

Doctor sued for 'neglecting' duty

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A doctor of Kushtia General Hospital has been sued for alleged negligence in duty.

The doctor is Mir Mahfuzul Haque.

Tahera Islam, wife of Kushtia Bar Association general secretary Advocate Nurul Islam Dulal, went to the hospital on Tuesday with complaints of high blood pressure and problem of sugar. She met Dr Mahfuz but he showed negligence to her and asking to get admitted to Kushtia Amin Diagnostic Centre where he worked as a part time doctor. As Tahera denied, the doctor told her to go our uttering 'no treatment.'

Advocate Dulal and Advocate Manurul Alam of Kushtia Judge's Court filed two cases against the doctor for negligence in duty with Kushtia chief judicial magistrate's court on Wednesday and Thursday.

Violated schoolgirl commits suicide

BSS, Rangpur

A schoolgirl committed suicide to get rid of social stigma after she was allegedly gang raped by two local crooks in Mithapukur upazila on Wednesday, police said.

The adolescent, a student of class seven of Ranipukur Girls' High School, was raped as she was befuddled to visit a house at Ranipukur village.

School employee Farida Begum tactfully took victim Aduri Rani Mohanta, 13, daughter of Foni Chandra Mohanta to the house of one Bely Begum, 40, in the morning.

As per previous planning, alleged rapists Hasinur Rahman, 20, son of Hashem Ali, and Rashed, 22, son of Mahabul Alam, who were hiding in the house, raped the girl repeatedly and left the scene.

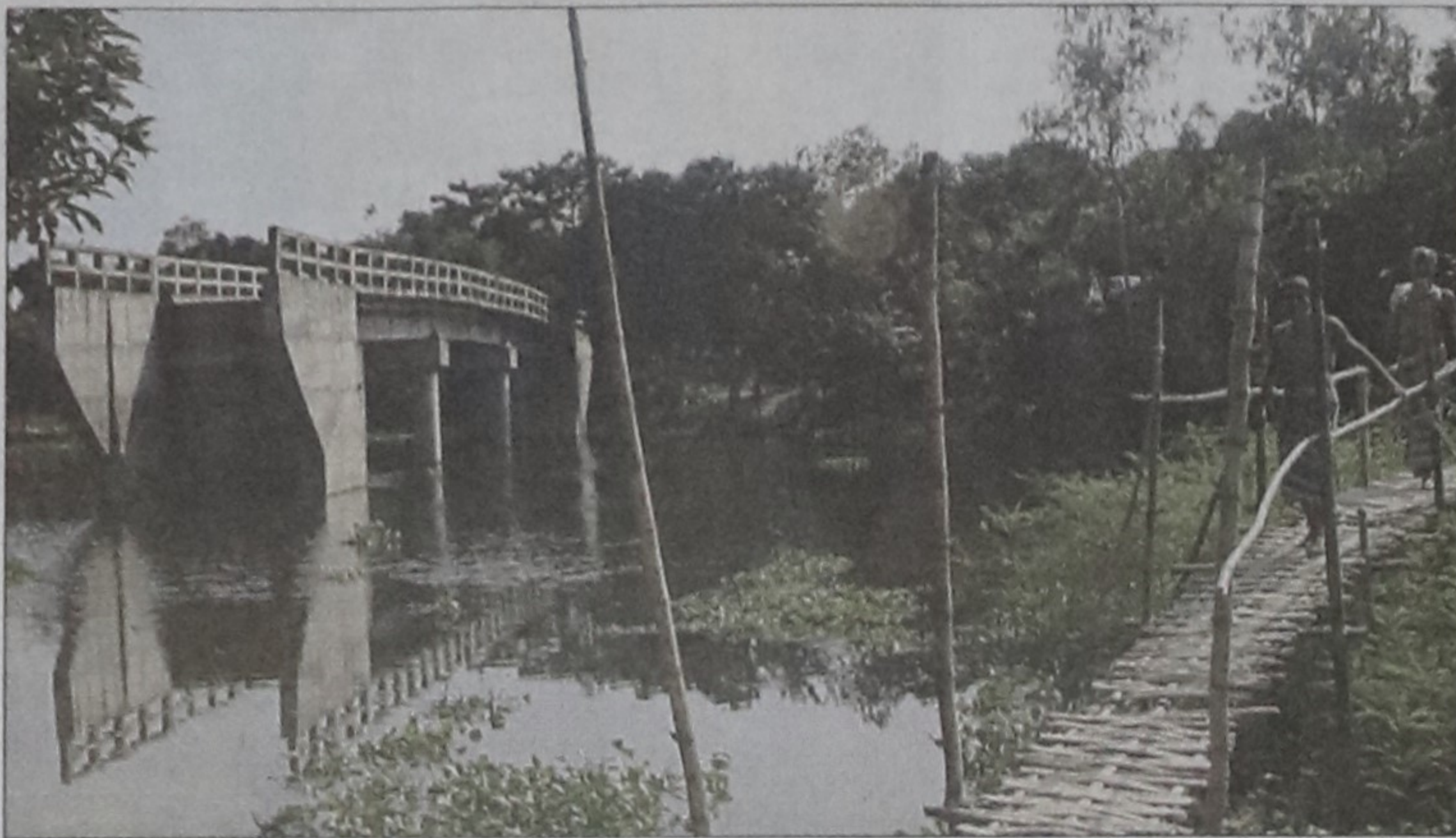
The incident forced mentally traumatized Aduri to commit suicide, police said adding she killed herself on arrival at her home to protect herself from social shame and deter recurrence of such incident.

Being informed, Mithpukur police rushed to the spot and recovered the body. The body was also sent to Rangpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy and later she was handed over to her father on Thursday.

Mithapukur Police Station officer-in-charge Ohidul Islam told BSS Bely Begum was already arrested and efforts are going on to arrest other culprits at the earliest.

Bridge remains useless as approach roads not made in 3 years

2 lakh people in Kamarkhanda upazila of Sirajganj deprived of benefit



As the bridge across Hurasagar River at Rasulpur village in Kamarkhanda upazila in Sirajganj district remains without approach roads since 'completion' of its construction three years ago, people use the nearby bamboo bridge to cross the river.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Over three years after construction in 2005, the bridge on Hurasagar River at Rasulpur village in Kamarkhanda upazila of Sirajganj district has remained useless for the people for want of approach roads on the two sides of the bridge.

To establish a direct road link between Kamarkhanda and Shahzadpur upazila headquarters, the immediate past BNP-Jamaat alliance government sanctioned about Tk 55 lakh through the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) to build a 36.05-metre long bridge on the river.

About two lakh people in the

area would get benefit from the bridge.

Local LGED office gave the work permit to Nurul Islam, influential contractor and a BNP adherent in Sirajganj town for construction of the bridge.

On behalf of the contractor, Abdul Quader, chairman of Kalia Haripur union parishad and a BNP leader, completed the construction work of the bridge in 2005, but he did not complete the work of approach roads on the both sides.

Many people including students and patients cross the river through a bamboo-made structure near the bridge. Sometimes people are seen crossing the river by swimming.

Jubbar Ali Sarker, Bablu Mandal and Abdul Aziz of Rasulpur village said the bridge did not come to their help during the last three years due to negligence of the contractor, his men and authorities concerned. They urged the higher authorities to take necessary steps to construct the approach roads to make the bridge usable.

When contacted, Shafiul Alam, executive engineer of LGED in Sirajganj, said the steps to construct approach road would be taken in the next dry season. When asked why the approach roads were not constructed in time, he declined to make any comment saying that he is new-comer in the district.

'Save children from harm of junk food'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged all to save the future generation from the bad effect of junk food that poses risk of various diseases including diabetes and cancer.

Terming the existing laws as 'not enough' to serve the interests of consumers, they urged the caretaker government to formulate stringent laws in this regard.

Satkhira district unit of the Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) organised the discussion on the premises of Satkhira Unnayan Kendra in the

town.

Earlier political governments failed to formulate proper laws to ensure the rights of consumers while businessmen formed syndicates to victimise people in general.

Expressing concern over unusual price hike of essentials, they urged the government to take measures to keep prices 'tolerable' during the month of Ramadan.

Policy makers do not use local products and as such they do not bother about the quality of the products made in the country, they said.

Physicians usually prescribe the

medicines that they get as samples along with gifts from the pharmaceutical companies, they said, adding that patients are being deprived due to this practice as quality is sacrificed.

They said the media can play an effective role in raising awareness among the people of all classes in this regard.

Stressing the need for integrated efforts by the government and non-government organisations to work together to protect the rights of the consumers, they suggested setting up a special court, regular monitoring of markets, control of misleading advertisements and provision for compensation to the consumers for protecting their rights.

District Information Officer Nurul Huda was chief guest while former principal of Satkhira Government College Asit Kumar Majumdar and district marketing officer SM Abdullah were special guests at the discussion with district CAB convenor Principal Ashek-E-Elahi in the chair.

It was addressed, among others, by Prof Anisur Rahim, Prof Subhas Chandra Sarkar, Prof Modasserul Haque Jyoti, Parvin Akhtar, Altaf Hossain, Bablu Chowdhury.

VIOLATING EMERGENCY POWERS ACT 15 men among BNP, Jamaat leaders sued in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Fifteen Four-party Alliance leaders and 100 other unidentified persons were sued for violating Emergency Powers Act by forming a human chain here on Wednesday.

They are city ameer of Jamaat Mian Golam Parwar, city BNP secretary Nazrul Islam Manju, city convenor of Jatiyo Party Advocate Latifur Rahman Labu, city president of Khelafat-e-Majlis Mowlana Sakawat Hossain, BNP panel mayor Anwarul Kadir Khokan, senior vice President of city BNP Morshed Alam, president of Daulatpur Police Station BNP Mir Kaised Ali, Sheikh Mosharrar Hossain, Jalil Khan Kalam, central leader of Jubo Dal, Arifuzzaman Apu, Chitra Dal leader Asaduzzaman Murad, Ekramul Kabir Milton, Chitra Dal leader Hasanur Rashid Miraz and Chitra Shibirleader Mian Golam Kuddus.

Sub-inspector (SI) Nasiruddin Ahmed lodged the FIR with Khulna Sadar Police Station.

3,000 bottles of phensidyl seized, drug peddler shot by BDR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

About 3,000 bottles of phensidyl was recovered from a truck and a drug peddler was injured as Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) fired gunshots at him at Joy Nagar village in Phulbari upazila yesterday, BDR said.

The injured drug peddler is Md Badal Shikdar, 22, of Chhoto Mousha village in Sakhipur upazila, Tangail.

BDR also seized the truck from the spot and arrested its driver Md Forhad Hossain of the same village.

Later, the injured was rushed to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital for treatment.

Housewife killed by husband for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A housewife was killed by her husband for dowry at Ratanhat village in Jhenidah Sadar on Thursday, police and family sources said.

Victim Baby Khatun, 25, daughter of Nalu Mandal of Chutlia village was married to Abbas Ali, 30, son of Nalu Mandal of Ratanhat village taking Tk 20,000 as dowry five years ago. After marriage, Abbas created pressure on Baby for more dowry. The couple locked in a quarrel for dowry Wednesday night. At one stage, Abbas strangled his wife who screamed. Hearing her cry, neighbours rushed to the spot and sent her to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital for treatment where she succumbed at about 1-30 am. Later, police sent the body to the hospital morgue for autopsy on Friday.

5 hurt as tablet compression machine blasts at lab

RU Correspondent

At least five workers were injured as a tablet compression machine exploded at Chemo Laboratories Limited at Sagorpara in Rajshahi on Thursday, police and witnesses said.

Golap Sarker, 28, Saidur Rahman, 35, Shahida, 32, Koli, 18, and Masuda, 32, were injured while they were cleaning the machine, sources said. Pieces of glass spread all over injuring them. They were rushed to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital immediately after the incident.

However, factory supervisor Nurul Islam said the accident occurred following electric short circuit. The actual reason of the explosion is yet to be known.

Imposter held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested an imposter here on Thursday, Rab and police said.

Nazrul Islam, 45, of Char Gobindapur village in Sadar upazila was arrested for extorting Tk 10,000 from a house owner at Char Bhawanipur village in Sadar upazila on August 25, they said.

Identifying themselves as Rab, Nazrul and his accomplices went to Anisur Rahman's house and demanded Tk 15,000 from his parents who paid them Tk 10,000.

On suspicion, Anisur informed the matter to Rab. Accordingly, Rab arrested Nazrul Islam.

'Execute Bangabandhu murder case verdict, try war criminals'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Muktijoddha Sanghati Parishad Chairman Awami League leader Col (ret) Shawkat Ali yesterday demanded execution of the verdict of Bangabandhu murder case.

At a meeting held in observance of 33rd death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Col Shawkat and other AL leaders also called for joining the movement for trial of war criminals to uphold the spirit of Liberation War.

District unit of Muktijoddha Sanghati Parishad organised the meeting at Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the town.

In other countries, there are many examples of trial of war criminals by special tribunal even after 50 years, Shawkat said in his address as the chief guest in the meeting.

Urging all pro-liberation forces to unite to resist enemies of country's independence, he said, "Pro-liberation forces should also resist any attempt by war criminals to take part in next general elections as they are still against the spirit of Liberation War."

If political parties withdraw their support from Jamaat-e-Islami, it would be difficult for them to run political activities in the country, the valiant freedom fighter said.

Now it is a moral and patriotic duty of all to join the movement for trial of war criminals, other speakers said at the meeting.

They demanded immediate execution of the verdict in Bangabandhu murder case and called upon the government to officially recognise Bangabandhu as 'Father of the Nation'.

Muktijoddha Sanghati Parishad Secretary General Abdus Samad Pintu attended as the special guest while former lawmakers Khan Tipu Sultan and Dr MS Akbar, district AL President Altaf Hossain, among others, addressed the function with freedom fighter Abdul Kuddus Khan in the chair.

Artificial insemination to improve livestock, boost milk production

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The technology of using artificial insemination by the Veterinary Faculty of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) can play a vital role in development of livestock and meet the growing demand of milk in the country.

Extended 'Field Fertility Clinic' project of the faculty is using the technology that can help produce some two lakh calves more a year and it will lead to a boost in milk production, Dr Mohammed Shamsuddin, a professor of Surgery and Obstetrics Department under the faculty.

Starting research in 1995, he has gained much success in the field, he said.

With the financial support of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the project started in 1995 and will continue

till 2011.

Activities of the clinic, which is working at the field level to spread the technology among the farmers, include -- detecting cow's pregnancy through Progesterone ELISA method, heat detection, selecting developed and fertile bull selection, detection of capacity of pregnancy and its rate and how to increase milk production.

The farmers are also getting help of the veterinarians about taking care of cows and their treatment as four veterinarians have been engaged to serve 1000 small dairy farm holders in Mymensingh, Sirajganj, Chittagong and Satkhira districts.

Some 1800 farmers have been trained so far, sources at BAU said, adding that the veterinarians visit 10 farms a day and 250 farms in a month.

This technology has helped to increase milk production by one kg

from every cow on an average in last few years, sources said. The livestock sector of the country can get some two lakh calves more annually through this technology using artificial insemination in healthy cows. This technology can also be used to increase goat production, added the sources.

Against the backdrop of crisis in food production throughout the world, increase production in livestock sector can be a blessing for Bangladesh, Shamsuddin said.

With the help of this technology, the country can become self-sufficient in milk production and Tk 800 crore spent for milk import annually could be saved.

Some 200 farmers in Satkhira are supplying 1500 litres of milk to Brac's Arong daily while milk sale will start in some areas of North Bengal soon through Community Based Dairy Veterinary Service, sources said.



Veterinarians providing service at Field Fertility Clinic on Bangladesh Agriculture University campus in Mymensingh.

Dhaka City Corporation www.dhakacity.org				
Invitation for Tender				
Memo No. ISLP/2008-09/TN/09				
1. Ministry/Division	: Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives/Local Govt. Division.			
2. Agency	: Dhaka City Corporation.			
3. Procuring entity name	: Honourable Mayor, DCC, Represented by Project Director.			
4. Procuring entity district	: Dhaka.			
5. Invitation Ref No. & date	: ISLP/2007-08/TN/05, Date: 27.8.2008.			
6. Procurement method	: Open tendering method (OTM).			
7. Budget & source of funds	: GOB DRGA-CF.			
8. Tender last selling date	: 07/10/2008.			
9. Tender closing date & time	: 08/10/2008, 13.00 hrs.			
10. Tender opening date & time	: 08/10/2008, 14.00 hrs.			
11. Name & address of the office(s)	: i) Selling tender document : Accounts Department of Dhaka City Corporation, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka.			
	: ii) Receiving tender & opening tender document : Office of the Project Director, Room # 233, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka.			
12. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	: Nagar Bhaban, Room No. 233, on 18/9/2008 at 14.30 hrs.			
13. Eligibility of tenderer	: As per Public Procurement Rules-2008.			
14. Brief description of supply	: Lot No. Identification of lot Price of tender document Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time			
i	Supply of Brand new big Hydraulic Ladder & Spare Parts (Working height 10.50M-Above)-10 Nos	Tk. 1,500/-	Tk. 9,50,000/-	120 days
ii	Supply of Brand new small Hydraulic Ladder & Spare Parts (Working height 8.50 M-Above) & Spare Parts-10 Nos.	Tk. 1,500/-	Tk. 8,00,000/-	120 days
iii	Supply of Brand new double cab Pickup & Spare Parts-10 Nos.	Tk. 1,500/-	Tk. 4,00,000/-	120 days
15. Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	: Md. Mainuddin, Project Director, Installation of Sodium light at different roads of Dhaka City & Procurement of various vehicles and equipment for maintenance work. Room No. 233, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka. Tel No. 9557901.			
16. Right of the procuring entity	: The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
Project Director Installation of Sodium light at different roads of Dhaka City & Procurement of various vehicles and equipments for maintenance work				
DCC/PRD/85/08-09 GD-3947				

Directorate General Defence Purchase					
Ministry of Defence New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 Web: www.dgdp.gov.bd E-Mail: info@dgdp.gov.bd					
Tender Notice					
1. Sealed tenders in local currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers (enlisted firms in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Armed Forces:					
Ser No	Nomenclature	Date of selling		Date of opening	Tender No
		From	To		
a.	Dal Masur-7 (Whole without husk) 400 Metric Tons	03-9-2008	30-9-2008	05-10-2008	959/P-8
Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per IT selling rate (non-refundable) during office time between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hours and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of all tenderers (if present).					
ISPR/Misc/08/2459 GD-3844					Maj for Director General

Directorate General Defence Purchase					
Ministry of Defence New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 Web: www.dgdp.gov.bd E-Mail: info@dgdp.gov.bd					
Tender Notice					
1. Sealed tender in foreign currency is invited from bonafide manufacturer/dealer/suppliers (enlisted with DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy:					
S. No	Name of item	Date of selling		Date of opening	Tender No
		From	To		
1.	Bridge Simulator & Upgradation (Qty: 03 Sets).	02-09-2008	13-10-2008	14-10-2008	9023/NP-7
2.	Electric Submersible Pump (Qty: 08 Nos).	02-09-2008	13-10-2008	14-10-2008	9024/NP-8
2. Tender schedule with detailed specification/condition will be available on payment as per IT selling rate (non-refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hours and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of the tenderers (if present).					
আইএসপিআর/বিবি/০৮/২৪৬৩ GD-3895					Commander BN For Director General