

National

Management's press confce
Solve man-made crisis at
Moulvi Tea Garden

From Rajat Kanti Goswami

MOULVI BAZAR, May 22: Management of Moulvi Tea Garden under the Sadar Upazila here has appealed for solution to the man made crisis which is prevailing in the garden for the greater interest of tea industry.

brought under the ownership of F R Khan on May in 1999. He invested Taka one crore 8 lakh 5 thousand for the infrastructural development within a year of his ownership. He also realised the liabilities of the garden created by the former owner. This amount is Taka 4 crore 91 lakh 3 thousand.

women of a labour family died of diarrhoea. On the issue of her death labourers attacked on the Manager and the Assistant Manager and beat them up mercilessly. The management had called police of Moulvibazar police station, but no action was taken by police in this regard.



Relief shower
Magura town dwellers heaved a sigh of relief following a brief shower on May 17 after prolonged hot spell. Gusty wind accompanied the rains. — Star photo

Enrolments in non-govt schools declining

From Abdul Matin Fakir

FARIDPUR, May 22: Eleven non-government high schools in the district face problems as enrolments have decreased over the years.

13 ceiling fans stolen from Sirajganj college

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, May 22: A robbery was committed at Sirajganj Government Islamiya Degree College on Saturday night.

High School. The decline in enrolments has been attributed mainly to the introduction of two shifts in two government high schools here, one for boys and the other for girls.

The two government schools are enrolling more students because of the introduction of two shifts, causing decline in enrolments in non-government schools. Guardians prefer government schools for their wards.

Faridpur Zila School has 1,550 students, while Faridpur Government Girls' High School has 1,700 students, higher than the original capacity.

The government provides 80 per cent basic salary for teachers and other employees of non-government schools. But the school managing committees cannot afford to pay them the remaining 20 per cent of their salary regularly because financial crisis.

The lack of adequate number of students has resulted in the financial crisis in the institutions, school authorities said.

The teachers are also being deprived of other financial benefits. As a result the teachers have lost their interest in imparting education in classes.

In his written speech Md Sadek Miah, Manager of the Tea Garden said Moulvi Tea Garden was enlisted as a sick and losing concern by the Project Development Unit (PDU), a government organisation working on tea industry.

Out of a total of 1,761 acres of land in this garden including 400 acres in the plantation area, the annual production capacity now in the garden is only 1,50,000 kg of tea. Number of labour is 497 and the total population of labour families are 2500. The existing management is looking after all of them though the garden is sick and a losing concern.

The present government appealed to Bangladesh people residing abroad to invest their heard earned foreign exchange in the industrial sector in Bangladesh. F R Khan, a Bangladeshi in USA purchased shares of the garden from Moulvi Tea Company (Pvt) Limited in response to the call of the government. Khan was made Managing Director of the company and took over the ownership of this garden though it was a losing concern and sick garden.

Schoolboy crushed under wheels of truck in Rangpur

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, May 22: Rifat, 9, a student of Class III of Rangpur Zila School, was crushed to death under the wheels of a speeding truck recently on his way to school, reports BSS.

The manager also alleged that the garden authority had filed a case for attacking the manager and other staffers. But police are playing a silent role regarding the matter till filing of the case. Main accused of the case is the chairman of local Giasganj up who is still playing foul with labourers.

Now a sense of insecurity is prevailing in the garden and the Manager and Assistant Manager have failed to enter inside the garden but police did not cooperate with them.

At this stage the garden authorities compelled to close down the production activities from May 11 last.

Responding to a question of journalists the manager said a section of political leaders of ruling Awami League are supporting the labour unrest.

On April 18 last an outsider

Tale of a little singer

From Aminul Islam

MYMENSINGH, May 22: Here is a story of one 11-year-old boy who is supposed to attend school, but it is irony of fate that he has to earn a living by singing songs in public places due to stark want and poverty.



Khairul enthralled audience at a tea stall at Tarail Bazar. — Star photo

Khairul, son of Abdus Sattar of village Dauthpur in Tarail thana of Kishoreganj district has been in this profession for the last one year. He said, his mother Kamala Sundari was deserted by his father with three little sons including Khairul himself.

For the survival of four lives, Kamala had to work as a maid servant in other people's houses. But one day Kamala was attacked with a serious disease which forced her to become helpless. But after treatment, Kamala got cured slightly and began again her struggle for survival. The earnings of Kamala was insufficient to serve food for all their four members.

At such a stage, Khairul wanted to do something for his family. Khairul met with his maternal uncle Misa Bex Pagal, who is also a singer but he sings Marfati and Vandari songs. He gave inspiration to Khairul and advised that he must have to practise seriously. Khairul started according to his uncle's advice and within a few months he got approval from his uncle to render songs to earn a living. Khairul also listen the songs from radio, cassette player and Baul songs.

After buying a Marakkas (an Arabian musical instrument) Khairul went out of his house and started his career as a little singer. In the beginning Khairul earned Taka 15-20 rendering songs at local hats and Bazzars. But now his income has been raised to Taka 100-150 per day, said Khairul. He also informed that he can not sing regularly because of throat problems. So he has to take rest for one or two days every week. But sometimes, he is forced to render songs because of extreme poverty in spite of throat problem.

At this early stage of life, Khairul was also cheated. He said, "Once I rendered songs for three days at Varesha in Bhairab thana of Kishoreganj district and got Taka 700 from the audience, but one cheat named Shafiq cheated me took away the total money. And I came back home empty handed," he added.

Khairul said in a frustrated tone that he had no opportunity to be a good singer in future. He has no modern musical instrument. But he is satisfied because he is feeding his family pursuing this profession, not by begging.

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News snaps

Two raped

SHARIATPUR, May 22: A schoolgirl was allegedly raped at Aloipotty in Gosairhat Upazila on Friday night, reports UNB. Police arrested one of the alleged rapists, Asadul Haq, 25, after the incident. Police sources said Asadul and two of his associates raped the 14-year-old girl while she was returning home from a temple at about 11 pm.

In another incident, a young housewife of village Kanargaon in Naria Upazila was allegedly raped by her neighbour Sabuj Bepari on the same day.

2 killed in separate incidents

CHUADANGA, May 22: Extremists have killed two persons in separate incidents while two others allegedly committed suicide, reports UNB.

Police and family sources of the victims said the extremists abducted Jall, 28, of village Ballarpur in Alamdanga upazila on the night of May 14 and shot him dead near the Munshiganj rail station the following day. In another incident the extremists called Mohiuddin, 42, out of his house in village Houspur in the same upazila on May 16 and strangled him to death in a nearby field. Police suspect that the killers were the activists of outlawed 'Banglar Communist Party'. Mahida Khatun, 50, of cluster village in Ibrahimpur of Damurhuda upazila allegedly committed suicide by taking poison on Friday. Neighbours said she was suffering from serious mental depression caused by undesirable conduct of her daughter. In another incident Harunur Rashid, 62, of village Satgari under sadar upazila committed suicide on Friday following a family feud.

Robber gets 12-yr RI

COMILLA, May 22: A man was sentenced to 12 years' rigorous imprisonment by a court here recently in a robbery case, reports UNB.

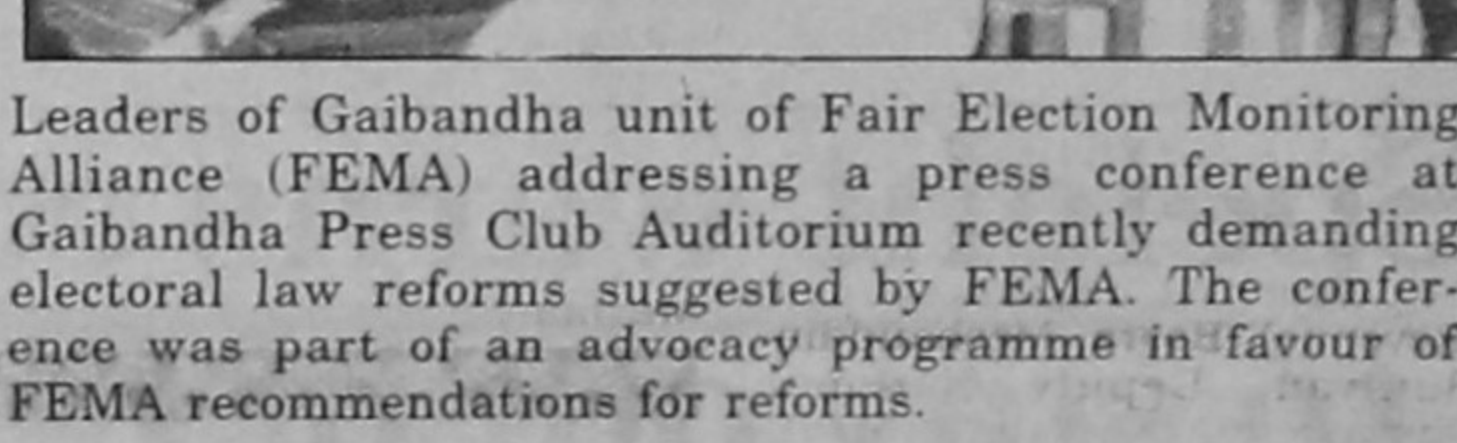
The court also fined the convict, Akbar Khan, son of Kamal Khan of Noanagar village in Daudkandi upazila, Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer one year more RI.

The case history in brief: Akbar Khan had entered into the house of Mantu Mia at Chakratala village and looted valuables and gold ornaments leaving him injured on Feb 2, 1995. After examining records and witnesses, the Additional District and Sessions Judge found him guilty of robbery and delivered the judgment.

Four commit suicide

HABIGANJ, May 22: Four people reportedly committed suicide in different parts here in last one week, reports UNB.

Police said Nehar-Khatun, 22, of Rajapur village in Madhabpur upazila, took her life by taking poison on May 9. Chandni Rani of Nidampur village in Bahubul upazila and Wahid Mia of Bahula village in Sadar killed themselves on May 23, also by taking poison. In another incident, Bina Bala Debi, 27, of Jalshukha village in Azmiriganj took her life by hanging herself in her house.



Leaders of Gaibandha unit of Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) addressing a press conference at Gaibandha Press Club Auditorium recently demanding electoral law reforms suggested by FEMA. The conference was part of an advocacy programme in favour of FEMA recommendations for reforms.

Training centre for youths

JHALAKATI, May 22: A training centre for youths was constructed in the town at a cost of Tk 3 crore, reports UNB.

Food Minister Amir Hossain Anu on Saturday inaugurated the centre constructed by Youth Development Department. Apart from constructing two residential buildings for trainees, a pond was excavated on its compound for fish farming.

Footbridge in Sylhet

SYLHET, May 22: A footbridge over the newly constructed bypass in the town is being built at a cost of Tk 2.5 crore, reports UNB.

Officials said the 21-meter footbridge would be opened by the year end as 70 per cent of its work has already been completed.

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank
Head Office, Dhaka
Law Department-1

Sale Notice

Mortgaged Assets of M/s Sonali Custing and Foundry (Pvt) Ltd, BSCIC Industrial Estate, Maskanda, Mymensingh

Mortgaged land, building and machinery of M/s Sonali Custing and Foundry (Pvt) Ltd, will be sold by the Bangladesh Shilpa Bank (BSB) on cash payment and on 'as-is-where-is basis' for realising BSB's arrear loan and dues of Tk 39.48 lac as on 31.03.99 plus additional interest and other expenses until realisation of this amount from the above company and its directors as per Article 34 of BSB Order, 1972 (PO No 129/72) read with BSB (Direct Sale of Mortgaged Property) Rules, 1980.

2. Bangladesh Shilpa Bank will not assume any legal obligation whatsoever on behalf of the company and/or its directors in respect of any dues/claims of government and/or autonomous bodies such as WASA, Local Municipality, Electric and Gas Supply Authority, Land Revenue and other creditors.

3. The following persons are the directors of the company. (1) Mr Md Golam Rubbani, Managing Director, M/s Sonali Custing and Foundry (Pvt) Ltd, D/12, BSCIC Industrial Estate, Maskanda, Mymensingh; (2) Mrs Monowara Begum, Director, M/s Sonali Custing and Foundry (Pvt) Ltd, D/12, BSCIC Industrial Estate, Maskanda, Mymensingh.

Schedule of Property:

(1) All that piece and parcel of land measuring 3812 sft situated on Plot No D-12, BSCIC Industrial Estate, Maskanda, PS Kotwali, Dist Mymensingh together with all structures, fixtures and fitting thereon both existing and future; (2) All that piece and parcel of land as under with all structures made or to be made thereon.

Table with columns: Mouza, Khatian No, Plot No, Area. Rows include Nakla, Sherpur, CS-11, CS 820/822, 5 Decimal, etc.

Total: 121 Decimal.

5. Tender schedule containing the details of the assets and properties (along with the list of machinery) may be obtained from the Law Department, BSB, Head Office, Dhaka on cash payment of Tk 250/- (Taka two hundred & fifty) only (non-refundable).

6. Intending tenderers/buyers may drop their tenders/offers in sealed cover along with earnest money (refundable) @ 5% of the quoted value in Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of 'Bangladesh Shilpa Bank' in the tender box kept at the abovementioned Department on 15.06.2000 at 12.00 Noon.

7. On acceptance of offer, the successful bidders/tenderers shall have to deposit 50% of the bid or tendered money within 7 (seven) days and the balance within 30 (thirty) days from the date of acceptance of tender. In case of failure in making payment of the bid amount within stipulated time, the earnest money or the tender money (as the case may be) shall be forfeited and the mortgaged property may be resold. The project assets will be handed over to the successful bidder(s) by the bank on fulfillment of the conditions.

8. Tenders will be opened on 15.06.2000 at 12:30 PM at the aforesaid Department in presence of the tenderers (if any). For further information, if any, the undersigned may be contacted. Bidders may purchase the abovementioned movable and immovable property in a lot or separately.

9. The BSB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders/offers without showing any reason.

Deputy General Manager
Phone-955682

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জুদ্দব্যা ও মনিহারী বিভাগ
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এতদ্বারা ব্যাংক কর্মচারীদের ২০০০ইং সনের ছাতা সরবরাহ করার নিমিত্তে বাংলাদেশ তৈরি ছাতা সরবরাহ করার জন্য প্রকৃত ছাতা প্রস্তুতকারী/ছাতা ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র আগামী ৬-৬-২০০০ইং তারিখ বেলা ২-৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে অত্র দপ্তরে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্কে রাখিয়া করিতে হইবে। দরপত্র তফসিল অত্র বিভাগ হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ৫-৬-২০০০ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত ছাতা প্রস্তুতকারী/ছাতা ব্যবসায়ী হিসাবে মূল ড্রেড লাইসেন্স ও আয়কর প্রদানের সার্টিফিকেট প্রদর্শন ও নিজ প্রতিষ্ঠানের লেটার হেডে আবেদন সাপেক্ষে ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) মূল্যে ক্রয় করা যাইবে। দরপত্রের সহিত মোট উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ৫% আর্নেস্টিমানি হিসাবে সোনালী ব্যাংক প্রধান কার্যালয়ের অনুকূলে সোনালী ব্যাংকের যে কোন শাখা হইতে ক্রীত পেমেন্ট অর্ডার/কল ডিপোজিট/ডিমাম ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে জমা করিতে হইবে। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নির্ধারিত তারিখে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা সম্ভব না হইলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে দরপত্র গ্রহণ/খোলা হইবে। নং-১৬/২৭৮/২০০০ আব্দুস সাত্তার খন্দকার উপমহাব্যবস্থাপক জিডি-৪৭৫

Bangladesh Power Development Board
BPDB's Short Local Tender Notice

1. Short local sealed tenders are invited by Bangladesh Power Development Board from reputed suppliers/local agent of overseas manufacturers for supply & installation of Micro Computers, Printers etc.

Table with columns: Sl. No, Tender enquiry no, Description of materials, Qty, Cost of tender document (Non-refundable), Tender receiving opening date. Rows include Pur-240/2000 dt. 18.5.2000, Micro Computer, Heavy Duty Printer, Laser Jet Printer, FAX Modem etc.

2. A complete of tender document may be purchased by the interested bidders on submission of written application upon payment of non-refundable fee of Tk. 1000/- in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.

3. Bidding documents will be available for sale from the office of the undersigned during office hours upto 4-6-2000.

4. Offer must be accompanied by a bid security of 2.5% (two & half per cent) of total bid amount and must be delivered to the above office on or before 11-00 AM. Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) on the validity of bid bond shall be 150 days.

5. Tender will be received upto 11-00 AM of 5-6-2000 and will be opened at 11-30 AM on the same day in presence of the intending bidders or their representatives, if any at the office of Director, Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.

6. Bids submitted by Post/FAX or Telex will be rejected. Bids submitted beyond scheduled time will neither be received accepted.

Biddut/Jana-2121(5)/99-2000
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International Tender Notice

International tender for import of 25,000 M.Tons ± 10% Plantation White Crystal Sugar or White Refined Sugar Against Cash.

No. TCB/IMP-10/2000 Dated 21.5.2000
Trading Corporation of Bangladesh invites sealed tender in the prescribed form obtainable from Sonali Bank, Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka on payment of Taka 1,500/- (Taka one thousand five hundred) only per set (non-refundable) for import of 25,000 M.Tons ± 10% of Plantation White Crystal Sugar or White Refined Sugar against cash payment. Price is to be quoted on C&FCFO Chittagong basis showing break up of FOB, freight and commission separately. Shipment is to be made in two lots as per schedule mentioned in the tender documents. Detailed terms and conditions are given in the tender documents. Offers should be strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions as mentioned in the tender documents.

Tenders to be dropped in the tender box kept in the Import Division of TCB, TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka upto 11:00 hours on Sunday the 2nd July, 2000 and opened on the same day at 11:10 hours. Tenderers may remain present at the time of opening of the tenders. No tender document will be sold on the day of opening of the tender.

The Corporation shall have the absolute right to reject or to accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason or to offer to purchase quantities more or less than those tendered for.

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