

## National

## Firoz murder Confused postmortem report triggers people's anger

From Akhteruzzaman Bablu

SIRAJGANJ, May 21: Hundreds of people of Bagmati union under Sirajganj Sadar upazila brought out a huge procession from Bagmati to Sirajganj Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office on Thursday protesting the postmortem report of the murder of Firoz Khan, 18, where a false name was written.

They paraded about 10 kilometres path carrying banners and placards. They alleged that the name of Firoz Khan was shown as Firoza Khatun, 40, in the postmortem report.

They chanted various slogans such as "Firoz Keno Firoza hoto, Gushhor Doktor Jabab Chal" (Why did Firoz's name become Firoza? We want a fair befitting reply from the corrupt doctor).

The processionists said Firoz was allegedly murdered after being seriously beaten by his houseowner Abul Hossain and his son of village Char Hasna under Sirajganj Sadar thana on April 22 last.

Firoz worked in Abul's house in exchange of Tk 7,000 per year. He worked there for seven

months. Following an illicit love affair between Abul's daughter Eti, 18, and one college student of the same village — Char Hasna, the incident occurred.

Firoz used to carry letters from Eti to her lover — Ripen. Abul came to know it and murdered Firoz after beating him seriously. He then cut down his penis. But Abul registered an Unnatural Death (UD) case after murdering him giving bribe to the police and the concerned doctor who submitted the post-mortem report in favour of him. The processionists demanded immediate fair trial and justice. Firoz was the son of Soneruddin and Firoza Khatun whose name was written in the postmortem report. Instead of her murdered son, Firoz, she was mother of murdered Firoz.

The procession was brought out by Trinomul Jono Shaghaton, a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), and the people of Bagmati area. They submitted memoranda to DC, SP and civil surgeon of Sirajganj separately.



### Fair trial demanded

People of Bagmati and Sirajganj Trinomul Janasaghaton, a Non-governmental Organisation (NGO) gathered in front of Sirajganj DC office on Thursday for submitting memoranda to Sirajganj DC, SP and Civil Surgeon demanding fair trial of Firoz Murder Case.

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## Bumper output of paddy becomes a bane for Magura farmers

From Hossain Seraj



### Farmers deprived again

Paddy farmers waiting for a long time with their produce for prospective buyers at a bazaar in Magura district, but in vain as they had to surrender to the middlemen who deprived them of their fair price once again.

— Star photo

MAGURA, May 21: Poor farmers are losing interest in cultivation of paddy.

This is due to exploitation by landowners, irrigation service providers, middlemen in markets and influential persons at government buying centres.

According to official sources, bumper output of IRR-Boro has been achieved in this season in four thanas.

This correspondent came visited different villages and to know that poor farmers were not happy with their produce as they felt victims of exploitation in various ways from field to markets. Being victims of successive exploitations they have already lost their interest in cultivation of paddy. But as they are illiterate and they have nothing else to do to earn their living, they resort to paddy cultivation, farmers said.

Investigation revealed that landless farmers and share croppers were not able to buy irrigation machine, due to poverty.

They have to surrender one fourth of their produce to irrigation service providers and half of the rest to land owners.

"I produced 32 maunds of paddy in this IRR-Boro season on two bighas of land. But I got only 12 maunds after meeting the share of irrigation providers and landowners," said Mohammad Ali, a share cropper of village Jagla in Magura Sadar thana.

According to the farmers, paddy-markets in Magura district are fully controlled by a section of middlemen. They are offering a low price depriving farmers of fair price.

Abul Kalam, a poor farmer of village Atharokhada in the Sadar thana said, the production cost of paddy was higher this season in comparison with that of previous year. But as there are no genuine buyers in hats and bazaars, the middlemen are offering lesser price. As a result the poor farmers are compelled to sell their paddy between Taka 240 to Taka 250 much below the production cost.

This correspondent also visited Nakol.

Sachilapur, Gangnalia, Khamarpara, Ramnagar, Katakhal and Arpara bazaars which are famous for paddy trading. During his visit he observed that influential middlemen had been dominating the paddy markets.

Meanwhile expecting higher prices, farmers wait with their produce for hours together. But as there is almost no genuine buyers, the farmers are compelled to sell their produce at the rate fixed by the middlemen.

As bumper output of IRR-Boro has been achieved, the hats and bazaars have been flooded with paddy.

Agriculture Extension Department sources said in the district 35,015 hectares of land had been brought under IRR-Boro cultivation which is 5,855 hectares more than the target.

AED sources added, at least 1,70,570 metric tons of paddy have been produced which is 43,724 metric tons higher than the production target.

District Food Office sources said, the government procurement drive of IRR-Boro paddy and rice have been started through six buying centres. The prices of paddy and rice have been fixed at Taka 825 and Taka 1,300 per quintal respectively. But the farmers are not coming forward to sell their paddy and rice to the government buying centres. As a result till filing of this report the government procured only four metric tons of paddy and seven metric tons of rice only, while the target of procurement of paddy and rice has been fixed at 1,200 metric tons and 2,000 metric tons respectively.

Meanwhile, some farmers alleged that often hard labour they produce paddy, but they have been depressed of fair price at the government procurement centres. In most case the procurement centre authorities buy foodgrains from the influential persons. As a result they never get a reasonable price of their produce.

Experienced circle here opined that the higher authorities concerned take steps to ensure fair price of foodgrains.

## Law and order worsens in Faridpur, improves in Tangail

By Staff Correspondent

The overall law and order situation worsened in Faridpur, while the situation improved considerably in Tangail in recent time.

**Our Faridpur Correspondent reports:** One young man named Shakil, 18, was killed by some miscreants in Chasimari area in the town at 8 pm on May 13.

Shakil who is also a resident of the area opposed some anti-social elements to carry on

their nefarious activities. This invoked the wrath of the miscreants who inflicted grievous injuries on his person and fled away having him dead. Shakil's father Sheikh Afsar lodged a case with Kotwali thana in this connection on May 14.

In another incident four persons including two women were injured in a clash between two rival groups of people in Guha Luxmipur area of the town at

9:30 am on the same day. The injured persons allegedly received bullet injuries are Shanawaj, 20, Salima Begum, 24, Anwar Kazi, 16 and Rajib, 17. The unfortunate incident occurred between Iman Kazi and his neighbour Yunus Sheikh over a land dispute.

A gang of muggers snatched away a gold chain from a respectable Muslim woman near at Adarsha Balika Girls' School in the heart of the town just after dusk on May 7.

Besides, one young woman Maina was killed and 18 other men were injured in a series of dacoities committed in 26 houses at different villages under Sadarpur, Char Bhadrans and Kotwali thanas during the period from May 1 to 10.

The dacoits, in total took away gold ornaments, money and other valuables worth Taka 62 lakh.

The dacoits allegedly raped aged girls and women. Aged girls are reportedly sent elsewhere for their safety and security. The victims did not lodge any case with the respective thana in fear of being tortured by the dacoits.

The concerned authorities are urged to take strong measures to curb these crimes.

**A Tangail correspondent reports:** Tangail police recovered various illegal weapons such as one foreign made pistol, seven home made pistols, five pipe guns, huge explosives and about 5,000 phensidyl bottles and arrested 1,169 persons on charge of anti-social activities.

Otherwise, the general people and businessmen here heaved a sigh of relief due to considerable improvement of law and order situation in the area recently.

Incidents of terrorism and extortions have come down to a great extent.

According to Detective Branch (DB), police and other sources, a number of killing, robberies and many incidents of snatching, extortion, snatching of tender boxes occurred during the last year. Even one Chhatra League activist Khokon was also murdered.

The man behind improvement of law and order situation is Police Super (SP) of Tangail Nur Mohammad. Since his taking over the charge of SP here in September last year he cracked down on criminal in tough hand.

Previously, policemen could not arrest notorious terrorists like Bapli, Nistar, Bala, Kodar Amin and Gora Biplob. But now all of them have been arrested.

Besides this, many terrorists fled away from the district now.

The president of the local Traders' Association and city dwellers told that a healthy climate of trade and commerce has been prevailing in Tangail town now.

## Cattle diseases break out in Chandpur

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, May 21: Cattle diseases have broken out in an epidemic form in the district.

According to district Livestock Office sources, about 130 cattle heads died of various diseases, which broke out a month ago.

Besides, about 2,500 cattle have been affected by the diseases, the sources added.

The badly affected areas are Kachua, Haziganj, Faridganj and Sadar upazilas of the district.

A four-member team of Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute, Dhaka recently visited some affected areas of Kachua and Haziganj upazilas.

The team collected samples of blood of affected cattle to find out the causes and detect the type of viruses.

Treatment of the diseases is being hampered due to shortage of medicines, farmers said.

Local people have urged the authorities concerned to take immediate measures to fight the diseases.

## Attack on doctor: Four held in Ctg

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 21: Four people were held in connection with an armed attack on a physician in Lalkhan Bazar area on Wednesday.

Police in a pre-dawn raid arrested Md Abdul Jabbar alias Chora Jabbar, 27, Md Faruq Mia, 23, Md Jahangir, 27 and Nurul Islam, 27.

Armed terrorists led by Jabbar attacked Dr Bidhu Bhisan Barua on Tuesday in the area when the physician refused to pay them toll, police said.

The physician was admitted in Chittagong Medical College Hospital with bullet injuries.

A case was filed in connection with the attack.

## Alleged rapist arrested in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, May 21: Police arrested an alleged rapist from village Ratapur in Shailakupa upazila on Sunday.

The man was identified as Sariful Islam, 40, of village Humadalonari under the same upazila.

Local people said when a father and his daughter, aged about 11 were returning home from a nearby place at seven in the evening they came under the attack of Sariful and his associate Akmal. Sariful with the help of his accomplice tied the father with a rope and left him in a bush, took the girl to a nearby cropland and raped her.

As the father managed to escape and raised hue and cry, local people reached the place and caught the ruffian. Later police arrested the man.

## Triplets

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, May 21: A mother gave birth to three babies on Tuesday at a clinic in the town.

The mother, Astami Rani, 25, and the babies were fine. The babies include a son and two daughters.

Astami Rani, wife of Prashanta Biswas of village Bahinmolk under Shalika upazila of the district, was admitted to Niramoy Clinic in an advanced stage on Monday.

People from nearby areas were thronging the clinic to see the newborns.

## Konabari road

## mishap: Man succumbs to injuries

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, May 21: A man who was injured in April 28 road accident on Dhaka-Bogra highway at Konabari in the district, which killed at least 55 people, succumbed to his injuries at Sirajganj General Hospital on Sunday.

However, the man was buried as an unidentified person at Malsahapara graveyard in the town.

After hearing the death news of the man his relatives came to the hospital to receive the body. The relatives expressed resentment over the incident.

The man was identified as Mojibar Rahman of village Jajira in Shariatpur district.

## Kidnapped man rescued in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, May 21: Police rescued an abducted man from local Eidgah bus stand on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway on Sunday night, reports UNB.

The victim, Bashir Hossain, 45, was abducted from the same place Friday night by some armed terrorists allegedly led by Shahjahan Chowdhury alias Lutu Mia, chairman of Eidgah UP.

While giving statement to a first class magistrate Bashir alleged that Shahjahan Chowdhury, the main accused of his son Ershad Ullah murder case, had kidnapped him.

"He tortured me mercilessly and offered Tk five lakh for withdrawing the case," said Bashir.

Ershad Ullah, an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League and son of Bashir Hossain, was brutally murdered on March 19 this year.

## News snaps

### Road mishaps up

GOPALGANJ, May 21: Most vehicles plying on various roads and highways have no fitness certificate, giving a rise to road mishap, reports UNB.

A survey showed that at least 5000 buses, 6000 trucks and lorries and 4,000 autorickshaws and 10,000 motorcycles ply on 50 routes everyday and most of them have no fitness certificate. Transport owners change the bodies of their obsolete vehicles several times in blind pursuit of making money.

### Special VGF programme

BOGRA, May 21: The government has sanctioned a total of 9,873 metric tons of rice under the special VGF programme to help the distressed families in 16 northern districts in the current year, reports UNB.

Officials said each of the total 9,87,000 VGF (Vulnerable Group Feeding) cardholder is entitled to receive 10 kgs of rice per month. Of the total, Bogra was allotted 97,200 cards, Dinajpur 91,800, Thakurgaon 45,900, Panchagarh 38,700, Lalmonirhat 37,800, Nilphamari 54,900, Kurigram 65,700, Gaibandha 73,800, Joypurhat 28,800, Rajshahi 63,900, Naogaon 89,100, Natore 46,800, Chapainawabganj 40,500, Pabna 64,800 and Sirajganj 72,900 cards.

### Housewife succumbs to injuries

MANIKGANJ, May 21: A young housewife who suffered fatal burn injuries died at Sauria Upazila Health Complex on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Rasheda Begum, 25, wife of Sultan Ali of Kaira village in Nagarpur upazila of Tangail district. Police and family sources said Rasheda, mother of two children, set fire to her body by pouring kerosene following a quarrel with her husband.

### Housewife slaughtered

BARGUNA, May 21: A housewife was slaughtered allegedly by her husband and other in-laws at village Purbia Lemua in Patharghata upazila on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Monwara, 20. Police said Monwara's husband Kamal and his family members killed her on Tuesday morning following a quarrel between husband and wife. After the murder, they fled the scene. Police recovered the body and sent it to morgue for autopsy.

### Barricade on highway

MYMENSINGH, May 21: Two people, including a woman, received bullet injuries when dacoits chased by villagers opened fire on them at Char Kaziakanda in Fulpur thana on Thursday night, reports UNB.

Protesting the incident angry people put barricade at Fulpur on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway disrupting vehicular movement. Car of State Minister for Health Dr M Amanullah remained stranded following the barricade. Local people said the dacoits looted cash and valuables worth over Tk one lakh from the house of Nazrul Islam in the village. Khatejan, 50, and Shisir Ahmed, 22, who received bullet injuries were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.



## BJMC Advertisement Tender Notice

M M Jute Mills Ltd, Banshbaria, Chittagong invites sealed quotation from the real importer or their authorised agent, distributor for supply of one No-New Latest Model Car-1300CC.

Tender may be dropped at the box kept for the purpose on 4-6-2000 up to 11-30 AM at the office of (i) Dy. General Manager (PL), BJMC, Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka (ii) BJMC Zonal Office, Sattar Chamber, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & (iii) Tender box kept in the Mill Site Office, Banshbaria, Chittagong & will be opened on the same date at 12-00 Noon in presence of tenderers (if any one present).

Tender schedule containing details terms & conditions of the car can be purchase on any official day except opening date from the office of the (i) General Manager (A&F), BJMC, Head Office, Dhaka. (ii) Dy. General Manager (A&F), BJMC Zonal Office, Sattar Chamber, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong, & (iii) Manager (A&F), Mill Site Office, Banshbaria, Chittagong, on payment of Tk 500/- per set (non refundable). Tender must be submitted along with Tk 15000/- (refundable) in the form of DD/Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of M M Jute Mills Limited, (as earnest money).

The Management reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason.

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## BJMC Advertisement International Tender Notice

Galbra-Habib Limited, Barabkunda, Chittagong for its BMRE programme invites seal quotations from genuine suppliers/manufacturers or their agents in Bangladesh for import of Centre Lathe and Multi Spindle Drill Machine on C&F (C) Chittagong/Benapole basis under Two Envelopes Tender System — one for Technical Proposal and another for Financial Proposal. Import of the above machinery will be made under available source of foreign currency.

Tender to be dropped in the tender box kept at (1) Planning Division, BJMC, Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka (2) BJMC Zonal Office, Sattar Chamber, 99, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong (3) Project Office, Barabkunda, Chittagong within 12-00 Noon on 10-07-2000 and at 12-30 PM on the same day only Technical Proposal will be opened in presence of tenderer, if any, keeping Financial Proposal un-opened. Opening of Financial Proposal is strictly subject to the responsiveness of Technical Proposal. Financial Proposal corresponding to the non-responsiveness Technical Proposal will be returned in due course. In case government holiday stands due or any other circumstances beyond control occurs on the opening date specified above, then tender will be opened at the same time and same places on the next working day without referring any notice.

Tender schedule with full details of requirement, specification, terms and conditions can be obtained excepting opening date from (1) General Manager (A&F), BJMC Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka (2) Manager (A&F), BJMC Zonal Office, Sattar Chamber, 99, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (3) Manager (A&F), Galbra-Habib Ltd, Barabkunda, Chittagong on payment of Tk. 1000/00 (non-refundable) per set.

Earnest money @1% of the quoted value, not exceeding Tk 50,000/00 (refundable) to be submitted along with the quotation in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft favouring Galbra-Habib Ltd. The management reserves the right to accept/reject any on all quotations without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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## Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation Commerce Department

BTMC Bhahan, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka

Ref No:530:DTM/SP/PT-6(99-2000) Dated: 9.5.2000

## International Re-Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide Foreign Suppliers, Manufacturers, Local Importers and Indentors for import of Textile Spares and Accessories for Darwani Textile Mills. Tender schedule in details will be available on cash payment of Tk 100/- (take one hundred) only per set (non-refundable) from (1) The Chief Accountant, BTMC, BTMC Bhahan, 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka and (2) The General Manager, BTMC Liaison Office, 79, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong during office hour on all working days. No tender schedule will be sold on the closing date. Tenders in sealed covers addressed to the Incharge (Commerce Department), Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation, Dhaka should be dropped in the tender box kept at BTMC head office (Commerce Department), BTMC Bhahan, 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A., Dhaka upto 11-00 AM on 26.06.2000 and will be opened at 11-15 AM on the same day in presence of the tenderers, if any. Tender must be accompanied with a Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee (as per proforma) for Tk 25,000/- (take twenty five thousand) only as earnest money on any schedule bank favouring Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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DFP-11783-15/5  
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Md Golam Hossain  
Asstt Manager (Commerce)  
BTMC, Dhaka



## "গ্যাস লাগান; গ্যাসের পরিচ্যা করুন এবং পরিবেশে বীচান" - প্রধানমন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম এক্সপ্লোরেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company Limited (A Subsidiary Company of Petrobangla)

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ। এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন।  
Ref: 116.01.16/102 Dated: 7.5.2000

## Press Release

According to govt decision, the company's sphere of activity now being extended to exploration & production instead of only exploration, it is decided to fix the nomenclature of the company as Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company — BAPEX in place of Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company — BAPEX.

Due to change of name of the company it is decided to change its existing logo with a view to reflecting its changed activities.

For the purpose, to collect such a logo design as conforms to and reflects in easily conceivable but significant way the changed activities of the company, logo designs are invited from reputed designers/artists. One person may deposit up to 3 (three) designs. Initially 3 (three) logos will be selected from among the designs received and finally one of the three will be selected. An honorarium of Tk 10,000.00 (ten thousand) will be given to the designer of the finally selected logo. In matters of selecting the logo, the decision of the authority will be treated as final.

Interested firms/persons are requested to deposit their designs under lac sealed envelope to the undersigned by 12:00 noon of 14.6.2000.

For any further information in this regard, if necessary, the undersigned may be contacted.

Md Shafiur Rahman  
General Manager (Secretary)  
Phone: 9565634

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## National Broadcasting Authority (Betar)

### Maintenance Section

Administrative Building

Sher-E-Bangla Nagar

Dhaka-1207

## Tender Notice

Sealed tenders on two envelop system (Technical offer and Financial offer) are hereby invited from bonafide suppliers/foreign manufacturers/supplier's local agent/representatives for the supply of portable cassette recorder & spot interview purpose cassette recorder for Bangladesh Betar as under:

1. Tender No. : MES/3/2278/99.
2. Last date and place of receiving : Upto 11.00 AM on 31-05-2000 in the office of the undersigned.
3. (a) Time & date of opening of the technical offer : At 11-05 AM on 31-05-2000 in presence of the tenderers (if any).

- (b) Opening of Financial offer : Date and time of opening of financial offer of those tenders whose technical offers will be acceptable by this authority will be informed in due time after opening of technical offer.

4. Terms of the : As per tender schedule.
5. Source of finance : Local currency.
6. Earnest money : As indicated in the tender schedule.

7. Cost of the tender : Tk 1000/ (Take one thousand) documents only non-refundable.

Tender documents may be collected from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days on production of "Treasury Challan" (in original) depositing Tk. 1000/- (Take one thousand) only as cost of tender schedule under head "1/3351/0001/2366".

No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of the tender.

No tender documents will be sold by post and no tender will be accepted by post.

This authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or its part or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Any decision to be taken by this authority regarding this tender will be final.

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