

# Severe cold wave makes life miserable in N-districts

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

Eight northern districts are under the grip of severe cold wave for the last four days making the lives of thousands of people miserable.

Local met office said the depression in the Bay causing rainfall of about 3 mm on an average in last three days has intensified the cold.

The situation will remain unchanged for another two days, it added.

The minimum temperature of 11.05 degree Celsius was recorded on Saturday while it was 11.06 degree Celsius on Sunday.

The sky in the region was covered with clouds while the dense fog has kept the sun invisible for last three days.

Poor people living along the basins of the Teesta, Dharla and Brahmaputra are the worst sufferers of the cold spell.

They are passing their days in untold miseries without warm clothes.

The government as well as non-

government organisations have begun distribution of warm clothes among the poor, but the number of clothes is not enough to cover all the affected people.

This correspondent visited Gangachara, Kaunia and Pirgachha upazilas along the Teesta basin and talked to a number of people who are the worst victims of this shivering cold.

"My husband is an old man who can hardly earn money enough for daily meals let alone warm clothes," Ahema, 50, wife of Abdul Gofur of village Gonjia under Gangachara upzila told The Daily Star.

Abdul Jabbar, a day labourer of village Dolgarna, said many day labourers like him dared not to go for work in the field due to cold bite.

"If the weather does not improve within the next two days, members of our families will have to starve," he added.

Meanwhile, cold-related diseases have broken out at different places in the regions.

A large number of people, mainly children and elderly people, were attacked with pneumonia, bronchitis and cold diarrhoea.

Sources at different upazila health complexes disclosed that many patients who went there for treatment had to return without treatment as 90 percent medical officers went on Eid vacation.

"My four-month old son was attacked by pneumonia two days ago. I went to the local upazila health complex. All the doctors of the health complex went on leave. So I had to go to a private practitioner to save his life," said Nomiya of Dhamur village under Gangachara upzila.

Altai Bela, wife of Lalit Das of the same area, said she had been suffering from diarrhoea and she had to go to a local physician for treatment. But she could not buy the medicine due to lack of money, she added.

Food and disaster management ministry sources said they have distributed 3000 pieces of blankets in every district of the region.



Dhakabasi, an organisation of the residents of Dhaka city, took out a colourful procession from Shisu Academy on Saturday to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha.

# ARREST OF SEVEN YOUTHS Security beefed up in Gopalganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Security measures have been stepped up at all vulnerable points in Gopalganj district following the arrest of seven youths suspected of being activists of an Islamic militant organisation.

Police picked up the youths aged between 18 and 25 from different places of Kotalipara and Tungipara on Wednesday.

They were identified as Md Tariqul Islam and Abdur Noor Saidee of Chapainawabganj, Md Masum of Narayanganj, Md Shawkat Sarder of Dakop, Khulna, Md Abdullah of Mollahat, Bagerhat, Md Isharat Ali of Chittalmari, Bagerhat, and Md Selim Sarder of Itagacha, Satkhira.

Police also recovered five motorcycles, a 9mm revolver, two bullets, a dagger and an axe from their possession.

The youths were taken on a 15-day remand and being quizzed about a robbery committed at the Brac office in Kotalipara at 9.00pm on January 17, said OC Md Shah Kabir of Kotalipara Police Station.

According to police, the youths said they are students of different madrasas but denied their involvement in the robbery.

The OC said the arrestees would be sent to the joint interrogation cell (JIC) for further questioning.

A group of armed robbers stormed the Brac office, confined the officers and employees to sepa-

rate rooms and looted six motorcycles, five cell phones, two bicycles, five wrist watches, three gold rings and Tk one lakh. They also exploded three hand bombs while fleeing the scene, police said.

Three cases were filed with Tungipara and kotalipara police stations.

## DHAKA TODAY

### Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Munafar Santrashi' written by Dewan Shamsul Arefin will be held with Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury as chief discussant. Venue: Liberation War Museum, Segun Bagicha. Time: 4.00pm.

### SSKOP meeting

An urgent meeting of Sangbadik-Sramik-Karmachari Oikya Parishad will be held in support of its seven-point demand. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

### Rotary meeting

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club, Shahbagh. Time: 5.00pm.

# Forged note trader held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A young man was caught red handed on Sunday night for alleged trading of a forged note of Tk 500 denomination from Bardal Bazar under Assassuni upazila in the district.

Two of his accomplices however managed to escape.

The arrestee was identified as Sirajul Islam, 25, son of Sobhan Ali of Kalua Dakhin Matha village under Paikgachha upzila in Khulna district. A total of 15 forged notes of Tk 500 denomination were recovered

from his possession, police said.

Quoting shopkeepers, they said three people including the arrestee bought some clothes from M/S Keya Bastra Bitan owned by one Bachhu Dewan, and gave him a note of Tk 500 denomination.

On suspicion, Bachhu called in other shopkeepers who identified the note as a forged one.

They caught Sirajul on the spot while his two accomplices Azizul and Jahan Ali of the same village fled away.

Sirajul was handed over to Assassuni Police Station.

# Salana Ursekul begins Jan 28

A three-day holy Salana Ursekul Mollish will begin on the premises of Huqgani Mosque at Oliganj in Dhaka on 28 January, says a press release.

Commerce Advisor Barkat Ullah Buhu, South East University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr M Shamsur Ali and poet Al-Mujahadee will speak at the Ursekul.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering, Moulavibazar District, Moulavibazar

Memo No: 1614 (40) Dated: 26/12/2004

### Tender Invitation Notice No. 07 (2004-2005)

Sealed tenders are invited under the Public Procurement Regulations-2003 from eligible tenderers (as per descriptions stated in tender document) for execution of undermentioned works as per the undermentioned terms and conditions.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Group No.	Tender security	Time limit for completion of work	Price of tender document
01)	Sinking of shallow tubewell in Moulavibazar Sadar, Kamalganj and Baralekha Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"a"	Tk 3,894/-	40 days	Tk 500/-
02)	Sinking of shallow tubewell in Kulaura Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"b"	Tk 3,894/-	40 days	Tk 500/-
03)	Sinking of shallow tubewell in Srimongal and Rajnagar Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"c"	Tk 3,894/-	40 days	Tk 500/-
04)	Sinking of deep (No. 6 pump) tubewell in Moulavibazar Sadar Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"a"	Tk 4,761/-	40 days	Tk 500/-
05)	Sinking of deep (No. 6 pump) tubewell in Rajnagar Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"b"	Tk 7,141/-	50 days	Tk 500/-
06)	Sinking of deep (No. 6 pump) tubewell in Srimongal Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"c"	Tk 4,761/-	40 days	Tk 500/-
07)	Sinking of deep (No. 6 pump) tubewell in Kamalganj Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"d"	Tk 7,141/-	50 days	Tk 500/-
08)	Sinking of deep (No. 6 pump) tubewell in Kulaura and Baralekha Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"e"	Tk 10,521/-	75 days	Tk 500/-
09)	Installation of Ring Well in Moulavibazar Sadar Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"a"	Tk 11,554/-	50 days	Tk 500/-
10)	Installation of Ring Well in Moulavibazar Sadar Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"b"	Tk 11,554/-	50 days	Tk 500/-
11)	Installation of Ring Well in Rajnagar Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"c"	Tk 15,405/-	60 days	Tk 500/-
12)	Installation of Ring Well in Kamalganj Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"d"	Tk 15,405/-	60 days	Tk 500/-
13)	Installation of Ring Well in Srimongal Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"e"	Tk 15,405/-	60 days	Tk 500/-
14)	Installation of Ring Well in Kulaura Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"f"	Tk 15,405/-	60 days	Tk 500/-
15)	Installation of Ring Well in Kulaura Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"g"	Tk 15,405/-	60 days	Tk 500/-
16)	Installation of Ring Well in Baralekha Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"h"	Tk 11,554/-	50 days	Tk 500/-
17)	Installation of Ring Well in Baralekha Upazila in Moulavibazar district under Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase), Department of Public Health Engineering.	"i"	Tk 11,554/-	50 days	Tk 500/-

- Name of project: Countrywide Rural Water Supply Project (5th Phase) (GOB).
- Date, time and place of pre-tender meeting: 02/02/2005 at 11.00 AM, Office of the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering, Moulavibazar Division.
- Last date and place of selling tender: 06/02/2005  
a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Moulavibazar Division.  
b) Office of the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering, Sylhet Division.  
c) Office of the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering, Research and Development Division, Dhaka.  
d) Office of the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering, Moulavibazar Division.
- Last date, time and place of receiving tender: 08/02/2005 up to 12.00 noon  
a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Moulavibazar.  
b) Office of the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering, Sylhet Division.  
c) Office of the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering, Moulavibazar division, Moulavibazar.
- Date, time and place of opening tender: 08/02/2005 at 3.00 PM, Office of the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering, Moulavibazar Division.
- Tender should remain valid for 90 days from the date of opening tender which should be enclosed with the above mentioned tender security. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Interested tenderers can obtain more information from the office of the undersigned and purchase tender document in cash from the offices mentioned above. Tenderer or his representative can remain present at the tender opening programme.

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Moulavibazar Division,  
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## WEATHER TODAY

### Light to moderate fog likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country till 6.00pm today.

Light to moderate fog may occur over the country during the morning Met office said.

Highest temperature 28.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rangmati and lowest 9.3 degree Celsius at Srimongol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:40pm today and rises at 6:42am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	23.7	13.2	81	57
Chittagong	25.2	14.7	69	61
Rajshahi	21.5	11.3	97	73
Khulna	24.0	13.4	98	81
Barisal	25.4	12.8	96	83
Sylhet	24.7	13.3	71	66
Cox's Bazar	26.6	14.6	78	74

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bogra

### Tender Invitation Notice Tender Notice No. 84/2004-2005

Tenders in Form No. 2911 as per 'The Public Procurement Regulations-2003' are hereby invited for the undermentioned work.

- Name of work: Special repair & reconstruction of RCC boundary wall (partial) of jail super's quarters attached to Bogra District Jail. Financial year 2004-05.
- Earnest money: Tk. 4,000/- only.
- Prescribed time for completion of work: The work should be completed within 2 (two) months of issuing work order.
- Price of tender: Tk. 425/- (four hundred twenty-five) only (non-refundable).
- Name of office to sell tender schedule: Office of the undersigned as well as all Public Works Divisions under Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle, Bogra and Public Works Sub-Division-1/2/3/E/M under Public Works Division, Bogra.
- Name of offices to receive tender: Office of the undersigned as well as all Public Works Division under Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle, Bogra.
- Last date of selling tender schedule: 06-02-2005 up to office hours.
- Date of receiving tender: 07-02-2005 up to 12-00 hours.
- Date of opening tender: 07-02-2005 at 3-00 hours.
- Eligibility for competing in the tender: (a) Public Works Directorate enlisted special class/1st class (combined)/1st class/Public Works Rajshahi Zone's 2nd class & Public Works Circle, Bogra's 3rd class building contractors.  
(b) Contractor intending to compete in tender should be VAT registered.  
(c) Attested copy of VAT registration should be enclosed with tender.
- If, under unavoidable circumstance, any govt. holiday is declared/banking programme suspended on the date of receiving tender, then tender shall be received on the next working day.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Directorate, Office of the Executive Engineer, Dist: Lakkhipur

Memo No LGED/EE/Lakhi/2004/2824 Dated: 20.12.2004

### Tender Notice No 34/2004-2005

Tenders quoting item-wise rate with rate analysis in prescribed form as per The Public Procurement Regulations-2003 under sealed cover are hereby invited for implementation of the undermentioned work for 2004-2005 financial year in Lakkhipur district under Local Government Engineering Directorate.

2. Requisite eligibility of tenderer firm for the work stated in schedule, viz necessary information on experience of construction work, financial eligibility, qualification of employees appointed at firm can be known from the undermentioned offices prior to purchasing schedule. The requisite papers in support of contractor/contractor firm's eligibility must be submitted with tender; otherwise the submitted tenders shall be treated as cancelled outright.

3. Necessary information regarding the tender are given in the following chart.

A) Head	: Rural road & culvert repair programme.
B) Source of fund	: GOB
C) Number of works	: Total 11 (eleven) as per schedule.
D) Tender schedule to be sold from	: a) Additional Chief Engineer (Maintenance), LGED Head Office, Dhaka. b) Deputy Commissioner, Lakkhipur. c) Upazila Engineer, LGED, Sadar/Raipur/ Ramganj/ Ramgati, Dist-Lakkhipur. d) Manager, NCC Bank Ltd, Lakkhipur branch, Dist-Lakkhipur.
E) Tender to be received at	: To be received at all the above mentioned offices except Additional Chief Engineer (Maintenance), LGED Head Office, Dhaka & NCC Bank Ltd, Lakkhipur, and at the office of the undersigned where tenders received by post (registered with AD) within the prescribe time also shall be treated as dropped tender.
F) Last date of selling tender schedule	: 06.02.2005 (during office hours).
G) Date & time of receiving tender	: 07.02.2005 up to 12-00 Noon.
H) Date & time of opening tender	: 07.02.2005 at 3-00pm at the office of the undersigned.
I) Date, time & place of pre-tender meeting	: 30.01.2005 at 11-00 am, at the conference room of Executive Engineer's Office, LGED, Lakkhipur.

4. Schedule of work, price of tender document, tender security & time limit for implementation of work:

Package Group No.	Name of work	Tender security (taka)	Price of the tender document (taka)	Time limit for completion of work
1)	Repair of Hanif Miajirhat-Dattapara College Road under Sadar Upazila (Ch. 00-1000 M)	11,500/-	300/-	60 days
2)	Repair of Chowpallibazar-Padma Pukurpur Mollarhat Road under Sadar Upazila (Ch 1100-1800M)	11,600/-	300/-	60 days
3)	Repair of Kamankhola-Char Bangshi Kanchani Bazar Road under Sadar Upazila (Ch 00-2000M)	15,000/-	500/-	60 days
4)	Repair of Maulana Azizur Rahman Road under Sadar Upazila (Ch. 00-1350M)	55,000/-	750/-	60 days
5)	Repair of Dalal Bazar-Palerhat Road under Sadar Upazila (Ch.00-850 M)	28,000/-	500/-	60 days
6)	Repair of Jugirhat UP Office-Baishmara Bazar Road under Sadar Upazila (Ch. 00-840 M)	6,800/-	150/-	60 days
7)	Repair of Syed Amin Road (Tumchar Bazar Tumchar Madrassa Road) under Sadar Upazila (Ch. 00-860 M)	20,900/-	500/-	60 days
8)	Repair of North Chandrapur-South Chandrapur Road under Sadar Upazila (Ch. 00-500 M)	3,200/-	150/-	60 days
9)	Repair of Bijoynagar Road under Sadar Upazila (Ch. 00-500 M)	3,700/-	150/-	60 days
10)	Repair of Dalal Bazar UP-Mastan Masjid Ranirhat Road under Sadar Upazila (Ch. 00-1200 M)	11,400/-	300/-	60 days
11)	Repair of approach of 10.00 M bridge at Ch 2750 M of Bhangakha UP-Neamatpur TC-Mitrerhat Road	1,800/-	100/-	60 days

5. Tender shall be treated as cancelled outright if the prescribed amount of earnest money is not submitted with tender in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, LGED, Lakkhipur or the Pay Order/Bank Draft is submitted from any unscheduled bank or finance company.

6. Tender submitted by tenderers should remain valid up to next 119 (one hundred nineteen) days from the date of submitting and the Pay-Order/Bank Draft submitted with tender as tender security should remain valid for further 28 (twenty eight) days beyond the tender validity period i.e. total 147 (one hundred forty seven) days, otherwise the submitted tender shall be treated as cancelled outright.

7. Tenderer should quote item-wise rate in prescribed proforma with rate analysis. The submitted rate should be written in words & figures. In case of any disparity between the rate written in words & figures, only the rate written in words shall be considered.

8. The selected contractor shall have to deposit performance security at the rate 10% of the contract value of the respective work in favour of the undersigned prior to executing deed or contract.

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

**Executive Engineer**  
LGED, Lakkhipur