



Kabir Uddin, who cultivated boro paddy as a sharecropper at Kholahati in Gaibandha district, takes help of his daughter-in-law and grandson to harvest the crop as he cannot afford

to employ day labourers, right, farm labourers of Kurigram getting on the roof of a Bogra-bound bus as they often go to other districts in search of the same work for higher pay.

## Nor'wester kills three in Rajshahi, Laxmipur

UNB, Rajshahi

Two people were killed and over 100 others injured when a severe nor'wester lashed the city and other parts of the district on Friday

Locals said, Shokhejan Bewa, 55, of Jhargram village in Bagmara upazila died in a tree collapse while returning home during the storm.

They said Ratan, 20, a first year student of Rajshahi University was killed as a thunderbolt struck him at about 7:00 pm. He hailed from Maria Sahapara village in Puthia upazila.

The injured are mostly women and children. They sustained injuries due to falling of tree branches and house collapse.

Besides, scores of houses and educational institutions were razed to the ground. Moreover, hundreds of trees were uprooted, electric poles twisted and extensive damage caused to standing boro crops, betel-leaf grounds and mango orchards during the storm in the district.

The worst affected villages in Bagmara upazila are Gonipur, Jhargram, Machmoil, Borobihanli, Jugipara, Maria, Taherpur, Bhobaniganj, Bashupara.

The other affected upazilas are Mohonpur, Paba, Godagari, Tanore, Bagha, Charghat of Puthia where houses were blown away or razed to the ground.

In Laxmipur district, a man was killed and over 300 trees were uprooted as a nor'wester hit

Ramgati upazila on Friday night. The deceased was identified as Nurul Islam

of Balurchar village of the upazila. Witnesses said, Nurul Islam received serious injury as a tree fell on him during the storm. He was returning home from the local Wapda bazaar. Later he died in the morning when

being taken to the hospital. Over 100 thatched houses were damaged

during the violent storm.

### **SNIPPETS**

#### Two children drown

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Two children drowned as they fell in a pond in Kanchua upazila in Chandpur yesterday. The dead were identified as Zahid Hasan,3, and Shanta, 4. Hasan was the son of Abdul Hannan at Kapila Bari village while Shanta was his niece. Villager Jahangir Alam said they recovered the bodies from the pond with the help of fishing net in the afternoon. The boys fell in water at noon while playing near the pond, he said. A pall of gloom descended on the village as the news of their deaths spread. Hundreds of villagers rushed to Hannan's house to see the bodies of the hapless kids.

#### Prisoner dies in Sylhet

UNB, Sylhet

An under-trial prisoner of Sylhet Central Jail died at Sylhet Osmani Medical College and Hospital Thursday. The deceased was identified as Shafiul Alam, 24, son of Mojaher Ahmed of Bouyakhali village in Cox's Bazar Sadar upazila. Hospital sources said on April 27 Shafiul was shifted to Sylhet jail from Chittagong jail. He fell seriously ill on May 11 and the jail authorities sent him to the hospital where he died at about 11:00 am on Thursday. After post-mortem the body was handed over to his family members.

#### Smuggled milk seized

UNB, Kushtia

Rab personnel in a drive arrested two people along with 60 bags of Indian substandard powder milk from a shop at Kasba Lane in the district town on Thursday afternoon. Of the arrestees, Asken, 45, is son of Nawsher Ali of west Majampur area of the town while Bachchu, 40, is son of Matiar Rahman of town's Harinarayanpur area. Acting on secret information a team of the elite forces raided the shop and arrested them along with the adulterated powder milk. The arrestees confessed that they were involved in selling the Indian powder milk and other contraband items in the area since long.

#### Three held with arms

UNB, Khulna

Rapid Action Battalion personnel arrested three criminals along with a foreign made rifle in Khalispur Crescent area of the city early Friday. The arrestees were identified as Abdul Quddus, 36, Zahid Hossain, 32, and Anwar H0ssain, 30. Police said all the three were activists of a local criminal gang and wanted in several cases. A case was filed against them under Arms Act.

#### Drug peddlers arrested

UNB, Natore

Police arrested two drug peddlers along with 40 bottles of phensidyl syrup from a maize field near the railway bridge in Naldanga upazila on Thursday. The arrestees were identified as Tipon, son of Abdul Kuddus and Bhuttu, son of Ishak Ali of Shakharipara village of the upazila. Acting on secret information, a team of police raided the area and arrested them along with the contraband syrup at night. Police said Tipon was wanted in several criminal cases including extortion and robbery.

#### Death from snakebite

BSS, Rangpur

A housewife at village Joydeb Manoshpara under Gangachara upazila in the district died from snakebite at Rangpur Medical College and Hospital (RMCH) Friday evening, police said. The victim was identified as Aduri Begum, 25, wife of Kamal Hossain of the village. A cobra bit her on Friday afternoon while she was closing the door of the chicken cage. She was rushed to the hospital where she succumbed in the evening. An unnatural death case was registered in this connection with Kotwali police station.

#### Impure milk seized

UNB, Pabna

A team of officials of the district administration and local municipality in a drive in the town seized 1000 litres of adulterated milk on Tuesday afternoon. Official sources said, the team led by Imam Uddin Kabir, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) seized the water mixed milk from four sellers at Milk Bazaar adjacent to Boro Bazaar in the district town. They also fined the four milk traders -- Abdus Salam, Rezaul Karim, Mikail, and Abdul Aziz -- Tk 2000 each. Later, the impure milk was dumped in a drain in presence of locals.

#### Driver killed in clash

UNB, Narsingdi

A CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver died at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) early Wednesday following a clash between the drivers and CNG filling station workers at Ghorashal on Gazipur-Narsingdi road. The deceased was identified as Ratan Miah, 28, son of Joynal Abedin of Dhaluar Char village in Polash upazila. Witnesses said the two groups locked in an altercation over standing in a queue for refueling the auto-rickshaws on Tuesday night. At one stage, one of the filling station workers kicked Ratan in his abdomen, leaving him critically injured. He was rushed to Sadar hospital first and later shifted to DMCH where he succumbed to his injuries at about 2:00am. A case was filed with local police station in this connection.

# Mine experts fear major disaster at Barapukuria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Observing faults and inadequate safety measure, experts at Barapukuria coal mine have apprehended that a largescale disaster in the mine might occur in future if any effective measure is not taken immediately.

Tuesday's roof collapse at the coal mine that left one dead and 19 others injured is now a great concern for the authorities, as this incident is a pre-warning of a large-scale disaster in the mine, experts told The Daily Star yesterday wishing anonymity.

"The accident could have been prevented if the Chinese contractor company CMC-XMC Consortium took proper safety measures," said an official of Barapukuria Coal Mine Company Ltd (BCMCL).

Talking to reporters Hossain Monsur, chairman of Petrobangla, on Wednesday

admitted that the accident happened due to technical glitches.

Sources said that the accident occurred at 1108 phase below 1,250 feet from the surface because it was too vulnerable to "Weight Bump" [sudden collapse] as this phase was surrounded by 1106, 1104 and 1110 phases, which remained vacated after coal extraction.

sealed off since 2005 gas leakage accident after a partial coal extraction. Expert said the three mine-

The 1110 phase has been

out phases, which have no steel support are creating pressure upon the coal roof of 1108 phase making it highly vulnerable to "Weight Bump." Some miners said small scale coal drifting had been

accident but the authorities did not pay heed to the warn-

noticed repeatedly before the

BCMCL authorities used low quality timbers instead of steel support in the vacated phases.

Coal extraction from the mine has remained suspended since Tuesday causing a loss of Tk 2.75 crore a day, sources said.

A team of Chinese mine experts will arrive at BCMCL site within few days to address the faults.

"Coal production from the phase 1108 will start after correcting the defect," said another official of BCMCL.

The mining experts said open pit mining is less vulnerable to any kind of casualties with high rate of coal recovery. It has some negative impacts including water crisis in the adjacent area.

Sources said BCMCL authorities recently submitted a project proposal of Tk 600 crore to the respective ministry to extract coal from its northern site with open case They alleged that the method.

### Rajshahi Board's Tragic dazzling results

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Education Board has achieved 85.61 percent success rate this time, the highest in the last 48 years.

The pass percentage of the board is also the highest among the all education boards.

A total of 10,568 students have scored GPA-5. Of them 6,246 are boys and 4,320 girls. The pass percentage for boys was 85.62 while for girls it was 85.60.

Pass percentage for science group students was 90.36, for commerce group 87.49 and for humanities group it was 82.93.

This is for the first time that there is no school under the

passed the examination. The : number of schools whose 100 · percent examinees have GPA-5intheSSC examinations. passed is also more than that. of the previous year's.

Rajshahi Board where none .

Board Dipakendra Nath Das · said sincerity of the teachers; she was run over by a truck at as well as students and guard- . ians was behind the highest; highway on May 11 evening. success rate. He said he spoke : with the teachers to know the · SSC examinations as a student of

Headmistress of Rajshahi · Government Girls High! School Touhida Ara said the . lished yesterday, Limu's students are now more atten-; friends met her parents to tive to classes and studies. : inform them of her result, but Teachers also take more care · it only added to the sorrow of of students.

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Parents of Azmeri Sultana Limu. who was killed in a road accident only a few days ago, burst into tears when they heard that their deceased daughter got "She got GPA-5 but what is its

use when she is no more?" said Chairman of Rajshahi . Limu's father Amzad Hossain. Limu died on the spot as

Dhap on Rangpur-Dinajpur She had appeared at this year's

problems and gave guidelines. : science group from Rangpur Cantonment School and College. After the result was pub-

: the bereaved parents.



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Farmers at Kalmati Char in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila are now busy harvesting pumpkin as the cultivation on the dried up riverbed appears as a boon for them.

### Crops on dried up river beds

BSS, Rangpur

Hundreds of erosion victims and landless farmers are cultivating various crops on vast tracts of the dried up river beds and char lands in the northern region.

According to various sources, Rabi crops were cultivated on more than 50,000 hectares on the dried up beds of the Brahmaputra, Teesta, Dharla, Ghaghot, Jamuna and their

tributaries and char areas in the recent years. The crop growers have cultivated various other crops including wheat, maize, mustard,

pulses, boro, tobacco and vegetables. Experts and environmentalists said vast areas came under cultivation due to drying up

dreds of shoals as a result of massive deposition of silts every year.

silts took place during the past four decades as a result of the adverse impacts of the ongoing global climate changes, lifting of underground waters and other reasons.

Locals said cultivation of crops like maize, boro, pumpkin and other vegetables, groundnut, corn, pulses, mustard and other oil seeds, wheat, tobacco and watermelon is expanding every year.

The crop growers have brought a record area of dried lands under cultivation for these crops

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and often having bumper yields.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

Project/programme code

Tender publication date

Tender last selling date

Tender closing date and time

Tender opening date and time

#### **Titas Gas Transmission &** Distribution Co. Ltd.

(A Company of Petrobangla) "Titas Gas Bhaban"

105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Kawran Bazar Commercial Area Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh

### Invitation for Re-Tender

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla).
3	Procuring entity name	Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd. (TGTDCL).
4	Procuring entity code	7100.
-5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Installation of Turbine & Rotary Meters Equipped with EVC, including Complete/Partial Modification of Existing UType/I-Type Customer RMSs' and Fabrication/ Installation of RMS Steel Cabinets, Meter Protectors with Sealing Arrangement at Customer RMSs'.  Project sites: Location-1 (Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Fatullah) and Location-2 (Sonargaon) under RMD (Narayanganj).
7	Invitation Ref No.	TG/SLRP/12.2.
8	Date	May 12, 2010.
		KEY INVORMATION
9	Procurement method	Single stage single envelop tendering procedure under open tendering method (OTM).
FUNI	DING INFORMATION	
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.

(if applicable) "System loss reduction of TGTDCL", Part-D. 2 Component of Project/programme name (if applicable) Gas Transmission and Development Project (GTDP) 14 Tender package No. Installation of Turbine & Rotary Meters Equipped with EVC, Tender package name including Complete/Partial Modification of Existing UType/I-Type Customer RMSs' and Fabrication/ Installation of RMS Steel Cabinets, Meter Protectors with Sealing Arrangement at Customer RMSs'. Project sites: Location-1 (Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Fatullah) and Location-2 (Sonargaon) under RMD (Narayanganj).

May 13, 2010

June 14, 2010.

Date

Not applicable.

Address. Name & address of the office(s) **Accounts Department** -Selling tender documen Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd., (principal) 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. (On all working days from 09:30 hrs to 15:00 hrs) **Accounts Department** tender document Petrobangla, Petrocentre, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. (others) Accounts Department

Date: June 15, 2010, Time: 11:00 hrs.

Date: June 15, 2010, Time: 12:00 hrs.

Shahjalal Tower, Malibagh, Dhaka, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. - Receiving tender document Titas Gas Head Office 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215 (Tender box will be kept at the First Floor).

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Petrobangla Head Office Petrocentre, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. **BAPEX Head Office** Shiddheshwari Circular Road, Shahjalal

Tower, Malibagh, Dhaka-1217 - Opening tender document **Board Room/Conference Room** Titas Gas Head Office, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215 Place/date/time of Not applicable. Pre-tender meeting (optional) Date.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER Eligibility of tenderer Gas Pipeline Contractor(s) of Bangladesh having current (2009-10) and valid enlistment under category 1.4/1.3 with Titas Gas T& D Co. Ltd (TGTDCL) or any company of Petrobangla and having experience of Fabrication, Construction, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of at least 01 (one) No. Natural Gas Regulating & Metering Station (TBS/DRS/RMS) of minimum ANSI Class 150 inlet rating in a single project during last five years, either individually or as joint venture/partner/consortium/association.

Installation of Turbine & Rotary Meters equipped with EVC, Brief description of goods or including Complete/Partial Modification of Existing UType/Iworks Type Customer RMSs' and Fabrication/ Installation of RMS Steel Cabinets, Meter Protectors with Sealing Arrangement at Customer RMSs' Project sites: Location-1 (Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Fatullah)

and Location-2 (Sonargaon) under RMD (Narayangani) Brief description of related services Not applicable Price of tender document Tk. 5,000.00 only. Identification of lot Location 26

Installation of Turbine & Rotary Meters equipped with EVC, including Narayanganj, Complete/Partial Modification of Existing U-Type/I-Type Customer Sonargaon, RMSs' and Fabrication/ Installation of RMS Steel Cabinets, Meter Fatullah and Protectors with Sealing Arrangement at Customer RMSs ' Munshiganj Project sites: Location-1 (Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Fatullah) and Location-2 (Sonargaon) under RMD (Narayanganj)

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