

Workers put up blockade in Karnaphuli river

CHITTAGONG, Mar 8: River transport business has come to a stand-still in some parts of the Karnaphuli river here when Coaster Hatch Sramik Thikadar Samity and Merchants Sramik (C and F) union are locked in a battle over their demands, reports BSS.

The Chittagong Bandar Lighterage Thikadar Samity, members and supporters of the two unions have put up blockade in the Sadarghat and Bangla Bazar areas of the Karnaphuli river since March 3 to press home their demands including right to work in the port.

Coasters and lighterage vessels cannot move in Sadarghat and Bangla Bazar areas because of the blockade. River transport business has been affected by the blockade, said Haji Muhammad Zakaria, General Secretary of the Lighterage Thikadar Samity.

Chittagong Port authority sources said that a committee comprising representatives from Chittagong chamber, clearing and forwarding agents and the port had been constituted to probe the genuineness of the demands of the two unions.

The committee is yet to submit its report.



Businessmen of New Market, Mirpur Road, Elephant Road and Gausia Market kept their shops shut yesterday in protest against the suspension of Awami Jubo League Chairman and Dhaka District Awami League General Secretary Mostafa Mohsin Montu from Awami League. — Star photo

Indefinite strike in Ctg City Corp from today

CHITTAGONG, Mar 8: Chittagong City Corporation employees and workers will go on an indefinite strike from today (Monday) to press home their demand for implementation of the national pay scales, reports BSS.

The corporation employees and workers have been holding rallies and processions for the last few days in support of their demands.

Rule Nisi on Red Crescent chairman

SC Correspondent

Upon a Writ petition filed by Fazul Haque Khan, Secretary, and four other Executive Committees of Gazipur Unit of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, a Division Bench of the High Court Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court comprising Mr Justice P H Md Habibur Rahman and Mr Justice K M Hassan issued a Rule Nisi upon the respondents, the Chairman, Managing Board and others to show cause as to why the order dated February 10, 92 purporting to supersede the Executive Committee, Gazipur Unit of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and to appoint an Ad-hoc Executive Committee should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority and to be of no legal effect.

Both the parties have been directed to maintain Status-quo with regard to the running of the Executive Committee of Gazipur unit.

The Rule is made returnable within six weeks. Mr Zakir Ahmed, counsel for the petitioners contended that elective public office of the petitioners cannot be taken away without complying with the provisions of natural justice.

Claim on drum factory land National Engr Ltd appeal dismissed

The Appellate Division bench of the Supreme Court by a majority judgement dismissed an appeal filed by National Engineers Limited claiming the land on which the drum factory is situated, reports BSS.

The four-member bench dismissed the appeal last Thursday. The National Engineers Limited owns the Drum Metal Limited (popularly known as drum factory).

Earlier, a High Court Division bench comprising Justice Mahmudur Rahman and Justice Mahmudul Amin Chowdhury also rejected the writ petition on August 27 last filed by National Engineers Ltd, who challenged the notice dated June 18, 1988 issued by Director of Military Lands and Cantonment Directorate.

Thereafter, Engineers Ltd. filed an appeal before the Appellate Division against the judgement of the High Court Division.

The Engineers Limited in its petition contended that they were in lawful possession of the land on bonafide claim of right and so the government could not evict them by summary procedure.

Replying to this contentions it was submitted on behalf of the government that Drums Metal Limited having had only lease-hold interest up to March 31, 1983.

The government also said that Engineers Ltd had no lawful right to continue in possession after the expiry of the period of lease. No claim of right existed in the land after the expiry of the period of

lease. Director of Defence had lawful authority of evict Engineers Ltd. from the said belonging to the Ministry of Defence.

The fact in brief, pursuant to an agreement for sale of the industrial enterprise of Drum Metal Limited on September 13, 1977 between the Ministry of Industry and National Engineers Limited, the said company agreed to purchase the abandoned assets of Drum Metal Limited.

National Engineers Limited got possession of the land along with plants and machinery. The factory was situated on a piece of land owned by Ministry of Defence. Drum Metal Limited had lease hold interest in the land up to March 31, 1983. After the expiry of the period of lease the government extended the same up to March 31, 1986 but the Engineers Ltd failed to vacate the land after the expiry of the period of lease.

Director of Military Lands and Cantonment Directorate issued a notice dated 18th June, 1988 upon the Engineers Ltd, directing them to hand over the possession of the land.

Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, Advocate M Nurullah and Advocate Mahmudul Islam appeared for the appellants. Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan appeared for the government.

Detention of Kazi Montu valid

SC Correspondent

A Division Bench comprising Justice Abdul Jalil and Justice Kazi Ebadul Haq on March 2 has upheld the detention of Kazi Mohmood Hossain Montu alias Kazi Montu. The detenu was arrested on August 16 last year by the police from his residence then he was served with the order of detention on August 21 the same year with a view to preventing him from acting in a manner prejudicial to the law and order and public safety.

His wife Habiba Mahmood challenged the order in the Supreme Court Division stat-

ing inter alia that the detention was mala fide, politically motivated and has been passed in the colourable exercise of power.

It was seriously urged by the government that the order was neither politically motivated nor mala fide.

It was further urged that the grounds of detention had nexus with the order of detention in as much as the detenu had organized illegal special army in Kotlipara Upazila, Faridpur under the name and style of USA (Upazila Special Army) which he was maintaining he had terrorised the entire area and thereby he has become a potential threat to the society.

It was further urged that the detaining authority having sufficient basis of information that the detenu was involved with a mission to hit the highest law officer of the country. These facts were treated to be the basis of his detention.

In support of the detention the government produced secret file in connection with the detenu and the court found substance and declared the detention valid, proper and with lawful authority.

Khondaker Mahaboob Hossain, advocate appeared for the petitioner and A F Hasan Arif, DAG, with Obaidur Rahman Mostafa, AAG appeared for the Government.

Four petrol pump owners fined in Rajshahi city

RAJSHAHI, Mar 8: A mobile court conducted by Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute (BSTI) here, recently realised Taka 17,000 as fine from the owners of four petrol pumps in the city for cheating customers, according to an official handout, reports BSS.

Use of electronic Bangla type writer stressed

A high-level meeting on introduction of modern Bangla electronic type writer was held (Sunday) with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan-Ara Begum in the chair, reports BSS.

HERE and THERE

Hossain Ali Sangsad

Hossain Ali Memorial Sangsad on Sunday held a discussion at its central office on the present political and economic situation.

The meeting was presided over by Syed Anwar Hossain while it was addressed by the GS of the Sangsad, Md Abdur Rauf Ahmed, Muslehuddin Ahmed, Kafiluddin Ahmed and Afzal Hossain Chowdhury.

Rauf in his speech said the government has failed to rule the country.

He said terrorism and economic stagnation has setted the country.

Kafiluddin in his speech said the government is trying to rehabilitate the ruzakars.

Peace For Ali

The regular weekly meeting of Pace For All on Friday viewed that the political parties should take programmes to uplift the rights of the women.

The meeting was held on the eve of International Women's Day.

The Chief Coordinator of the organisation said that it was giving special emphasis on the opening of a female unit of the organisation.

The meeting was presided over by Monjuara Poppy.

Fishermen Samity

The President of Bangladesh Small Fishermen Samity, Abdur Razzak Talukder and General Secretary, Anwar Hossain in a statement Sunday said 150 fishermen were now spending their days in the jails in India and another six fishermen were in Myanmar jail.

Although the samity repeatedly tried to free the fishermen, the government did not take any effective steps to bring back them, they alleged.

The leaders also said the fishermen still had no rights on the water-bodies and said they did not get any bank loan although provisions are there.

They demanded disbursement of easy termed loans to the fishermen.

Bangabandhu Shilpi Gosthi

Bangabandhu Shilpi Gosthi has chalked out elaborate programmes to celebrate the 72nd birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The programmes include discussion, cultural function, children rally, publication of souvenir.

Freedom Fighters' reunion

The first reunion of freedom fighters of Chandpur district will be held on April 9 at Chandpur Government College. Those who are interested to attend the function have been requested to contact Nasiruddin Ahmed in Dhaka (Phone 232255, 232236) or Advocate Fazul Haque Sarkar in Chandpur (Phone 3518, 3173).

Attack condemned

The Governor of the Committee to Banish Killers and Collaborators of 71, Jahanara Islam in a statement on Sunday condemned the attack of Jamaat in Dhaka on the Committee members who were posting posters on walls at Maghbazar on Saturday.

She said the Jamaat people not only killed and helped kill 30 lakh Bangladeshis in 1971, they are still active in the killing process. She urged all to resist the Jamaat and asked all to contact the Topkhana Road Office for any help.

Joy Bangla Jote

The mark the 72nd birth anniversary of Bangabandhu, Joy Bangla Sangskritik Otkya Jote will organise a painting contest for the children on March 13.

The contest will begin at 8 am at the Bangabandhu Bhaban at Dhanmondi.

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina will distribute prizes among the winners at 10-30 am the same day.

Theatre

A 55-member team of 'Theatre' recently visited Peni at the invitation of 'Sanglap', a cultural organisation of the district.

The Theatre team staged the drama 'Rakkhusi' at the Munir Chowdhury auditorium.

Ashoka-Bangladesh

Ashoka-Bangladesh recently elected three new associates, Dr. Mohammad Abdul Bari, Mashuda Khatun Shefali and Md. Abu Saeed, to its International Fellowship.

Ashoka is a non-profit organisation which supports local, innovative social entrepreneurs.

Dr. Bari is a child health specialist working to improve the quality and number of paediatrics in Bangladesh as well as developing strategies to improve children's health in remote, rural areas.

Saeed's area of expertise lies in the field of pisciculture. He plans to harness the tremendous potential of catfish farming in rural areas by matching theoretical knowledge with practical experience.

JAGPA

The President of JAGPA, Shaiful Alam Proshan on Sunday held a rally at Panchagarh Vaulaganj High School.

The rally was also addressed, among others, by local UP Chairman Sultunuzzaman, Advocate Azizul Islam and Mohammad Siraj.

City Corporation

The Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation, Mirza Abbas on Sunday urged the city businessmen to keep the prices of essentials under control. He also assured them that the problems related to their businesses would be solved.

The Mayor was speaking to the different quarters of businessmen at his office at the City Corporation.

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Tender schedule including full details, terms and conditions will be available with Assistant Manager (Local Purchase), Stores and Purchases Directorate, Admin Building, Zia, Kurmitola, Dhaka on all working days up to 17-3-92.

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DFF(BA) 1761-4/3 Deputy General Manager (Purchase)
G-254 Stores and Purchase Department.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority

International Tender Notice

Date: 27.2.92
Credit No.: 2048-BD

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of the Third Flood Rehabilitation Project, and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this Credit will be applied, through the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, to eligible payments under the contract for procurement of one (1) unit of Buoy Tender Vessel.

2. The Chief Engineer (Marine), Mechanical and Marine Engineering Department, BIWTA, BIWTA Bhaban (3rd floor), 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka, Bangladesh now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of one (1) unit of Buoy Tender Vessel.

3. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information form and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Chief Engineer (Marine), Mechanical and Marine Engineering Department, BIWTA, BIWTA Bhaban (3rd floor), 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka, Bangladesh. CABLE ADDRESS: AUTHORITY and TELEX NO. 642787 BIWTA-BJ.

4. A complete set of the Bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidder on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 15,000/- (Taka fifteen thousand) or US\$450/- (United States Dollar Four Hundred Fifty).

5. All bids must be accompanied by a security deposit of not less than two per cent (2%) of Bids amount and must be delivered to the above office on or before 11:00 hours on 5.5.92.

6. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 11:15 hours on 5.5.92 at the office of the Chief Engineer (Marine), Mechanical and Marine Engineering Department, BIWTA, BIWTA Bhaban (3rd floor), 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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M. A. Chowdhury
Chief Engineer (Marine).

What's on today

Ganotantrik Jubo Parishad
Ganotantrik Jubo Parishad will hold rallies at different places of the city today (Monday) from 2 pm to 7 pm in support of the committee to banish the killers and collaborators of 71.

The rallies will be held at the following places: Jatrabari square, Sayedabad Bus Terminal, Khilgaon Rail Crossing, Rampura Bazar, Mouchak square, Maghbazar square, Farmgate square, Mirpur Circle, Shantinagar square, Paltan square, GPO gate, Gulistan square and Press Club.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North
The 12th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held today (Monday) at 5:30 pm at Sonargaon hotel. Moulana Abul Kalam Azad will be the guest speaker of the meeting.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central
395th weekly regular general meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today (Monday) at 3:30 pm at Standard Credit Society Ltd, Rotarian Aziz Ahmed's board room, 7 Bjoyanagar, Dhaka.

Lions Club of Dhaka Central
In observance of the Lions Day with the United Nations the Lions Club of Dhaka Central will arrange a function today (Monday) at 9 am in the premises of the United Nations Information Centre, Road 11, House 25, Dhanmondi.

Milad Mahfil
On the occasion of the death of M M Lutfar Rahman, former Vice-President of Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies, a milad mahfil will be held today (Monday) at 5 pm at the FBCCI auditorium.

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Seminar on 'bio-medical study'
A seminar on "bio-medical study of spirulina" will be held on tomorrow (Tuesday) at 9 am at Alliance Francaise in the city.

Deputy Leader of the House in Jatiya Sangsad Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury will attend the seminar as the chief guest while Prof S A R Chowdhury, head of the Department of Pharmacology of IPGMR, will present the key-note paper.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer
Forest Extension Division
30, Bailey Road, Dhaka

Tender Notice No 17

Tenders in prescribed form under sealed cover are invited by Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Extension Division from Public Works Department/Roads & Highways Department/Water and Power Development Boards/City Corporation/Zila Parishad/Upazila Parishad/MES enlisted and up to current year renewed 1st, 2nd and 3rd class contractors for completion of the undermentioned construction and repair works.

Schedule for submission of tender can be purchased at the rate mentioned below from Officer-in-Charge, Dhaka Sadar Nursery Centre, 33, Bailey Road and Range Officer, Dhaka Sadar, Range Mahakhali, Dhaka up to 24 hours prior to submission of tender, other information regarding the tender may be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and Divisional Forest Officer, Dhaka Forest Division during office hours.

Tenders in prescribed form under sealed cover will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned and Divisional Forest Officer, Dhaka Forest Division (Mahakhali Bano Bhavan) Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon on 15-3-92 Sunday and the tender boxes will be opened on the same day at 12:30 hours at the office of the undersigned in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Schedule				
Site and description of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money at the rate 5%	Price of schedule	Time limit for completion of works
1	2	3	4	5
1. Repair to and development of Link Road of Divisional Forest Officer's office at 33 Bailey Road, Dhaka.	1,34,692/-	6,750/-	400/-	Within 25 days of receiving Work Order.
2. Construction of Grille fencing with wall on eastern and northern boundary of Sadar Nursery Centre at 33 Bailey Road, Dhaka.	35,000/-	1,750/-	400/-	-Do-
3. Repair to Bathroom attached to Divisional Forest Officer's Office at 33, Bailey Road, Dhaka.	9,055/-	455/-	400/-	Within 15 days of receiving Work Order.
4. Repair to residence of Officer in-charge, Mouchak Forest Extension Centre, Upazila-Kaliakoir, District Gazipur.	16,815/-	850/-	400/-	-Do-

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