

# Work on 10 uplift schemes suspended in Barisal

## Terrorists demand 'toll' from contractors

**UNB, Barisal**  
Implementing firms suspended work on 10 development projects involving Tk 30 crore in Barisal district following terrorists' attacks.  
Sources said most of these projects located in Gourmadi upazila. The terrorists allegedly belonging to ruling party were demanding illegal tolls from the project contractors.  
On March 31, a group of hoodlums attacked construction site of 19-km RRMP-3 project being implemented involving Tk 25 crore in Gourmadi upazila as they were denied of partial project work of a Chinese company 'China Harba'.  
Local people said Rubel, son of Chandshi UP Chairman Hakkani Alam, led the attack and forced to suspend the work being implemented by a local agency of the China Harba company.  
Six labourers were injured critically and valuables looted from the project site during the attack.  
On the same day in the same upazila, another group of hoodlums led by local terror Shaheed Sarder attacked a LGED road construction project, as the contractor refused to give 'toll' of Tk 50,000 to them.  
During the attack, they snatched away cash Tk 20,000 and injured four labourers.  
In the same upazila, local terror Mostafa attacked the "small Irrigation Project" being implemented in Pingalakati on March 27 after failing to realise Tk 50,000 as toll. Following the attack, the project work remained suspended, said contractor of the project, Dulal Sarder.  
On the same ground, a canal excavation project under the Water Development Board in Babuganj and two road construction projects in Babuganj and Uzirpur upazilas remained suspended.  
Contractors of these projects said they did not go for legal action on security grounds.  
Police said action could not be taken against these criminals, as they did not get specific allegation from any quarters.  
Meanwhile, in Agoljhaba upazila, a group of terrorists snatched away tender documents breaking the tender box from Upazila Nirbahi Office.  
When contacted, engineers concerned of Roads and Highways, Water Development Board and Local Government and Engineering Department said in most of the cases the contractors themselves solve the problem. If the contractors fail, legal actions were taken officially, they said.



**Unscrupulous people are destroying indiscriminately 'Shishu' (Shisum) trees planted by late President Ziaur Rahman during his regime at Sirajganj Road point along the Dinajpur-Dhaka and Bogra-Nagarbari highways. As a result government is losing thousands of taka as revenue. The environment is also threatened due to this practice. But there seems to be none to check the bad practice.**

# A teenage girl wants fair play

**UNB, Moulvibazar**  
"Why shall I be punished alone? Why not he who violated my chastity and compelled me to go for abortion?"  
The questions were raised by a teenage girl who and her family have been ostracized by the village 'panchayat'.  
Sixteen-year-old Duleha told the 'Panchayat' that her maternal uncle Kadrul had sex with her and when she got pregnant, he forced her to go for abortion. Kadrul denied the charge.  
On her admission of the guilt, the 'Panchayat' sought religious opinion. Maulana Tayeb Ali of Dhatera gave a 'fatwa' (edict) that because of Duleha's admission of guilt and her suppression of the fact for a long time, she may be punished.  
And since Kadrul denied the charge against him, he cannot be punished until his guilt was proved in the court of law, observed Maulana Tayeb.  
Following his 'fatwa', the 'panchayat' in its verdict ostracized Duleha and her 'pachayati' excluding them from mixing with people in the society for the last seven months. The villagers have also been asked to refrain from communicating with them.  
Duleha is daughter of poor Osman Mia of village Satra under Brahmanbar union of Kulaura upazila. Because of poverty, Osman sent Duleha to the house of her maternal uncle in the same village years ago.  
There, Duleha used to do household work and also go to primary school. Kadrul, her uncle, was also a student.  
Duleha said Kadrul used to harass her sexually. With the passage of time he violated her chastity and had sex often. In the process when she got pregnant, Kadrul took her to a clinic and compelled to go for abortion without the knowledge of anyone in the family. After that she could no longer stay in that house.  
"I have all the documents of abortion," Sultan Mia, 'mutawali' of the mosque, quoted Duleha as telling him.  
The incident has created a lot of sensation in the area.  
When asked about the questions raised by the poor girl, Sultan Mia and Libar Mia, who were in meetings of the 'panchayat', said they could not punish Kadrul for his denial of the allegation and left it to the court to decide if he was guilty.  
Denying the allegation, Kadrul and his elder brother, and former UP member Shamsul Hossain, said: "It's a conspiracy against us."  
Hossain said Duleha was given to work in the house of a captain in the Army in Dhaka City where she remained for some years. It is heard that the captain wanted to marry her. The girl was also seen mixing with a boy in the village and he heard about the proposal of her marriage with him.  
Hossain further said Duleha brought the allegation against his brother at a time when a dispute over landed property arose among the two families.  
Kadrul, the accused, said Duleha got perturbed as her proposed marriage with the captain broke off due to the objection raised by his (captain) wife. Frustrated, she brought the allegation against him.  
"All these are cooked up stories," said Duleha refuting the statements of Hossain and Kadrul. "They have plundered and uprooted the small shop of my father in the village."  
Smart and outspoken Duleha said: "Under the law and on religious point of view, I am guilty of indulging in wrongdoing with 'mama' (maternal uncle). But I could not do it alone. Kadrul did the act of sin with me. If I am punished, he should equally be punished for we together committed the sin."  
The case (no. 87/2001) she filed with the Moulvibazar Court No 2 against Kadrul is under police investigation.

# Special programme for IRRI, Boro farming in Narsingdi

**UNB, Narsingdi**  
Four public sector organisations have launched special programmes to provide all-out support to farmers for IRRI-Boro cultivation in Narsingdi district.  
Officials said Agriculture Extension Department (AED), Narsingdi Pali Bidyut Samity (NPBS), Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) and Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) have taken the steps to ensure supply of inputs for better yield of IRRI-Boro paddy.  
They said the AED has already distributed high yielding variety seeds among a large number of farmers covering all the six upazilas of the district. It will also provide supervisory support and technical assistance to the growers at field level in time of need.  
The BCIC, on the other hand, has made a buffer stock of fertilisers, to ensure smooth supply of the soil nutrients at fair prices during the current farming season.  
According to BCIC, steps have been taken for strict monitoring of the supply and marketing of the fertilizers to prevent any artificial crisis in the district.  
The BPC has also built up a surplus stock of diesel and lubricants in each of its oil depots in the area for meeting the requirements of the farmers. An official has been stationed at the area to keep an eye on the overall supply and marketing of the fuel necessary for keeping irrigation pumps operative.  
The NPBS on its part has taken up special measures to ensure power supply to the tubewells on priority basis for uninterrupted irrigation on paddy fields during the peak season.  
A total of 48,500 hectares of lands in the district have been targeted for IRRI-Boro paddy farming in the current season. With the institutional support available the farmers are expecting bumper crops this season.

# Arms cadres active ahead of hartal in Sirajganj

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj**  
Many arms cadres are active in Sirajganj town to foil the 72-hour country-wide general strike, called by the opposition parties, begins Monday morning, local opposition leaders said.  
The leaders on Saturday alleged the arms cadres are roaming here and there of the district town in front of the members of law enforcing agencies, they added.  
District BNP Convenor TMA Mannan MP, BNP leader Iqbal Hassan Mahmud Tuku, district Jamaat-E-Islami chief Mowla Ali Alam, Jatiya Party (Manzur) leader Abdul Hye separately told this correspondent over telephone that the ruling party are determined to create anarchy through hired hoodlums during strike.  
When contacted, Abu Yusuf Surja, General Secretary of district AL, denied the allegation.  
On the other hand, Additional Superintendent of Police Awrangajeb Mahabub said if any armed cadre is found he will be brought to books.  
Opposition leaders also said during the strike last week some activists of the Awami League openly brandished firearms, but 350 opposition activists were used under PSA.

# Outlaw shot dead in Jessore

**UNB, Jessore**  
An alleged outlaw was gunned down by rivals at a village in Sadar upazila in Jessore recently.  
He was identified as Mahbubur Rahman alias Mobu Kazi, 35, son of Abir Kazi of Deapara Ghuni village under Kotwali police station.  
Police quoting local people said rival group leader Mostafa called Mobu Kazi out of his house at about 11 pm and shot him dead at Mamrakhol village.  
Police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed.

# Woman beaten to death in Khulna

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**  
A 45-year-old woman was beaten to death in Batiaghata upazila in Khulna recently.  
According to police, the incident occurred at Doailata village of Batiaghata upazila. The dead was identified as Meherunnessa.  
Attack on the woman came when she was protesting criminal acts of her neighbour Alidat, 40. Getting furious, Alidat kicked her in the abdomen. She died on the spot. Her husband Siddique Shaikh lodged a case on Thursday naming Alidat as accused who is absconding.



A poultry training course was organised recently for unemployed youths by Anitta Samaj Kalyan Sangstha, a Non-governmental Organisation (NGO) in Muktagachha of Mymensingh district. Noted social worker and Chairman of the organisation Rashida Muhiuddin inaugurated the two-day course.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
**Office of the Upazila Engineer**  
**Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)**  
**Upazila Feni-Sadar**  
**District: Feni**

## Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB No 16/2000-2001 Date: 14-3-2001  
Credit No 3101-BD Credit Name: Health and Population Program Project (HPPP)

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) and grants from the Netherlands, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and Department for International Development in various currencies towards the cost of Health and Population Program Project (HPPP) and intends to apply part of the Credit and Grant Proceeds to cover eligible payments under the contract for construction of Community Clinics at the village/ward level.
- The Upazila Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) Upazila Feni-Sadar, District Feni invites sealed bids for construction of works listed below this invitation for bids is open to all bidders enlisted with Local Government Engineering Department (LGED). In addition, eligible foreign bidders are allowed to bid without this enlistment but if awarded contract, would be required to enlist with LGED. Furthermore, when enlistment is done at district level, Bangladesh contractors enlisted with LGED in other districts are also eligible to bid.

Sl No	Contract Package No	Name of the work	Estimated cost (Taka)	Bid security (Taka)	Time for completion of the work
1	302943CW	Construction of Community Clinic	1224424/-	30611/-	119
2	302951CW	Construction of Community Clinic	582000/-	14550/-	119
3	302960CW	Construction of Community Clinic	582000/-	14550/-	119
4	302964CW	Construction of Community Clinic	400000/-	10000/-	119

- Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased at the office of the (i) Upazila Engineer, Feni-S, District Feni Telephone No 73658, (ii) Executive Engineer, LGED, District Feni, Telephone No 74226, Fax on non-refundable fee of Taka 500.00 (five hundred only), for each set during normal office hours on all working days. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address during office hours.
- The provision in the instructions to bidders and in the conditions of contract are the provisions of the Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) procurement of works, National Competitive Bidding (NCBW-II Trial Edition February 1999), issued by the World Bank Dhaka Office.
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 91 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by a bid security as mentioned under Para No 2 above.
- Bid must be delivered to the office of the Upazila Engineer, Upazila-Feni-Sadar, District Feni on or before 2:00 PM of 25-4-2001.
- Bidders may deliver their bids personally or by courier service, Registered Mail with Acknowledgement Due etc. which must reach the above office before the deadline for submission of bids. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- All the bids will be opened in presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 3:00 PM on 25-4-2001 at the office of the Upazila Engineer, LGED, Upazila-Feni-Sadar, District Feni.
- Pre-bid conferences will be held on 18-4-2001 in the office of the Engineer, LGED, Upazila: Feni-Sadar, District: Feni, at 11:00 AM. All interested bidders are requested to attend the conference in time.

**Upazila Engineer**  
Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)  
Upazila: Feni(s)  
District: Feni

**The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd, Gazipur**

## International Tender for Cigarette Tax Label Security Paper

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for supply of Cigarette Tax Label Security Paper for this corporation. Tender paper showing terms and conditions with specification will be available from the office of the Security Printing Corporation (Bd) Ltd., Gazipur and its Liaison Office at Manhattan Tower (3rd Floor), 83, Siddeswari Circular Road, Dhaka during all office days between 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM from 12.4.2001 to 22.4.2001 on payment of Tk 500.00 (Tk five hundred) only (non-refundable) per set of tender schedule. Earnest money @ 2.5% (two and a half per cent) of the total tendered amount shall be deposited in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee along with the tender in favour of The Security Printing Corporation (Bd) Ltd., Gazipur.  
The tender(s) under sealed cover addressed to the Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd., Gazipur will be received in his office chamber up to 2.10 PM on 08.05.2001 and shall be opened at 2.15 PM on the same date at Gazipur in presence of tenderers (if any). Tender(s) may also be sent through Postal/Courier Services which must reach within the scheduled date & time.  
The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Md Mazibor Rahman Akanda**  
Deputy General Manager (P&S)

**The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd, Gazipur**

## Re-Tender for Supply of 4500 Rolls Plain Paper Self Adhesive Tape for Cheque Book Finishing Machine

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for supply of Plain Paper Self Adhesive Tape for Cheque Book Finishing Machine for this Corporation. Tender papers will be available from the office of The Security Printing Corporation (Bd) Ltd, Gazipur and its Liaison Office at Manhattan Tower (3rd floor), 83 Siddeswari Circular Road, Dhaka during all office days between 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM from 12-4-2001 to 19-4-2001 on payment of Tk 300.00 (Taka three hundred) only (non refundable) per set of tender schedule. Earnest money @ 2 1/2 % (two and a half per cent) of the total tendered amount shall be deposited in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee along with the tender in favour of The Security Printing Corporation (Bd) Ltd, Gazipur.  
The tender(s) under sealed cover addressed to the Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd, Gazipur will be received in our above liaison and Gazipur office up to 4:00 PM on 9-5-2001 and all the offers will be opened together at 2:15 PM on 10-5-2001 at Gazipur in presence of tenderers (if any). Tenders may also be sent through Postal/Courier Services which must reach within the scheduled date & time.  
The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

**Md Mazibor Rahman Akanda**  
Deputy General Manager (P&S)

## NEWS SNAPS

**Body of schoolgirl recovered**  
**UNB, Habiganj**  
Police recovered the body of a kidnapped schoolgirl of Gobindapur village in Madhabpur upazila in Habiganj district from a nearby river recently.  
Police said a gang of hoodlums kidnapped Julekha Begum, 13, daughter of Asgar Ali, Monday night from her house at gunpoint. Family sources said one of their relatives, who had long been trying to develop an affair with the girl, was behind the murder. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed.

**Two brothers drown**  
**UNB, Khagrachari**  
Two siblings drowned at Moyurkhi cluster village in Manikchhari upazila in Khagrachari district recently.  
The victims were identified as Shimul, 9, and Polash, 6, sons of VDP member Mohammad Shah Alam of Hatimura cluster village.

**Housewife commits suicide**  
**UNB, Manikganj**  
A housewife allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at Bakum village in Singair upazila in Manikganj district recently.  
Police said Samiran, 65, wife of Sunamuddin, killed herself following an altercation with her younger sister. The body was sent to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. Besides, Sarbana Shaha, 24, wife of Proloy Shaha of Ainagar Garpara village in Sadar upazila, who suffered burn injuries from kerosene lamp on March 23, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital recently.

**1,498 held last month in Comilla**  
**UNB, Comilla**  
Some 1,498 people were arrested on various charges from different parts of Comilla district during the month of March.  
Police said 242 people were arrested in regular cases while were 1,256 warrants. On information, police also seized 1,335 bottles of Indian phosphidyl, two kg of hemp worth about Tk 3 lakh. Nine people were arrested in this connection. Besides, one revolver, four pipe-guns, two LGs and two bullets were recovered during the period, and five people were arrested in this connection.

**Abductors release 3 in Laxmipur**  
**UNB, Laxmipur**  
A terrorist gang released three abducted people after realising Tk 26,000 as ransom in Ramgati upazila in Laxmipur district recently.  
Local people said the terrorists abducted Dr Uttam of Tumchar village and set him free realising Tk 6,000 ransom. Meanwhile, Fakhruddin, 40, and Babul, 44, of the same village were abducted and released on Saturday after realising Tk 20,000 from them. Local people have been passing their days in panic apprehending of more abduction.

**Posts of judges vacant**  
**UNB, Chandpur**  
Five posts of judges out of nine have long been lying vacant in three upazilas of Chandpur district, creating a serious judicial logjam.  
Official sources said the post of additional district and sessions judge in Sadar upazila has been lying vacant since February 4 this year while that of senior assistant judge since July 27, 2000. They said the post of senior assistant judge and that of additional assistant judge in Haimchar upazila remained vacant for about the last 5-7 years. The post of senior assistant judge in Matlab has been lying vacant since Nov 5, 2000.