

Some unknown martyrs of Sylhet town

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, Mar 27: People of Sylhet still remember the days of our liberation war with great awe.

Twenty-third March was the Republic Day of Pakistan. It was observed as Resistance Day in 1971. People hoisted the new Bangladeshi flag atop many houses and government buildings on the day.

Here a group of Chhatra League activists gathered in the house of Awami League leader Dewan Farid Gazi in Sheikhghat area. Afterwards they went to the Deputy Com-

missioner's (DC) office in the new Bangladesh flag atop the DC office. They also brought out a big stick procession in the town. Thousands of freedom-loving people joined the procession from different areas. They chanted different slogans denouncing the Pakistani Junta's repressive acts.

It was mid-night of March 25. A good number of enthusiasts gathered in front of the office of the district Awami League. There the AL workers were preparing for another 'Stick Procession' in the town on the next day. The then Gen- eral Secretary of the district Awami League and member of the National Assembly, Dewan Farid Gazi was standing in front of Awami League office. Many people were anxiously waiting to know the latest news of the situation. Farid Gazi told

some of the leaders that he had tried to contact with the leaders in Dhaka, but telephone links could not be established. However, after some time he informed that Samad Azad (member) had talked to him over telephone just a few minutes back from Dhaka. He informed that the occupation Pakistani Army had brought out tanks and armoured vehicles from the cantonment. Gazi instantly cautioned all that mass killing might take place throughout the country. He advised the people.

then West Pakistan. Agitated people, specially the youths created barricades at various places. However, the occupation Pak Army cleared almost all of the barricades soon.

Pak Army strengthened their positions at different important places in the town and as well in some other key points. People began to leave the town towards various Indian border points.

In the mean time, Pakistani army began their operation of killing and destruction at various places. Great panic was cre-

Rly land grabbers warned

PARBATIPUR (Dinajpur) Mar 27: State Minister for Communications Anisul Huq Chowdhury on Saturday warned against the illegal land grabbers of Bangladesh railway and said legal actions would be taken against the illegal occupants of railway land by evicting them, reports BSS.

The warning came at his meeting with the high officials of Railway Western Zone, during his visit to the railway land and buildings here.

Anis said actions will also be taken against those officials and employees of railways who are involved with illegal occupants of railway land.

Describing railway as a safe mode of transportation, the State Minister said services of railway will have to be improved to turn Railway into profit-making organisation.

He asked the officials and employees of railway to discharge their duties with honesty, efficiency and hard-work.

Earlier, the State Minister visited the repairing works of Rangpur-Parbatipur-Maddypara road.

60 kg hemp recovered, two held

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 27: Police recovered about 60 kg of ganja, or hemp, and arrested two persons from a boat in the river Jamuna near Hatilad under Beluchi thana last week.

During a patrol in the river, police raided the boat on suspicion recovered the contraband and arrested boatman Zel Huq, 50, and his son Rafiqul, 20, of village Dolkhaor Char under Ulupur thana in Kurigram district.

Zel Huq told police an influential hemp trader rented the boat for carrying the contraband.

Robbers loot valuables from temple

COX'S BAZAR, Mar 27: Armed dacoits looted valuables from a temple at Nathpara in Chakoria thana here on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police said a group of bandits stormed into the Kalimondir and ransacked seven statues and furniture and looted gold chains and wall clocks.

Later villagers caught two of them from a house near the temple and handed over them to the police.

The arrested were identified as Abu Taleb, a police source, of Dulahazara village of Chakoria thana and Momtaz Mia Mintu of Baghmara village in Banishekhal thana.

A case was filed with the police.

Bail prayer rejected

SHERPUR, Mar 27: A Union Parishad (UP) chairman was sent to jail after a court here rejected his bail petition on Thursday, reports UNB.

Police said Khandaker Amanullah, chairman of Rani Shimul Union in Sreewardi thana, was arrested on charge of misappropriating 766 kgs of foodgrains from 9 mts allocated for VGF programme ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

Death anniversary

By Staff Correspondent



The second death anniversary of renowned social worker Abdul Jabbar will be observed on Tuesday (today) at Charkoona village under Pakundia thana in Kishoreganj district.

Abdul Jabbar, who was also called Master Sahab, was the founder of Charkoona High School and the founder president of the governing body of Char Adarsha College.

A milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayer on the occasion at the house of the deceased at village Charkoona. Relatives and friends are requested to attend the programme.

Cow boy injured by BSF

JAMALPUR, Mar 27: A cow boy was injured when BSF opened fire on March 20 at about 12-45 pm, according to BDR sources, reports BSS.

Shahadat Hossain, 12, a cow boy while looked after cattle within 50 yards of border post in Jhowgram under Rowmari police station of Kurigram district, suddenly BSF opened fire causing serious injury to Shahadat. He was immediately taken to a hospital.

Battalion Commander of BDR, Jamalpur said he lodged protest to the Company Commander of BSF. But they denied the charge. He will file soon another protest note.

Tale of an unknown freedom fighter

From Aroop Talukdar



Saharara Parveen Shova

BARISAL, Mar 27: Shova, a valiant woman freedom fighter of the War of Liberation, was never interested to bring her name into limelight. For about 27 years after the war she remained in the dark before being issued with a certificate in 1998 which recognised her as a freedom fighter.

An introvert Shova, was not interested to be known as a freedom fighter. Saharara Parveen Shova was one of the members of the 16-member 'suicide squad' Shova fought at the Kuriana village under Swarupkathi thana of Pirojpur district during the liberation war in 1971 under sector 9.

Now Shova, wife of Sahajahan, is working as a family welfare assistant (FWA) at the Banaripara Health Complex in Barisal district.

Barisal district.

Shova was married off when she was a student of class nine. In 1971, Pakistani occupation soldiers killed her husband brutally.

After the incident, she joined freedom fighters to avenge the killing of her husband.

Shova participated in the training camp set up by freedom fighters. When Pakistani soldiers attacked Kuriana village, Shova fought with other freedom fighters along a fierce battle against the occupation forces.

Shova also rescued two young girls from the clutches of Pakistani soldiers. Three Pakistani soldiers caught the two girls and were taking their camp in a speedboat. Shova threw a bomb at the boat. The boat sank.

Later freedom fighter rescued the girls and killed the enemies.

Shova later was caught by the occupation army and was jailed in Barisal. After 17 days she was released.

Shova further went into hiding and engaged herself in guerrilla warfare.

But thousands of freedom fighters like Shova were not recognised as freedom fighters. They remained unknown.

After the liberation, Shova took shelter at Jhalakati Women Rehabilitation Centre, where she took training on woman welfare.

She started her life afresh. She married again. She is now blessed with two children.

Good news for elderly but lonely rich people

SYLHET, Mar 27: Good news for elderly but lonely rich people. A home with all modern facilities will be constructed here for them soon, reports UNB.

According to officials, the government has already selected a five-acre panoramic land near the BDR headquarters in Srimongal thana for the proposed home to be known as

Abasar.

They said construction works on the home, first of its kind in the country, is expected to begin early next fiscal and be completed by 2002.

They said the project expenditure will be finalised upon completion of necessary works, including soil test and building design.

Initially, 50 flats will be constructed to accommodate 50 elderly rich couples from posh areas of the country's big cities, including Gulshan and Banani.

The home will have a mini hospital, vehicles for pleasure trip, arrangement for self-cooking and recreational facilities.

Each couple will have to pay a fixed amount of rent to be decided upon completion of the project.

Meanwhile, officials from Social Welfare Ministry, including its Secretary Dr Khondra Mohon Das, visited the project site recently.

During the visit, the secretary said the government has chosen the district for the project for its scenic beauty.

Motia visits Naogaon

NAOGAON, Mar 27: Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury said Awami League's politics of 'democracy and development' under dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has generated confidence among people across the country, reports BSS.

The minister said this while addressing a party rally at Naogaon ground here on Thursday.

Referring to recent visit of US President Bill Clinton, the minister said the visit enhanced the prestige and glory of the country abroad. She hoped that this visit will create impact in the economic development of the country in near future.

News snaps



A unique example

Sirajganj Motor Workers' Union has set a rare example by donating an amount of Taka 60,000 to the widow of a member of the union who was killed on August 15 in 1999 by some terrorists at Rangpur Jahaj Company intersection. Photo shows Sahera Begum, widow of the victim receiving the donation at a function at New Dhaka Road on March 23 from workers' leader Nazimuddin, while Sirajganj Motor Workers' Union leader Abdul Kuddus, Mobarak Hussain Titu, leader of North Bengal Motor Workers' Union and Nasiruddin, General Secretary of North Bengal Road Transport Workers' Union look on.

— Star photo by Akhteruzzaman Bablu

Marriage trickery!

JAMALPUR, Mar 27: Trickery by fake marriage registrars has increased in seven thanas, giving rise to multiple and early marriages, reports UNB.

According to an official, there is one government marriage registrar in each union of the country in addition to 4-5 sub-registrars. But some fake registrars have grown up who are registering the marriages of under 18 girls and polygamists, violating the country's laws. There are some 100 unauthorised marriage registrars in the district, said an official.

Eight killers convicted

HABIGANJ, Mar 27: A court here has convicted eight people to life term imprisonment in a murder case, reports UNB.

The court also fined the convicts — Mohon Miah, Mohammad Ali, Rahmat Ali, Farook Miah, Misir Ali, Abdul Hye, Renu Miah and Mohammad Ali of Joipur village of Madhabpur thana — Tk 500 each, in default, to suffer 15 days more rigorous imprisonment. According to prosecution, the convicts killed their fellow-villager Atar Ali in his house on April 21, 1991 following previous enmity. The Judge after examining records and witnesses punished the eight and acquitted 19 others on March 20.

Boy killed in road accident

JAMALPUR, Mar 27: A boy was killed in a road accident on at Fulbaria on Jamalpur-Madhupur Road on March 20. The victim was identified as Saiful Islam, 14, son of Muslimuddin of Fulbaria under Jamalpur Municipality, reports BSS.

According to witnesses, Saiful, while riding a by-cycle, was knocked down by a speeding tempo at the back on March 19. He received serious injury and was rushed to Jamalpur General Hospital and later he was shifted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where he died. Following the accident some angry youths ransacked some tempos at the stand here.

Second case under PSA at Muladi

BARISAL, Mar 27: The second case under PSA was filed against two persons, Kamal Hawlader and Ali Sarder, in Muladi thana on March 17 for collecting illegal tolls from a businessman, reports BSS.

According to police, the accused forcibly realised Taka 17,000 in the name of toll and took a wrist watch from the businessman, Rafikul Islam at Ramchara area when he was going to Banaripara in a boat on Arhial Khan river loading vegetables.

Electrification programme

KHULNA, Mar 27: In an effort to bring 102 villages under electrification, Jessore Palli Bidyut Samity-2 is installing power lines in Fultala thana in Khulna and Avoynagar thana in Jessore districts, reports UNB.

Officials said a 518-km electricity line has already been installed in the area while works on 487 kms are progressing fairly well. The Samity has so far given 19,385 power connections, including 15,229 household ones, to its consumers. Another report adds: Local Government Engineering Department has undertaken 14 small projects, involving Tk 56 lakh, to construct roads and culverts in four thanas of the district in the current fiscal. The projects are likely to be completed by June next.

Two killed in road mishap

GAIBANDHA, Mar 27: Two persons were killed and 45 injured as a night coach dashed with a roadside tree at Taltala on Bogra-Rangpur highway Friday night, reports UNB.

Mizanur Rahman, 20, of village Donga and Monsur, 30, of Kasia More, passengers of the coach, died on the spot. Police said the accident occurred at 10-45 pm when a tyre of the Dhaka-bound coach of Jahangir Enterprise was burst and dashed with the tree with a big bang. Of the injured, 5 were admitted to the Rangpur Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H Road Division, Habiganj Telephone: 53269

Tender Invitation Notice

- 1) Tender Notice : 18 (eighteen) / Executive Engineer, No R&H, Road Division, Habiganj 1999-2000.
- 2) Name of work : Repairing with sealcoat at the 5th (p), 6th (p), 7th (p) & 8th (p) km of Jagadishpur-Shajibazar-Shayestaganj Road under Habiganj Road Division during 1999-2000 financial year.
- 3) Estimated cost : Taka 6,99,465/-
- 4) Earnest money : Taka 13,990/-
- 5) Time limit for completion of work : 10 (ten) days.
- 6) Eligibility of : "A" to "E" General Class.
- 7) Head of : 168 Repair.
- 8) Estimate of : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
- 9) Offices where tender to be received at : Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Moni: & Eva: Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Habiganj.
- 10) Offices where tender to be sent from : Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Habiganj/Moulvibazar/Sylhet/Sunamganj/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning Division-1 (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, R&H, Road Sub-Division, Habiganj/Shayestaganj/Assistant Engineer, R&H, 1st Line Workshop, Habiganj.

- 11) Last date & time of selling tender : 03-04-2000 up to office hours.
- 12) Last date & time of receiving tender : 04-04-2000 up to 12:30 PM.
- 13) Date & time of opening tender : 09-04-2000 at 11:00 AM.
- 14) Date & time of lottery : 12-04-2000 at 12:00 Noon.

N.B: Estimate of the work has not been approved. Rate & item of work will be finally fixed after approval of estimate.

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Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Bagerhat

Notice Inviting Tender

No. 16/99-2000

1. Sealed tenders in BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the approved enlisted building contractor/firm of PWD according to their enlistment capacity for the undermentioned work and will be received by the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna & the undersigned as well as the Executive Engineers, PWD Division-I/II, Khulna & Satkhira up to 12-00 Noon of 11.4.2000 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the intending tenderer who may like to remain present. The tender form and tender documents may be seen and obtained from all the offices of the Executive Engineers under PWD Circle Khulna up to 10.4.2000 during office hours on payment of usual charges.
2. Name of work : P/F of E/I work compound and gate light, S/Inst of transformer and pump motor set for public library at Bagerhat.
3. Estimated cost : Tk. 6,01,584/-
4. Earnest money : 12,050/-
5. Time for completion of the work is 180 days from the date of issue of work order.

Executive Engineer
PWD Division
Bagerhat

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বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিষায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Limited, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong invites sealed quotation on C&F (C) Chittagong basis under any suitable source of financing for the following items under two envelope system:-

Tender No	Materials	Opening date	Cost of tender
1. F/09(B)/MPIC-05/05/99/POP	Maize Starch — 200 MT	19.4.2000	Tk. 300/-
2. F/48/MPIC-09/19/99/POP	Gate Valve — 1 No.	19.4.2000	Tk. 100/-
3. F/51/MPIC-35/57/2000/POP	Paracol-44OT Wax Emulsion — 16 MT	19.4.2000	Tk. 250/-
4. F/52/MPIC-05/48/2000/POP	Graphited Asbestos Gland Packing	19.4.2000	Tk. 100/-
5. F/53/MPIC-34/49/2000/POP	M G Ribbed Felt (PM-3) — 1 No.	19/4/2000	TK. 50/-
6. F/54/MPIC-04/51/2000/POP	Double Layer Forming (PM-2) — 1 No.	19.4.2000	TK. 50/-

The quotation duly supported by 1% (min. Tk. 1000/-) earnest money will be received up to 11:00 AM in the mentioned date and will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers, if any. The tender document on cash payment may be obtained from (a) Dy. Chief Accountant, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd., 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong and (b) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha Com. Area, Dhaka on all working days. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening.

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