



A section of unscrupulous traders have continued illegal sand lifting from under the bridge across Kaliganga River, blocking the main channel of the river at Tara in Manikganj district.

## Seedling crisis hampers Irri-Boro cultivation in Rajshahi region

UNB, Rajshahi  
 Irri-Boro cultivation is being hampered in the ongoing season in Rajshahi region due to acute shortage of seedlings and their high prices.

Local farmers said, this season many seedbeds and seedlings in the region were damaged due to severe cold and dense fog creating acute crisis of seedlings.

Taking advantage of the situation, unscrupulous traders are doing brisk business by selling seedlings at high prices in local markets, they alleged.

Poor and marginal farmers are facing problems in purchasing seedlings from local markets to cultivate Irri-Boro paddy.

According to the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Rajshahi, a scheme has been taken up to bring 70,000 hectares of land under Irri-Boro cultivation this season.

The target of paddy production in the region may not be achieved this year due to shortage of seedlings, DAE sources said.

While visiting different areas of the district, this

correspondent found local farmers in trouble due to non-availability of adequate seedlings for cultivation.

Farmer Joinal Abedin of Ratugram village in Durgapur upazila said, "I have cultivated eight bighas of land this season against 12 bighas of land in last season due to crisis of seedlings and their high prices".

Another farmer Abdur Rahim of Laxmipur village said he has cultivated 10 bighas of land against 15 bighas of previous year. He said, this season paddy seedlings for cultivation on one bigha of land cost Tk 2,000 against Tk 500 in last season. He said he could not cultivate his remaining five bighas of land due to abnormal high prices of seedlings.

## Move to protect life, property from calamity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has undertaken a special project for protection of lives and property of people and cattle from the onslaught of natural calamities in nine coastal districts of south-western region.

The districts are Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Barguna, Pirojpur, Patuakhali, Bhola, Barisal and Jhalakthi.

Work on the three-year project is expected to begin in April this year with financial assistance of World Bank (WB), said a highly placed source at Khulna LGED office. According to project profile, specially built cyclone shelters would be used as primary schools at normal period while those would be turned into cyclone shelters to lodge homeless people in time of natural calamities like cyclone and tidal surge. Apart from this, earthen high structures (Killa) would also be erected in the districts to be used as shelters of domestic animals like cows and goats at times of natural disasters.

The project work is likely to be completed by 2013, LGED sources said.

About 12 hectares of land have been acquired for the project, the sources further said.

## Adivasi fair on sea beach

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

An Indigenous people's fair begins at Laboni Point on Cox's Bazar sea beach yesterday.

Young men and women from 18 tribes from different areas of the country, including Cox's Bazar and three hill districts - Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban - will present their cultural heritage at the fair.

Industries Minister Dilip Barua will inaugurate the fair, jointly organised by Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation and Channel i, at 11:00am.

Parvez Ahmed Chowdhury, manager (public relations) of Parjatan Corporation, said sand sculpture exhibition and concert will also be arranged. Channel i will telecast live the cultural function.

## Rickshaw-van puller murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A rickshaw-van puller was murdered at Muraridah village under Jhenidah Sadar upazila on Wednesday night.

The dead is Rezaul Islam, 34, son of Golam Ali of Muraridah village in the upazila.

Family sources said Rezaul left his house with the van at around 6:00pm and did not return at night.

His body was found on a field near Jhenidah Cadet College yesterday morning.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

## Factional clashes 2 injured Jubo League men die

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Two Awami Jubo League activists, who were injured in a series of factional clashes in Chuadanga, succumbed to their injuries at hospitals in Dhaka and Chuadanga.

The deceased were identified as Golam Rasul, 50, and Motaleb, 30.

Rasul died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on Tuesday afternoon while Motaleb at Chuadanga sadar hospital Wednesday night.

At least 20 critically injured people are now taking treatment at different hospitals and some of them are under police custody, according to local people.

Local sources said around 60 people were injured, 10 of them critically, as supporters of Abu Taleb, convener of Damurhuda upazila Jubo League, and Abu Ishaq, a member of the same unit and also an incumbent member of Khapra Union Parishad (UP), locked in a series of clashes at Khapra village in Damurhuda upazila over a trifling matter on Monday night and Tuesday.

## Criminals beat up ansars at Benapole port, take away imported cotton

A CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A gang of criminals yesterday beat up and injured two on-duty ansars at Benapole land port for preventing them from stealing imported cotton from the port premises.

Tariqul Islam, assistant platoon commander of ansars who was posted at gate number 1 of the port in the afternoon said, as soon as he saw that a gang of criminals had been throwing stolen cotton out of the wall beside the gate, he caught hold of the goods. All of a sudden, criminals numbering about 7-8 jointly led by Islam of Namajgram area in Benapole and his nephew Kamal swooped on Tariqul causing his serious injuries. They tore his uniform and badge of ansar and snatched away the cotton from his possession.

Observing his plight, fellow ansar Zillur Rahman rushed to the aid of Tariqul. But the criminals beat him too. A case was filed with Benapole police station in this connection.

Apprehending more attack on ansars, law enforcers reinforced their strength. In the evening, an incident of chase and counter chase occurred between ansars and criminals in the port area. A tense situation prevailed

there till filing of the report yesterday evening.

It is worth mentioning, Benapole port police remained silent spectators during the incident. It is widely alleged that policemen had unholy alliance with the criminals from whom they regularly get a large amount of money. A gang of seven to eight thieves including gang leader attacked Ansar official Tariqul and inflicted serious injury on him. The miscreants tore his uniform and badge.

The thieves also snatched away stolen cotton, which he seized.

When another Ansar member Zillur Rahman came forward to help Tariqul the members of the thieves syndicate also injured him by beating.

A case has been filed with Benapole port thana. The armed Ansar members at the Benapole port have intensified their patrol in the area.

The Ansar members and the members of thieves syndicate were locked in a series of chase and counter chase in the evening. Tension was prevailing in the area.

It has been alleged that though the incident took place near Benapole port thana police did not come forward in aid of Ansar members.

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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1. **MIS Assistant (Admn. & Logistic)**  
 No. of Post: 1

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- Minimum Bachelor degree or equivalent
- At least 5 years working experience in national and international organizations.
- Knowledge of sound administrative policy and implementation procedures thereof.
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Good inter personnel skills
- Skills in logistic support and inventory management
- Oral and written communication skills in both Bangla and English
- Computer skills (in Microsoft office.)
- Age minimum: 30

2. **Driver**  
 No of Post : 1

**Requirements:**

- Valid driving license for Medium vehicle
- 10 years experience in driving of which at least 5 years with Medium vehicle
- Operational knowledge and handling of Micro bus engine and cooling system
- Physically fit and mentally sound
- Read upto Class VIII and capable of simple communication with the foreigners in English
- Age minimum 30 years
- In exceptional case, qualification and experience may be relaxed.

3. **Refrigerated Truck Assistant**  
 No of Post : 1

**Requirements:**

- Valid driving license for Medium vehicle
- Knowledge about operation and maintenance of motor vehicles and cooling system
- Smart and energetic
- Experience in similar work for at least 3 years
- Physically fit and mentally sound
- Read upto Class VIII and capable of simple communication with the foreigners in English
- Minimum 30 years of age

Only eligible candidates are requested to apply by post within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of advertisement of these positions in the newspaper to the Managing Director, Hortex Foundation, Sech Bhaban (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor), 22 Manik Mia Avenue, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka with a curriculum vitae and a passport size photograph. Only short-listed applicants will be called for interview

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### Employment Opportunity

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) is the only recognized and most prestigious trade body that represents the export oriented garment manufacturers & exporters of the country now invites applications for the following post:

**Research Information Officer: -3**

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**Other Requirements:** Strong analytical ability and report writing skill with good command of Bangla and English languages, IELTS score 6.5 or more will be an added advantage, strong presentation skill, and able to develop cases and presentations, thinking *out-of-the-box* attitude and able to work with less supervision. The incumbent should be a clear team player with excellent interpersonal relationship and should have thorough knowledge and use of relevant computer software, such as Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Project Internet search engines and proficiency in using analytical tools and techniques). Age should not exceed 30 years. Salary is negotiable along with additional benefits like two Festival Bonuses, Contributing Provident Fund, Gratuity, Group Insurance etc.

The Application addressed to the Secretary General, BGMEA with recent C.V. and passport size photograph, copies of all certificates of qualification and experience, address and contact telephone number, if any, should reach BGMEA on or before 20, 2010. The short-listed candidates will be required to sit in a written exam on English language and subject related matters.

**Send Your CV to: info@bgmea.com**

**Secretary General**

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### Invitation for Tenders

1	Agency	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)			
2	Procuring Entity Name	Office of the Manager (Procurement & Contract Management), DESCO			
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
4	Invitation for	Procurement of Goods and Related Services			
5	Tender No.	ICB 03/2010			
6	Invitation Ref No.	DESCO/Procurement/ICB/2010/75			
7	Date	11/02/2010			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
8	Procurement Method	International Competitive Bidding (ICB) following Single Stage Two Envelope procedure.			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
9	Budget and Source of Funds	DESCO's own fund			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
10	Tender Name	Procurement of Single Phase Electronic KWhr Meters			
11	Tender Last Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date and Time	Last Selling Date	Closing & Opening Date	Closing Time	Opening Time
		11/03/2010	14/03/2010	12.00 Noon	12.30 PM
12	Name & Address of the office for selling Tender Document, receiving & opening tender	Selling Office of Deputy General Manager (Finance & Accounts), DESCO, House # 3 (4 <sup>th</sup> floor), Road # 24, Block - K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka - 1213.		Receiving & Opening Office of the Manager (Procurement & Contract Management), DESCO, House # 3 (5 <sup>th</sup> floor), Road # 24, Block - K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka - 1213.	
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>					
13	Eligibility of Tenderer	Bonafide supplier/manufacturer from any eligible country for doing business in Bangladesh.			
14	Brief Description of goods	230 V, Single Phase, 2-Wire, 5(60) A (Whole Current) Electronic KWhr Meters. Detail described in tender document.			
15	Price and procedure of purchasing Tender Document	The Tender Document, in English Language, may be purchased by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address specified above mentioning the requested delivery procedure and upon payment of non-refundable fee of Tk. 5,000/= (Taka Five thousand) only. The method of payment will be in the form of Demand Draft or Pay Order in favour of Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd., (DESCO) for this Tender Document. The delivery procedure is by surface mail or courier or hand delivery for local delivery (no additional cost) and by airmail for overseas delivery for an additional fee of US\$ 150. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery. Tender Document will be available from the Head Office of DESCO on all working days starting from 14/02/2010.			
16	Description of Package	Location of Delivery	Tender Security Amount	Delivery Time	
	Procurement of Single Phase Electronic KWhr Meters	DESCO's Central Store, Mirpur, Dhaka.	US\$ 34,000 (Thirty Four Thousand) or equivalent Bangladesh Taka	Within six (06) months (counting from the date of Contract Signing.)	
17	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.				

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