

Injured in BSF firing, youth dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Bangladeshi youth, who was shot and wounded allegedly by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) in Sunamganj's Tahirpur upazila on Saturday afternoon, died at a hospital in Sylhet the same night.

The deceased was identified as Jewel Miah, 29, son of Afzal Miah of Badaghat area in Tahirpur upazila.

Lt Col Maksudul Alam, director of BGB 28 Battalion, said during flash flood timbers and tree trunks are being smuggled from India through the Jadukata river.

On Saturday afternoon, deceased Jewel and some of his cohorts were collecting the timber and tree trunks from the river, boarding on an engine boat, he said, adding that, as they crossed the border and entered around 100 metres inside the Indian territory Indian border guards opened fire on them, leaving Jewel critically injured.

Later, injured Jewel was admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries around 9:00pm the same night, Lt Col Maksudul said.

From parlour to plantation

Indigenous beauticians of Madhupur now toiling at fruit orchards for survival

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Only three months ago, Thanchi Mri would spend her days giving women beauty treatments in air-conditioned rooms of a parlour in Dhaka.

The hours were long but each month she made around Tk 17,000 enough to support herself in the capital and her grandparents in Chunia village of Tangail's Madhupur upazila.

However, the coronavirus pandemic changed everything in a jiffy. On March 15, the parlour closed down to stem Covid-19 and Thanchi returned home penniless.

Now she toils as a labourer under the blazing sun in pineapple and banana plantations of the upazila.

"I have become used to working in air-conditioned rooms for the last seven year. Now working at plantations with a spade and a sickle is proving quite difficult," cried the 24-year-old beautician.

Thanchi now makes only Tk 250 a day, that too only four days a week.

Beautician Lakkhi Rani, who returned from a parlour in Jamalpur to Madhupur's Maguntinagar village, could not even manage plantation work.

With a sick mother at home and a debt to repay, she is grappling to make it through every day.

Lakkhi, who used to earn Tk 14,000 per month, came back home empty-handed on March 13 without any salary.

"I couldn't find any job in my village. I have heard that many other girls like me are working as day labourers in the banana and pineapple orchards. But no one gave me work," Lakkhi told The Daily Star on Wednesday.

She said her parlour owner contacted her recently and told her to look for work



The hands, that once held delicate make-up brushes in air-conditioned parlours, now digs through the hard earth with axes and spades under the blazing sun in fruit orchards of Tangail's Madhupur upazila.

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elsewhere as the establishment is not going to open for a couple more months due to a dearth of clients.

Now Lakkhi is worried about repaying a loan that she took from a NGO for her mother's ulcer treatment.

"Although I did not pay the loan installments for the last three months, I shall have to do so from this month," she said.

"A couple of months ago, the government gave us six kilograms of rice

and one kilogram of potatoes. No one else gave us anything. I can't describe how our days are going by," she added.

Several hundred beauticians from the indigenous communities of Madhupur upazila, returned home after losing their jobs due to the coronavirus situation. They don't know when their beauty parlours will open. Most of these women are very poor and have nothing but a dwelling.

The hands that once applied make-

up on women's faces now cut through the hard earth with spade and sickle at banana and pineapple orchards or paddy fields for nominal wages.

Eugin Nokrek, an indigenous leader in Madhupur and also president of Joinsahi Adivasi Unnayan Parishad, told The Daily Star that about 1,100 indigenous women of about 40 villages in the Madhupur forest area used to work in various beauty parlours across the country including the capital.

Most of them returned since the pandemic hit the country.

"Although government's relief assistance was provided a number of times to the indigenous communities in Madhupur, no separate aid was provided to these unemployed beauticians," he said.

He also said the local Upazila Nirbahi Officer asked for a list of these women and assured that support will be provided.

Swelling Teesta floods peanut fields in Rangpur

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

A large portion of the peanut fields in the raised sandy basin of the Teesta river in three upazilas of Rangpur has been flooded due to the sudden rise of water level, only a few days before the usual harvesting time.

A large number of poor landless families of the Teesta char areas in Gangachara, Kaunia and Pirgachha upazilas of Rangpur manage their livelihood by producing crops there.

According to the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), at least 1,000 hectares of land in 20 char (land area emerging from riverbed) areas of the three upazilas have been brought under peanut cultivation this year.

Of it, over 200-hectare peanut

land have been inundated due to the rise of water level in the Teesta.

Rafiqul Islam of Char Biswanath under Kaunia upazila said he cultivated peanut on a two-acre land and expected a good yield this season.

"But, half of the peanut field has already gone under water. Many farmers of the area collected peanut from under the water to minimise their loss," he said, adding that water level of the Teesta started rapidly swelling on June 20.

Usually the Teesta swells in July, but this year it happened early due to heavy rain across the region, which caused massive losses to the crop, local farmers said.

Through peanut farming, the needy people of the 20 char areas

of three upazilas of Rangpur have changed their fortune.

It is possible to produce 25 maunds (a maund = 40 kg) of peanut in an acre and a kg of peanut sells at Tk 80, said the farmers.

Many farmers harvested the peanut in premature condition as the water level of the Teesta started rising, said Sirajul Islam of Dhusmara Char.

"We are more worried as wholesale buyers from other districts are not coming this season to buy the peanut due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic," he said.

Dr Sarwarul Haq, deputy director of DAE in Rangpur, said farmers are facing losses due to the sudden surge of water level of the Teesta.



Farmers sort peanut after harvesting from a flooded field in Gangachara upazila of Rangpur.

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Jamuna Oil Company Limited
(A subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad, Chattogram

e-Tender Notice No. 39/2019-20

Memo No. AGMP/02/2020-21 Date: 24.06.2020

This is to notify to all concerned that the following tender has been published through e-GP Portal.

Tender ID, Reference No. & date of publishing	Name of goods	Last selling and closing date & time
Tender ID: 473403 Reference No. AGMP/PT/EGP/01/2020-21 Publishing date: 24-06-2020	Supply of Product Delivery Pump with Flame Proof Motor & Starter (22 KW)	12.07.2020 16.00 hrs 13.07.2020 12.00 hrs

The interested bidders may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd for further details.

Md. Amjad Hossain
Assistant General Manager (Purchase)

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Lightning kills 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two people of a family were killed when a streak of lightning struck them in Akkelpur upazila of Joypurhat on Saturday.

The deceased were identified as Alam Hossain, 39, son of Lutfar Rahman of Chandrapal village, and his brother-in-law Sakhawat Hossain, 32, son of Azizur Rahman of Naogaon's Badalgachhi upazila.

Police said Alam and Sakhawat, who came to visit the former's house recently, were draining out stagnant rainwater from a cropland amid rain on Saturday evening, when a thunderbolt hit the duo, leaving them dead on the spot.

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Memo No. - GEB-CUOCTF/2020/06/001 **INVITATION FOR TENDER:** Date :29/06/2020

01. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education	
02. Agency	Office of the Project Director, Dept. of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Chittagong.	
03. Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, University of Chittagong.	
04. Head of Procurement Entity	Vice Chancellor, University of Chittagong.	
05. Invitation for	Establishment of a greenhouse at The University of Chittagong for the development of crops tolerant to climate change induced adverse effects of environmental stresses. Part-A : (i) Civil work for Greenhouse (240 sqm). (ii) Supply and installation of imported items (Greenhouse Materials). Part-B : (i) Civil work for Office Room, Emergency Generator Room and Toilet. (ii) Sanitary works with deep tube well. (iii) Site development, Civil work for Fencing (300 sqm) with guide wall. (iv) Electrical works with transformer, 100 KVA emergency generator and other related works.	
06. Invitation Ref No & date	Memo No-GEB-CUOCTF/2020/06/001; Date- 29/06/2020.	
07. Procurement Method	OTM (Open Tendering Method).	
08. Budget and Source of Funds	Govt./BOCT Fund.	
09. Brief of Tender Documents	Part-A: Civil Work for Greenhouse, and Supply and Installation of Imported Items (Greenhouse Materials). Part-B: Civil work for Office Room, Emergency Generator Room and Toilet, Sanitary works with deep tube well, Site development, Civil work for Fencing (300 sqm) with guide wall, Electrical works with transformer, 100 KVA emergency generator and other related works.	
10. Tender Submission Period	For part-A Within 28 days from issuing date- 29/06/2020. and For Part-B Within 15 days from issuing date- 29/06/2020.	
11. Tender Closing Date & time	For part-A: 28/07/2020, Time-12:00 Noon and For part-B: 13/07/2020, Time-12:00 Noon	
12. Tender Opening date & time	For part-A: 26/07/2020 Time- 12:30 P.M. and For part-B: 13/07/2020, Time- 12:30 P.M.	
13. Receiving tender Document	Office of the Project Director, Dept. of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Chittagong.	
14. Opening Place of tender Document	Office of the Project Director, Dept. of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Chittagong	
15. Eligibility of Tenderer	This invitation for Tenders is open to all eligible Tenderers as mentioned below:- (a) 1 st class/Special class organizations who have minimum 5 years' experience in similar nature of works. Contractor/Suppliers must have valid ABC Category Contractor and Supervisory license from Electricity Licensing Board Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. (b) The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor or Subcontractor or Management Contractor of at least 01(one) number for PART-A and 03 (three) number for PART-B contract of Similar Nature of works successfully completed valued not less than 500.00 Lac for PART-A and 300.00 Lac PART-B in a single work order during the last 05 (five) years in Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous Bodies of Bangladesh. (c) The work certificate of successful completion of a similar work shall have to be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer/Project Director of concerned Department with Official & self-phone number. The intended firm must have the experience of providing this type of service in Green House. The tenderers (For Both) will have to ensure the experience about their respective type of jobs. The firm who have no idea about this type of work need not to submit the expression of interest. (d) The tenderers shall have a minimum average annual Construction turn over Tk. 1000.00 (One Thousand) lac for PART-A and 500.00 (Five hundred) Lac for PART-B over the last five years. (e) The tenderers shall have Bank solvency certificate (sanctioned credit line facilities) of at least Tk. 5.00 (Taka Five Crore) for PART-A and Tk. 3.00 (Taka Three Crore) for PART-B only. (f) Qualified & Experienced Technical Personnel Civil, Sanitary & Electrical. (g) Other required eligibility & condition of the tenderers as stipulated in the Tender Documents. (h) Up to date enlistment certificate (Civil, Electrical into ABC Supervisory certificate). (i) Up to date Trade license, income tax clearance, VAT Registration & Up to date Renewal Import Registration certificate. (j) Tenderers having quoted the tender price more than 10 (Ten) percent above or below the official cost estimate, the tender will be rejected. (k) For PART-A Greenhouse Materials must have Authorization Letter from reputed foreign manufacturer, has to be submitted along with the tender.	
16. Price of Tender Document	For PART-A Tk. 5,000/- (Five Thousand) only and For PART-B Tk. 5,000/- (Five Thousand) only.	
17. Identification of Lot: Two Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount
Lot:1: Part-A. Lot:2: Part-B.	University of Chittagong.	For PART-A Tk. 9,00,000.00 (Nine lac only). In the Form of Bank Guarantee. For PART-B Tk. 4,15,000.00 (Four lac Fifteen thousand only). In Form of Pay Order / Bank Draft
		Completion Time in Month.
		18 (Eighteen Months) 6 (Six Months)
18. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Dr. Laila Khaleda	
19. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director and Associate Professor, Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, University of Chittagong.	
20. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Office of the Project Director, Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Chittagong.	
21. Contract details official Inviting Tender.	Tel:0068031-726311-14; Ext. 4414	
22. Tenderer must submit the duplicate copy with the original tender, otherwise the tender will not be opened.		
23. All the Related information must be submitted with the Tender Document in separate envelop, otherwise the tender will be rejected.		
24. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.		
25. If it is not possible to receive/ open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received / opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue.		

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