

National

Palash villagers enraged Pakistan Army by giving shelter to freedom fighters



The Sundarbans near Harintana Kalagacha river: A fallen tree bears the testimony of illegal logging in the largest mangrove forest in the world. An armed guard of the Forest Department is on the lookout for poachers.

Faridpur Sugar Mills incurred Tk 6cr loss in 5 years

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Dec 12: Faridpur Sugar Mills have been incurring loss for the last five years mainly due to continuous decline in sugarcane supply.

Sugarcane supply target has not been achieved in the mill zone area over the years. Unabated crushing of sugarcane in illegal power crushers has been attributed to the continuous decline in sugarcane supply in the mills.

According to official sources, the mills incurred a loss of Taka six crore during the last five years.

Locals said owners of illegal power crushers are producing molasses defying the government ban on sugarcane crushing in the mill area.

However, growers always prefer to sell sugarcane to owners of power crushers, as the price is comparatively high.

Local farmers said various irregularity and procedural delay in getting the price of sugarcane from the sugar mills discourage them to sell their produce to the mill.

Besides, sugarcane cultivation has been declining. The sugar mills, situated at Madhukhali, went into production in 1976 on an experimental basis. According to official sources, some 15 thousand acres of land were brought under sugarcane cultivation in the mill zone area in 1994-95 crushing season. But in 1999-2000 season, some 13 thousand acres of land were brought under the cultivation in the mill area.

Soil fertility has also been declining. Once 14 metric tons of sugarcane were supplied to the mills from one acre of land. But this year only 10 metric tons of sugarcane were supplied to the mills from one acre of land.

For the last five years, the mills have been stopping crushing ahead of stipulated time due to lack of adequate sugarcane.

When contacted, a senior official of the mills told this correspondent that it is possible to grow enough quantity of sugarcane in the mill zone area if the growers are given incentives.

PALASH, Narsingdi, Dec 12: "A banana plant saved me and my entire family when the Pakistan army killed 14 of my relatives just 10 days ahead of the victory," a visibly shivering Abul Kashem of Atagaon said looking back to the killing orgy on December 6 in 1971.

Abul Kashem said it was twilight when the Pakistan army came to our houses, lined up 17 persons and sprayed bullets on them. My wife, two sons and myself were hiding in a trench, dug by my brother who had already been killed with my other relatives. We could hide ourselves as a tin from the rubble of our house, set on fire by the invaders, covered the trench. The banana plant, which fell over the tin gave the army a motion that none was holed up in it.

In fact, the army was standing on the tin while firing at the lined up relatives of mine who were hiding in a mud house when the army raided our houses. Abul Kashem said, Three of my relatives one baby boy and two of my brothers were saved luckily.

The baby boy, who is my nephew, fell into a nearby pond when his mother, being hit by bullet, threw him there in agony. A dog saved the boy, pulling him out of the pond. I have taken care of my nephew, who is now working in Saudi Arabia. I think I have fulfilled my duties to my brother who died on that fateful evening, said Abul Kashem in an emotion choked voice.

Kashem said two of his brothers had fainted just before the indiscriminate firing and the army took them as dead.

Many like Abul Kashem in this upazila, where 200 people were killed, still remember with heavy hearts how their innocent relatives were killed by the occupation forces that evening. While raiding two other villages Kalipara and Ghagra the Pakistan Army killed 13 people, bringing the total deaths of the three villages to 27.

The occupation army lined up five people and sprayed bullets on them on the bank of the river Shitalakha spraying bullets on them. Giasuddin, one of the lucky survivors of that brutal killing of Ghagra village, said he was taken away from his house in the evening of December 6 and lined up with other villagers who were shot at later on. The bullet hit my leg. The Army left the place thinking that all of us were dead. Giasuddin said, adding the villagers later came to our rescue.

The villagers fled from the houses immediately after the army took position in a local lute mill. But before they left they buried the dead in three mass graves. The villagers of Palash upazila had to make supreme sacrifices as they enraged the Pakistan army by giving shelter and food to the Freedom Fighters.

The survivors of the brutal killing and the relatives of the dead said during the last 28 years nobody ever tried to know about

the massacre. When the month of December comes every year they feel the pangs remembering their near and dear ones. They complained that the nation was about to forget the supreme sacrifices their relatives had made just before the nations independence from Pakistan subjugation.

However, the supreme sacrifices of the villagers have inspired their young generations to form a 'Naboprajanma Mukti Joddha Sangsad' (New Generation Freedom Fighters Organisation). The organisers of the Sangsad Syed Javed Hossain, also a young Awami League leader, told that after the War of Liberation Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had sanctioned grants of Taka 2,000 for each Shaheed family of the villages. But after the death of Bangabandhu the martyred families seemed to have become a forgotten chapter in the history of the Liberation War.

BSS Feature.

News snaps

Man killed in clash

DINAJPUR, Dec 12: A man was killed and 40 others were injured in a clash between rival groups over the installation of a power pump on a disputed land at Dimla village under Birganj upazila here recently, reports BSS.

Critically injured were admitted to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital. Witnesses said when a group of people led by Harun Miah went to a disputed land for setting up a power pump Saiful Islam and his group resisted it, sparking the clash. Identity of the dead could not be known.

Students ransack teacher's room

BOGRA, Dec 12: Failing to pass in the examination, some students of Bogra Medical College Sunday ransacked the room of a teacher, reports UNB.

Sources said seven out of 11 final year students failed to pass in oral, practical and clinical examinations in Gynaecology. Two of those students damaged the door and window panes of the room of Assistant Professor Dr Gulshan Ara Begum at about 10 am.

Seminar on human rights

THAKURGAON, Dec 12: A daylong seminar on 'Human Rights: Trade Union Movement' was held at the Doel Government Primary School Training Centre here recently, reports BSS.

The seminar was organised by the Bangladesh Workers Forum for Human Rights and Paralegal Training Services Centre. The seminar was presided over by Alaaddin Ahmed, Ex-president of Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Employees Union. Among others, Syed Merajul Hossain, President of Thakurgaon Press Club, and Sajedur Rahman, president of PDB Workers Union, Thakurgaon, spoke on the occasion.

The speakers said at present violation of human rights is a common feature in the country. As many as 20 trade union leaders from different basic unions participated in the seminar.

BIRDEM

(An Enterprise of the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh)

Ibrahim Memorial Diabetes Centre

122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000.

Employment Notice

Applications are invited from the citizen of Bangladesh for the following posts:

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Age in year	Qualification
1	Consultant (i) Hepatobiliary Surgery (ii) Radiology (iii) Metabolism, Rheumatology, Oncology (iv) Gastrointestinal, Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic disorders. Contract appointment Pay Scale: Tk. 10700-13100/- Consolidated Salary Range from Tk. 18610 to Tk. 23319/-	45	1. (a) MBBS from a recognised Institution or an equivalent academic qualification as recognised by the BMDC, and (b) Registration with the BMDC. AND 2. (a) 5 years professional experience in the relevant field in the rank equivalent to Junior Consultant with any of the following post-graduate degrees or diploma or equivalent in the relevant subject as recognised by the BMDC. D.Sc./Ph.D./D.Phil./FCPS/MD/MS/FRCS/FRCP/M.Phil/DMRD 3. 3 Scientific Publications in Medical Journals recognised by the BMDC.
2	Junior Consultant (Cardiology) Contract appointment Pay Scale: Tk. 7200-10840/- Consolidated Salary Range from Tk. 12811 to Tk. 19632/-	40	1. (a) MBBS from a recognised Institution or an equivalent academic qualification as recognised by the BMDC and (b) Registration with the BMDC. AND 2. (a) 4 years professional experience in the relevant subject in a reputed Institution of which 1 year must be after any of the following postgraduate degrees or diploma or equivalent in the relevant subject as recognised by the BMDC. D.Sc./Ph.D./D.Phil./FCPS/MRCP/MD/M.Phil/M.Sc./DEM. OR (b) 5 years professional experience in the relevant subject in a reputed Institution of which 2 years shall be after the following postgraduate qualification or equivalent as recognised by the BMDC: D. Card.
3	Registrar (i) Metabolism, Rheumatology, Oncology (ii) Endocrinology, Nephrology & Diabetology Contract appointment Pay Scale: Tk. 6150-9750/- Consolidated Salary Range from Tk. 10984 to Tk. 17419/-	35	1. (a) MBBS from a recognised institution or an equivalent academic qualification as recognised by the BMDC, and (b) Registration with the BMDC. AND 2. Any of the following Post-graduate degrees or Diploma or equivalent in the relevant subject as recognised by the BMDC: D.Sc./Ph.D./D.Phil./FCPS/MRCP/MD/M.Phil/M.Sc./DEM.
4 (a)	Asstt. Registrar (Haemodialysis) Contract appointment. Non-practicing Residential, (Single Accommodation). Pay Scale: Tk. 4800-8160/- & other allowances. Non-practicing allowances will be one time of the basic pay.	30 (Age relaxable)	1. (a) MBBS or equivalent degrees from any Medical College or Institute recognised by the BMDC with one year of Internship Training and Registration with the BMDC. (b) Candidates should have experience in the relevant field.
(b)	Medical Officer (Haemodialysis) Contract appointment Pay Scale: Tk. 4800-8160/- Consolidated Salary Range from Tk. 8552 to Tk. 14481/-	As above	As above
5	Assistant Registrar (i) Gastrointestinal, Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic disorders, (ii) Endocrinology, Nephrology & Diabetology, (iii) Neurology, (iv) Gynae & Obs. Contract appointment Pay Scale: Tk. 4800-8160/- & other allowances. Non-practicing Residential (Single Accommodation) (Non-practicing allowances will be one time of the basic pay)	30	MBBS or equivalent degrees from any Medical College or Institute recognised by the BMDC with one year of Internship Training and Registration with the BMDC.
6	Medical Officer (i) Surgery, (ii) Urology, (iii) Orthopaedics (iv) Transfusion Medicine, (v) Gynae & Obs (vi) Anaesthesiology, (vii) Emergency, (viii) Metabolism, Rheumatology, Oncology (ix) Gastrointestinal, Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Disorders, (x) Endocrinology, Nephrology & Diabetology (xi) ICU, (xii) Cardiology. Contract appointment Pay Scale: Tk. 4800-8160/- Consolidated Salary Range from Tk. 8552 to Tk. 14481/-	30	MBBS or equivalent degree from any Medical College or Institute recognised by the BMDC with one year of Internship Training and Registration with the BMDC.
7	Scientific Officer (Laboratory) Pay Scale: Tk. 4300-7740/-	30	MBBS or 1st Class M.Sc or 2nd Class M.Sc with 2nd Class Hons in the relevant subject/equivalent.
8	Asstt. Physiotherapist Pay Scale: Tk. 2550-5505/-	30	Diploma in Physiotherapy recognised by the State Medical Faculty.
9	Computer Operator Pay Scale: Tk. 2550-5505/-	30	Graduate with 3 years experience in the relevant field.
10	Cash Collector Pay Scale: Tk. 2250-4735/-	30	B.Com 2nd Division with 2 years experience in the relevant field.
11	Lab Attendant (Laboratory) Pay Scale: Tk. 1625-2905/-	30	SSC.

Applications are required to be submitted in prescribed form obtainable from the Cash Accounts Section, Room No-208 (on all working days from 9 A.M. - 12.30 P.M.) BIRDEM, 122, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000. The price for application form for Sl. No. 1-7 is Tk. 40/- and Sl. No. 8-11 is Tk. 20/-.

Age in year indicates completed year on 30.06.2000, relaxable in cases of departmental candidates. Departmental candidates having requisite qualification will be eligible to apply and shall get preference other things being considered equal.

Name of the applicant post has to be clearly written on the envelope & application form. For the post of Sl. No. 1, 3, 5 & 6, applicants should mention clearly the speciality. One copy of money receipt must be attached with the application form. The application alongwith required papers (as per instruction on the application form) should reach on or before 10.01.2001 by post. However local applicants can drop their application forms in the box placed in front of Room No. 230, BIRDEM. Only short listed candidates may be called for interview. Incomplete applications will be rejected. (Those who had applied earlier for the post of Sl. No. 3, need not to apply again).

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Director General.

Remaining Sirajganj protection work restarts

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 12: The remaining work on protection of Kazipur upazila has restarted after haltage of work in August.

The construction work on spar number 3 for protection of Khudbandi area under Kazipur upazila from Jamuna erosion has been restarted in recent days.

Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) in Sirajganj took up a project of constructing seven spars at a cost of Taka 46 crore. The BWDB project had been aimed at constructing two spars at upstream Megal, one spar at Khudbandi, two at Shovgacha and two at Simla in Sadar and Kazipur upazilas.

Sirajganj BWDB started the works in March this year. Works on five spars have already been completed while one spar at Shovgacha has been washed away by the River Jamuna during this year's flood here.

Flood also hampered the work on spar number 3. So, the BWDB authorities stopped its work in August this year.

Meanwhile, water level in the River Jamuna has receded considerably. Sirajganj BWDB restarted its work. Eighty per cent of its work has been completed, while the rest of the work is supposed to be completed by the end of this month.

Problems grip MC College

SYLHET, Dec 12: The Murari Chand (MC) College in Sylhet is one of the top Colleges in Bangladesh, but now it has so many problems, among which, paucity of teachers is the biggest problem. Of the 139 posts of Teachers 38 lie vacant, reports BSS.

At the MC College there are Honours and Masters courses in Bengali, English, Philosophy, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and other subjects. There are also HSC (science) BA, BSS and B Sc (Pass) courses in which the students are reading in this old college. There are pass honours, Masters in 18 Subjects, but there is no subject of commerce. So the students are deprived of reading commerce subjects.

Except a few subjects, there is dearth of teachers in most subjects. So many students are given admission in Social Science honours and master courses, but there is no classroom for students to attend classes and only three teachers are employed in this subject. External teacher as a makeshift arrangement is taking the classes.

The number of posts in English Department is 12, but only six teachers are engaged there. These teachers are to take classes in HSC Pass, honours and master degree. Due to paucity of teachers it becomes difficult to take classes. Most of the time students are to sit in one room and attend English class, which creates problem.

Acute fish scarcity in Panchagarh

PANCHAGARH, Dec 12: Despite a bright prospect of pisciculture the district is facing acute shortage of fish due to indifference of the concerned officials, reports UNB.

According to official sources there are some 5,472 private and 143 government (khas) ponds in five upazilas. But the fish are not cultivated in 1,652 ponds, including 22 government ones due to various reasons.

But the locals claimed that the number of uncultivated ponds is much higher than the government estimate.

The fish farmers alleged that concerned officials are depriving them of getting loans sanctioned by the government for bribe and as such they failed to undertake fish culture.

The officials concerned are harassing them by creating various complexities, they said adding the bank officials are also demanding bribe at the rate of Tk 50-100 for every 1,000 Taka.

Besides, wheat and money allocated for excavation of six ponds and other related works in the current financial year had been misappropriated, said a source preferring anonymity.

Meanwhile, the government under poverty allevi-

ation programme had sanctioned about Tk 10 lakh for the poor people in order to develop their socio-economic condition.

It allocated interest free loans among the poor to cultivate fish in seven ponds asking them to repay loans from their sale proceeds.

However, the efforts made by the government in this regard failed totally as the officials in connivance with the association leaders distributed a small amount of the loan money among a few members and misappropriated the rest amount.

Not only that, a hatchery, set up for fries production on one hectare of land at Boda upazila at a cost of Tk 18 lakh in 1991, remained out of production since 1995 although the government continued sanctioning of Tk 70/80 thousands per year, locals alleged.

The hatchery was set up with a minimum capacity of producing 60 kg of fry per year, which could be supplied to adjacent districts after meeting the local demands.

But the district acting fisheries officer said that fisheries activities are being hampered due to lack of proper policy and necessary fund.

Ambitious Rabi cultivation scheme in Chapainawabganj

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Dec 12: Agriculture Extension Department has taken up massive programmes for a bumper harvest of Rabi crops here in the current season, reports UNB.

Over 1.13 lakh hectares of land have been brought under Rabi crops cultivation with an output target of at least 3.33 lakh metric tons.

The programmes include imparting training to the farmers, establishing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) School and distribution of vegetable seeds.

Besides, demonstration plots for various high yielding variety crops including Boro paddy, wheat, hog-plan and maize would be set up to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation.

A programme has also been taken up to cultivate watermelon, banana and tomato along with new varieties of vegetables.

Boro will be cultivated on 41,200 hectares of land in upcoming Rabi season with a production target of over 1.23 lakh mts while wheat on 20,000 hectares and potato on 1,600 hectares with output target of 46,000 mts and 16,000 mts respectively.

In addition, some 600 hectares of land will be brought under maize cultivation with an output target of 1,950 mts while 7,200 mts of mustard from 8,000 hectares of land.

Various pulses, including pea, gram, lentil, green-gram will be cultivated on 35,445 hectares of land with an output target of

26,857 mts while onion, chili, garlic, ginger, turmeric, coriander and winter vegetables on 6,602 hectares of land with a production target of over 1.11 lakh mts.



Bakhra Gas Systems Limited

A Company of Petrobangla

Tender Notice

1.	Description of Work	Cost of Tender document (Non-refundable)	Earnest money
	Construction of 20" OD API-5LX-56/52 Off-Take on BKB-Demra Pipe line-1 (one) No. at BKB-Gas Field, Comilla by Automatic Cutting method.	Tk. 5,000/= (Taka five thousand) only	2.5% (Two and a half per cent) of the total quoted amount.
2.	Eligibility:		
i)	Contractors enlisted with BGSL under category 1.4 for the year 1999-2000 and having experience in construction of 20" OD or above size of pipe line designed to operate at a pressure of 960 psig and above either as a main contractor or as a member of the consortium.		
ii)	Contractors must have experience of doing similar type of work or semi hot tapping as in case of tapping a segment with gas in it at atmospheric pressure without causing any damage or any explosion of the system or any disruption of gas supply during the operation of the system.		
iii)	The contractor shall have technical and financial capabilities to under-take the work for which necessary documents/certificates, duly signed by the bidder, to be submitted as per tender terms and conditions.		
iv)	In case of submission of the bid by a consortium/partnership/joint venture of two or more firms as partners, at least one of the partners/members must have the required qualification/experience as mentioned at (i) and (ii) above.		
3.	Selling time of tender documents: From 14-12-2000 to 2-1-2001.		
4.	Where tender documents will be available:		
i)	Finance & Accounts Department, BGSL, Head Office, Chapapur, Comilla.		
ii)	Sales & Distribution Office, BGSL, 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholashahar, Ctg.		
iii)	Liaison Office, BGSL, House No-3, Road No-2/A, Banani, Dhaka.		
iv)	Finance & Accounts Div., Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd., 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka.		
v)	Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Petrocenter, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka.		
5.	Place, date & time of tender receiving: Places as mentioned in the tender documents on 3-1-2001 up to 11 AM.		
6.	Date & time of tender opening: On 3-1-2001 at 11:30 AM.		
7.	In case of any unavoidable circumstances, such as hartal, civil commotion, government declared holiday etc., tenders will be received and opened on the following working day.		

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ঢাকা আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্য মেলা ২০০১ সচিবালয়

রঙানি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

গ্রুপ-১: ডিআইটিএফ ২০০১-এর উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানের প্যানেল নির্মাণ ও সজ্জাকরণ।

গ্রুপ-২: ডিআইটিএফ ২০০১-এর উদ্বোধনী প্যানেলের ব্যাকড্রপ তৈরি ও সরবরাহ।

গ্রুপ-৩: ডিআইটিএফ ২০০১-এর লে আউট প্রানের ৫'x৪' সাইজের ৫ (পাঁচ) টি বোর্ড তৈরি ও সরবরাহ।

উপরে বর্ণিত ৩ (তিন) টি গ্রুপের কার্য সম্পাদনে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠিত ও নির্ভরযোগ্য প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে প্রতি কাজের জন্য পৃথক পৃথকভাবে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাইতেছে। উক্ত দরপত্র আগামী ২০-১২-২০০০ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে দাখিল করতে হবে। প্রাপ্ত দরপত্র একই দিনে উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকে) বেলা ১২.৩০ মিঃ খোলা হইবে।

২। ইতারপ্রাপ্ত প্রতিষ্ঠান সরকার কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত সকল প্রকার কর যথা- আয়কর, ভ্যাট ইত্যাদি মেলা সচিবালয়ে জমা অথবা বিলের সহিত সমন্বয় করিতে বাধ্য থাকিবে।

৩। আগামী ১৯-১২-২০০০ইং তারিখ বিকাল ৩.৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে রঙানি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরোর হিসাব শাখা হইতে গ্রুপ প্রতি নগদ ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা মূল্যে (অফেরতমোদা) সিডিউল প্রেরণ করা যাইবে।

৪। মেলা কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

পরিচালক

ঢাকা আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্য মেলা ২০০১ সচিবালয়

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