



Sonai Beel in Santhia upazila of Pabna.

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Santhia Jubo League chief suspended

Locals accuse him of assault, creating obstruction in catching fish in Sonai Beel

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Jubo League's Santhia upazila unit president Ashraf Alam Tutul was suspended on October 28 amid allegations of abduction, torture and obstructing lawful owners from fishing in Sonai Beel, a wetland in the area.

Directed by the central committee of Bangladesh Awami Jubo League, its Pabna district unit Convener Ali Murtoza Bishwas Sony and Joint Convener Shibli Sadiq issued the suspension order on Wednesday night.

Ashraf's involvement in "anti-organisational activities" and "alleged torturing of farmers" were stated as reasons for the suspension in the order.

Residents of Hariakahon village in Santhia upazila, where Sonai Beel is located, said a considerable portion of the water body is owned by many of them.

A number of them said they live on catching fish in their submerged low-lying property as well as the water body during the wet season, when they do not have any income from their flooded croplands.

But this year, when the floodwaters started to recede and the landowners made attempts to

catch fish there, their access to the water body and even their own property were blocked by Ashraf and his goons, alleged the villagers.

Many of them claimed that they endured physical assault and torture by the goons for setting up fishing nets not only in Sonai Beel, but in their own land as well.

Hariakahon resident Monsur Ali said he could not grow any crop on his land in the last four to five months as it was inundated with floodwater.

When the floodwater started to recede, he went to set up fishing net there. But the "Jubo League men" took possession of the land and forced him out of there, he claimed.

Many other villagers including Rafikul Islam, said Ashraf first took control of a canal that he leased inside Sonai Beel. But over the past few years, he assumed control of fishing in the entire water body with the help of his henchmen.

Ashraf's brother-in-law Babul Hossain and his thugs forced him out of his own land and damaged his fishing nets when Rafikul went there to catch fish, he also said.

Masud Hossain from the same village said on October 19, he was abducted by Ashraf's

thugs for catching fish in Sonai Beel.

They took him in Ashraf's office and tortured him physically, he also said, claiming that he had not been able to file any case for the assault due to various reasons.

When asked about the accusations being made against him, Ashraf Alam Tutul said he neither leased the canal nor was he involved in fish trade.

Rather, his relative Babul is in fish trade and he gets fish from several fishers, including Kalipada Haldar and Sunil Haldar, from Nandanpur village, who had leased the canal in the beel.

Denying allegations of creating obstruction in catching fish in the water body or physically assaulting any villager, he also claimed that clashes often break out in the area over disputed land in the water body. But he never gets himself involved in those disputes.

Contacted, Santhia Upazila Nirbahi Officer SM Jamal Ahmed said though he did not receive any formal complaint against Ashraf yet, they would take action upon receipt of a complaint.

The canal in the water body was leased out, but no one should have any problem catching fish in their own land, he added.

Pulse farming sees rise in Chowgachha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Mugh and maskalai farming sees gradual rise in Jashore's Chowgachha upazila as it brings good profit.

Farmers have cultivated the pulse on vast tracts of land in different unions of the upazila.

The unions include Swarupdah, Narayanpur, Sukhpukuria, Hakimpur, Jagadishpur and Patibila.

The growers are expecting bumper yield due to favourable weather this season.

According to the Upazila Agriculture Office, 550 hectares of land have been brought under mugh dal and maskalai cultivation this year while it was about 450 hectares last year.

Of them, maskalai has been cultivated on 310 hectares of land in the upazila this season.

Last year, 250 hectares of land were brought under maskalai cultivation while mugh dal was cultivated on 200 hectares of land, said an agriculture officer.

Farmers in the areas are showing more interest to cultivate mugh dal and maskalai than other crops due to its lower production cost and good market prices.

Maskalai has mainly cultivated in Fulsara and Singhajhuli unions of the upazila.

Due to the fertility of soil, the cultivation of Maskalai Bari-3 and Mugh Bari-3 and

Bari-4 has increased in the region.

During a visit, it was seen that maskalai has been cultivated on 30 bighas of land at Kadamtala and Madhabpur villages in Swarupdah union of Chowgachha.

Farmer Kajol Hossain in the union said Maskalai cultivation has become very popular among the growers in the area due to its lower production cost and good profit as well.

This year, he has cultivated maskalai on three bighas of land in the Bangla months of Bhadra and Ashwin, said Kajol, a resident of Madhabpur village.

If there is good market price this year, a maund of maskalai will be sold at Tk 3000 in the local market, he added.

Upazila Agriculture Officer Rois Uddin said farmers in the upazila cultivate mugh dal extensively.

But this year, besides mugh dal, maskalai has been cultivated extensively as it is more profitable than other crops, he said, adding that the cultivation is increasing every year.

The officer added that Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute has developed several high yielding varieties of mugh dal like Bari Mugh-2 (Kanti), Bari Mugh-3 (Pragati) and Bari Mugh-4 (Rupsa).

However, the farmers in the upazila have cultivated Bari Mugh-3 and Bari Mugh-4 varieties extensively, he said.



A farmer works at his maskalai field in Jashore's Chowgachha upazila.

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Local people form a human chain in Dinajpur's Nawabganj upazila parishad premises yesterday, urging the authorities concerned to protect the historic Ashur Beel from the clutch of influential grabbers.

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13 shops gutted in Barguna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

At least 13 shops were gutted in a fire at Gorjanbunia Bazar in Barguna Sadar upazila early yesterday.

Barguna fire service officials said, primarily they suspect that the fire might have originated from an electric short-circuit at a medicine shop in the market around 1:30am and soon engulfed adjacent 10 shops and three shops partially.

Police said, being informed, firefighters rushed to the spot and brought the blaze under control.

Request for Expression of Interest (EoI)

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Firm selection for the program of "BBS Survey, Data Service and Certificate Management"

1	Ministry/Division/ Agency	Ministry of Planning/Statistics & Informatics Division (SID)/ Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)
2	Procuring Entity Name/ District	Director, FA & MIS Wing, BBS, Dhaka
3	EoI for Selection of	A Firm for "BBS Survey, Data Service and Certificate Management"
4	EoI Ref No & Date	52.01.0000.218.07.003.20-040, Date: 03/11/2020
5	Procurement Sub Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
6	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget & GOB fund
7	Project/Programme Code & Name	Code: 120001210 Name: BBS Survey, Data Service and Certificate Management
8	EoI Closing Date, Time & Place	Date: 24-11-2020 Time: 12:00 am (BST) Place: Room # 402, 3rd Floor, Block # A, BBS, Dhaka
9	Brief Description of the Assignment	The "BBS Survey, Data Service and Certificate Management" includes but not limited to the following services: 1. Survey Design 2. Sample Design 3. Survey Operation & Management 4. Data Capturing & Processing 5. Report Generation & Publication 6. Data Management 7. Approval system 8. Certificate Management System 9. Online Data Sale using Payment Gateway (National & International), etc.
10	Experiences, Resources & Delivery Capacity Requires & Submission of EoI	Applicant must have adequate technical ability and resources. The minimum eligibility criteria are as follows: 1. A registered entity for at least 05 (Five) years having valid trade license (Inception & up to June, 2021); Income Tax clearing certificate for last 3 years (2017-2018, 2018-2019 & 2019-2020); Last three years annual turnover (Yearly turnover at least taka 3 (Three) core); Last two-years bank statement (2018-2019 & 2019-2020); VAT Registration Certificate; Certificate of Incorporation (If necessary); Up-to-Date BASIS Membership Certificate and Audit report for the year 2018-2019; 2. 05 (Five) years proven relevant practical experience (Work Order & Completion Certificate) of developing web and mobile based applications/software/e-governance/e-Service solution in the public sector; 3. Must have experience of designing, developing and implementing of at least 03 (Three) similar (web and mobile based applications/software/ e-governance/e-Service solution) projects for the Government of Bangladesh; 4. Need to have minimum 30 (Thirty) full time ICT personnel related to design, development and implementation of web and Mobile based applications/software/e-governance/e-Service solution; 5. Management capacity (brochures and other documents describing similar assignments, experience, availability of appropriate professional staff and experience among applicant's staff, resources to carry out the assignment); 6. Must have experience for developing & deploying systems using payment gateway (National & International); 7. The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the firm shall be Taka 1 (one) crore; 8. Original agreement in case of JV participation; 9. Bio-data/C.V (including photograph) of experts and other personnel to be engaged in the job and duly signed by the respective personnel; 10. List of experiences of similar works; 11. Only work order with completion certificates of similar job along with the details like name, address, fax and e-mail address and contact number of the customer; etc.
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Invitation for e-Tender (OTM, NCT, Goods)

e- Tenders are invited in the national e-GP portal for the procurement of following goods:

SI No	Tender ID No.& Package No.	Brief Description of Goods	Last Selling Date & Time	Last Closing Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
01	492266 PSSM/GD-06/ e4	Procurement of Book Shelf, Computer Table, Photocopier Table, Executive Chair & Arm Chair.	22/11/2020 17:00 PM	23/11/2020 11:00 AM	23/11/2020 11:00 AM
02	492270 FSD/GD-16/ e8	Procurement of 0.033 Million Roll Cotton 100gm.	22/11/2020 17:00 PM	23/11/2020 11:15 AM	23/11/2020 11:15 AM
03	492271 FSD/GD-17/ e9	Procurement of 0.2 Million Bottle Povidone Iodine.	22/11/2020 17:00 PM	23/11/2020 11:30 AM	23/11/2020 11:30 AM

These are online Tenders, where only e-Tenders will be accepted through the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender please register on e-GP portal. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the national e-GP portal have to be deposited online through any schedule Bank.

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