



Four firearms which were looted from on-duty patrol police at Jahanabaz under Sadar upazila in Satkhira district were recovered by police recently. Three more firearms were also recovered during the drive.

## Luxmipur now virtually ruled by terrorists

UNB, Luxmipur

Looting, kidnap, extortion are now everyday affair in Luxmipur district causing anxiety of the people who suspect terrorist groups enjoy support of political parties.

People also suspect that terrorist groups have connivance with police. Twenty shops in Chowpalli bazaar of sadar upazila were looted by armed terrorists at dead of night on Monday.

Madhu Mia of Totarkhil village, abducted by armed men was set free after three days on Monday night on payment of a ransom of Tk 20,000.

Mijibul Haq of village Sreerampur was abducted. His release from the clutches of terrorists was secured after three days on Saturday after giving Tk 30,000 as ransom to the abductors.

On Saturday night, Shahjahan

contractor was abducted from Paschim Baralia and abductors demanded a ransom of Tk 2 lakh. He was not released till Tuesday evening.

Awami League activist Rubel was abducted from his house a few days ago. He was released after a good beating.

Citing all these examples, residents of the respective villages named Anwar Bahini, Babul Bahini, Humayun Nabi Bahini belonging to BNP who are responsible for abductions and extortion of money from the innocent people.

Luxmipur police says they are not aware of the incidents of abduction although five new police camps have been set up in Uttar Joypur, Dattapara, Muslimbad, Mollarhat and Chandraganj.

The terrorist groups had encountered with police at least 25 times

during the last five years. But police could not arrest any of the identified terrorists nor recover arms from them.

Last week police arrested 60 people, 30 of them prosecuted under section 54 and 30 others in different sections of CrPC.

But the residents allege that instead of rounding up terrorists police picked up innocent people to harass them.

They further allege that those who looted the shops in Chowpalli bazaar on Monday night have link with the ruling party. The owners do not stay in shop at night for fear of terrorists and police as well.

Finding the inactive role of police, the villagers suggest that para-military BDR should be deployed in rounding up the terrorists and restore peace in the district.

## Traffic congestion affects trade activities in Narsingdi

BSS, Narsingdi

Traffic congestion at Babur Hat and Gausia Hat, the country's two major wholesale cloth markets on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway has become acute creating immense suffering for students, officials and other people who come from the outskirts of the capital to attend classes, offices and for other important purposes.

Passengers traveling from Narsingdi, Shibpur, Monohardi, Belabo, Bhairab, Kishoreganj and Sylhet to Dhaka, Narayanganj and Chittagong link road are the worst sufferers as the congestions take

place at the markets which are ten and twenty-five kilometres from Narsingdi.

Travelling passengers in these long distant routes got stranded for hours together in passing about three-kilometre road stretching from Panich Dona Bazaar in the east and Madhobdi bus stand in the west at Babur Hat point and one kilometre road stretching from Atria Hajar link road in the east and Vulta Bazaar in the west at Gausia point.

On Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the weekly business day of Babur Hat and on Tuesday, the weekly business day of Gausia Hat,

the situation becomes worst as a huge number of traders from distant areas visit the wholesale business centres to buy clothes.

Absence of bus and truck terminals, violation of traffic rules and negligence of traffic police in performing duties are attributed to be the major reasons for increasing the sufferings of people.

Loading and unloading of trucks, stoppage of local and inter district buses for passengers and rickshaws, tempos and baby-taxis which are parked on the main road are identified as reasons of traffic jam which is also slowing down business transactions at Babur Hat and Gausia Hat.

## 218.8-metre rubber dam underway in Cox's Bazar

UNB, Cox's Bazar

A 218.8-metre rubber dam, aiming at bringing some 27,000 hectares of land under irrigation network, is being constructed along the Matamuhuri River in Chakoria upazila of Cox's Bazar district at a cost of Tk 25 crore.

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak on Sunday inaugurated the construction work on the dam, which will also help control flood.

Bangladesh Water Development Board (WDB) is implementing the project, the infrastructure work of which is likely to be completed by April 2002.

Addressing a function on the occasion at Baghujira, the minister said this rubber dam project had

been undertaken within months of Prime Minister's announcement about it when she visited the district.

Referring to various development programmes taken up by the present government in last five years, he lashed out at the opposition parties for blocking the country's development activities by calling frequent hartals.

Earlier, the minister visited some erosion-hit areas along the Bakkhali River and addressed a meeting at Naniarchhara.

He told the meeting that steps would be taken on an emergency basis to protect the areas from the river erosion and announced an initial amount of Tk 10 crore in this regard.

Local Awami League leaders and

WDB officials accompanied the minister.

### 100 hurt as police, AL faction clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Over 100 people were injured when some activists of a faction of ruling Awami League clashed with police in Mahmudpur Bazar under Malenda upazila in Jamalpur district on Saturday.

Of the injured, 50 people were admitted to hospital.

Police said the clash ensued when supporters of Advocate Ismat Pasha, who has been expelled from AL recently, from a procession pelted bricks on police.

Police charged batons and fired teargas shells.

## Reproductive healthcare initiative in Bangladesh Reaching out to vulnerable groups

NAIMUL HAQ back from Mymensingh

Bangladesh is the only country to have opted for improved quality of reproductive healthcare (RH) for the vulnerable groups as the country focus within the RH initiative.

Delivery of a comprehensive package of reproductive healthcare services in urban and under-served areas with special emphasis on clinical contraception, family planning (FP) for young couples and RH for adolescents have been chosen as the country focus.

The reproductive healthcare initiative (RHI) in the country is the only programme that is entirely executed and implemented by the NGOs.

Implementation of five projects began in August 1999 to improve overall reproductive healthcare situation with respect to the country focus. These are four component projects as well as one umbrella project, the main task of which is to co-ordinate the RHI activities and to provide capacity building where necessary.

To help ensure that all the project objectives can be attained, the European Commission (EC) has made additional finances available and has agreed to a two-year time extension that will allow implementation work to continue up to December 2002.

The RHI contributes to the government's fifth five-year Health and Population Sector Programme (HPSP). Its strategy concentrates on reaching, with the help of four national NGOs, the marginalised groups of populations who are not targeted by other programmes.

Although Bangladesh was one of the latest countries to join the RHI, after a preparatory period in 1999, all its programmes are now fully operational.

Building the capacity of local NGOs to ensure future sustainability and developing effective inter-linkages amongst RHI operational partners and government programme managers are therefore the main priorities of the RHI programme in Bangladesh.

The four clinics established under the project are fully operational, two with delivery units and two with male units.

Client turnout averages 1,000 per month in two clinics and 600 per month in the other two. The clinics have received government approval and are well established within their communities.

Two of the four clinics are networking closely with the government and have started to organise camps for voluntary surgical contraception (VSC) in their catchment areas.

Marie Stopes Clinic Society (MSCS), under the EC finance and UNFPA technical support project, is providing services like management of sexually transmitted infections (STI), respiratory tract infection (RTI), pre- and post-delivery care and treatment of septic and incomplete abortion services.

Through its partner, NGO Nari Moitree operating in Mymensingh city the clinic is also empowering socially disadvantaged women to use condom for safe sex and set up weekly health check-up centre one of which is in Nari Moitree in the city.

It also extended services to one of the day care centres where 25 children of the socially disadvantaged women are taken care of since last one year. Marie Stopes regularly provides healthcare services also to the children.

Laparoscopic ligation, introduced through this project in one of Marie Stopes in Mymensingh clinics is proving to be popular. More than 100 ligations are being performed every month, and the trend is showing continuous improvement," said Syed Saad Mustafa, an assistant project manager of MSCS's RHI project.

Similarly, Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) under the same project is taking similar reproductive healthcare initiatives. One of its unique aspects is making a wider range of RH information to adolescents and youths in the urban and rural areas.

"Young people are involved for forming groups of boys and girls and participatory methods are used to disseminate information during informal discussion," said Md Abdus Salam, an assistant director of the FPAB.

The strategy is designed by adolescents, for adolescents and with adolescents, using methods like the participatory rural appraisal and the theatre for development, learning how to communicate with adolescents and how to talk about sensitive issues. NGO workers have built strong trust relationships with the adolescents; youth leaders have begun acting as facilitators.

By September 2000, two NGOs had helped to set up about 250

groups of boys and girls. These groups meet regularly to discuss and share information, both formally and informally. Two other NGOs have completed the social mapping and started the social survey. Their training on participatory methods was redesigned based on lessons learnt from the experience with the first two NGOs.

For the first time ever a campaign to promote this method among higher income women has been initiated. The clinics have networked successfully with local level government-NGO initiatives, and have signed a number of MOUs for referral of clients originating from these initiatives.

The Community Gatekeepers (guardians, teachers, local leaders and health service providers) play a key role in providing support. Many have not before discussed sexual and RH issues with their children at home.

The UNEPA Country Office directly oversees the implementation of the umbrella project in Bangladesh. The project seeks to strengthen technical and human resource capacity of participating NGOs, as well as to develop functional linkages among the RHI partners and relevant agencies. Its role is to help NGOs deliver quality RH services and information.

## NEWS SNAPS

### Youth succumbs to injuries

UNB, Pabna  
A youth who was stabbed by miscreants in Pabna town on Thursday succumbed to his injuries at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on Sunday.

Mohammad Sohel, 25, son of Abdul Qudus of Poyranpur Power House Para in the town, was critically injured in the attack in front of Law College at Rupkatha Road in town. He was first admitted to local General Hospital and then shifted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where he died at 5.15am on Monday, RMCH sources said. A case was filed with Kotwali thana.

### Bus conductor dies in accident

UNB, Barguna  
A bus conductor was killed and two passersby were injured in a road accident at Mokamia on Barguna-Betagi road in Barguna on Sunday.

Sources said Liton, 25, conductor of a Barguna-bound bus, was crushed under the wheels of the bus when he fell down from the speeding vehicle. Two women pedestrians Mariam, 45, and Tulshi Rani, 30, were also injured when the bus coming from Betagi knocked them down.

### Woman held for 'killing' husband

UNB, Bogra  
A woman was arrested on charge of killing her husband at Shakharja Karajipara village in Sadar upazila in Bogra on Sunday.

Police suspect that arrested Jarina Khatun strangled her husband Shahtajahan Ali, 50, following a quarrel over family matters. The victim's body was kept at a local primary school after the murder. Police recovered the body and filed a murder case after arresting Jarina.

### Two bodies found

BSS, Gazipur  
Police recovered two bodies from Pubal and Poraban areas in Gazipur district on Tuesday.

Police and hospital sources said Mamud, 60, was killed at his Pubal village home Monday night and his headless body was found the following morning. The identity of the killer or killers and the motive of murder could not be ascertained immediately. Police also found the body of an unidentified young man from Poraban village. They sent both the bodies to Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

### Two with firearms arrested

UNB, Rajbari  
Two youths suspected to be involved in terrorist activities were arrested along with arms in Rajbari on Sunday and Monday.

Police arrested Jaman of Dhunchi village in Sadar upazila in connection with a case and recovered a US-made revolver from his house on Monday. Besides, another youth Sohrab was arrested along with an Indian revolver and a knife from Daulaidia bus terminal while taking preparation to commit robbery on Sunday. Two separate arms cases were filed with police against the arrested.

### Three held for 'anti-social' activity

UNB, Bandarban  
Police arrested an officer along with two women from his residence at Ali Kadam upazila in Bandarban Tuesday for his alleged involvement with anti-social activity with them.

The arrested were identified as Moslem Uddin, Project Implementation Officer of Ali Kadam upazila, and Rehana Begum, 20, and Monwara Begum, 45, of Amtali village. Police said local people confined the officer along with the two women at his residence Monday night and informed the matter to local administration. The UNO with the help of police rescued them from the confinement. Meanwhile, the UNO has been directed to submit report on the matter on emergency basis. Several hundred people staged demonstration and brought out a procession demanding exemplary punishment of the PIO.

### Body recovered from river

UNB, Madaripur  
Police recovered the body of an unidentified boy from Anal Khan River near Jafarabad area in Madaripur town on Monday.

Police said the boy drowned while lifting water from the river standing on the deck of a launch on way to Dhaka from Madaripur on Sunday. The body was sent to Madaripur Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

**Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority**  
222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka-1000

**Tender Notice No. 33/2000-2001**

No. BEPZA/CE-09/99/33 Dated: 02-04-2001

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

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost (in taka)	Eligibility of contractor	Prescribed time for completion of work	Price of tender document (in Taka) (non-refundable)
1.	Construction of a four-storey 'D' type residential building at Chittagong EPZ, South Halishar, Chittagong (D-3).	72,25,420.16	Govt./semi-govt./autonomous organisations, enlisted contractors having experience of building construction work worth minimum Taka 37 lakh under a single work order.	270 (two hundred seventy days).	1,500.00.

In zones & projects under BEPZA one contractor shall not be appointed for more than one work taken at valuation Tk one crore or above and the number of works under progress shall not be more than three in total.

Earnest money stated in the tender should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of "BEPZA."

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

- Current year trade licence.
- Contractors current year enlistment certificate.
- Certificate as taxpayer (TIN) from Income Tax Authority in support of contractor & VAT registration certificate.
- Work order & work completion certificate of the same work from an officer of minimum executive engineer's status.
- Current electrical contractors' & supervisors' A/B/C licence.

Any documents submitted with the tender, if found false or fake, the earnest money submitted with the tender will be forfeited and the tender be cancelled.

Tenders can be purchased from BEPZA Executive Office, 222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka, Chittagong EPZ, South Halishar, Chittagong, Dhaka EPZ Gonakbari, Savar, Dhaka & all Divisional Commissioners' offices up to 29-04-2001. In case of purchasing tender from Divisional Commissioners' office, the prescribed price of tender should be deposited through Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of 'BEPZA.' Acknowledgement receipt/money receipt obtained in support of payment of the money 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 and all Divisional Commissioners' offices up to 12-00 Noon of 30-04-2001.

Tenders submitted at different divisions/offices will be opened only at the office chamber of Chief Engineer, BEPZA Executive Office on 02-05-2001 at 10-00 AM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

If the last date of selling tender happens to be a govt holiday, under any circumstance, it 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 of purchasing.

If the tender is submitted at the lowest limit i.e. 10% below the estimated cost by more than one firm as per tender terms & conditions then lottery will be held on 03-05-2001 at 3-00 PM at BEPZA Executive Office in presence of the tenderers concerned. If the documents submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> successful tenderer in the lottery are found right after scrutiny, as per tender terms & conditions, the firm will be issued work order otherwise necessary steps will be taken to issue work order by examining the documents of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> tenderer by turns.

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

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**Invitation to Monogram Design Open Contest**

Proposals are invited from degree-holder artists, architects or advertising firms for participation in open contest on monogram design of proposed National Institute of Biotechnology. Award of Tk 10,000/= (ten thousand) will be given for the best design in the contest. After payment of the said fee for the work of the winner participant he/she shall cease to have any ownership on the monogram.

Degree-holder artists, architects or advertising firms interested to submit proposal for creating the monogram shall have to collect the detailed schedule in this regard from the office of the Project Director, National Institute of Biotechnology Project subject to payment of Tk 1000/= (one hundred) only (non-refundable) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of 'Project Director, National Institute of Biotechnology', by 12-00 Noon of 30 April, 2001, Monday, and it is requested to submit it by 12-00 Noon of 20 May, 2001, Sunday, at the office of the undersigned. No fund assistance is admissible for proposal preparation to participating artists, architects or advertising firms.

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**Project Director**  
National Institute of Biotechnology Project.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
LGED, Mymensingh

**Tender Notice**  
No-45/2000-2001

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), towards the cost of Rural Development Project-21: Infrastructure greater Rangpur, Dinajpur, Mymensingh & Jamalpur districts and to apply a part of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments.
- Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), district Mymensingh invites sealed tenders of the following works listed below from the pre-qualified contractors/firms under RDP-21 of LGED for the FY 2000-2001.

Sl. No.	Scheme code No	Name of the work	Earnest money	Cost of tender document	Completion times for works	Classes of contractor
1	200115/GAF-5/MYM (R-35)	Construction of pavement and protection work on Gaffargaon-Dewanganj road from ch. 5.06km to 5.382km under Gaffargaon upazila (2nd call)	2.50% of the quoted amount	2000/=	150 days	Prequalified contractor of RDP-21 Except "C"
2	200116/DHU-2/MYM	Construction of 2x4.50x4.00m RCC box culvert on Dhobaura-Goatola road at ch. 2600m under Dhobaura upazila.	2.50% of the quoted amount	1500/=	90 days	Prequalified contractor of RDP-21.

- Tender documents could be purchased from the office of the (a) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka (b) Project Director, RDP-21, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 (c) Deputy Commissioner, Mymensingh (d) Deputy Project Director, RDP-21, Regional Office, Rangpur/Mymensingh (e) Executive Engineer, LGED, District-Rangpur/ Gaibandha/ Nilphamari/Lalmonirhat/ Kurigram/ Dinajpur/Thakurgaon/Panchagar/Mymensingh/ Jamalpur/ Sherpur/Netrakona/Kishoreganj (f) Upazila Engineer, Gaffargaon/Dhobaura upazila and office of the undersigned, district Mymensingh up to 29-04-2001 during the office hours. Tender will be received up to 1-00 PM on 30-04-2001 and will be opened at 3-00 PM on same day in presence of the tenderer or their authorized representative (if they are intended to be present) in the offices mentioned above.
- The tender documents are those stated below and should be read in conjunction with any addenda issued in accordance with clause 12.
- (i) Tender Notice, (ii) Instruction to Tenders Conditions of Contract, (iii) Contract Data, (iv) Specifications, (v) Tender Form, (vi) Bill of Quantities/Activity Schedule, (vii) Form of Agreement, (viii) Drawings.
- The tenderer is expected to examine carefully the contents of the tender documents. Failure to comply with the requirements of tender submission will be at the tenderer's own risk. Pursuant of clause 27, tenders which are not substantially responsive to the requirements of the tender documents will be rejected.
- The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or all tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

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**Executive Engineer**  
LGED, Mymensingh