

# Bazaars in bad shape

By Staff Correspondent

Most of the rural markets in Netrakona and Mymensingh districts are in miserable condition.

**Our Netrakona correspondent says:** Most village markets in 10 upazilas are in pitiable condition, causing immense sufferings to people.

Local people said, lack of proper maintenance and negligence by the authorities concerned are the main reasons behind poor condition of markets.

Most of the markets have been established at local initiatives, but these have not been maintained in proportion with the growing population.

Filth and garbage are piled up here and there which emits bad smell, threatening public health.

Absence of pure drinking water facilities in markets is another problem.

Local people have urged the authorities concerned to take necessary steps in this regard.

**Our Mymensingh correspondent reports:** Bazaars here are in bad condition due to lack

of proper maintenance by the authorities concerned.

There are 322 bazaars in all 12 upazilas. But most of the bazaars are in bad condition creating serious sufferings to the buyers and sellers.

Large bazaars including Shambhuganj Bazaar, Amuakanda Bazaar, Muktagacha Bazaar, Balla Bazaar, Khamarer Bazaar, Mollick Bari Bazaar, Shivanj Bazaar, Shantiganj Bazaar, Machhua Bazaar, Bidyaganj Bazaar, Begunbari Bazaar, Ausadhar Bazaar, Kishoreganj Bazaar, Phulbaria Bazaar, Ghoshganj Bazaar and some other kutcha bazaars are in bad shape due to lack of proper maintenance.

The authorities concerned earn a handsome amount of revenue every year leasing out the bazaars. But it is alleged that development work is hardly seen in the bazaars. In most bazaars, the sellers continue their business activities under the open sky braving the sun or rain. Sometimes they use polythene paper to save their goods from rain. But they have to pay tolls regularly. During the rainy

season a vast portion of most of the bazaars go under water stopping business activities. After rain the bazaar area becomes a muddy hampering smooth activity of the buyers.

In most bazaars, lease holders collect more toll violating the rules. Lease holders continue such bad practice without any opposition. In many cases, lease holders are collect toll without giving any receipt to the buyers and sellers.

In the district town, small businessmen of several bazaars supervise by Mymensingh Municipality staged different agitation programmes including strike, protest procession and press conference protesting the realisation of high tolls by the lease holders recently.

In many bazaars, sellers sit on the roads with their commodities due to shortage of accommodation creating traffic jam and hampering the activities in the markets. Though the authorities seem reluctant to develop the bazaars, they yet raise toll very often and, it is also alleged.

# Crisis of construction material in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 10: An acute crisis of construction materials has been prevailing in the flood affected areas of the district. Construction materials like bamboo, straw and jute-stick have become dear in the village markets.

Most of the houses of poor people were damaged by the devastating flood causing substantial losses to them.

At present reconstruction of houses has become the prime need of people in villages. But acute crisis of bamboo and other house building materials has caused price-hike of the materials.

With a view to making windfall profit some unscrupulous traders have been bringing the items from distance places and are selling those at exorbitant prices. Poor people are unable to purchase house building materials as they are financially not solvent. They are now in need of financial help from government or non-government organisations to reconstruct their flood ravaged houses.

It may be mentioned that total population of the district is over 27 lakh and five out of nine upazilas now under the River Jamuna belt area and more than 13 lakh people have been affected by flood. One lakh kutcha houses have been damaged either partially or totally.

Those who have lost their houses completely are still living in open spaces or in a temporary. In spite of their best efforts they are unable to reconstruct their houses as they did not get building grant from the government.

UNO official report said that 20,625 houses have been damaged fully and 30 thousand houses partially by the prolonged flood. Over one lakh people are passing hard days in open spaces and along the embankment and roads.

Out of the total homeless people 3542 in Karipur, 4,225 in Sirajganj Sadar, 10,452 in Shajadpur, 2225 in Chouhali and 4,225 in Belkuchi upazilas are waiting for loans to rebuild their houses. For months together these people have been living under the open sky or on the high lands.

Though flood waters have receded these people could not reconstruct their houses. They are eagerly waiting for the reconstruction and rehabilitation programme of the government. The affected people are regularly visiting the chairmen and members concerned of the unions, but are not getting any word of hope from them.

# News snaps



Zahan Ara Quamruzzaman, widow of national leader A H M Quamruzzaman, who was killed in Dhaka Central Jail on November 3 in 1975, inaugurating a gallery named after her husband in Rajshahi Varendra Research Museum on the 25th Jail Killing Day this year. —Star photo

## IU staff suspended

From IU Correspondent

ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY, Kushtia, Nov 10: An employee of Islamic University was suspended and three others were served show cause notices on Monday in connection with the October 14 incident in which at least 200 people were injured in a clash between employees and students of the university.

Ruhul Amin Babu, Section Officer (Transport), was suspended and three employees—Faruq Hossain, Nazrul and Tuhin—were served show cause notices asking them why they will not be suspended by the authorities. The syndicate of the university took the decision. The emergency syndicate meeting was called by the newly appointed Vice Chancellor, Prof Lutfor Rahman. Meanwhile, a new 5-member probe committee was formed on the day to investigate into the incident within three weeks. A good number of police and BDR personnel were deployed on the campus to avert any clash.

## Villagers attack police outpost

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Nov 10: Villagers allegedly threw brickbats on a police outpost at Ramehandrapur under Shalakkupia upazila here on Friday night when police asked them not to stage a drama without prior permission.

Policeman Abu Taleb reportedly received minor injuries in the incident. Police said the trouble began when they asked the organisers not to stage the drama. SP of Jhenidah visited the spot. Six villagers were arrested in connection with the incident.

## 9 alleged killers chargesheeted

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 10: Chargesheet against nine people were submitted on Wednesday afternoon to the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate in Jubo League leader Masud Parvez Murder Case.

The case was filed with Khanjahan Ali Thana on April 30. The chargesheeted accused are Awami League leader Rezwana Ali, Jubo League activists Shahid Bawali, Ikhtiar, Iqbal, Raja, Jewel, Shaheen, Lovely Begum and her son Humayun. Lovely Begum and her son Humayun do not have any political identity, police said. Jubo League leader Masud Parvez was slaughtered by two of the nine chargesheeted accused on April 28 at the instigation of Lovely Begum, 30, a call girl residing in Shiromoni area. Three other sex partners of the woman and her drug addict son Humayun had connivance in the murder overtly and covertly. Khan Jahan Ali Thana OC Md Kamruzzaman said. Kamruzzaman is the third IO of the case. Two other IOs were changed for their bias in investigation. The murder was committed as a sequel to personal enmity with Rezwana and Jewel over ill relations with Lovely Begum. Lovely and her son Humayun are still absconding. The Jubo League leader was called by Lovely in her rented house on the evening of April 28. He was slaughtered on the bank of Bhairab River near Ajax Jute Mills landing that same night. His body was recovered from Shiromoni on April 30, police mentioned in the charge sheet.

## Smriti Rani murder: 6 freed

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 10: All six people arrested in connection with the sensational Smriti Rani murder case here were released on Monday after submission of final police report.

In the final report submitted by the Detective Branch of police, the six were not found guilty. Smriti Rani, a housewife, was found dead in Kalibari Road area in the town on June 17 this year. It was alleged that she was beaten to death. It was also alleged that the victim's husband, Chandan Kumar, and in-laws often tortured her to bring dowry from her parents' house. The case was first registered as an unnatural death case. Later, after two months it was registered as murder case.

## Body of woman found

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 10: Body of a woman was found at a residential hotel in the town on Tuesday. A young man and a woman, who introduced themselves as husband and wife, rented a room in Hotel Urme in Dargah Gate area in the town on Monday.

According to the hotel register, they were identified as Sharmin, 34, and Kamal, 38, of 265 South Kamalapur, Dhaka. Police said the woman was slaughtered. The body was sent to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital for autopsy. Whereabouts of the man could not be known.

## Wheat for uplift work

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 10: Some 131 metric tons of wheat were allotted under relief programme for 11 unions in Sadar upazila including Kishoreganj Municipality to create job opportunities for the poor people, reports UNB.

## Three hijackers held

MANIKGANJ, Nov 10: Three people were arrested from Sadar upazila on Monday in connection with hijacking of a microbus, reports UNB.

The arrested were identified as Hira Miah, 27, of Nayanagar village and Osman, 25, of Char Baushia in Daulkandi upazila of Comilla district and Alamgir, 24, of Muhammadpur in Dhaka. Police said local people caught them red-handed as they tried to sell a microbus, which they hired from a rent-a-car shop in Dhaka City's Shyamoli area on Sunday. They hijacked the microbus after making the microbus driver unconscious by feeding him intoxicated food. They were handed over to police.

## Steps sought to prevent diarrhoea

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 10: As diarrhoea has broken out in his Katiadi constituency, Akhteruzzaman MP has urged the government to take necessary steps to prevent the waterborne disease, reports UNB.

In a statement on Monday, he said diarrhoea has broken out at Purba Purua, Bagpara, and Koiripara villages in Shahsrām Dhulidha union, Nagergram in Banogram union and Durgapur in Chandpur union affecting a large number of people. Some people in Purba Purua and a man at Nagergram have already died of the disease, he said urging the government to immediately supply necessary medicines to the affected areas.

## Housewife killed by husband

LALPUR, Nov 10: A housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband at Taloti Bazar village in Ramgati upazila on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police said Shahjahan beat her wife Ayesha Khatun to death and then hanged the body from a tree to prove that she committed suicide. Villagers alleged that Shahjahan and his family members used to torture Ayesha for dowry. Shahjahan went into hiding after the incident. A case was filed.

## Rivals' clash leaves 20 hurt

MANIKGANJ, Nov 10: At least 20 people were injured, 11 seriously, in a clash between two rival groups over land dispute at Bashedepur village in Sadar upazila here on Saturday, reports UNB.

The critically injured were identified as Nannu Mia, 27, Arafuddin, 70, Nazrul Islam, 25, Shukur Ali, 30, Jahannara Begum, 40, Lal Mia, 30, Badsha Mia, 20, Rokeya, 50, Abeda Sultana, 22, Nurunnahar, 25 and Liton, 17. Of them, 10 were rushed to Sadar hospital, one to Pangu Hospital in Dhaka. Locals said both the groups equipped with lethal weapons clashed for about two hours. In another incident, a man was electrocuted while repairing the electric line in his own shop at Bautha Ghat area in the town on the same day. The victim was identified as Siddique, 30, a grocer in the area.

# Kushtia flood victims yet to rebuild houses

KUSHTIA, Nov 10: Flood victims cannot rebuild their houses due to acute scarcity of construction materials in the district, reports UNB.

Construction materials like bamboo, straw and jute-stick have become dear in the village markets.

The devastating flood causing substantial losses to them damaged most of the houses of the poor people.

At present, reconstruction of houses has become a prime need of the villagers but due to acute crisis and price hike of bamboo and other house building materials the poor people cannot undertake the reconstruction

works.

In a bid gain to windfall profit, some unscrupulous traders bringing the items from distant places are selling those at exorbitant prices.

Poor people who do not have ability to purchase house-building materials at the high rate are now in need of financial help from government or non-government organisations to reconstruct their ravaged houses.

Some one lakh people of the district out of 15 lakh were affected by the recent flood.

According to an estimate one lakh kutcha houses have been damaged either partially or totally in the devastating flood. Those who

have lost their houses completely are still living under open sky or in temporary centres.

Over one lakh people are passing their days in open space as post flood rehabilitation programmes is yet to be started in the districts.

Some 2,463 homeless poor people in Sadar, 2,175 in Kumarkhali, 12,242 in Khoksa, 4,700 in Mirpur, 1,885 in Bheramara and 2,392 in Daulatpur upazilas are in need of money to rebuild their damaged houses.

The affected people urged the concerned authority to take immediate steps to rehabilitate them.

# IT will create new jobs, says minister

Minister for Science and Technology Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan has said that the Information Technology (IT) will pave the way for employment of lakhs of unemployed youths in the country, reports BSS.

"It will be the main source of foreign exchange earnings in future," he said addressing a seminar organised by Y-Connection on 'Wintech E-Commerce' at a hotel in Sylhet on Wednesday.

Presided over by Chief Executive of Y-Connection Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, the function was addressed, among others, by Editor of Bangladesh Observer Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Chairman of the secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board of Sylhet Prof Nazim Uddin and President of Sylhet Press Club Noor. Country Manager of Wintech International Mayanka Tripathi presented the keynote paper.

The minister said the government has exempted tax on importing computer and declared the IT sector as a Thrust Sector considering the bright prospects of it.

"We have joined the IT sector when the whole world was bathing in IT sea, he said adding that the government has introduced various courses on computer to overcome the backwardness in the sector.

Expressing his hope to join the Global Information Super Highway next year, Khan said the country should take preparation to join the highway from now.

The minister called upon the local and foreign investors to come forward for developing and flourishing the sector. Earlier, the minister inaugurated the Wintech E-Commerce and offered Faateh at the Mazar of Hazrat Shah Jalal and Hazrat Shah Poran.

# Ershad Shikder seen talking to friends in court

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 10: Ershad Shikder and his accomplices facing trial in the Special Court here were seen talking to their relatives and friends breaking security cordon in the court of Taj Mohammad, Additional District and Sessions Judge, on Monday and Tuesday. They are now facing trial of Nantu murder case.

Ershad Shikder has been sentenced to death in five murder cases. He is also the prime accused in Nantu murder case. He was seen freely mixing with his relatives and friends in the court corridor.

Police officials were also found reluctant to prevent them from talking to friends and relatives.

According to eyewitnesses, tight security measures so long taken in the Judges' court have been loosened for reason yet to be known. None was so long allowed to talk to Shikder and his accomplices during their appearance in the court in connection with trial of murder and other cases.

There are allegations that prosecution witnesses in Nantu murder case were threatened by Ershad and his accomplices, Jamai Faruque and Nasir Khan.

When asked, an official of Khulna Metropolitan Police said it is the authority of the court to allow or disallow an accused or condemned prisoner for talking to wife or relatives.

# Man chopped to death

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Nov 10: A man was chopped to death by a gang of assailants in Ishwarganj area in Lalpur upazilla here on Monday night.

The dead was identified as Rajab Ali, 45. He died on the spot. Locals said the victim received stab injuries when he came to rescue his son Mott, who came under attack after he protested the gang's drinking of liquor publicly in a roadside place at about 9pm.

A murder case was filed with Lalpur police accusing Aslam, Sonaulah, Alauddin, Alam, Shiraj, Mokaddesh, Mechier Pramanik and Kalu, who was arrested.

# Jibon Tori brings hope for disabled people

From A Correspondent



A child is being operated upon on board -Jibon Tori.

—Star photo

TANGAIL, Nov 10: Jibon Tori is a floating charitable hospital which has been anchored near the eastern side of Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge to provide free health care service to the disabled rural people. It will stay here for two months.

Impact Foundation Bangladesh (IFB) is a charitable trust and a non-governmental organisation (NGO) working to achieve sustainable and affordable change in the immemorial pattern of disability through efforts to prevent avoidable disablement. It was registered as a trust on July 25, 1993 with the government of Bangladesh. IFB launched the floating hospital -Jibon Tori, first of its kind in Bangladesh in April, 1999.

Jibon Tori floating hospital provides health care service, both clinical and surgical. It provides treatment in the form of complicated surgical operations in the areas of ophthalmology, ENT and orthopaedic for cure of disablement and also provides services as a mobile hospital at time of emergency caused by natural calamities.

Besides the administrator, three full time physicians (eye, orthopaedic and ENT), six nurses, technician for pathology and radiology, administrative assistant, health educator, maintenance supervisors and four support staffers serve here.

When contacted with Nurul Haque Sarkar, administrator of Jibon Tori hospital, he said that 56,672 clinical and 3,787 surgical operations have been done from here so far. On average 250 patients have been taking treatment in the hospital every day. He also said that a large number of disabled people come here from different areas everyday.

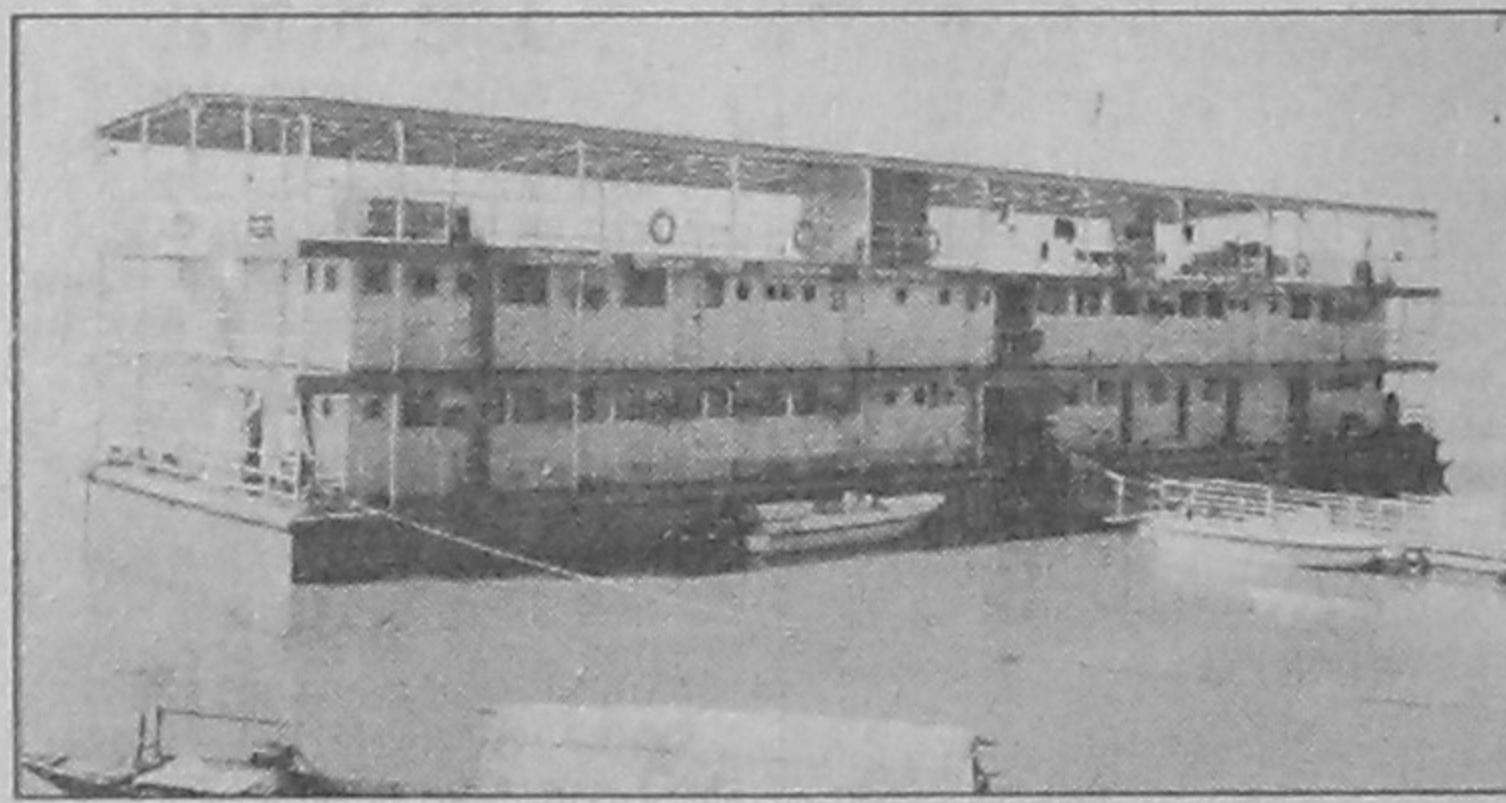
Jibon Tori is now staying two kilometres far from Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge (east) area. As a result many patients who come from the remote areas face problem to reach the floating hospital.

So, the Project Director of Jamuna Maintenance and Operation Company (JOMAC) has provided a car to carry patients from Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge area to Jibon Tori hospital premises.

JOMAC also has given a boat so that people who come from Sirajganj can get treatment easily from here.

The Administrator of Jibon Tori hospital expressed his gratitude to JOMAC for their noble initiative.

At present many disabled rural people go back to their normal life after receiving proper treatment from this floating hospital.



Front view of the floating hospital Jibon Tori.

—Star photo

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1.	P3/HB4/50/2000/Reqn 6 Pair underground Telecom Cable etc. 13 K.M.	400/-	--	20/-	30/10/2000 to 19/11/2000	20/11/2000
2.	P3/HB4/32/2000 Spare Parts for Deutz D/Engine Type F2L-712=19 Items	400/-	--	20/-	30/10/2000 to 27/11/2000	28/11/2000
3.	P3/HB4/14/95/Reqn/P-II Relay Interlocking Spare=12 Items	750/-	--	20/-	30/10/2000 to 28/11/2000	29/11/2000
4.	P3/HB4/9/98/Reqn. Cam disc with locking & signal lamp etc.=6 items.	400/-	--	20/-	-do-	29/11/2000
5.	P3/HE/7/99/Reqn Magnate type Telephone=50 Nos.	400/-	--	20/-	-do-	29/11/2000
6.	P2/GB4/19/2000-2001/AGST S.M. Round of sizes =100 Metre	400/-	100/-	20/-	5/11/2000 to 27/11/2000	28/11/2000
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