



Unauthorised structures are being constructed by cutting hills along Lal Khan area in Chittagong. Previously many such houses have been damaged in the rainy season due to mudslide, even resulting in loss of valuable lives. Stern action should be taken immediately by the authorities concerned to check such bad practice.

## Prices of essentials up in Netrakona

From Our Correspondent

NETRAKONA, Dec 11: With the beginning of Ramadan, the month of fasting, prices of essentials have shot up in local markets.

The prices of sugar ranged between Tk 38 and Tk 40 per kg against Tk 35 and Tk 38 two weeks ago, soybean oil hovered between Tk 35 and 36 per kg against Tk 34 and Tk 35 per kg while garlic was selling between Tk 38 and Tk 44 a kg, market sources said.

The prices of onion, both local and imported varieties, rose by Taka 4 per kg this week in wholesale markets.

The prices of different varieties of vegetables remained almost unchanged last week. Prices of potato ranged between Tk 10 and Tk 12 per kg and the prices of papaya ranged between Tk 8 and Tk 10 per kg.

Brinjal was selling between Tk 16 and Tk 18 per kg last week, but now the item was selling between Tk 18 and Tk 20 per kg.

The prices of tomato rose between Tk 35 and Tk 38 per kg against Tk 32 and Tk 33 last week. Ladies finger was selling between Tk 20 and Tk 22 per kg against Tk 18 and Tk 20.

The prices of rice of IRRI variety ranged between Tk 12 and Tk 13 per kg in the last week. The price of paltam variety ranged between Tk 15 and Tk 16 per kg.

In the wholesale markets, the prices of moshur pulse ranged between Tk 38 and 40 per kg. While, the item was selling between Tk 40 and Tk 42 per kg in the retail markets. The price of moog pulse ranged between Tk 38 and Tk 40 per kg. One kg of big size ruhi fish was sold at Tk 120 to Tk 125 while a medium size one was sold between Tk 90 and Tk 100 per kg.

The price of four pieces of egg ranged between Tk 10 and Tk 12. The prices of mutton also rose, ranging between Tk 135 and Tk 140 per kg against Tk 125 and Tk 130 per kg last week.

## Jamalpur was freed on December 11

From Muhammad Ali

JAMALPUR, Dec 11: After months of fighting Jamalpur district was at last totally freed from the Pakistani occupation on December 11, 1971. The occupation soldiers and their local collaborators-- members of Razakar, Al Badar and Al Shams forces-- fled the district and people from all walks of life heaved a sigh of relief.

On this day 29 years back Fozur Rahman, the company commander of Sector No 11, formally declared Jamalpur enemy-free area by hoisting the flag of independent Bangladesh atop local WAPDA Rest House in presence of many freedom-loving people.

The Pakistani soldiers were forced to leave the district after their defeat in Kamalpur battle. The enemy soldiers constructed a concrete bunker to face freedom fighters. 31 Baluch Regiment was deployed in Kamalpur-Bakshiganj area.

The headquarters of the regiment was up at the Primary Teachers' Institute (PTI) near Jamalpur town. Lieutenant Colonel Sultan Mahmud was the commander of the regiment.

In the area, freedom fighters launched several attacks on the enemy soldiers. Sector Commander Colonel Abu Taher had launched an attack on the Pakistani camp but he was wounded seriously during an attack and lost his one leg. Later Wing Commander Hamidullah Khan Bir Pratik took over as Sector Commander.

After 21 days of fighting on December 4 the Pakistani soldiers gave in and moved to their headquarters at Jamalpur town. At least 220 soldiers were killed while 12 freedom fighters, including Captain Salahuddin, embraced martyrdom.

Later the enemies were also forced to leave the headquarters.

## Fund shortage halts construction of Gaibandha prison

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Dec 11: Construction work of a new prison in the district comes to a stop due to fund shortage.

The new prison is being built at Jheneshware near Gaibandha-Palashbari Road. But only portions of entrance building and boundary walls have been built so far.

The present sub-jail, constructed during the British regime, is now cramped with prisoners. The sub-jail is now home to some 600 prisoners against the capacity of only 114.

Jail officials said a single cell is supposed to accommodate 5 to 6 prisoners, but now 15 to 20 prisoners are staying in a cell.

Moreover, the jail building remains in dilapidated condition. During the rainy season, water oozes from the roof. Besides, toilets in the prison are not cleaned regularly. The inmates are also facing scarcity of water.

With a view to solving the problems the new jail is being constructed.

Local people have urged the authorities concerned to take proper steps to start the construction work.

## Son demands punishment to docs responsible for death of his father

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 11: A complaint was lodged at Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) in Dhaka by an aggrieved son demanding proper action against three doctors who were allegedly responsible for death of his father due to negligence of duty.

Nasiruzzaman Babu, a contractor of Malshapara area here alleged that his father died due to an unsuccessful operation done by three on-duty government physicians at the Inbe-Sina Hospital here recently.

He lodged his complaint in an application through the Notary Public addressing the central president and general secretary

saying that his father Dr Moniruzzaman, a homeopath by profession was initially suffering due to growth of a minor boil at his back.

His ailing father consulted with the three doctors. They suggested him to get the boil operated upon which was not necessary at that time. But their suggestion did not satisfy the both the patient and his son. Then the doctors convinced them saying it would require only a lesser amount of money for the purpose. Consequently on October 28 this year the doctors shifted the complainant's ailing father to a private clinic from the general hospital

for operation.

But during operation the on-duty doctors came out of the operation theatre and demanded a big amount of money from the son of the patient. When the patient's son agreed to their demand, the doctors again entered into the operation theatre. After sometime they came out from there declaring a successful operation. But surprisingly the patient died in the clinic after sometime, the complainant said. He further complained that his father died due to wrong treatment and negligence of duty of the aforementioned three doctors.

## 2 killed by unidentified assailants in two dists

JESSORE, Dec 11: A young man was slaughtered to death by unidentified assailants at Krishnabati village in sadar upazila recently, reports UNB.

The victim, Mokbul Hossain, 27, son of Waliar Rahman of Etta Kashimnagar village in Monirampur upazila was the driver of a passenger carrying motor cycle.

Police said two armed miscreants came to his house and contacted with him to reach them to Jirkogacha by his vehicle and paid some money in advance.

The innocent driver trusted them and started for the destination but when they reached Krishnabati, the miscreants took him to an abandoned room of a newly constructed paper mill and slaughtered him to death.

On information police recovered the body and sent it to sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

Meanwhile, police arrested a zonal leader of Biplobi Communist party and a wanted accused in 10 cases from Chattaintala bazaar, six kilometres of the town, on the same day.

The arrested was identified as Daud Hossain, son of Abed Mollah, of Bhayna village in Kotwali thana.

Another report from Bogra says: An old man succumbed to his injuries on way to Muhammad Ali Hospital here recently.

The deceased was identified as Hazl Bahadur Ali, 60, of village Ranir Hat Baroychara in Tarash upazila of Sirajganj district.

Police said a gang of unidentified assailants attacked him with spear when he came out of his house to respond to the call of nature at dead of night.

The childless septuagenarian was rushed to the hospital where the attending doctors declared him dead at 7am.

Police suspected that the old man killed in a bid to grab his land.

## Rapid fall in water level of two major rivers in Shariatpur

SHARIATPUR, Dec 11: Navigation to and from Shariatpur has been affected seriously due to rapid fall in water level of all rivers and emergence of shoals in river beds, reports BSS.

Many shoals have appeared in many places in the rivers of Padma and Meghna due to heavy siltation during the last flood.

Plying of riverine transports along different river routes has become very risky as well as time consuming.

According to Shariatpur Water Development Board Office sources, water level recorded in the Padma and Meghna are lower than normal requirement during the dry season. Water level now went to 90 feet from 190 of the rainy season.

About 10 to 15 feet layer of siltation have appeared in the riverbeds of the Padma and the Meghna.

The ground and surface water may go down further affecting seriously the ecological balance and causing acute crisis of water. Now water transports including

steamers, launches and country boats plying between Shariatpur-Dhaka, Shariatpur-Barisal, Shariatpur-Narayanganj have to cover an additional distance of four to five kilometres to reach destination by diverting the original routes. Passengers of steamers and launches, plying on these routes, have to suffer due to hidden shoals in different areas. Sometimes passengers on board are stranded for hours together in the middle of the river as vessels some times hit hidden shoals.

About 150 launches and other vessels are plying in these routes everyday. BIWTA is responsible to locate the sunken shoals in these river-beds. Sometime, BIWTA fails to locate the exact number of shoals in the rivers.

The rivers are flowing for years together without dredging. Early dredging of these rivers is very essential. Dredging of rivers is convenient during the dry season. River transport system along Shariatpur route will improve considerably following dredging. Communication, trade and busi-

ness of the area will be improved if dredging of the rivers is done in due time.

### Smuggled clothes seized

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Dec 11: Indian clothes worth about Taka about 12 lakh were seized in Binerpota area under Sadar upazila on Friday morning.

Members of border force BDR (Bangladesh Rifles) stopped a truck after a chase and recovered the smuggled clothes, which included sarees, cardigans and sweaters, from the vehicle.

BDR sources said driver of the truck was asked to stop when the vehicle reached near the check post at Taltola. But the driver did not stop the vehicle. The driver, however, escaped arrest.

Seized clothes were deposited to customs warehouse in the district headquarters.

A case was filed with police in this connection.

## Angry villagers set fire on 140 houses in a Kushtia UZ

KUSHTIA, Dec 11: Angry villagers of Shalikhia and Khoksa set fire on 140 houses in Muktsadpur shoal of Khoksa upazila for giving shelter to an infamous outlawed group on Monday, reports UNB.

Locals said the notorious outlaw Ekdil and his accomplices were staying in the shoal to avoid police action since long.

The group started living in the shoal in the guise of landless farmers without valid document from the Deputy Commissioner's office.

But the hoodlums frequently disturbed the villagers of Khoksa and Shalikhia upazilas and prevented them from harvesting their Aman paddy this year.

Exasperated by the unabated looting, arson and torture, over 500 villagers equipped with lethal weapons marched forward to the shoal to nab Ekdil and his accomplices.

The outlaws fired gunshots to resist them but the angry villagers chased them and at one stage the hoodlums fled away.

Then the angry mob set fire on the dwelling houses of eight villages of the shoal injuring at least 30 people.

Officials of District and Police administration visited the spot and police were deployed in the shoal.

A tense situation was prevailing in the area.

Local people urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to nab the Ekdil group to restore peace in the area.

### Sugar seized

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Dec 11: Huge quantities of smuggled sugar and chocolate were seized from a passenger bus in the town recently.

Acting on a tip-off, members of Anti-smuggling Task Force recovered the contraband.

## Pak Army killed 128 Naogaon villagers in name of protecting Islam

PAKURIA, Naogaon, Dec 11: Trampling all pleas of the elderly villagers, Pakistan occupation forces conducted heinous massacre, killing 128 villagers, all Muslims, at the premises of Pakuria United High School under Manda upazila at noon on August 28, 1971.

The occupation forces also injured 27 people seriously, torched 92 houses and plundered all resources the villagers had in the remote village. Only four out of seven people apprehended by the occupation forces managed to flee from their custody. Soldiers dumped bodies of three in the waters of the nearby Atrai river after shooting them on the river bank.

Mohammad Momtazuddin, then a school student, one of the fortunate to escape death in 1971, said the occupation forces started rounding up the able bodied villagers from around 8 am to 10 pm before the deliberate extermination. One Pakistani major, killed three persons by firing indiscriminately, he told with tearful eyes.

Momtazuddin, now a teacher in Pakuria United High School, lost many near and dear ones including his father Jharu Mondal, uncles Paban Mondal, Mobarak Pramanik and Arab Ali in the massacre.

"It was a big assembly of horrified individuals who were begging for life in a humble way from the Pakistani sol-

diere," he said, adding the soldiers were smoking and drinking alcohol and sharing laughter while taking preparations to exterminate the innocent Muslim villagers in the name of protecting Islam and integrity of Pakistan.

Sensing the brutal motives of the occupation forces, the villagers took mentally prepared to embrace death. Villager Mohammad Shamsheer Ali requested them (soldiers) to allow them some time for saying their last prayers before they were shot to death. At once the barbarian soldiers rejected their appeal and one of them kicked him (Ali) to the ground with his boot.

The sadist Major (Pakistani) opened fire from his automatic weapon. The soldiers joined their officer in showering bullets on them and most of the able-bodied men of this remote village were killed. The troops left the area after making a final check using bayonet that all are dead.

While departing, the Pakistani soldiers apprehended seven villagers who could escape the brutal massacre. A few villagers at this stage took initiative and courage to approach amid engulfing silence.

One old lady rushed to the scene of killing ground with water for some injured villagers, strong enough to sustain bullet wounds and bayonet charges. At night, a group of young men buried 81 bodies.

The villagers still recall the humanitarian services rendered by a Medical Assistant Mohammad Abdul Gafur Mandal and a Homeopath Hurmatullah. They provided Medicare at nights braving revenge of the occupation forces. At least 23 seriously injured villagers were given surgical and other necessary treatment and most of them survived. Of them, Mohammad Hedayetullah still scars and he now carries a vulnerable identity, "individual with disability."

After the gruesome massacre Pakuria village emerged in the map of Bangladesh (erstwhile East Pakistan) as one of the stronghold of the Mukti Bahini (Freedom Fighter). The Pakistani forces participated in three major offensives including 'Bakapur campaign'. But the occupation forces lost three soldiers while many had to retreat with wounds following strong resistance. Freedom Fighter Miratul and his comrades played important role in raising resistance in the locality and extending medicare for the wounded.

People of this remote village have urged the authorities to establish a mini-museum and a monument to help them preserve the evidences of the glorious struggles during the turbulent days of the Liberation War.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Director, Segunbagicha, Dhaka Construction of High-rise Flat Buildings for the Limited Income Group at Block-F, Mohammadpur, Dhaka

### Notice Inviting Tender No: 01/2000-01

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed & experienced local and/or Foreign Real Estate Developers/Special Class bonafide contractor of HSD in the form of Bid Document in two envelope system (technical proposal and financial offer) on "Design and Build" Turnkey basis, ranging from designing to complete construction (up to handing over) of a proposed high-rise housing complex at Block-F, Mohammadpur Housing Estate, Dhaka, Bangladesh for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below:

Name of the Project: Construction of High-rise Flat Buildings at Block-F, Mohammadpur, Dhaka for the limited income group.

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| 1. Description of works  | a) Preparation of Master Plan, Layout Plan and Landscape Plan including showing building blocks (residential blocks, community center, mosque, daycare/nursery school, commercial blocks, car parking, pump house, electric substation etc.), roads, drains, footpaths, street lights and compound light for environment friendly and economic housing complex at Block-F, Mohammadpur Housing Estate, Dhaka, covering an area of 6.56 acres of land owned by Housing & Settlement Directorate (to be converted into National Housing Authority soon).  |
| 2. Estimated cost  | b) Design (including architectural, structural, landscape, electrical & mechanical design), soil investigation, site survey and construction of high rise residential flat building of net 800 sft (with two bed rooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, verandah and two toilets) and net 1000 sft (with three bed rooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, 2 verandah and 2 toilets) with necessary lift and fire escape, garbage disposal system, internal and external water supply, sanitary and gas installation with necessary ancillary facilities complete in all respects at Block-F, Mohammadpur Housing Estate, Dhaka on 'Design and Build' Turnkey basis. The ratio of 800 sft and 1000 sft flats should be 60:40. The responsive bidders should adhere to landuse standards accommodating 60% residential and 40% open space including commercial (5%), community facilities, roads and utility services. They should try to provide at least 750 flats in a planned neighbourhood concept following prevailing rules and regulations.   |
| 3. Earnest money   | To be quoted by the bidder in the financial offer on sft basis for 800 sft and 1000 sft flats, including commercial and community facilities. This should include all other costs, land development and infrastructure that also be part of the project.  |
| 4. Time for completion of work (Design and Build including handing over of complete project) | 2% (two per cent) of quoted amount out of which Tk 55,00,000.00 (Taka fifty five lakh) only/US\$ 1,00,000.00 (US dollars one hundred thousand) only is to be submitted alongwith the tender in the form of BD/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director. The rest amount of EM will have to be deposited by the successful bidder before issuing work order.  |
| 5. Eligibility of Real Estate Developers/Firms/Contractors                                   | 24 (twenty-four) months.  |
| 6. Cost of the tender documents  | <b>For Local Bidders:</b><br>a) Bonafide contractor/developers with organizational and financial capability with logistic facilities to handle such project, those who have successfully completed and commissioned minimum two numbers of 8 (eight) storied building during last five years and also completed at least one building work of Tk 10.00 (ten) crore in a single tender during the last five years.<br>b) Consortium proposal are acceptable in the tender. In case of consortium, one firm is to be declared as lead firm.<br>c) Contractors/firms to be hired by the lead firm must have valid ABC contractory/and supervisory license from Electricity Licensing Board of Bangladesh.<br>d) Certificates (i) for successful completion and commissioning of minimum two numbers of eight storied buildings (ii) completion certificate of any building work of Tk 10.00 (ten) crore in a single tender during the last five years, from an official equivalent to the rank of Executive Engineer of Housing & Settlement Directorate/PWD should be enclosed in original along with the tender documents. |
| 7. Place of selling tender documents   | <b>For Foreign Bidders:</b><br>Any foreign firm can submit their offer if they come with the investment proposal duly registered in the Board of Investment. Such bidders:<br>a) Should come with enough finance and comply with prevailing Bangladesh Govt. rules and regulations in this regard.<br>b) Should have necessary professional body membership with experience of handling such projects.  |
| 8. Last date of selling the tender   | Tk 10,000/= (Taka ten thousand) only per set.   |
| 9. Place of receiving tender   | The tender documents may be purchased by the firms themselves or their representative on production of authorized letter, bearing the signature of representative duly attested by the lead firm, and showing the certificates as mentioned in SI No 5 (Eligibility of Real Estate Developers/Firms/Contractors) from the following offices:<br>a) Office of the Project Director, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.<br>b) All working Divisions of Housing & Settlement Directorate at Dhaka/Chittagong/Khulna/Dinajpur/Sylhet.   |
| 10. Date of opening the tender box   | During office hours of all working days up to 21st December 2000, Thursday.   |
| 1. technical proposal  | a) Office of the Joint Secretary (Dev), Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.<br>b) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.<br>c) Office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka H&S Circle, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.<br>d) Office of the Project Director, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.<br>e) All working Divisions of Housing & Settlement Directorate at Dhaka.   |
| 1. Pre-bid meetings  | Tender will be received up to 12.00 Noon on 18th January, 2001 and tender box will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM by the respective offices.   |
| 2.   | a) Technical proposal will be opened on 18th January, 2001 at 3 PM in presence of the bidders in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Housing & Settlement Directorate.<br>b) Financial offer of the technically qualified bidders will be opened in presence of the bidders if any in subsequent date which will be notify duly.  |
| 1. Pre-bid meetings  | Prospective bidders are to attend the pre-bid meetings at the Conference Room of Ministry of Housing & Public Works to be held as follows:<br>a) 1st pre-bid meeting on 21st December 2000, Thursday at 11.00 AM.<br>b) 2nd pre-bid meeting on 1st January 2001, Monday at 11.00 AM.  |

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