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Teachers stage token hunger strike in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Magura district unit of Community Primary School Teachers Association observed a token hunger strike yesterday to press their five-point demand for nationalisation of their service. About 200 teachers from four upazilas of the district took part in the hunger strike from 11 am to 12:30 pm, staged on the collectorate office premises. Earlier, they held a rally at the stadium. With Nurul Islam in the chair, it was addressed by, among others, Rakib Hassan, Nilufar Jesmin, Moktaruzzaman and Ganopati Biswas.

Tk 8 lakh loans given to dairy farms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The District Livestock Department has disbursed Tk 8,25,000 loans among 91 small dairy farm owners in all eight upazilas of the district.

Chaquas for the loans were handed over at a simple function held recently at the conference room of Deputy Commissioner Md Younusur Rahman with District Livestock Officer Md Nurul Islam in chair. Police superintendent ATM Tarek were present among others.

An example for youths

Omar earns Tk 3 lakh from Amroploi garden, fishery in Bhola, dreams of training local youths

A CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

Educated youth Abdullah Omar is an example for many like him in Bhola. She has started earning good profit from his orchard and fishery project.

He earned about Tk two lakh in the current season by selling Amroploi mango, a high yielding fruit variety. He has proved that the soil of Bhola is suitable for commercial cultivation of this high yielding fruit.

He earned the amount from 200 Amroploi plants out of 600 in his 17-acre farmhouse. The rest will bear fruit next year, he hopes.

There are 2600 plants of 32 varieties of fruits in his garden, including those of jackfruit, guava and coconut. These will start bearing fruits within two to three years.

During a recent visit to the farmhouse in Ilisha, Abdullah Omar told this correspondent that he returned home in 2000 after spending 15 years abroad.

He purchased 17 acres of land and decided to build an integrated farmhouse.

He has also planted over 500 saplings of timber trees and dug five

big ponds in the farmhouse for pisciculture.

He sold fishes worth about Tk one lakh from one of the ponds this year. He is growing indigenous varieties of fishes.

He also purchased 10 acres of land for shrimp cultivation along with Boro paddy and is now preparing to release fries.

He had a good harvest of Boro

paddy in the last Aman season.

But Abdullah Omar alleged that commercial banks in Bhola are not assisting him with loan.

"I can complete the whole project within about a year if I get some loan.

"This will allow local youths to get practical training on farming, fishery and horticulture. A large number of unemployed youths will also get jobs in my farm" Omar said.



A partial view of Abdullah Omar's Amroploi garden and plucked mangoes.

'RAB ready to jump on terrorists as per list'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A 140-member team of Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) is now in Khulna to launch anti-terrorism operations in South-Western districts.

It has a list of terrorists, prepared by an advance team which had visited Khulna in March to get an idea about law and order in the region, arranger logistics and other facilities for the 140-member team, said a highly placed source in Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP).

Preparations are "almost complete to jump on terrorists as per the list", he said.

Crime-prone and outlaw-infested districts under Khulna division will come under RAB operation, he said.

They have been lodged temporarily at Mirerdanga RRF headquarters and KNM officers' colony at Khalishpur.

The team will be divided into seven squads, each headed by an officer.

RAB members will be provided with all logistic support required for carrying out operations.

'Controversial' RU recruits agitate on campus

RU CORRESPONDENT

The 'controversially recruited' employees of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus and announced a six-day agitation program beginning today to press confirmation of their services.

Their programme includes human chain, sit-in, protest meeting and procession on Rajshahi court premises and view exchange with university staff and officials.

At the rally, they called upon RU authorities to confirm their services by one month or face "tougher movement".

The procession led by Mothiar thana Jubo Dal President Abdul Kuddus Dolar and Karmochari Samanoy Parishad convener Rafiqul Islam Sadar paraded the campus.

RU BCL protests 'false' graft case against Hasina

RU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday brought out a procession and held a rally on Rajshahi University (RU) campus protesting filing of a "false" graft case against Awami League President Sheikh Hasina by the government.

BCL RU unit President Ibrahim Hossain Moon and General Secretary Ayanuddin led the procession.

Addressing the rally, the BCL leaders said the government was harassing AL leaders though filing "false cases".

It is proceeding with a blue print to liquidate the party by implicating popular AL leaders in false cases and killing them, they alleged.

They urged all leaders and activists of AL and its front organisations and pro-liberation forces to intensify the movement to oust the government.

BCL RU unit leaders also called upon the government to withdraw the graft case against Hasina and all other "false" cases against opposition leaders. Otherwise, BCL will launch a vigorous movement, they said.

The rally was also addressed by, among others, BCL central Assistant General Secretary Kamruzzaman and its Rajshahi City President Abdul Momen and General Secretary Zedu Sarker.

Pirates abduct 40 fishermen from Dublar Char

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Armed pirates took 40 fishermen along with three trawlers hostage from Dublar Char in the Sundarbans on Saturday.

The captors sent a cell phone message yesterday to the owner of FB Sadek, one of the three trawlers, demanding a ransom of Tk 6 lakh for release of its driver Altaf and some fishermen in the "first phase", according to sources in Patharghata. All the hostages have been kept in deep forest, the message said.

The three trawlers are from Patharghata in Barguna district, the sources said.

When contacted yesterday afternoon, Patharghata police confirmed the incident but said a case was yet to be filed.

Tala BNP leader murder case sent to CID

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The Tala thana BNP leader Altaf Hossain murder case was transferred to Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Sunday for investigation.

Altaf, former president of Tala thana BNP along with another person was killed in a bomb attack at Patkelghata bazaar on May 4 night.

Abdur Rahman of village Senpur, locally known as an opponent of Altaf, filed case with Tala thana as the family of the slain leader refrained from filing any case.

Police arrested ten persons but could not find any clue to the murder. Altaf's wife earlier talking to newsmen alleged that police was playing a "mysterious role" in investigation of the case.

On contact, Tala thana Officer-in-Charge Mashui Islam refused the allegation and said the case has been transferred to CID for further investigation.

The arrested persons are Jubo Dal leaders Sheikh Mostofa Montu and Mostafizur Rahman, Awami League leader Abdul Ahad, Kazi Hillol, Santosh Singh, Debendra Nath Biswas, Prakash Sarkar, Sabuj Kumar, Palash Sarkar and Abdus Selim.

Rift widens in Satkhira AL

Intervention urged as council not held in 4 years after formation of convening committee

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Discontent and frustration is growing in the rank and file of Satkhira district Awami League as a district council has not been held in about four years after formation of a convening committee, party sources said.

The Central Working Committee had set deadline to hold the council by September 30 last year.

The party is virtually inactive now because of rivalry at district, thana and union levels, party insiders said talking to this correspondent.

AL chief Sheikh Hasina on August 11, 1998 dissolved the district committee headed by Syed Kamal Bakht and Monsur Ahmed as president and general secretary respectively for their "anti-people" role.

In the same year, district com-

mittees of AL's fronts Chhatra League and Jubo League were also dissolved on the same charge.

On November 21, 1999, the AL chief formed a convening committee headed by Syed Kamal Bakht and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as convenor and joint convenor respectively for 90 days and asked local leaders to form a district committee through a council.

Syed Kamal Bakht died in 2000. The local leaders failed to hold a council and form a district committee within 90 days.

The insiders said party leaders and activists in most of the thana units are split into several groups over formation of committees as the district leaders want their men in the proposed bodies.

Despite intra-party conflicts, councils of seven out of eight thana units were held by February. The

seven units are Satkhira Sadar, Satkhira Pourasava, Debhata, Kaligonj, Shyamnagar and Assasuni.

Council of Kalaroa thana AL could not be held due to a "serious rift". The conflict there widened as some influential local leaders who were witnesses in Hasina motorcade attack case later gave written statements to the investigation officer that no such incident took place.

Hasina's motorcade came under attack in Kalaroa on August 30 last year.

An influential party leader in Satkhira said central leaders should resolve the dispute in Kalaroa immediately. Otherwise, the party will face a serious set back while Jamat-e-Islami is gaining strength, he said.

Team to quiz Barguna Islamic militants

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A team has been formed headed by the Barguna Additional Police Superintendent (circle) to interrogate 27 of the 33 Islamic militants now in Barguna jail, official sources said yesterday.

Six of the 33 were taken to Dhaka for quizzing by a joint interrogation cell.

Other members of the team are Officers-in-Charge of Barguna Sadar, Patharghata and Amtali police stations, District Inspector of Police-1, Inspector and sub-

inspectors of CID, DSB and NSI in Barguna.

The 33 were arrested on Wednesday last from a madrassah in Barguna when they were taking combat training, police said earlier. They include madrassah teachers and students and imams of mosques. They were taken on remand on Friday.

During interrogation the militants said they want to establish an Islamic state through "armed revolution". They are ready to do everything necessary for this.

They admitted that they belong

to the Ahle Hadis sect of Muslims.

During police raid on Wednesday, one person named Mawlana Jasimuddin managed to escape, they told police. A man from Chenbungia village in Patharghata in Barguna district, Jasimuddin was a madrassah teacher at Lalbag in Dhaka.

He had participated in the Afghan war, they told police. Police said they were engaged in recruiting and training youths to preach the Ahle Hadis ideology.

KOLAROA ARSENIC MITIGATION Project unutilised due to 'political pressure'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A project to supply arsenic-free water in Kolaroa municipality is unutilised after completion to most of the work.

The Tk 18 lakh project was scheduled to be commissioned in May this year.

It is supposed to supply arsenic-free water to about 30,000 residents as all the tube wells in nine wards in the pourasabha are highly contaminated with arsenic, according to DPHE (Public Health Engineering Department) sources.

As the pourasabha lacked required logistics, Bogra Rural Development Academy (RDA) come forward with assistance.

The Bogra RDA gave Tk 18 lakh interest free loan to a local NGO--JESH Foundation--to implement the project. The loan is repayable in 10 years in 20 installments.

The project included construction of an overhead tank, a water treatment plant, sinking of a deep tubewell and laying of 2500 feet PVC pipeline from the project site to the town.

Kalaroa Pourasabha leased six decimal land to JESH Foundation

for 15 years for the project on annual payment of Tk 1500.

As per agreement signed with JESH, the pourasabha will bear the cost of laying the PVC pipeline in

the town and get 40 percent of the profit from the project.

Ruling BNP lawmaker Habibur Islam Habib had inaugurated the construction work in December 12 last year.

Construction of overhead tank and treatment was completed by April this year.

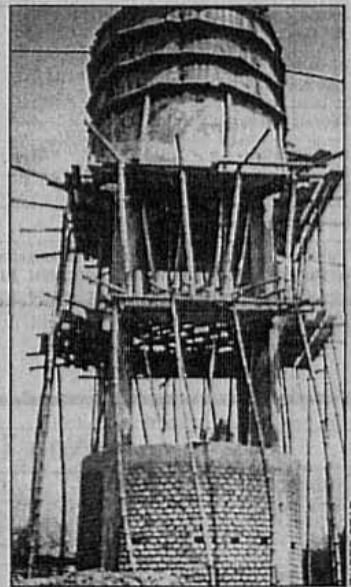
The pourasabha floated a tender for the Tk 5,50,000 PVC pipe laying work in the town in February.

Ten firms bid for the work. But the pourasabha authorities cancelled the tender allegedly without showing any reason. The pipeline work is now suspended.

It is alleged that the pourasabha authorities cancelled the tender following pressure from the ruling party lawmaker.

On contact, Kalaroa UNO Laxman Chandra Sutradhar, who is also the Pourasabha Administrator said, he was compelled to cancel the tender due to "political pressure".

When contacted over cell phone, Habibur Islam Habib denied the allegation and said he knows nothing about the project.



The overhead tank is almost complete but no body knows when arsenic-free water will trickle down the reservoir.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE Laxmipur District, Laxmipur

- Use tube-well's water in both drinking & domestic purpose.
- Use sanitary latrine.
- Wash hand before eating & defecation with soap.

Notice Inviting Tender ('04-'05)

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of Denmark consider the implementation of Arsenic Mitigation Component (AMC) covering coastal belt Noakhali, Laxmipur, Feni, Patuakhali & Barguna districts which includes deep hand tube-wells in rural areas.

Separate sealed tender in Bangladesh Form No 2911 with requisite earnest money are hereby invited from the enlisted "D" category of DPHE (renewed up-to-date) for the following works under ADP 2004-2005 in Laxmipur district under DPHE.

The tender document can be purchased from the office of the undersigned, Project Director (Addl Chief Engineer), DPHE-DANIDA Project, Dhaka, CPA, DPHE-DANIDA Projects, DPHE Bhaban, Dhaka and Superintending Engineer (PM), DPHE-DANIDA Project, PMU, Noakhali up to 17-07-2004 during the office hours. The tender will be received in the office of the undersigned and the above offices up to 1.00 PM on 29-07-2004 and will be opened on 03-08-2004 at 3.00 PM at the office of the Superintending Engineer (PM), DPHE-DANIDA Project, PMU, Noakhali in presence of intending tender submitter or their representative happened to be present during opening.

Sl No	Description of works	Nos of group	Nos of tubewells	Earnest money
01.	Sinking of 38mm dia deep hand tube-wells in Laxmipur Sadar, Raipur and Ramgoti upazila of Laxmipur district under DPHE-DANIDA Coastal Belt Arsenic Mitigation Component (AMC) during the year 2004-2005.	37 groups	733 Nos	As per group list

- Earnest money, as shown above against each group informs of Pay Order/Bank Draft from a scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned must be accompanied with each tender. The contractors who have got FD the attested photocopy of FD to be submitted along with the tender.
- Rate should be quoted in the proper place on itemwise basis correctly & distinctly including profit, all taxes VAT etc.

Interested contractors may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned as well as from the office of the Project Director (Addl CE), DPHE-DANIDA Projects, Dhaka office of the CPA, DPHE-DANIDA, WSSP, DPHE Bhaban, Dhaka and also from the office of the SE(PM), DPHE-DANIDA Projects, PMU, Noakhali, during the office hours on all working days up to 17-07-04.

DFP-16764-01/07/04 G-372

Md Nazmul Hoque Executive Engineer, DPHE Laxmipur Division, Laxmipur



PHENSIDYLMAN : Bearded old man Kalon Miah was arrested recently in Brahmanbaria with Phensidyl strapped all around his body.



The Jatiya Sangbadik Sangstha recently brought out a mourning procession in Rajshahi city to protest the murder of journalist Humayun Kabir Balu in Khulna.

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 Ref: BFCC/HS/Tender/44/2004/55 Dated: 30-06-2004

International Re-Tender Notice
 No. 36/2004

Biman Flight Catering Centre (BFCC) invites International Tender in 01 (one) envelope system for 02 (two) years basis from the bonafide manufactures/suppliers/local agents/indentors for supply of the following items as per specification, terms and conditions given in the prescribed tender schedule:

Sl No.	Description	Cost of SKD (non-refundable)	Earnest money (Refundable)	Last date for sale of tender schedule, time & date of receiving & dropping of tender and time & date of opening the tender
01.	Mango Hot Pickle Individual	Tk. 750.00 or USD 13.00	Tk. 1,30,000.00 or US\$ 2,300.00	Last date for sale of tender 14-08-2004. Receiving/dropping 10.00 hrs to 12.00 hrs on 15-08-2004. Tender opening: At 14:30 hrs on 15-08-2004
02.	Hot Pickle (Mixed) Individual	-Do-	-Do-	-Do-

Complete set of tender schedule for the tender may be purchased on submission of application by any bidder on payment of prescribed cost of schedule from any of the following addresses on all working days during office hours.

- Manager Finance, Biman Flight Catering Centre, Zia International Airport, Dhaka.
- The Office of Additional Commissioner (General), Room No. 205, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
- Manager Finance, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, London (LON) 17 Conutt Street, London. WWIR-9 TO UK.
- Manager Finance, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, New York, 211 East 43rd Street, Suite 602, New York-10017, USA, Fax # 0011212(212)808-4589.
- Manager Finance, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Dubai (DXB), Al-Gurg Building, Almussalia Road, PO BOX-1525, Dubai, UAE.
- Manager Finance, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Abu Dhabi, Hamdon Centre, Block-"A" APT No. 103 (1st Floor) PO BOX-4356, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- Manager Finance, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Kuala Lumpur, LOT-17 & 18, Ground Floor, Bangurur Angkesa Roy, Jalan Ampang, 50450-Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Manager Finance, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, FIRUZ-ARA, GROUND FLOOR, M. KARVE ROAD, MUMBAI 400 021, India.
- Manager Finance, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Bangkok, Chongkoince Building, 56-Surfong Road, Bangkok-10500, Thailand.
- Manager Finance, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, World Trade Centre, Babar Road, New Delhi, India.
- Manager Finance, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Hongkong-210, Houston-Centre, 63-Mody Road, Kowloon, Hongkong.
- Manager Finance, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Muscat, Sihh Mashany Building (3rd Floor) Opposite Mosque Qaboos, Khamis Al-Shegal Street, PO BOX-4106, Sultanate of Oman.

Bid for any individual item mentioned in the schedule will also be acceptable. The tender will be opened on the schedule date & time in presence of the bidder/bidders representative, if any. If tender opening day happens to be holiday, the tender will be opened on the next working day at the same schedule time.

Any bidder from abroad may also participate directly by post or through their media, in such case, the tender must reach within the schedule closing time. The Management of Biman Flight Catering Centre reserves the right to reject/accept any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Rate of individual item must be quoted on C&F, Zia International Airport, Dhaka basis or Ex-BFCC basis.

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