

Scheduled flag meet not held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushiya

A scheduled flag meeting between BDR and BSF to discuss the situation following Friday's skirmishes on Chuadanga border was not held yesterday.

On Sunday, two flag meetings were held at Joynagar after Friday's gun battle between the two border guards at Nimtola in Danurhuda upazila in Chuadanga district.

The meetings decided that another flag meeting would be held on Monday at the same venue where BSF would hand over the body of a Bangladeshi, killed in BSF fire on Friday.

Yusuf Ali, 36, of Iswarchandrapur village in Danurhuda upazila was killed during the eight-hour shootout between BDR and BSF. BSF took away the body.

BDR sources said BSF yesterday sent a letter asking for another date for the flag meeting.

JCD men cut tendons of BCL activist

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

JCD cadres hacked Chhatra League activist Shuva Das and cut his left hand tendons in Gourmadi Sunday night.

Locals took him to Barisal Shere Bangla Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

Quoting relatives, Barisal police said Shuva Das of Palardi village had a quarrel with some JCD (jatiyatadi Chhatra Dal) activists in front of a grocery in the village.

At one stage, angry JCD activists hacked him and cut his tendons.

BSF kills 10 in ten days on southwestern border

No let-up in firing despite nine flag meetings since June 1

AMANUR AMAN, back from border areas

At least 10 Bangladeshis were killed and 60 injured in BSF fire in ten days since June 1 in southwestern border areas.

The killings took place when BSF (Indian Border Security Force) and BDR were holding a series of flag meetings and a two-day Indo-Bangladesh Border Conference in the area during the period, BDR sources said.

In each of the nine flag meetings, BDR lodged strong protest but there has not been any let-up in BSF firing, this correspondent was told during a visit to Kushiya, Chuadanga and Sathkira border areas on Sunday and the day before.

"We lodged strong protest at flag meetings and BSF agreed not to open fire but they violated their decision", Col. Shakhawat Hossain, Commanding Officer of 9 BDR Battalion in Mirpur border in Kushiya said.

The last flag meeting was held at Kolaroa Bhumra border point on June 7. On the following day, BSF fired and killed one Bangladeshi Laltu, 32 on the same border point.

In five and a half months since January this year, at least 40 Bangladeshis were killed and over 150 injured in the southwestern borders. The figure is higher than

that in any period in several years, the sources said.

The latest incident took place on the night of June 9 when BSF from Gede camp in Krishnapur focused searchlight and fired shots at Razapur BDR camp on Nimtola border in Chuadanga. BDR replied with shots and the skirmishes continued for about eight hours from Friday evening till dawn. They exchanged around 4000 shots and mortar shells.

One Bangladeshi Yusuf, 36 of Iswarchandrapur village adjacent to Razapur BDR camp was killed and many others were injured when they were fleeing homes to escape BSF firing.

"It was an unprovoked firing by BSF", said Lt. Col. Masud-ul-Mahmud, Commanding Officer of 35 BDR Battalion in Chuadanga.

Use of search light is illegal as per international border law, but they violate it also, he said.

A two-day Indo-Bangladesh Border Conference was held in Kushiya on June 4-5 to resolve issues including killings of Bangladeshis by BSF, cross-border movement of miscreants, drug smuggling into Bangladesh, reinstallation of demolished or stolen border pillars, survey of disputed lands and raising barbed wire fence by BSF.

Kushiya Deputy Commissioner

Jamal A Naser and Nadia Zila Administrator Rajesh Pande led their respective sides.

In the talks, both sides agreed to take "effective measures" to keep borders peaceful and curb movement of criminals and drug smuggling.

BDR and other sources said, after the August 17 serial bomb blasts in Bangladesh, BSF was put on "high alert" and ordered to take "any measures to stop sneaking of Islamist militants into India".

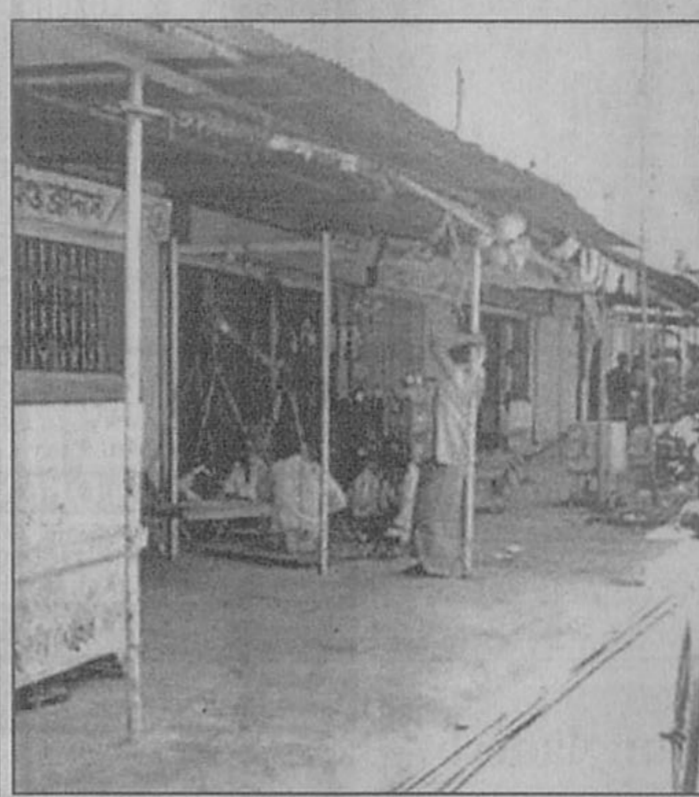
Since then killing by BSF increased and at least 16 Bangladeshis were killed in southwestern border areas from August 17 to December last year against eight in previous six months.

BSF also abducted about 70 Bangladeshis during the period, BDR sources said.

BSF has also reinforced its strength in all border outposts and increased patrol.

"They do not allow any adult Bangladeshi near the border even during the daytime", a BDR personnel told this correspondent during the visit.

BSF erected at least 15 kilometers of barbed wire fence along the border in Chuadanga, Kushiya, Meherpur, Jessore, Jhenidah and Sathkira. They use searchlight at night to check cross-border movement.



Empty shops at Barisal wholesale fish market.

Poor catch marks start of Hilsha season

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The Hilsha season began weeks ago but traders in Barisal are frustrated as they did not get a single 'Hilsha-day' yet.

The poor catch of Hilsha has worried traders in Barisal wholesale fish market. Many of them said they are incurring losses after giving money to fishermen in advance.

This correspondent during a visit to the market on June 10 saw only 25 mounds of hilsha there.

Last year, at least 500 mounds Hilsha were brought to the market daily. Over 2,000 mounds of hilsha were transacted till this time last year, they said.

Yusuf Ali, general secretary of Barisal District Wholesalers Association, said only 7,600 mounds of Hilsha were brought to

Barisal fish market in last six weeks. The price of the delicious fish is also higher this year. It sells at around Tk 11,000 per mound now.

Besides coastal areas, fishermen catch Hilsha in Meghna, Arial Khan, Kirtonkhola, Pacha, Andharmanik, Kalabadar, Tentulia and Paira rivers.

There are 132 wholesalers, 14 exporters and over 30 Hilsha traders in Barisal fish market. Most of the traders run their business by taking loans from different banks on interest and give the money to fishermen in advance.

But till now, they got very poor returns, many of them said.

On an average, around Tk 30 core is invested in the business in a season. The traders said most of the wholesale Hilsha trading centers in Barisal fish market are still closed.

3 get life for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

All three accused in Mostafizur Rahman Sharif alias Lal Sharif murder case were sentenced to life term here yesterday.

The convicts are Moksed Ali Sharif alias Chan Sharif, 45, Shahin, 30 and Masud, 25, all from Laukathi village in Sadar upazila. Of them, Chan Sharif is absconding.

Additional District and Sessions Judge ABM Sajedur Rahman delivered the judgment examining all records and witnesses.

According to prosecution, Lal Sharif, 18, was chopped to death by the convicts following a family feud on July 30 in 2001.

Ex-OC among 12 sued in Sajid murder case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Twelve policemen including a former officer-in-charge (OC) of Gaibandha Police Station were sued in connection with alleged murder of Sajedur Rahman Sajid in custody.

Gaibandha Nagarik Committee convener Aminul Islam Golap and Sajid's elder brother Abdul Majed Sarker filed two separate cases with magistrate Ashrafur Islam's court on Sunday.

The accused are former

OC Nour Alam, SI Abu Yusuf, Arju Md Sajid Hossain, Md Masud Rana, Farhad Hossain, SI Fahima Khatun and constables Abdul Matin, Abdul Bari, Emdadul Huq, Dulal Chandra Sarker, Ansar Ali and Mizanur Rahman.

After a hearing, the magistrate referred the cases to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

In his complaint, the plaintiff stated that the former OC termed Sajid's death as a suicide to protect his colleagues from murder charges. Sajid was also buried hurriedly under police escort, he said.

Sajid's father earlier lodged a complaint with Gaibandha police station on May 24. But OC Nour Alam filed a case against the lone Investigation Officer (IO) sub-inspector (SI) Abu Yusuf and arrested him on murder charge after submission of the autopsy report allegedly to divert the matter.

In face of Nagarik Committee agitation, police transferred the case to CID on June 4 but the investigation is yet to begin, sources said.



A bumper yield of mango in off-year has brought smiles on faces of all in Kansat in Chapainawabganj, which saw a turbulent period months ago for smooth supply of power.

No STEP YET TO RESOLVE STALEMATE SUST teachers urge President to intervene

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Academic life of about 6,500 students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) has become uncertain as there is no move from any quarter to end

the stalemate, created following resignation of its Vice Chancellor a month ago.

The varsity was closed sine die on May 14 following students' clash and death of a student in police firing.

Vice Chancellor Prof Musleh Uddin Ahmed resigned amid widespread agitation and left the campus in the afternoon of May 14.

Students now apprehend a fresh session jam, which would greatly hamper their academic life. A number of teachers also expressed similar views while talking to this correspondent.

Meanwhile, deans and departmental heads held a meeting on Sunday with Science Faculty Dean Prof Dr. M Habibur Ahsan in the chair and discussed the situation.

The meeting observed that absence of a VC has created a lot of problems, which need to be addressed immediately.

Later, the deans and departmental heads in a memorandum submitted to the President and Chancellor of SUST stated the problems and sought his immediate intervention to appoint an 'honest, sincere and efficient person' from among SUST teachers as its VC.

The post of Treasurer was filled up recently when Prof Shamsul

Huda took charge on June 3 after a long gap.

The post of pro-Vice Chancellor is still vacant.

Prof Musleh Uddin Ahmed alone was shouldering the responsibilities of VC, Pro-VC and Treasurer.

The vacuum has been created as he resigned abruptly without handing over charges to any body.

When contacted, Registrar Jamil Ahmed Chowdhury said there is a great administrative vacuum since key posts are vacant.

Academic activities can not be resumed without a Syndicate decision. Only the VC can convene a Syndicate meeting, he said.

Meanwhile, some quarters backed by the leaders of the ruling alliance are interested to bring the former VC back.

Some sources claimed that he is also trying to convince relevant quarters in the government not to accept his resignation letter so that he can return to the SUST.

However, a section of teachers and employees aligned with some opposition parties oppose the move.



Students of Dinajpur Government College formed a human chain in the town yesterday to press their 7-point demand.

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**INVITATION FOR RE-TENDER**

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division
2. Procuring Entity Name	Rural Electrification Board
3. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh
4. Invitation for	Re-tenders are invited to submit proposals for the financing, design, construction, operation and maintenance of Trailer/Skid mounted or any type power generation facility on Rental basis at following locations at site condition of 35 deg. C, 1.013 bar, R.H. 98%.
	1. Ullapara Sirajganj 10MW±10%
	7. Mohipal, Feni 10MW±10%
	8. Rugganj, Narayanganj, 30MW±10%
	9. Dagaria, Narshingdi 20MW±10%
	10. Maona, Gazipur, 30MW±10%
	11. Nasratpur, Hobiganj, 10MW±10%
	Natural gas will be the fuel for all the Power Plants
	The tenderer is entirely responsible for financing, complete design, inspection, testing, supply, delivery to the site, erection, testing, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the power plant for the entire period of the rental service. Spares, consumables required for overhauling and major overhauling of the power plant units shall be supplied by the rental service provider (The Tenderer/Sponsor) at their own cost.
	REB will provide about 2.00 acre land (on rental basis) at Hobiganj, Sirajganj, Feni, Narshingdi and Gazipur. The sponsor will purchase land at Rupsi (Rugganj) Narayanganj.
	All costs related to arrangement of required land near respective 33KV line, land development, construction of all building & civil works, RMS (including Gas Booster Compressor if required) for Fuel Gas, Gas pipeline including required land (from existing Gas source), all required facilities up to 33KV electrical interconnection point with switchgear, Power Transformer, control & protection equipment, busbar etc. shall be borne by the Project Sponsor.
	REB will provide the cost of required fuel (Natural Gas) on the basis of Guaranteed Net Flat Heat Rate for generation of electricity from the Rental power plant as per bid document.
	Preliminary the contract period of rental service will be three (03) years, which may be extended for another two (02) years depending on the requirement by REB as per terms of bid document.
5. Procurement Method	Open Tendering method
6. Project Name	Sirajganj, Hobiganj, Narayanganj, Feni, Narshingdi & Gazipur Trailer/Skid mounted or any type Power Plant on rental basis
7. Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh/REB payment under the contract will be made in local currency i.e. Bangladesh Taka only.
8. Invitation for Tenders Ref. & date	REB/SE/GEN./100/14(2 <sup>nd</sup> Part)/2006/192, date: 11/06/06
9. Date of selling the Tender document	14-06-2006
10. Tender Name	Supply, installation, put into commercial operation and Operation & Maintenance of Trailer/Skid mounted or any type Power Plant on rental basis.
11. Time of Completion	60-90 days from the date of signing of contract.
12. Eligibility of Tenderers	The Tenderer shall have specific experience on the development of IPPs of similar capacity/Rental power plants of similar capacity (Plant Unit size/capacity against offered power plant) or Operation & Maintenance experience of similar capacity power plant. Relevant documents in support of experience shall have to be submitted with the proposal.
13. Price of Tender Document	Tk 5,000.00 (Tk Five thousand) or US\$ 100.00 (One hundred) only for each Tender document in the form of Bank draft/pay order in favour of REB, Dhaka. Tender Document is separate for each location.
14. Amount of Tender Security	The amount of Tender security US\$ 75,000.00 or BD Tk 52,50,000.00 for 10MW Plant US\$ 100,000.00 BD Tk 70,00,000.00 for 20 MW Plant US\$ 130,000.00 or BD Tk 90,00,000.00 for 30 MW Plant
15. Validity of Tender and Tender Security	150 (One hundred fifty) days and 150+28 (One hundred seventy eight) days respectively from the last date of submission of the Tenders.
16. Name and address of the Office for selling the Tender document	Superintending Engineer, Generation, Rural Electrification Board, House-4, Road No. 1/A, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.
17. Name and address of the office for receiving the Tenders	REB Auditorium, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh in presence of tender opening committee.
18. Name and address of the office opening Tenders	REB Auditorium, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh in presence of tender opening committee.
19. Last date and time for selling the Tender document	10-07-2006 upto BST 5.00 p.m.
20. Last date and time for submission of Tenders	11-07-2006 upto BST 11.00 a.m.
21. Date and time for opening of Tenders	The Tenders shall be opened immediately after receiving of the same (Tenderers authorized representative is/are will be allowed to attend).
22. Place of Pre-Bid Meeting	Will be notified in due course (If requested by the Tenderers).
23. Date and time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Nil
24. Special Instructions	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept any and reject any or all Tenders.
25. Brief Description of Physical Services	Supply, Installation, put into commercial operation and Operation & Maintenance of Sirajganj, Hobiganj, Feni, Narshingdi, Narayanganj & Gazipur Trailer/Skid mounted or any type of Power Plant on rental basis
26. Name of officer inviting the Tender	Md. Shahidul Alam
27. Designation and address of the officer inviting the Tender	Superintending Engineer, Generation, Rural Electrification Board, House-4, Road No. 1/A, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.

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