All BWDB efforts to check erosion in Gaibandha fail

REZAUL HAQUE, Gaibandha

Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) has constructed many small embankments to protect the Brahmaputra flood control embankment in Gaibandha spending crores of taka duringlast 30 years.

But erosion of the mighty Brahmaputra could different points. not be stopped by any means.

flood control embankment along the western bank of the river disappeared. At present existence of the embankment can not be traced due to widespread erosion. Moreover, many erosion victims have taken shelter in this area.

It is worth mentioning that during 1962-63 a devastating flood occurred here. The government sought help of the United Nations (UN) to halt recurring floods. In response to the request of the government UN sent a team of international river experts to conduct survey on controlling flood of the River Brhamaputra as well as erosion.

The river experts suggested to construct a 176mile long flood control embankment along the western bank of the River Brahmaputra streehing Trimohoni of Pabna district.

In 1965 construction work of the embankment started from Kawnia of Rangpur district to victims. Bera of Pabna district. Work on the 135-mile long stop overflowing of floodwaters and development become destitutes.

of irrigation and pisciculture. But all in vain as the embankment could neither control flood nor help boost irrigation and pisciculture,

The embankment had been constructed halfamile off the western bank of the Brahmaputra. But within 10 years a large portion of the embankment had been eroded by the surging water at its

The erosion affected areas are Talaka, Karibari, In the meantime, the original Brahmaputra Mailabari, Enayetpur, Pakulla, Sariakandi, Kazipur, Mathurapur, Chandanbaisha, Jomshedpur, Malipara, Gobindi, Shaghara, Fulchari, Rasoolpur, Chirakuthi, Dhutichora, Tambulpur and Tarapur.

> During the rainy season erosion usually takes serious turn due to onrush of water from the upper catchment. Till now two lakh families have been rendered shelterless. Erosion victims have embankment is being built in Naogaon at a cost of taken shelter on different embankments.

Meanwhile, erosion of the River Brahmaputra

along the western bank is still continuing. According to a survey conducted by some Non-government Organisations (NGOs) there are about 148 families in each mile area. They have from Bherakola under Kurigram district up to erecting thatched huts occupying major portion crossing of southern part of town to Degree of the embankment. Many of international College crossing of northern end. organisations have expressed over the erosion

According to an assessment over one lakh 75 embankment ended in 1968. Main objective of thousand families have taken shelter along 135 main dam, regulators, drains, sluice-gates and construction of the embankment had been to miles area of the embankment. Virtually they have pontoons, and riverbank protection, WDB offi-

Each and every year BWDB takes up programme during the dry season. Fresh areas of embankment are being eroded away, every year by the surging water.

NATIONAL

UNB, Sherpur

rent boro season.

was 64,000 hectares.

sound production.

fixed at 2,46,200 metric tons.

Farmers in Sherpur district are

expecting bumper crop in the cur-

Agricultural Extension (DAE), boro

paddy was cultivated on 65,500

growing awareness, use of HYV

seeds, easy availability of pesticides

and fertilisers and favourable cli-

mate are the reasons behind the

Good production during last two

hectares of land here while the target official

In 1993 erosion by the River Brahmaputra had taken alarming turn along 10 kilometres areas. During the period the river changed its course towards five kilometres west of its original location. Day by day the river is coming closer to Gaibandha town which is now only 4.5 kilometres off the river.

Since 1962 the course of the River Brahmaputra have been shifted ten to 20 kilometres away along its western bank.

If the devastation of the Brahmaputra contrinues unabated then the river will soon devour the entire Gaibandha district. UNB from Naogaon reports: A town protection

over Tk 50 crore to save the district town from the flood of Chhoto Jamuna river.

Commerce Minister M Abdul Ialil inaugurated the project recently.

Water Development Board will construct the five-km long dam stretching from Napitpara

Works on the project have already begun and it is expected to be completed within three years. The project works include construction of

Pabna Jubo

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Straiganj

Police arrested Pabna district Jubo

Dal leader Ruhul Amin Mostofa alias

Mostu, 27, in Shibrampur mosque

The reason of the arrest could not

area in Pabna Friday evening.

Girl suffers

burn injuries

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

A girl suffered acid burns as a young

man allegedly threw acid on her

when she was sleeping in her sister's

house at Collegepara in Magura

The victim was identified as Nila

Khatun, 17, daughter of Ebadot

Hossain of village Tupipara in

Sreepur upazila of the district.

Dal leader

arrested

seeds to Bandarban farmers UNB, Bandarban sources said. Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) has taken up a

Step to supply HYV paddy

Sherpur farmers expect

bumper Boro this season

According to the Department of tion boost. "The farmers would

The production target has been tion blocks, 15 IPM (integrated pest

Initiative of the DAE, farmers' clubs and 70 crop museums for

massive programme to preserve and supply High Yielding Variety (HYV) paddy seeds to farmers in Bandarban district. Under the programme, 73

selected cultivators of Sadar, Lama and Alikadam upazilas received some 300 kg of BRI-32 paddy seeds for setting up 30 demonstration plots of HYV seeds.

DAE also distributed plastic drums of 50kg-capacity among the farmers to preserve seeds for the next season.

to meet only five per cent demand of due to lack of various agricultural seeds and the rest is managed by the facilities.

farmers at their own initiatives, DAE

seasons encouraged the growers to

mid-March and April is considered

as the blessing of nature for produc-

certainly have bumper crop if natu-

ral disaster does not occur," said an

DAE has set up 250 demonstra-

management) field schools, six IPM

Besides, 400 mts of compost

fertilisers, adequate seeds and agri-

inputs were supplied while bank

loans were disbursed among the

farmers here in the current season.

ensuring good production.

DAE source said light rain during

cultivate boro paddy.

DAE is expecting three metric tons of rice from per 10-kg seeds supplied to the farmers. Of which, one metric ton will be preserved as seed for the next season.

Farmers under the DAE programme can also sell seeds to other farmers after meeting their

Officials said selected farmers are being trained up at upazila level for successful implementation of the programme.

DAE sources said some 95,000 hectares of land in seven upazilas At present the government is able here have been lying uncultivated

Two revolvers recovered in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Two foreign-made revolvers were recovered in Pachgong border area under Kalmakanda upazila in Netrakona district on Saturday.

On suspicion border force BDR challenged two tribal youths coming from India. But the youths managed to flee leaving a bag they were carrying. BDR personnel later found the two firearms inside it.

Body found in Jhenidah

district on Saturday.

Value of tender

set (non-

refundable)

Tk 450/-

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Illenidali

Body of young man was found from a cropland at village Badpukria under Sadar upazila in Jhenidah

The dead was identified as Fhsauddin. 30, a day labourer of

Last date & time

for submission of

tender

On 24.04.2001 at

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11-00 AM.

11-00 AM.

Abul Kalam Azad

Asstt Director (CDN)

village Nijputia in the same upazila. Police quoting the family sources said the victim was living at village Alamdanga under Shailakupa upazila at his father-in-law's house. No mark of torture was reportedly

NEWS SNAPS

17 shops gutted

UNB, Narsingdi

Seventeen shops, including a schoolroom, were gutted in a fire at a bazaar in Palash upazila in Narsingdi on Saturday.

Fire Brigade sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit. Firefighters put out the flame after two hours of hectic efforts. The extent of damage was said to be Tk 50 lakh.

Advocacy meet on safe water

UNB, Jhalakathi

A daylong advocacy meeting on safe water and sanitation was held in Jhalakathi.

Chaired by Shah Alam, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Civil Surgeon Dr Shahadat Hossain, UNO Goutam Kumar Ghosh, UNICEF Representative Sushil Kumar Das and Senior Coordinator of NGO Forum Joseph Halder Some 40 people, including NGO activists, tube-well mechanics, journalists, traders and contractors, attended the meeting at the auditorium of Youth Training Centre.

Eight posts of magistrate vacant

UNB, Jhalakari

Eight posts of magistrate have been lying vacant in four upazilas of Jhalakati district hampering judicial and administrative activities.

Sources said only two magistrates one first class and one second class are now working in the district against 10 posts seven first class and three second class. The two magistrates have to dispose of a large number of cases as well as perform administrative activities. One first class magistrate is discharging the duties of NDC

Rivals' clash leaves 50 injured

UNB, Habiganj

At least 50 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups at Montoil village in Lakhai upazila of Habiganj district on last week. Police said the trouble erupted at about noon when the two sides locked into the clash over land dispute. Some 50 people, including two policemen, were injured in the clash. Two police constable were injured when they were trying to bring the situation under control. Police lobbed several teargas shells to disperse the agitated people. One of the injured identified as Tahir Mia. 50, was admitted to Sylhet Osmani Medial College Hospital while 13 other injured persons to Habiganj Sadar Hospital.



বিকাল ৫টা থেকে রাত ১১টা পর্যন্ত বিদ্যুঃ চালিত সেচপাম্প বন্ধ রাখুন Bangladesh Power

Development Board Tender Notice

Name of Work: Supply of materials (stores purchase) for use in transformer repair work. Eligibility of contractor: Sealed tenders are invited from Power Development Board's 2000-2001 enlisted A, B and C class contractors/bonafide supplier firms/their nominated representatives. Estimated cost: Tk 4,70,250/- (four lakh seventy thousand two hundred fifty) only. Price of tender: Tk 300/- (three hundred) only (nonrefundable), to be deposited in the form of BD/CD in favour of Deputy Director (Accounts), Zonal Accounts Office, PDB. Bogra. Place and date of tender availability: Tender can be purchased from Chief Engineer, Distribution, PDB, Rajshahi/Superintending Engineer, Operation Maintenance Circle, PDB, Bogra/On written permission of Executive Engineer, Zonal Repairing Workshop, PDB, Bogra from Pubali Bank, Satmatha branch (New Market), Bogra up to 25-04-2001. Date of receiving and opening tender: At the above offices (except bank) and office of the undersigned up to 12-00 Noon of 26-04-2001 and the tenders will be opened, on the same day at 12-30 hours in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. Other terms and conditions and all rules and regulations of tender mentioned in the schedule must be complied with properly.

Biddut/Jana-1875(4)/2000-2001 DFP-8814-3/4 G-681

Executive Engineer Zonal Repairing Workshop PDB, Bogra

around the Raipura Thana Sub-

Taka 400/= (Taka four hundred)

Office of the undersigned as well

as by the Executive Engineer,

Munshiganj/PWD Sub-Division

No II (Resource)/Eden Bldg PWD

Up to 12-00 Noon of 26-4-2001 and

Narsingdi PWD Division

Narsingdi

Motijheel/

only (non-refundable) per set.

PWD Division,

Azimpur/Narayanganj/

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer Narsingdi PWD Division, Narsingdi

Notice Inviting Tender Tender Notice: 79/(2000-2001).

Construction of boundary wall Name of work

Register Office Building at Narsingdi during the year 2000-Estimated cost

Tk 8.63.694/= Earnest money 60 (sixty) days from the date of Time allowed issue of work order.

for completion of work Cost of tender

tender

Place of selling :

Division, Dhaka. of : All the offices of the clause-7 Place receiving : Till 25-4-2001 during office hours.

tender Last date of selling tender

Date and receiving the opening tender

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will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM.

Special class-I & class-I, class-II, Eligibility of class-III and class-IV approved contractor/ building contractors of PWD. firms These contractors/firms who have no VAT registration

and TIN are not eligible to participate in the tender. In case more than one tenderers stand lowest quoting same rate, selection will be made by lottery to be held on 14-5-2001 at 11-00 AM in the office of the

undersigned. Md Akkas Ali Mollah **Executive Engineer** DFP-8995-7/4



town at around 10pm on Saturday.

Many roadside trees along Gaibandha-Sadullahpur Road have been dried following frequent cutting of branches. but the authorities concerned are yet to take any remedial step.

Dt: 03-04-2001

Chittagong Export Processing Zone

South Halishahar, Chittagong-4223

Tender Notice No. 27/2000-2001

Sealed tenders are invited from contractors as per eligibility for the undermentioned works at Chittagong

SI No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Eligibility of contractor	Prescribed time for completion of work	Price of tender document (non-refundable)
1.	Land develop- ment work along boundary wall on eastern side of CEPZ	Tk 9,52,333.20	Govt./semi govt/autonomous organisation enlisted contractors having experience of civil construction work worth minimum Tk 4.77 lakh under a single work order	90 days	Tk 500/=
2.	Purchase of electrical energy meter for CEPZ	Tk 1,88,155.00	Govt/semi govt/autonomous organisation enlisted contractors having experience electric meter supply work worth minimum Tk 1.00 lakh under a single work order	60 days	Tk 500/=

In zones or projects under BEPZA, one contractor will not be given more than one work taken at above taka one crore during the same financial year and the number of works under progress at the same time will not be more than one.

Separate tender should be submitted for each work. Earnest money mentioned in the tender should be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of BEPZA. Contractors must submit attested copy of the undermentioned documents in support of their eligibility

with the tender. Otherwise, tender will be treated as cancelled:

No. CEPZ/PE/642

Current year trade licence. Current year enlistment certificate.

ertificate as tax payer (TIN) from Income Tax authority in support of contractor & VAT registration Work order & work completion certificate of the same work from an officer of minimum Executive

Engineer's status. If any of the said 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 Accounts Sections of BEPZA, Executive Office, 222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka, Chittagong EPZ, South Halishahar, Chittagong & Dhaka EPZ, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka up to 25-04-2001.

Tenders will be received at office chambers of Chief Engineer, BEPZA, Executive Office, Dhaka; Project Engineer (Acting), Dhaka EPZ & the undersigned up to 12-00 noon of 26-04-2001. Tenders will be opened on 30-04-2001 at 11-00 am in presence (if any) of the tenderers at CEPZ, South Halishahar, Chittagong. If, under any circumstance, the last date of selling tender happens to be a govt holiday, then it can be

purchase up to the next working day, and in that case tender can be submitted up to the next day of the changed date of purchasing tender. 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, as per tender terms & conditions, at the lowest limit i.e. 10% (ten per cent)

below the estimated cost by more than one firm, then lottery will be held on 03-05-2001 at 3-00 pm at the office of the undersigned. If the documents submitted by the 1st successful tenderers are found right as per tender terms & conditions after scrutiny, then the firm will be issued work order. Otherwise, necessary steps will be taken to issue work order to the respective firm whose document may be found right after examining the documents of 2nd & 3rd contractors by turn.

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

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Mosharraf Hossain Project Engineer CEPZ.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Department of Supply and Inspection

Invitation of Tender

The following tenders are invited by the Department of Supply and Inspection. All the registered firms of this Department in the relevant group and other well established firms subject to submission of applications well in advance and if considered fit by the authority are eligible to participate in the tenders as per terms & conditions.

Tender No & Nature Short description of stores

S-9/Chem-1/Local/147/2000-2001 Date: 08.04.2001

Date: 09.04.2001

Offset Printing Ink, Toner S-5/Chem-2/Local/146/2000-2001

Cartridge, Stitching Ware & Polythene Paper Letter Scale

Tk 175/-

N.B: The interested tenderers should purchase the tender schedules within 4:00 PM prior to the date of submission of any tender. No tender will be sold after 4:00 PM of any working day and tender will not be sold on the date of submission of tender. Tenders obtainable from:

Department of Supply & Inspection, 48, Motijheel C/A (4th fl), Dhaka.

Department of Supply & Inspection (Shipping), CGO Building, Agrabad, Chittagong. Department of Supply & Inspection (Shipping), 51/1, Farazipara Road, Khulna.

Place for submission of tender:

Department of Supply & Inspection (4th floor), 48, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. DFP-9529-11/4

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer

Tender Notice

Narayanganj PWD Division, Narayanganj

No-48/2000-2001 Fno

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SI No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest	Eligibility of contractor/firms	for completion of work		
1.	Construction of South West side boundary wall of Vagrant Welfare Home at Godnail under the dist of Narayanganj during the year-2000-2001	4,18,077/-	8,362/-	Special Class-I/Class-I, enlisted bldg contractors of PWD Class-II, enlisted bldg contractors of PWD Zone, Dhaka & Class-III, enlisted bldg contractors of PWD Circle IV, Dhaka	45 (forty-five) days		
3.	Place of selling & receiving tender	:	All offices	of the Executive Engine	eer under PWD		

Last date of selling the tender

Circle-IV, Dhaka & PWD Eden Bldg PWD Division, Dhaka. Till 25-4-2001 Eng during office hours.

Up to 12:00 Noon on 26-4-2001 Eng and will be Date of receiving & opening of the tender opened on the same day at 12:15 PM. Tender form will not be sold to the contractor/firms those who have no VAT Registration. The undersigned keep the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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Zia Uddin Ahmed **Executive Engineer** Narayangani PWD Division

Narayanganj