



State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman gives away a prize to a winner of Shishu Ananda Mela competition organised by the National Press Club in the city yesterday while the press club leaders look on.

Housewife beaten to death

BSS, Rajbari

A housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband over a family feud at Jahan Pantharia village in Barharpur of Baliahandi upazila on Thursday.

Local people said Asma Begum, 27, was beaten up by her husband

Badsha Mia. When her condition became critical, the family members poured poison into her mouth in a bid to show the death as suicide. Police recovered the body and sent it to Rajbari Sadar Hospital for autopsy. A case was filed with Baliahandi police station. In another incident,

Sakirunnesa, 60, wife of Ansar Uddin of village Matiyabari under Jamalpur union in Baliahandi upazila, committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling on Thursday. The cause of the suicide could not be ascertained immediately. Her body was sent to Rajbari Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER KISHOREGANJ ROAD DIVISION KISHOREGANJ.

Invitation for Tenders

Tender Notice No. - 01/EE/KRD - 2004 - 05

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Communication.	V			
2	Agency	Roads & Highways Department.	V			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Kishoreganj.				
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present.				
5	Procuring Entity District	Kishoreganj / Mymensingh.	V			
6	Invitation for	Works V < select > V < select > V				
7	Invitation Ref No	6 - 1 / 2271				
8	Date	01/11/04	V			
9	KEY INFORMATION					
10	Procurement Method	OTM (National)	V Open V			
11	FUNDING INFORMATION	ADP (Zilla Road Project)	V V GOB			
12	Budget & Source of Funds	Not applicable.				
13	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.				
14	PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
15	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	Not applicable.				
16	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	ADP (Zilla Road Project)				
17	Tender Package No.	01 - KRD/2004 - 2005				
18	Tender Publication Date	18 - 11 - 04	V			
19	Tender Last Selling Date	18 - 12 - 04	V			
20	Tender Closing Date & Time	19 - 12 - 04	V 12:30 P. M.			
	Tender Opening Date & Time	19 - 12 - 04	V 3:30 P. M. V			
	Name & Address of the office(s)	E. E. RHD, Road Division, Kishoreganj. Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka / E. E. RHD, Planning Division - 1, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka / E. E. RHD, Bridge Design, Division - 1, East, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka / Road Division, Mymensingh / Netronkona / Tangail / Jamalpur / Seerup / Road Sub - Division, Bhalbari / Kishoreganj / Nandail / 1st Line Workshop. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh / Deputy Commissioner, Kishoreganj / Executive Engineer RHD, Road Division, Kishoreganj.				
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)					
	- Selling Tender Document (Others)					
	- Receiving Tender Document					
	- Opening Tender Document					
21	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Executive Engineer, RHD, Kishoreganj.				
22	INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	All tenderers regardless of whether enlisted or not enlisted with the employer may submit tenders provided that they are otherwise qualified. Tenderers of the categories specified in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) in section 2 of Standard Tender Document, are eligible to participate in the tender.				
23	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Construction of flexible pavement, carpeting, seal coat & earth work in different roads.				
24	Brief Description of Related Services	Not applicable.				
25	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	As per lot list.				
26	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Price of tender document	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks / Months
27	1	KH/KRD/2004-05/01. Repairing, carpeting & widening of existing pavement at Kishoreganj - Hossainpur Road. Z - 3623	Ch. 0 + 000 to 1 + 000	1,000.00	1,45,000.00	3 months
28	2	UBA/KRD/2004-05/02. Repairing & carpeting of existing pavement at Ujanchar - Bajipur - Austragram Road. Z - 3601.	Ch. 6 + 000 to 7 + 500 & Ch. 15 + 000 to 16 + 000	1,000.00	1,40,000.00	3 months
29	3	NAK/KRD/2004-05/03. Rehabilitation & strengthening of existing pavement at Nandail - Atharbari - Kendua road. Z - 3608.	Ch. 5 + 000 to 7 + 200	1,000.00	1,45,000.00	3 months
30	4	MAG/KRD/2004-05/04. Construction of flexible pavement at Madhupur Bazar (Trishal) - Anandaganj - Gazipur (Gouripur) Road. Z - 3615.	Ch. 5 + 000 to 6 + 100	1,000.00	1,45,000.00	3 months
31	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Abdus Salam.				
32	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer, RHD, Kishoreganj Road Division, Kishoreganj.				
33	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Tel. No. < Fax No. > < e-mail > 0941-5540 (Office)				
34	a) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.					
	b) The tenderer submit the tender document in sealed condition.					
	c) The tender notice is brief and the details of the tender can be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours.					
	d) All other terms and conditions as stated in the Public Procurement Regulation - 2003 will remain valid.					

(Md. Abdus Salam)

Executive Engineer, RHD, Kishoreganj Road Division, Kishoreganj.

Allergies may raise blood cancer risk Says study

REUTERS, New York

In contrast to some earlier reports, allergic conditions appear to increase, rather than decrease, the risk of leukaemia and lymphoma, according to a Swedish study.

Depending on the root cause of allergies, theories predict that allergic conditions may either reduce or raise the risk of cancer, researchers explain in the medical journal BMC Public Health.

While several studies have looked at the allergy-cancer relationship by comparing people who have cancer to those who do not, there have been few studies that looked at a representative segment of the general population.

To investigate any connection between allergies and blood cancers, Dr Karin C Soderberg, from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, and colleagues analysed data from a group of 16,539 Swedish twins who were born between 1886 and 1925.

The presence of allergic conditions was assessed with questionnaires administered in 1967. The group was followed from 1969 to 1999, and cases of cancer were

identified through the Swedish Cancer Registry.

Analysis of the data indicated that hives and asthma appeared to increase the risk of leukaemia by 2.1- and 1.6-fold, respectively. Similarly, eczema during childhood was linked to a 2.3-fold higher risk of lymphoma.

As mentioned, the results run counter to past studies, and the team suggests several possible reasons for the disparity. Perhaps new treatments for allergies and asthma also affect the chances developing cancer, for example.

Whatever the reason, they point out that it's important to clarify "if and how" allergic conditions are connected to blood cancers, since the prevalence of allergies is increasing.



Prithik Nirbachan Bastabayan Parishad formed a human chain in front of the High Court in the city yesterday demanding 50 reserved seats for minority communities in the Jatiya Sangsad.

Electronic eye to help blind cross roads

REUTERS, London

An "electronic eye" that can be fitted to a pair of glasses could help the blind cross roads more safely, scientists said yesterday.

Researchers from the Kyoto Institute of Technology in Japan developed the system, which uses a camera and computer to detect the location of a pedestrian crossing, its width and the color of any related traffic lights.

"They have combined these three things in one camera and one computer," said a spokesman for the

institute. "The camera can now give these bits of information at once and that gives every piece of information needed to cross the road safely. That is why it is such a big breakthrough."

In tests of the system, the scientists said it successfully detected the location of crossings 194 out of 196 times. In two cases it mistakenly said there wasn't a crossing where there was one.

The scientists are now working on the best way to incorporate the device into a comfortable pair of glasses that a blind person can wear.

Bailey bridge collapses in Comilla

UNB, Comilla

A Bailey bridge on Comilla-Brahmanpara-Mirpur highway near Sahebabad Bazar in Brahmanpara upazila collapsed yesterday, disrupting vehicular movement on the road.

Local people said the bridge caved in when a rice-laden truck was crossing it. The truck was carrying rice for the government food grown at Brahmanpara.

Nine more trucks carrying rice from Dinajpur remained stranded following the collapse of the Bailey bridge.

No initiative was taken till yesterday evening to repair the bridge.

Abdur Rob, officer-in-charge of Uzirpur police station, said Jamal, a convict in previous cases, was arrested on the basis of a secret information and sent to jail.

Jamal's family members claimed that he was arrested at the behest of a local BNP leader Khabir Hussain who had an altercation with the victim over the formation of a Madrasa managing committee.

Police also recovered an abandoned revolver from the garden of one Kasem Bepari of Otra village under the same upazila on Thursday night.

Notorious robber held in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Police arrested a notorious robber from Nagarbari area of Brahmanbaria pourasava on Thursday.

Acting on a tip off, police raided the house of one Israfil and arrested Manik Mia alias Kukkya Manikya, from his birthday party.

According to police, Manik is directly involved in Kalshreepara robbery and Shreemangal inter-city train robbery.

He is also an accused in several murder cases.

On hearing the news of Manik's arrest, local traders brought out a procession demanding his immediate punishment.

Manik was sent to jail custody, police added.

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He embraced martyrdom in a battle with the Pakistani forces at Joymonirhat in Kurigram during the War of Liberation.

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