

Sacrifice of '71 martyrs still unsung in Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, Mar 14: Narsingdi lost a number of its intellectuals and notables during the nine-month of the Liberation War in which the people of the district put up an indomitable resistance against the Pakistani occupation army.

Patriotism prompted the freedom-loving people of Narsingdi to join the War of Liberation immediately after crack-down by the Pakistani Army. They had prepared themselves for resisting the occupation forces after taking training in different parts of India. Those who stayed back in Bangladesh helped the freedom fighters in all possible ways. People of all walks of life including students, youths, Ansars, intellectuals, doctors, journalists, writers, peasants and political leaders of Narsingdi had taken up arms to build resistance against the occupation Pakistani forces when they had entered the district on April 4, 1971.

Narsingdi district got liberated from the occupation forces on December 12 after a nine-month long bloody armed struggle, but in the process quite a good number of intellectuals and notables of the district had to sacrifice their lives. Among them were senior lecturer of Dhaka University Giasuddin Ahmed, Administrative Officer of North Bengal Sugar Mills in Rajshahi, Mohammad

Shahidullah, Chairman of the Administrative Department of Education and Research Centre of Dhaka University, Dr Sadat Ali, Lecturer of Narsingdi College, Prof Suruj Kumar Nath, Adhikari of Narsingdi College, Engineer Mohammad Fazlur Rahman, Chief Engineer of Chittagong Port Authority, Shamsuzzaman and Flight Lieutenant Matiar Rahman.

Like many other regions of the country, the Pakistani forces with active cooperation of local collaborators had left a trail of devastation in every part of the district. Members of various professional groups including service holders, businessmen and peasants along with freedom fighters had taken up arms to fight against the occupation forces. And in the process, a lot of innocent people had to die while mothers and sisters had to lose their chastity.

The Pakistani forces did havoc in different parts of Narsingdi. Members of Narsingdi Sadar, Raipura, Shibpur, Monohardi, Palash and Belaboo thanas under the district, causing immense sufferings to the people.

To cite a few examples of barbaric acts of the enemy forces and their collaborators, the 'rajakars' had burnt local Awami League leader Abdul Jalil to death. Jalil was President of the party ward

committee in Sankhola village in Ayubpur union under Shibpur thana. The victim's family members are now passing their days amidst utmost suffering. Miar Uddin and Abu Sadek had embraced martyrdom in a front-fight between the Pakistani forces and the freedom fighters. Their family members also now facing hardship.

60-year old Kalachand, a freedom fighter of Raipura thana, expressed his dismay over his present deplorable condition. He cannot just bear the burden of acute hardship at this stage of life. Kalachand became nostalgic, recalling the memories of the days during the War of Liberation. He questioned 'Will our government do anything beneficial for us?'

Mother of Sabani of Sokar-char village and Khodeja of Khaineak village under Shibpur thana had lost their husbands during the War of Liberation. They themselves were also freedom fighters. But luck betrayed with them as they are now facing hardship in their day to day life.

Wounded freedom fighter Zahurul Huq of Raipura thana is still alive. Bullets ripped through various limbs of his body in a front-fight near Hatubanga Bridge under the thana. He now lives on begging. He sleeps in a shanty covered

with polythene papers adjacent to railway track. Likewise, freedom fighter Berek Mia, of Chintspur union under Narsingdi thana, is passing his days on begging.

Freedom fighters Moslem Mia and Mohammad Ali of Raipura thana live by pulling rickshaws. Wounded freedom fighter Nasir Mia of Sadar thana is passing his days in utmost miseries. Similarly a number of freedom fighters and family members of many martyrs freedom fighters are facing the same fate.

Such painful scenario speak of one thing that the nation is yet to build a society congenial for the freedom fighters who shed their bloods for the independence of the country. Many families of the freedom fighters are now distressed. Those who had taken up arms and fought for the liberation of their motherland at the critical juncture of the country are often found with torn shirts and lungis or moving from doors to doors for financial support for living.

Freedom fighters have now been turned into mere beggars, living in utmost poverty. Ironically, many of those who had collaborated with the occupation forces during the War are now passing their days with stables condition, sound economic backing and luxury.

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Sarbahara men active again

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Mar 14: Members of outlawed Sarbahara Party are active again in different areas of Barisal division.

They have started collecting fund through robbery and extortion, creating panic among people.

Besides, several clashes between the Sarbahara Party activists in different places have occurred during the last three months.

According to local people, the outlaws generally become active in harvesting periods in villages. They also become active during local body elections.

Mainly two factions, Kamrul group and Zia group, often clash in different areas in Babuganj, Gouradi, Moladi and Ullipur of thanas of Barisal district.

The outlaws are also active in Galachipa and Dashmina thanas of Patuakhali district, Swarupkathi and Nazirpur thanas of Pirojpur district, Kalkini thana of Madaripur district and many other places in Faridpur district.

Last year the government declared general amnesty for outlaws and terrorists. But small number of outlaws from

the region surrendered to police. Most of them virtually went to hibernation during the period.

About 150 activists of Sarbahara Party from the region surrendered and most of them belonged to Kamrul group.

BSS from Shariatpur says: Police on Tuesday recovered bodies of three suspected members of Sarbahara Party from Dhamudya and Naria thanas.

Dhamudya thana police recovered two bodies from an abandoned house at Basalla village in the afternoon.

Quoting local people, police said that members of rival groups of Sarbahara party might have committed the killings.

Naria thana police recovered one body from Dinara village in the morning. The victim was identified as Babul, 26. He was suspected to be a member of the outlawed Sarbahara party.

Earlier, on February 16, villagers being fed up with the atrocities of the members of Sarbahara party rounded off six members and gauged their eyes.

News snaps

Trawler capsizes

BARGUNA, Mar 14: An over-loaded goods-laden trawler capsized in the river Jhophkhal in Betagi of the district on Monday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the trawler capsized in the morning on its way to Badankhali Bazar from Jhalakati river port. The boatmen and the businessmen of Badankhali who hired the trawler, however, managed to swim ashore.

'Hold CBA polls'

PALASH (Narsingdi), Mar 14: A big workers' rally was held on Sunday at Ghorasal Bangladesh Jute Mills Gate, reports BSS.

The rally was addressed by Azizul Haq Arun Mia, Abdul Hamid Bhuiyan, Mojibur Rahman, Md Farid Mia, Hasan Mia and Motahar Hasan. The speakers demanded holding of CBA election in the BJMC controlled Jute Mills as early as possible. According to labour union sources, the duration of CBA expired on the 9th March.

Woman killed in road accident

BARISAL, Mar 14: An insane woman was killed in a road accident at Choumatha in Kashipur on Dhaka-Barisal highway on Saturday, reports UNB.

Police said Laily Begum, 45, was critically injured when a bus knocked her down while she was crossing the road. She died at a local hospital after admission. A case was filed.

Comilla Bar Assoc polls

COMILLA, Mar 14: Election of Comilla district Bar Association was held on March 9, reports BSS.

Advocate Muhammad Ismail and Advocate M Moazzem Hossain were elected President and General Secretary respectively for the current year 2000. Other elected office bearers are: Vice Presidents — Lokman Hossain, Sayed Zaluuddin, Treasurer — Mostafa Kamal, Assistant General Secretary — Kazi Emdadul Hoque, Enrolment Secretary — Nazir Ahmed Hossain, Library Secretary — Yusuf Ali, Cultural and Recreation Secretary — Sayeda Nilofar Akhter, Criminal Court Branch Secretary — M Shariful Islam.

Body recovered

SATKHIRA, Mar 14: Police recovered the body of a cowboy from a pond in Dhanpur village under Ashasuni thana recently, reports UNB.

Sheikh Nazrul Islam, 10, of village had been missing since he along with his master Zontu Miah went out to search for their stolen cows. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with Ashasuni police.

Training concludes

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Mar 14: A self-employment training programme under horticulture development project concluded here recently, reports UNB.

Some 6,000 people, mostly women, were trained so far under the five-year scheme aimed at making women self-reliant by utilising their homeward for producing vegetable, spices and fruits. Asian Development Bank (ADB) financed the project, which included cultivation of vegetables and spices.

Six schemes implemented

CHUADANGA, Mar 14: All the six schemes undertaken for implementation by the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) at a total cost of Taka 38,95,000 have been completed recently, reports BSS.

According to an official source, of the total schemes, one has been implemented in Chuadanga Sadar, two in Alamdanga, one in Damurhuda and two in Jibannagar. The schemes have been implemented under the "Construction and Reconstruction of Infrastructures Damaged by Flood in the Rural Areas on Priority Basis" programme.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Department of Films & Publications
112, Circuit House Road, Dhaka
No. 3-32/1999-2000(F)

Re-Tender Notice

No 78 (F)/1999-2000

Sealed open tenders are invited from established supplier establishment for purchasing 16 mm canspool of 800 feet.

Description of goods	Quantity
Aluminium Cans with 16 mm canspools	2000 (two thousand)

Each set of tender will be available from the Accounts Section of this Department on payment of Taka 400 (four hundred) till 21-03-2000 (07-12-1406) during office hours. Tender will be opened on 22-03-2000 (08-12-1406) at 11-35 AM.

Sharke Chaman Khan
Assistant Director (Films)
&
Member-Secretary, Tender Committee

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Social Welfare Deptt instructor sued

NETRAKONA, Mar 14: A technical instructor of Social Welfare Department in Durgapur thana has been sued for his alleged corruption, reports UNB.

According to the case filed with Durgapur police station, technical instructor Abdul Khaleque embezzled Tk 3 lakh sanctioned for various projects.

Man with counterfeit notes held

JOYPURHAT, Mar 14: Police arrested a man along with 26 counterfeit notes of Tk 100 from Panchbibi thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Patrol police caught Rezaul Karim for his suspicious movement around the local railway station and recovered the forged notes from his possession.

Rezaul, believed to be a member of an organised gang, was sent to jail.

Work on dam progressing

JHALAKATI, Mar 14: Work on 40-km canal excavation and 22-km embankment construction in Rajapur thana here is progressing fast, reports UNB.

Local Government Engineering Department is implementing the projects at a cost of Tk 2.11 crore.

The projects include improvement of drainage and irrigation system and construction of embankment in Baroia and Saturia unions.

The projects will be extended to four other unions in phases.

Four get life term in Naogaon

NAOGAON, Mar 14: A court here has sentenced four people to life term rigorous imprisonment in sensational Abul murder case, reports UNB.

Court sources said the convicts — Nazrul Islam, Jamala, Meser Ali and Taleb — will also have to pay Tk 10,000 each as fine, in default, to suffer one year more RI.

According to prosecution, the accused called Abul Hossain out of his house at village Bangra in Manda thana on July 21, 1995. He was missing since then and his body was recovered two days later from a pond.

Police submitted charge-sheet against the accused after investigation and the judge after examining the witnesses and records handed down the verdict recently.

Another from Kurigram says: A man has been condemned to 12 years of hard labour in jail for smuggling drugs.

The case history in brief: A squad from Narcotics Control Department raided the house of Sri Bhanu Basak of Bhungamari on Nov 11, 1997 and arrested him along with 39 bottles of Indian drugs.

After examining the records and witnesses, Assistant Sessions Judge Kazi MA Joyal

Dacoity at Rupali Bank branch in Bhola: Tk 1.54 lakh looted

BARISAL, Mar 14: Armed bandits broke into the Doury branch of Rupali Bank in Lal-mohan thana of Bhola district and looted Tk 1.54 lakh on Saturday night, reports UNB.

Bank sources said the robbers entered into the bank branch breaking its door open and looted the cash from its vault.

They also took away a double barrel gun, as there was no guard during the time of dacoity, the sources said.

Senior officials from the bank's Barisal regional office visited the branch.

Tender Invitation Notice

- Auction tender notice : 23 EA (Raj) 1999-2000 (2nd call).
- Name of work : Sale of total 24 old *shishu* trees and dry wood in auction on the 59th KM of Kushtia-Meherpur road in front of Meherpur Government College under Executive Arboriculturist, R&H, Rajshahi as per group list during 1999-2000 fiscal year.
- Approved value as : As per group list stated.
- Earnest money : 10 (ten) per cent of the cost quoted in the tender in the forms of Treasury Chalan, Pay Order/Bank Draft (which can be exchanged in any scheduled bank in Rajshahi city) in favour of Executive Arboriculturist, R&H, Rajshahi.
- Time limit for felling and removal of trees : As per group list stated.
- Eligibility of auction tenderer : All classes of contractors under R&H Department timber merchant/firm and financially solvent any individual.
- Offices in which auction tender will be available for sale : Executive Engineer, R&H, Kushtia, Assistant Arboriculturist, R&H, Rangpur/Khulna & Executive Arboriculturist, R&H, Rajshahi.
- (Offices) by which auction tender will be received : Chief Arboriculturist, R&H, Paikpara, Mirpur, Dhaka, Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Jessore and office of the undersigned.
- Last date and time of selling auction tender : 21-03-2000 (till office hours).
- Last date and time of receiving auction tender : 22-03-2000 (till 12.15 PM).
- Date and time of opening auction notice : All tenders will be opened on 27-03-2000 at 10 AM after collecting all sealed auction tenders from other offices.
- All detailed information can be collected from the office of the undersigned during office hours and interested buyers can see the trees any day at the site as stated in the schedule and can remain present in the office of the undersigned on the day of opening auction tender.

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Md Abdul Hamid
Executive Arboriculturist R&H
Rajshahi.



Farmers plant Boro paddy saplings at village Athrokhada in Magura district. Boro cultivation is going on in full swing in the district. — Star photo

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Re-Tender No-04 Ukhia 02/2000

Tenders are invited from manufacturers/suppliers establishments under the undermentioned ruling and terms and conditions for purchasing 1 (one) new jeep for the project titled 'Installation of One TV Relay Station of Ukhia' of Bangladesh Television.

a) Technical ruling of jeep:	Standard fixed for government vehicles (standardised)
Description of jeep: Petrol-fuelled, right hand drive with 4-6 cylinders, 1500-3000 cc, 4x4 wheel drive, 7-9 seated and with 3/5 door. White colour will be preferred.	1. Toyota, 2. Mitsubishi, 3. Nissan, 4. Daihatsu, 5. Isuzu, 6. Suzuki, 7. Landrover.

Terms and conditions:
01. Tk 750.00 (seven hundred and fifty only which is not refundable) will have to be deposited in

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head in Bangladesh Bank through Treasury Chalan and the original copy of chalan will have to be submitted with the quotation of rate. No rate quotation, without the copy of chalan will be acceptable.
02. Tenders will have to be submitted in the tender box kept at the office of the Project Director, Project for Installation of 1-TV Relay Station at Ukhia, Bangladesh Television, 121, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbagh, Dhaka-1000 by 12-00 Noon on March 22/2000, and tenders will be opened the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderers (if anyone remains present). If it is not possible to receive and open tender on that date due to unavoidable circumstances, then it will be received and opened the following working day at the time stated.

03. Number of seats, model number, month and year of import/assemble will have to be mentioned legibly.
04. Price will have to be quoted with registration cost. Price of vehicle and registration expenses will have to be shown separately. Price quoted will remain valid till 30-06-2000.
05. The jeep will have to be supplied in the above mentioned address within 21 (twenty-one) days of getting the order of delivery. The cost of the vehicle will be paid from the office of the Chief Accounts Officer (Information) through a cheque of Bangladesh Bank in local currency.
06. The jeep will have to be right-hand drive.
07. The name of the manufacturing country and the year of manufacture will have to be mentioned. Original catalogue of the model quoted will have to be given with quotation of rate. Photocopy will not be acceptable.

08. Cylinder, Horse Power and cc will have to be mentioned in quotation of rate. Water, cassette, standard tools, with box jack, jack handle, spare wheel etc will have to be built in.
09. The establishment which will quote rate will have to be the manufacturer/importer/ assembler/ supplier establishment and should have an established repairing workshop.

10. Supplier will have to give warranty of accurate service of all kinds of machine, spare parts for a period of 1 (one) year from the day of delivery. If any machine or parts become inoperative during this period, then it will have to be supplied and get it repaired free of cost.
11. Security money at the rate of 2.50% (two point five zero per cent, which is refundable) of the quoted rate in the forms of Bank Draft/Pay Order by name of Finance Officer, National Broadcasting Authority (Television) will have to be given. If the tenderer fails to deliver the vehicle or withdraws the quotation of rate, then the security money will be forfeited. Security money for the unsuccessful tenderers will be refunded.

12. Terms and conditions as mentioned above will have followed properly, otherwise quotation of rate won't be considered. An undertaking regarding "shall abide by all terms and conditions of the tender" will have to be given with quotation of rate.

13. The BTV authority can accept or reject any or all quotation of rates without assigning any reason.

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