



A few of the Munda community members including Sumitra Murali, widow of Alokesh, who have been living in uncertainty and in inhumane conditions after adult male members of their families fled the village, Chaitrahati in Ullapara upazila of Sirajganj. The adult males of the community went into hiding seven months ago following a clash over their temple, Jagadishwari Mata Mondir, inset.

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## CLASH OVER LANDED ENDOWMENT OF TEMPLE

## Male members of 29 families in hiding for 7 months

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As many as 29 families of a small ethnic community, known as Mundas in Ullapara upazila of Sirajganj, have been living in miserable conditions as the male members of the community have been in hiding for the past seven months to evade arrest in a murder case.

The adult males of the Mundas are staying away from their village, Chaitrahati, after they were implicated in a murder case filed in April by influential locals who had encroached upon 130 acres of landed endowment of their temple -- Jagadishwari Mata Mondir, alleged the community members.

On October 14, when Alokesh Murali, 40, one among the absconding males, died, the other male members of the community had to refrain from attending funeral of the deceased, they also said.

Subol Chandra Chakrabarti, a priest of the temple, said on April 13, a clash between the community members and the encroachers left one person dead and 20 others injured.

The clash erupted after Delbar Pramanik, the mastermind of the encroachers, started catching fish in a pond belonging to the temple.

Afterwards, both feuding groups filed cases against each other. But the affluent encroachers, who are influential in the area, came out of jail on bail.

The Mundas, however, had been on the run ever since to avoid arrest, he added.

Sumitra Murali, widow of Alokesh, said wailing, "My husband fell sick while in hiding with all the other male members of our village. And that's why he could not seek necessary medical help. He finally

died [without treatment]."

Another of the villagers, Fulmani Murali, said her two sons were breadwinners of the family. After they absconded, other members of her family are facing wretched living conditions.

"I was pregnant when my husband went into hiding following the clash. I later gave birth to our baby, but my husband still couldn't see the newborn," said Sanjita Murali of the village.

Alleged encroacher Delbar Pramanik's son Abdul Hannan, however, claimed, "The Mundas have no rights over the land because it's government property. We've leased it from the government. And so we cultivate and catch fish there."

Nevertheless, "They attacked us suddenly on that day [April 13]. They killed my cousin," he claimed further.

Contacted, Ullapara Upazila Nirbahi Officer Dewan Moudud Ahmed said they were investigating into the incident. "Multiple cases remain pending at the court over the property. Hence, we will act as per the court's directive."

**RIGHTS GROUPS VISIT CHAITRAHATI** Meanwhile, officials of different human rights organisations and leaders of indigenous communities visited Chaitrahati village on Sunday.

Officials of the organisations -- including Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST), Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), ALRD, Nijera Kori, Jatiya Adibashi Parishad and Bangladesh Adibashi Forum -- during their visit witnessed sufferings of the Mundas without the male members of their families at the village, said Bivuti Vushon Mahato, central committee member of Jatiya Adibashi Parishad.

## Lalmonirhat abducted schoolgirl yet to be rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A schoolgirl, who was abducted allegedly by one of her neighbours in Sadar upazila about two weeks ago, is yet to be rescued.

The 13-year-old victim is a Class VII student at a local high school.

Father of the victim alleged that one Jariful Islam with the help his parents abducted his daughter while she was going to one of her relative's house at the same village on October 21.

The following day, he lodged a missing diary with Sadar Police Station and later submitted a written complaint against Jariful, 20, his father Makbul Hossain, mother Jarina Begum, and neighbours Kashem Ali and Al Amin on October 23, he said.

But police did not record his complaint as a case due to unknown reasons, he alleged.

Contacted, Sub-Inspector (SI) of Sadar Police Station Rabiul Islam, also the investigation officer of the complaint, said he already visited to spot twice and found the fact true.

They were trying to collect the mobile numbers of the accused so that they can trace their whereabouts, using the mobile tracking technology, the SI said.

Officers in Charge of the police station Shaha Alam said he knows about the missing diary, but he was not aware of the case and he will take necessary step in this regard.

## Easy-bike driver beaten dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

An auto-rickshaw driver was beaten to death allegedly by a group of fellow drivers over a trivial matter at Dashuria intersection in Ishwardi upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim, Mizanur Rahman, 30, was a resident of Muladuli Koroitola village.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Ishwardi Police Station Sheikh Nasir Uddin said Mizanur had an altercation with other fellow drivers over forcing a passengers boarding his vehicle at Dashuria area around 12:30pm.

At one stage, they beat Mizanur mercilessly, leaving him unconscious.

Local people rescued him and took him to Ishwardi Upazila Health Complex, where he succumbed to his injuries around 2:00pm, the OC added.

## Illegal sand lifting poses threat to farmlands

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

A local influential person has started lifting sand from a ditch, surrounding agricultural lands at Sharsi village in Barishal Sadar upazila, posing threat to nearby farmlands and damaging the soil fertility in the area as well.

The villagers submitted a complaint to the local police, seeking their intervention in this regard and take necessary step to stop such illegal activities.

During a visit to the area, it was seen that local resident, Nurul Islam, set up two dredging machines at the agriculture land two days ago. He was lifting sand from the ditch dug at the land using the dredging machines. The sand is brought through plastic pipes to raise the level of a nearby low-lying land.

Nurul Islam has set up the dredging machines to fill his low-lying farmland with sand, said locals.

Local people said landslides may happen anytime here due to

the illegal sand lifting.

Mizan, a local youth, said this agricultural land is very fertile. Currently, Aman paddy cultivation is going on. But sand lifting from the hole is posing threat to the farmlands.

The owner of the adjoining land, Dulal Fakir, said once sand extraction is started, nothing will grow in the farmland, much to the worry of local farmers.

At least 50 farmers of the village have lodged a complaint with Airport Police Station against setting up of the dredging machines.

Contacted, the officer-in-charge (OC) of Airport Police Station said he had received allegation of lifting sand from the agricultural land using dredging machines.

They were investigating the matter, said the OC.

Nurul Islam said he has set up dredging machines at his own land to fill his another low-lying farmland with sand. It is not



harmful for anyone.

He, however, said that he did not take any permission from the authorities concerned to set up the dredging machines.

Contacted, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Munibur Rahman said he was not aware of the matter.

Urgent action will be taken in this regard, said the UNO.

Rafiqul Alam, secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan (Bapa) Barishal unit, said such illegal activities will have an adverse effect on the environment.

They demand immediate action against such illegal activities.

## Bank official burnt to death after gas leak

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

A Grameen Bank official was burnt to death when a fire engulfed his rented house due to a gas leak in the kitchen in Rangamati's Bangalhalia area on Monday night.

The deceased, Sikandar Mia, 35, hailing from Baitali village in Chattogram's Chandanaish upazila, was second-officer of Grameen Bank's Bangalhalia branch, Officer in Charge (OC) of Chandraghona Police Station Iqbal Baher Chowdhury said.

Sikandar sustained serious burn injuries when a fire caught by leak from a gas cylinder at his rented house at Bangalhalia Bazar around 9:20pm on Monday and died on the spot, the OC said, adding that after conducting autopsy Sikandar's body was handed over to his family members yesterday.

## 'Punish killers of FF Latif Khan'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Muktijodhya Santan Command of Tangail district unit formed a human chain in the town yesterday, demanding arrest and capital punishment of the criminals, who killed valiant freedom fighter Abdul Latif Khan during a village arbitration.

They organised the human chain programme in front of Tangail Press Club at noon.

Among others, Sheikh Atiqur Rahman Babu, central committee president of Muktijodhya Santan Command and its General Secretary Farhana Yasmin, and Tangail district unit President Omar Faruk Biplob, spoke on the occasion.

The speakers said killing of freedom fighter Abdul Latif was pre-planned and those involved in the attack are all known faces in the locality.

They demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the culprits, otherwise, threatened to go for tougher movement soon.

Earlier, Abdul Latif was beaten to death allegedly by his neighbours during a village arbitration centring a trifling matter in Basail upazila on October 31.

The following day, victim's son Habib Khan filed a murder case with Basail Police Station accusing 11 people.

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
মহাপরিচালকের কার্যালয়  
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**অকেজো গাড়ি বিক্রয় বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

যুব উন্নয়ন অধিদপ্তর হতে অকেজো ঘোষিত ০১টি জিপ 'গোপালগঞ্জ জেলা কার্যালয়ে আছে' এবং উহার রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ, ট্যাক্সটোকেন ও ফিটনেস সনদ 'যে অবস্থায় যে পর্যন্ত নবায়ন আছে' ভিত্তিতে নিলামে বিক্রয়ের জন্য বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিক/প্রতিষ্ঠান অগ্রহী ক্রেতাদের নিকট থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য নগদে ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা দিয়ে নিম্নবর্ণিত স্থান হতে অকেজো গাড়ির দরপত্র সিডিউল গ্রহণ করতে হবে। গাড়িটি গোপালগঞ্জ জেলা কার্যালয়ে সংরক্ষিত আছে। ০২ অকেজো ঘোষিত গাড়ির দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রি ও দাখিলের শেষ সময়, দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলার সময় ও স্থান নিম্নরূপঃ

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০১। দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় ব্যতীত কোনো দরপত্র/দরপত্র সিডিউলের ফটোকপি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।  
০২। বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে।  
০৩। বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে বর্ণিত সকল অকেজো গাড়ি বিক্রি প্রক্রিয়া সম্পন্ন না হওয়া পর্যন্ত টেন্ডার সূচি মোতাবেক টেন্ডার প্রক্রিয়া চলতে থাকবে।  
০৪। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনো কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোনো দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Health Services Division  
Health Economics Unit  
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**Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Recruiting Research Firm (National)**

1.	Ministry/Division	Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2.	Procuring entity name	Health Economics Unit.
3.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
4.	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Research organization.
5.	EOI Ref. No.	45.05.0000.007.31.013.20.911
6.	Date	November 02, 2020
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
7.	Procurement method	OCBS
8.	Budget and source of funds	GoB (Revenue).
9.	Development partner	NA.
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
10.	Project/programme code	NA
11.	Project/programme name	Study on assessment of health, poverty, and financial consequences of smokeless tobacco consumption among women in Bangladesh.
	Date	Time
12.	EOI closing date and time	November 19, 2020 14:00 hours
<b>INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT</b>		
13.	Brief description of the assignment	Smokeless tobacco is widely used in South East Asian countries. A remarkable number of women particularly in rural area of Bangladesh use smokeless tobacco. Smokeless tobacco contains several hazardous substances like smoked tobacco that is harmful to health. In addition to adverse health effect, smokeless tobacco has also economic burden on individuals. Considering the above, Health Economics Unit (HEU) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has decided to conduct a study on assessment of health, poverty, and financial consequences of smokeless tobacco consumption among women in Bangladesh.
14.	Experience, resource and delivery capacity required	To be selected, the organization must have the following: ● Familiarity with the health, nutrition and population sector program. ● Extensive expertise on economic evaluation. ● Extensive expertise on healthcare related exercise (experience on tobacco related exercise will be considered as added value). ● Proven ability to manage and conduct large data set. ● Expertise in use of STATA/SPSS statistical software for data analysis. ● Proven expertise in quality report writing & policy recommendations in English.
15.	Other details (if applicable)	EOI should be submitted in sealed envelope clearly marked "Request for EOI for study on assessment of health, poverty, and financial consequences of smokeless tobacco consumption among women in Bangladesh" to the undersigned within November 19, 2020 at 14:00 hours.
16.	Indicative start date (month/year)	January, 2021.
17.	Indicative completion time (month/ year)	June, 2021.
18.	Other detail (if applicable)	Not applicable.
19.	Association with foreign firm is	Not applicable.
20.	Phasing of services	Not applicable.
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
21.	Name of official inviting Expression of Interest (EOI)	Dr. Mohd. Shahad Hossain Mahmud.
22.	Designation of official inviting EOI	Director General (Additional Secretary), Health Economics Unit and Line Director (Health Economics and Financing).
23.	Address of official inviting EOI	Health Economics Unit, 14/2, Topkhana Road (3rd Floor), Dhaka 1000.
24.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone: 9586822, Fax: 9582207 e-mail: dg@heu.gov.bd, mahmud5212@yahoo.com
The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.		
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