

Work begins to convert Haripur oil well into gas well

Present recoverable reserve 275 billion CFT: Work to be completed in February

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

After keeping sealed for ten years and change in schedule several times, work began on Wednesday to develop and extract gas from Well No. 7 in Haripur, once drilled as an oil well.

According to seismic survey done in 1971, gas reserve in the well is 683.85 billion CFT and recoverable reserve is 444.5 billion CFT. Present recoverable reserve is 275 billion CFT and 20 MMCF gas could be extracted per day, said officials.

State owned BAPEX is developing the well for gas extraction. It is expected to be completed in February, they said. It involves an

expenditure of Tk 13 crore including a foreign exchange component of Tk 7.1 crore.

The Haripur well, now under Sylhet Gas Field Company Limited, is the first oil well discovered in the country in 1986 with financial assistance from Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Though the target was to drill up to 2100 metres, three gas zones and an oil zone were struck at a depth between 2009-2033 metres.

The well was converted into an oil well at that time.

The well produced 5.6 lakh barrels of crude during the period from December 1987 to July 1994. But, production was stopped in

July 1994 due to drastic fall in pressure.

It was then sealed. Later decisions were taken several times to convert the well into a gas well, but no step was taken.

The well is about 19 kilometres off Sylhet city.

The country's first gas well (Well No. 1) was drilled in the Haripur structure in 1955 by the then Pakistan Petroleum Limited.

Subsequently, some more wells were drilled there and commercial gas production began in Well No. 3 and Well No. 6.

But due to technical reasons, production was stopped in Well No. 3 in 1978 while production continued to fall in Well No. 6, which is

now producing 5 MMCFD gas.

The Sylhet Gas Field Company (SGFL) has five gas fields at Haripur, Kailashtila, Rashidpur, Beanibazar and Chhataka.

Of these, one in Haripur, two in Kailashtila, seven in of Rashidpur and two in Beanibazar are in production. On an average, 6 MMCF gas is produced from these 12 wells and supplied to the different Titash Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited, Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited and Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution Limited.

At the same time, 197 kilolitres of condensate and 92 kilolitres of NGL is produced as by-product.

Production stops again at Zia fertiliser factory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

The Zia Fertilizer Company Limited (ZFC) at Ashuganj stopped production on Wednesday night.

Operation of the factory came to a halt as one of the control bulbs went out of order, sources at the factory said.

The factory is incurring a production loss of 1600 metric tonnes of Urea a day.

ZFC engineers started repair work on Thursday, which continued till yesterday.

The giant factory is faltering often though it was overhauled about 10 months back, the sources said. Production stopped at least three times since the overhauling, they said.

Trader bombed dead, 7 houses looted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A businessman was killed in a bomb attack when armed robbers committed dacoity in seven houses on Sunday night at Joyrajpur in Damurhuda upazila in Chuadanga.

According to Chuadanga police, a gang of armed robbers stormed into the house of Jamil Hossain Akhter at about 2 am.

They hurled two powerful bombs on Jamil Akhter when he tried to resist them. He died on the spot.

The gang looted Tk 25000 and valuables worth about Tk 3 lakh from houses of Jamil and his neighbours.

Police recovered the body next morning and sent it to Chauadanga Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

A case has been filed with Damurhuda police station.

FALSE IMPORT DECLARATION Licences of 4 C&F agents suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Licences of four clearing and forwarding agents (C&F) operating at Bhamra land port have been temporarily suspended for their alleged import of goods on false declaration.

The action was taken Sunday following an order by Benapole Customs Joint Collector Shafiqul Islam, sources said.

The charges against them are being probed and action will be taken, they said.

The defaulter C&F agents are M/S Kabir Enterprise owned by Humayun Kabir, M/S Pubali Agency of Abdul Jalil, M/S Azmir Enterprise of Badrul Alam and M/S Jess Enterprise of Mostaq Ahmed.

According to Bhamra land port and customs sources, M/S Chowdhury Enterprise of Chittagong had imported 30 tonnes of turmeric from India against a LC for 20 tonnes.

M/S Sadman Traders of Khulna imported seven tonnes of green chilli against a LC for two tons.

M/S Masud Enterprise of Khalishpur in Khulna had imported 15 tonnes of potato from India but he imported 15 tons of lemon instead of potato.

The four clearing and forwarding agents in connivance with a section of officials released the goods worth Tk 50 lakh by giving false declarations.

7 more govt depts to be handed over to CHT dist councils

USD 50 m projects approved, visiting JS body tells indigenous leaders

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

The BNP-led coalition government is proceeding with implementation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord.

The Prime Minister who is in charge of CHT Ministry assigned us to listen to you, your needs and to make a recommendation to her base on a bottom up approach", said leader of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on CHT Affairs and ruling BNP MP Md Mosharaf Hossain during a meeting with representatives of indigenous communities and officials here on Saturday.

He led a nine-member team which visited Rangamati and Khagrachhari hill districts. Its visit to Bandarban on Monday was postponed at the last moment.

The government is "closely attached" to the CHT people, he told the meeting where the indigenous leaders placed several demands relating to implementation of the peace accord and development of the CHT region.

"Basically, the problem is that people of this region are suffering from a crisis of confidence, which is a fallout of the long-drawn armed insurgency.

"We need to keep in mind that no one is less patriot, all are Bangladeshis", Mosharaf said.

The government, meantime, has extended the tenure of the chairman of CHT Land Commission for three years, appointed an indigenous person to the post of chairman of the Taskforce on Rehabilitation of Returnee Refugees and Internal

Refugees, and is preparing to hand over seven more government departments to the Hill District Councils.

"A letter will be sent to the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs seeking suggestion to hold election to the CHT Regional Council and Hill District Councils and other local bodies".

"Besides, development projects backed by donors are being implemented to reduce poverty and restore confidence", he added.

The meeting, held at the Rangamati Hill District Auditorium, was presided over by Deputy Minister for CHT Affairs Moniswapon Dewan. The speakers included Rangamati Hill District Council Chairman Dr Maniklal Dewan, Chakma Circle chief Devashish Roy, former advisors to President BK Dewan and AK Dewan, retired civil servant Nirmolendu Tripura, Mothuralal Chakma, Madhobilota Chakma, Tuku Talukder, Sagarika Roaza, Advocate Shaktiman Chakma, Biru Kumar Janchangya, U Sha Hla Roaza and Manosh Mukur Chakma.

JS committee members BNP MP Wadood Bhuiyan, Shahjahan Choudhury MP, Md Shahjahan MP, Mustafa Kamal Pasa MP and Moazzem Hossain Alal MP were present at the meeting.

Devashish Roy and Nirmolendu Tripura suggested reconstitution of the CHT Ministry advisory and representation of all ethnic groups to the CHTC and HDCs.

"They need help to save themselves from extinction", Nirmolendu Tripura said.

Tuku Talukder in her speech urged the parliamentary body to take steps

to ensure representation of elected women leaders to the HDCs and increase their number in the CHTRC. Md Shahjahan MP said, "The government is implementing the peace accord in phases".

"The decision is very clear. The government does not see the accord from the standpoint of any political party", he said. He admitted that land dispute is the prime problem in CHT. "It needs careful attention and so we have come to listen to you".

Deputy Minister for CHT Affairs Moniswapon Dewan said.

He said the Prime Minister has approved UNDP's 5-year development projects involving USD 50 million, to be implemented by 2009. The amount will be spent for health education, telecommunication and poverty alleviation, he said.

Moreover, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has undertaken Tk 420 crore projects to reduce poverty.

CHT Development Board Chairman Wadood Bhuiyan said he is the lone Bangalee holding the high post. As per the peace accord, indigenous people hold the post of Deputy Minister for CHT Affairs and five other vital posts in the CHTRC, Taskforce for Rehabilitation of Refugees and three HDCs, he said.

The indigenous people have been demanding his removal. Wadood pointed out that the peace accord does not specifically say that a Bangalee can not hold the post of chairman of CHT development Board. "An indigenous person will be given priority in appointment to the post", he quoted from the accord.

Fund shortage to stop ELTIP?

Only 7000 out of targeted 42,000 schoolteachers given English language training in second phase.

RAFIQUE SARKER from Rangpur

The second phase of the English Language Teaching Improvement Project (ELTIP) in northern districts is going to be concluded six months before end of the targeted period, leaving almost three-fourths of its objective unattained, sources said.

Bureaucratic tangles and fund shortage are the main reasons for early conclusion of the 'much acclaimed' project, which is very 'effective' for English language teachers of schools, they said.

Meanwhile, ministerial orders to discontinue enrolment of trainee teachers have reached 'satellite resource centre' (training centres).

This corresponded visited some high schools in Rangpur, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat and talked to English teachers about ELTIP.

They said the decision of the education ministry will hinder their English language training, which will affect students also.

Besides training on English language, the ELTIP gives professional support to teachers, they said.

The ministry had launched the

ELTIP across the country to provide English language training to high school teachers so that students can develop four skills—listening, speaking, reading and writing in English.

The ELTIP followed introduction of CLT (Communicative Language Teaching) as new syllabus prescribed by the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) for all secondary and higher secondary schools. It was prepared by the ministry in collaboration with DFID.

Sixty-two satellite units were opened under seven regional resource centres in the country to facilitate training for 79000 high school teachers.

The first phase of the project from 1999 to 2002 included trainers' training abroad, setting up of regional and satellite resource centres and training of about 5000 teachers.

Due to fund shortage, all targeted teachers could not be brought under the training programme during the period.

A source in the project said that only 17 out of 62 satellite resource centres and four out of seven regional

centres could be opened in districts.

Out of the 17 satellite centres, only six were set up in six districts of Pabna, Noagaoan, Bogra, Nilphamari, Rangpur and Dinajpur.

As the time of the project was over without having targeted result, the ministry extended the project for two years, raising a fund of Tk 20 crore from all education boards.

The extended project aimed at training 42000 school teachers. But it failed to achieve the target due to shortage of resources. Only 7000 teachers could be brought under the programme in the second phase.

While talking to this correspondent, an English teacher of Rangpur Collectorate School and College on condition of anonymity said the communicative way of teaching language is a new technique and it needs sufficient training for teachers to cope with the new syllabus.

A teacher of Rangpur Zila School who attended the 13-day training under ELTIP at the local resource centre said the training is "very effective" for teachers to teach students.

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Workshop held on proposed "Right to Information Act 2002"

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A day-long workshop on the proposed Right to Information Act, 2002 was held at office of Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) here Saturday.

Massline Media Centre (MC), an NGO, organised this workshop with assistance from DANIDA, an international donor agency.

Twenty journalists took part in the workshop, presided over by Md. Zakir Hossain, President of Patuakhali Press Club.

It was addressed by, among others, SM Shahjada, Networking Officer and Lilon Bonik, district representative of MMC.

The workshop discusses advantage and disadvantage of the proposed act and made some suggestions.

30 hurt in B'baria clash over land

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

At least 30 people were injured and six houses damaged in a clash over land dispute between two rival groups at Chinair village in Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila on Sunday.

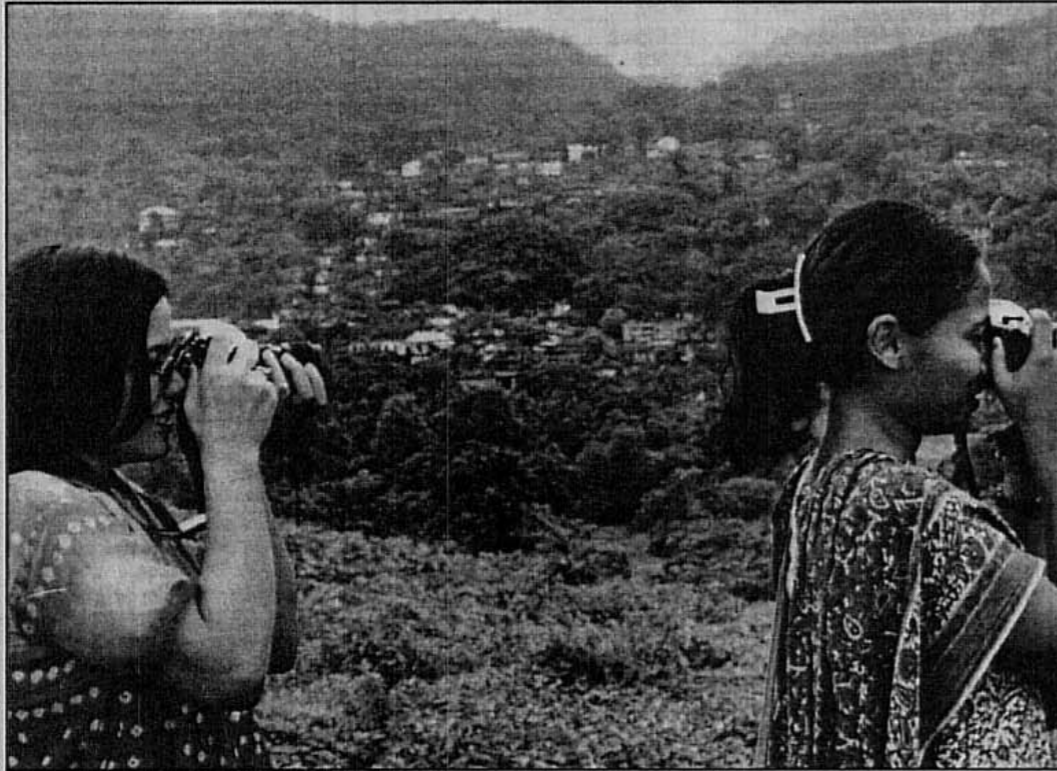
According to witness and hospital sources, Abul Khayer and Hossain Mia of the village had a long-drawn rivalry over the possession of a land.

The clash ensued when Abul Khayer and some day labourers hired by him went to make a demarcation line on the land.

Five of the critically injured persons were admitted to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital and the rest were released after first aid.

Properties worth Tk 30,000 were looted from the damaged houses during the clash.

Police said they heard about the incident but a case is yet to be filed.



As winter is setting in, the scenic beauty in Zafflang hills in Sylhet is attracting tourists. Two tourists trying to snap Dauki port and hills across the border. The photo was taken recently.

10 cops hurt in clash as villagers snatch accused

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Ten policemen including four sub-inspectors were injured in a clash with villagers at Garagram in Kishoreganj upazila Saturday night when a police team went there to arrest a man accused in a snatching case.

The injured policemen have been admitted to Kishoreganj upazila health complex and a case has been filed with Kishoreganj thana accusing 65 people.

Most males in the village have fled homes fearing more arrest, sources there said.

On December 8, Tk 6000 and a

bicycle were snatched from BRAC (an NGO) field worker Ainalul Haq. He filed a case accusing one Babul of Garagram village.

A police team went to the village, arrested and was taking him to thana.

Villagers attacked the team and snatched Babul from custody. The villagers pelted stones and police charged batons.

The injured include SI Mojibur Rahman, SI Mehdi, ASI Russel, PSI Shah Jalal, constable Pran Gopal and police van driver Latif. The police van was also partially damaged.

Being informed, additional police reached the spot and rescued the injured policemen.

Wife strangled for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

A eight-month pregnant housewife was allegedly strangled for dowry by her husband and in-laws at Budhal village in the Sadar upazila on Friday.

According to police and hospital sources, Sirajul Islam used to torture his wife Hasina Begum often for dowry though he got a big amount of money as dowry during their marriage in 1998.

On Friday, tortured Hasina was taken to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital where she died.

Autopsy of the body was done at the hospital. The report said she was strangled. Her father has filed a case with Brahmanbaria Sadar thana accusing her husband and his family members.

Police said they could not arrest any body as the accused are absconding.



A partial view of crowd at the rally at Ratanpur where the union was declared fully sanitised.

Only campaign can sanitise villages

A remote union in Satkhira declared fully sanitised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Ratanpur, a remote union under Kaliganj upazila in the district, is now cent percent sanitised. All 3,701 families in villages in the union, rich or poor, now use sanitary latrines and are aware of primary health care measures.

Only two years ago, most people in the villages could of think of such a situation.

The achievement is the result of creation of awareness by the Upazila Parishad, Union Parishad, government officials and Public Health Engineering Department (PHED).

"We only created awareness among the villagers that sanitation will keep them free from common diseases like diarrhoea, dysentery" said DPHE Executive Engineer Abdul Hamid.

Amid cheers from hundreds, Satkhira Deputy Commissioner Md. Elias at a function held on Ratanpur UP office premises on Sunday declared the union cent percent sanitised.

Ratanpur UP Chairman Abdul Wahed presided over the function, also addressed by PHED Executive Engineer Abdul Hamid and Kaliganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Sheikh Mohammad Moniruzzaman and Dhalbaria UP Chairman Abdul Sattar, Prof. Tamizuddin, Altaf Hossain, PHED Engineer A.K.M. Samsuzzaman.

Many of the villagers this correspondent talked to said their children now use sanitary toilet, soap for post-defection cleanliness, cut nails and wash hands before taking meals.

এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড

২৬৫-২৬৭, টঙ্গী শিল্প এলাকা, টঙ্গী, গাজীপুর

২০তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা উপলক্ষে বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড এর সম্মানিত শেয়ারহোল্ডারবৃন্দের সদয় অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ২২-১২-২০০৪ খ্রিঃ তারিখ সকাল ১১-০০ ঘটিকায় অনুষ্ঠিতব্য কোম্পানীর ২০তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভায় যোগদানে আগ্রহী শেয়ারহোল্ডারদিগকে কোম্পানীর টঙ্গী কারখানা প্রাঙ্গণে সভাস্থলে আনানোয়ার জন্য ঢাকা মহানগরী হইতে ৪ (চার) টি বাস নিম্নোক্ত স্থান হইতে সকাল ৯-১৫/৯-৩০ মিনিটে রওয়ানা হইয়া নিম্নবর্ণিত রুটে সভাস্থলে পৌছিতে। সনাক্তকরণের সুবিধার্থে বাসের ব্রন্ট ও ব্যাক উইন্ডশীলে এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড লিখা থাকিবে।

১ নং বাস

রুটঃ ঢাকা স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জ ভবন, মতিঝিল হইতে সকাল ৯-১৫ মিনিটে ছাড়িয়া শাপলা চত্বর, নটরডেম কলেজ, পীরজঙ্গী মাজার, টিটিপাড়া, শাহজাহানপুর রেল ক্রসিং, মালিবাগ রেল গেট, আবুল হোস্টেল, রামপুরা বাজার, টেলিভিশন সেন্টার, মধ্য বাজা, নতুন বাজার, কুড়িল, শিলক্ষেত, এয়ারপোর্ট হইয়া টঙ্গী সভাস্থলে পৌছিতে।

২ নং বাস

রুটঃ জিপি ও পয়েন্ট হইতে সকাল ৯-১৫ মিনিটে ছাড়িয়া কাকরাইল মোড়, শান্তিনগর, মালিবাগ, মোচাক, মণিবাগ, সাতরাষ্টার মোড়, নাবিকো, মহাখালী, গুলশান-১, গুলশান-২, নতুন বাজার, বিশ্বরোড হইয়া টঙ্গী সভাস্থলে পৌছিতে।

৩ নং বাস

রুটঃ ১২ নং বাস ডিপো হইতে ৯-৩০ মিনিটে ছাড়িয়া পল্লবী, মিরপুর-১১, মিরপুর-১০, শেওড়া পাড়া, কাজী পাড়া, আগারগাঁও তালতলা, ইসলামিয়া চক্ক হাসপাতাল (খেজুর বাগান), ধানমন্ডি ২৭ নম্বর, সোবহানবাগ, কলাবাগান, সায়েল ল্যাবরেটরী, পিজি হাসপাতাল, বাংলামর্টর, কাওরান বাজার, ফার্মগেট পুলিশ বঙ্গ, পুরাতন এয়ারপোর্ট, মহাখালী, বনানী ষ্টাফ রোড, উত্তরা হইয়া টঙ্গী সভাস্থলে পৌছিতে।

৪ নং বাস

রুটঃ মিরপুর-১ হইতে সকাল ৯-৩০ মিনিটে ছাড়িয়া নিউ কলোনী, গাবতলী মোড়, টেকনিক্যালের মোড়, কল্যানপুর, শ্যামলী, পদ্ম হাসপাতাল, আসাদ গেইট, সায়েল ল্যাবরেটরী, আজিমপুর, পলাশী, ইউনিভার্সিটি হইয়া শাহবাগ পিজি হাসপাতাল, বাংলামর্টর, কাওরান বাজার, ফার্মগেট পুলিশ বঙ্গ, পুরাতন এয়ারপোর্ট, মহাখালী, চেয়ারম্যান বাড়ী, ষ্টাফ রোড, আজিমপুর হইয়া টঙ্গী সভাস্থলে পৌছিতে।

সভা শেষে অভিনু রুটে বাসগুলি ফেরৎ যাইবে। সম্মানিত শেয়ারহোল্ডারগণকে উপরোক্ত বাস সার্ভিসের সুযোগ গ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

বোর্ডের আদেশক্রমে

মোঃ আব্দুল মোমিন হুইয়া

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Project Director
Upgradation of 50-bed National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital to 300-bed Project
(150 beds in first phase)
Mahakhali, Dhaka-1212

Memo No-UNICRH/Tender-023/2004/115

Dated: 08.12.04

Tender Notice

Tenders in sealed cover are invited only from those contractors' firms who have been enlisted with this project for 2004-2005 financial year for supply of goods under the groups mentioned below during 2004-2005 financial year under the Upgradation of 05-bed National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital to 300-bed Project (150 beds in first phase).

Tender schedule (with rules and regulations) will be sold from the undermentioned place and on the undermentioned date at the specified time only during office working days after the publication of this notice in newspaper.

Schedule for enlistment can be purchased from the office of the undersigned during specified time after depositing Tk 400/- (four hundred) only for Group No 'Kha' and Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only for Group No 'Ga' per set (non-refundable) with Bangladesh Bank/Sonali Bank through treasury challan under Code No. 1-2701-7110-2366 and submitting the original copy of the challan.

It is to be noted that, enlistment certificate must be produced to the person selling schedule at the time of collecting schedule.

The authority reserves full right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Group of enlistment/goods

Group-Kha: Furniture

Group-Ga: Office equipment

Description of place of selling schedule, receiving and opening of tender:

Serial No	Place of selling	Selling date and time	Description of receiving and opening tender
1)	Upgradation of 50-bed National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital to 300-bed Project (150 beds in first phase), Mahakhali, Dhaka-1212.	Schedule will be sold from 21.12.2004 to 27.12.2004 (after publication of this notice) from 9.00 AM to 2.00 PM (except government holidays). Schedule will not be sold after specified date and time.	Tender will be received at the place of selling schedule mentioned against up to 12.00 hours of 04.01.2005. No tender will be received after the specified date and time. Tender box will be opened by the Tender Committee on the date of receiving tender at 2.00 PM at the office chamber of the undersigned in presence (if any) of attending tenderers.
2)	Office chamber of Store Officer, Directorate of Health Services, Mahakhali, Dhaka.		
3)	Gulshan Thana Office, Dhaka-1212		