

108, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

Memo No. DYD/New YTC/Jamal/Con/Estimate/101/98-1277 Dated: 10-10-2000/25-06-1407 BS

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are invited from this project pre-qualified 1999-2000 financial year renewed contractors for completion of civil works of internal road & garden of Jamalpur Youth Training Centre under the Project titled 'Establishment of Eleven New Youth Training Centres including development & completion of unfinished works of existing centres' of the Directorate of Youth Development. Tenders will be received at the office chamber of the undersigned, Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, 12-storey Govt Building, Segunbagicha, Dhaka & consultant firm Engineers' Consortium Ltd, 64/B, Green Road, Dhaka on 29-10-2000/14-07-1407 BS up to 12-00 Noon and the tenders received will be opened on the same day at 12-15 hours in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. Earnest money at the rate 2% of the estimated cost should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order from any schedule bank in favour of Project Director, Youth Training Centre establishment project, Directorate of Youth Development, Dhaka. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright. Time limit for the work is 90 (ninety) days. Terms & conditions and schedule of tender can be purchased by the contractor himself or his authorised representative (with signature of the representative attested by the contractor) on production of prequalification register during office hours by depositing Tk 900/= (nine hundred) only through Bangladesh Bank Treasury Challan under code No 1/3640/5130/2681 & submitting the original copy of the challan to the office of the undersigned, Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, 12 storey Govt Building, Segunbagicha, Dhaka & consultant firm 64/B, Green Road. Dhaka No tender form will be sold on the date of opening tender. Attested copy of 1999-2000 financial year renewed prequalification trade license should be submitted with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or accept or reject tender in full or part without assigning any reason and is not bound to accept the lowest tender. The amount of work & money may increase or decrease.

For Director General

Md Mosharraf Hossain

Project Director

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'Declare Bandarban forests wildlife sanctuaries'

BANDARBAN, Oct 22: The dwindling forests of Bandarban hill district which accommodates dozens of endangered species should be declared a wildlife sanctuary soon to protect biodiversity and ecological harmony of the region, reports BSS.

The hills located in the bordering areas of Myanmar and India shelter species like wild cocks, Muthura, bear, porcupine, wild elephants, deer and dogs. The remote hills are safe heavens of the Gibbon family members popularly known as hoolooks (Hylobates hoolook).

Experts believe the existence of a large number of wild species are being disappeared across the globe. The causes of extinction of the species could be unearthed if systematic investigation were carried out in the area during Jhum cultivation.

Zoologists and forest officials

said that the investigation should be carried out with the help of the elderly wildlife hunters under the supervision of the experts when the tribal people set fire on the hills prior to the Jhum cultivation, an age-old traditional farming system of the tribal people.

The tribal people recently recovered two newborns of hoolooks from a remote hilly village of Roangchhari, 28 kms from the district headquarters. A Jhum farmer managed to save one infant of the gibbon family, but the other baby got lost.

Hearing the news, curator of Chittagong Zoo rushed to the tribal village to save the baby, as it was not taking any food. The hoolook is now in the zoo under special arrangement, zoo officials said.

Zoological experts of the region told that more species of the

hoolook family can be traced in the region, specially in the remote Roninpara, Ramuj Hill, Bengchhari and Pakhangpara area, 40-kilometre from here.

The deep forests of this district were also the safe heavens of wild cows, popularly known as 'Bangaru' or 'Gayal', but their survival are endangered due to hunting of this rare species by the tribal people. The tribal people, mainly the Bom community, are fond of wild cows as they tame these cows at their homes and like to serve the meat to their guests.

Country's lone government Cayal production firm is located at the upazila headquarters of Lalkhanchhari, but it could not develop any new variety yet as the officials of the firm usually do not visit the tribal villages, where the wild cows are abundant.

560 homeless families to be rehabilitated soon

KURIGRAM, Oct 22: The construction of 56 barrack house units to rehabilitate 560 homeless families under Arsayan project of the government are progressing fast in six upazilas here, reports BSS.

Sixty families in six barracks have already been rehabilitated and 20 more families are expected to be rehabilitated soon. Construction of the other barracks are also expected to be completed soon, official sources said.

The present government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina undertook a massive Arsayan project throughout the country for permanent rehabilitation of thousands of homeless and destitute families. Under the programme, 15 Arsayan project in 15 different places under 10 union parishads of six upazilas are to be implemented by the 16 Engineers' Battalion of Rangpur Cantonment in Kurigram district. The project is being supervised by the office of the Prime Minister.

A District Task Force Committee for the Implementation of Arsayan project headed by the Deputy Commissioner of the district was formed. The government allocated more than 400 tonnes of wheat for the earthwork of these Arsayan project through District Relief and Rehabilitation Department of Kurigram. Earth filling work of 12 projects have, so far, been completed and that of three others is now hearing completion.

The Arsayan project in Kurigram district situated at Arapilashbari under Halokhanda UP of Sadar Upazila, Berakuti under Kashipur UP of Fulbari Upazila, Korai Barishal, Boilmondiar Char under Chilmari UP and Khawriar Char, Kheruar Char, Feskapotrakhata

under Nayabhat UP of Chilmari Upazila, Bamoner Char-1 and Bamoner Char-2 under Roumari UP and Tapur Char under Bondober UP of Roumari Upazila, Palkdunga under Pakherchara UP of Bhurungamari Upazila, Baidyananda Char under Biddyananda UP, Ghoraldanga under Choraladanga UP and Mirer Bari under Chinal UP of Rajarhat Upazila. So far, the 16 Engineers' Battalion of Rangpur Cantonment has completed construction work of two barracks at Berakuti and two barracks at Palkdunga village.

Sixty families have been rehabilitated with 10 families in each barrack at Arapilashbari and Berakuti Arsayan project. Other 48 barracks are expected to be completed soon.

On the other hand, Kurigram Sadar upazila administration has already distributed a total of Taka 1,06,000 as loan among the 20 rehabilitated families at Arapilashbari Arsayan project to make them self-reliant. The Fulbari Upazila Administration has taken all necessary steps to distribute loans among the 40 rehabilitated families at Berakuti.

Deputy Commissioner of Kurigram AFM Solaiman Chowdhury in a recent meeting of the District Task Force Committee for Implementation of Arsayan project ordered all concerned UNOs of six upazilas to accelerate the Package Training Programmes for the rehabilitated destitute families for their sustainable developments through income generating activities under the Prime Minister's theme of 'One House, One Farm'.

He also ordered the concerned officials to take necessary steps for granting loans to the beneficiaries. He also expressed his satisfactions over the overall progress of the Arsayan project.

While talking with this correspondent, the rehabilitated families of Arapilashbari Arsayan project express their happiness and thanked Prime Minister for her exceptional Arsayan project.

They are now thinking about bright future for their next generations through economic emancipation activities.

Another report says: Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury has said the present government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is pledge-bound to ensure the country's socio-economy development by bringing smiles upon the faces of teeming millions.

She was addressing a function marking the distribution of shelter and land among those affected by the erosion of Dharla and Brahmaputra rivers under Bhogdanga union here on Wednesday.

State Minister for Planning Dr Muiuddin Khan Alamgir was the special guest on the occasion organised by earth Identity Project. The project president and a Japanese turned Muslim Hajera and Shanzar Sardar MP also spoke.

Begum Motia Chowdhury said the present government had already provided shelter to at least 50,000 homeless people under the Arsayan project and arranged for their self-employment through micro-credit system.

She also said the government was spending Taka 2.5 crore as financial assistance during the Eid festivals and Taka 7 crore every month for the allowance being given to widows, elderly women and those deserted by their husbands.

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

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পানি ব্যবহারের মিতব্যয়ী হউন

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st class civil contractors for the undermentioned works.

	Name of work	Amount of estimated cost	Date & time of receiving tender
1.	Construction of officers' quarters on WASA land at Dhanmondi Road No 24. Bldg No 1	Tk 47,99,770/-	6-11-2000 up to 12.00 Noon.
2.	-do- -do- Bldg No 2	Tk 78,05,761/-	-do-
3.	Construction of staff quarters on WASA land at Dhanmondi Road No. 24. Bldg No 3	Tk 47,16,111/-	-do-

Tenders will be opened on the same day of receiving tender at 2.00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Tender schedule will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address:

WASA Bhaban
98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka
WASA P.I-323/2000
DFP-24796-15/10
G-1845

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Executive Engineer
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Ballavpur Government Free Primary School under Sukpuria union of Chougachha upazila in Jessore district remained submerged in flood waters for a long time. Now the flood victims need to be rehabilitated

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Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority

222 New Eskaton Road, Dhaka-1000

Amended Re-Tender Notice

No 20/2000-2001

Dated: 12-10-2000

No. BEPZA/CE-09/09/20

Sealed tenders are invited from contractors as per eligibility for the undermentioned works under Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority:

Sl No	Name of works	Estimated cost (in Taka)	Eligibility of contractor	Prescribed time for completion of work	Price of tender document (in Taka)
1.	Partial land development of 18 more industrial plot & factory bay area at Comilla EPZ, Airport, Comilla.	3,31,35,914/=	Govt/semi-govt/ autonomous organisation enlisted contractors having experience of Civil construction work worth minimum Tk 166 lakh under a single work order	180 days	2,000.00
2.	Land development at residential & administrative area at Comilla EPZ, Comilla Airport, Comilla. (Group-A)	89,47,437/=	Govt/semi-govt/ autonomous organisation enlisted contractors having experience of Civil construction work worth minimum Tk 45 lakh under a single work order	140 days	1,500.00
3.	Land development at residential & administrative area of Comilla EPZ, Comilla Airport, Comilla. (Group-B)	87,43,764/=	Govt/semi-govt/ autonomous organisation enlisted contractors having experience of Civil construction work worth minimum Tk 44 lakh under a single work order	140 days	1,500.00
4.	Land development at residential & administrative area of Comilla EPZ, Comilla Airport, Comilla. (Group-C)	58,25,783/=	Govt/semi-govt/ autonomous organisation enlisted contractors having experience of Civil construction work worth minimum Tk 30 lakh under a single work order	120 days	1,500.00
5.	Land development at residential & administrative area of Comilla EPZ, Comilla Airport, Comilla. (Group-D)	64,33,504/=	Govt/semi-govt/ autonomous organisation enlisted contractors having experience of Civil construction work worth minimum Tk 33 lakh under a single work order	125 days	1,500.00
6.	Land development at residential & administrative area of Comilla EPZ, Comilla Airport, Comilla. (Group-E)	63,47,867/=	Govt/semi-govt/ autonomous organisation enlisted contractors having experience of Civil construction work worth minimum Tk 32 lakh under a single work order	125 days	1,500.00

In zones & projects under BEPZA, a single contractor will not be appointed for more than one work undertaken at Taka one crore of above valuation, and the number of works in progress should not be more than three in total at a time.

Separate tender should be submitted for each work. Earnest money stated in the tender should be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of 'BEPZA'.

Contractors must submit attested true copy of the undermentioned documents with tender in support of their eligibility. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

1) Current year trade licence.
2) Contractor current year enlistment certificate.
3) Certificate as tax payer (TIN) from Income Tax authority in support of contractor & VAT registration certificate.

4) Work order & work completion certificate on the same work from an officer not below the rank of minimum Executive Engineer.

If any of the documents submitted with the tender is found to be false or fake, then the earnest money submitted with the tender will be forfeited & the tender cancelled.

Tenders can be purchased from BEPZA Executive Office, 222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka; Chittagong EPZ, South Halishahar, Chittagong; Dhaka EPZ, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka; Comilla EPZ, Comilla & all Divisional Commissioners' Offices up to 13-11-2000. In case of purchasing tender document from Divisional Commissioner's office, the prescribed price of tender should be paid through Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of BEPZA Acknowledgement receipt/money receipt obtained against payment of the amount should be enclosed with the tender.

Tenders will be received at the office chamber of Chief Engineer at BEPZA Executive Office; Project Engineer's office chamber at Chittagong, Dhaka EPZ; Project Director's office chamber at Comilla EPZ & all Divisional Commissioners' Offices up to 12-00 Noon of 14-11-2000.

Tenders submitted at different Divisions/offices will be opened only at the office chamber of Chief Engineer at BEPZA Executive office on 16-11-2000 at 10-00 AM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

If, under any circumstance, the last date of selling tender happens to be a govt holiday, then the tenders can be purchased up to the next working day, and in that case, tenders can be submitted up to the next day of the changed last date. If the date of submitting/opening tender happens to be a govt holiday then it can be submitted/opened on the next working day.

If the tender is submitted at the lowest limit i.e. 10% below the estimated cost as per the tender terms & conditions by more than one firm, then lottery will be held on the next day of opening tender i.e. 19-11-2000 at 3-00 PM at the BEPZA Executive Office in presence of the tenderers concerned. If the documents submitted by the 1st successful tenderer in lottery are found right as per tender terms & conditions after scrutiny, then the firm will be issued work order. Otherwise necessary step will be taken to issue work order after examining the documents of 2nd & 3rd tenderers by turn.

The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all of the submitted tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Abu Reza Khan

Chief Engineer

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