

SNAPS

Two fake NGO officials remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Two out of three fake NGO officials, arrested on Sunday were placed on seven-day remand by first class magistrate M I Siddique on Monday. Police arrested the three on charge of collecting over Tk one crore from people fraudulently in name of giving them jobs and loans by creating a fake NGO named Sebak in Kukhrail area in the town two months back. Remanded persons are Matar Rahman and Kamal Hossain while Taifa Hassan Shila was exempted. Earlier, police filed a case with Satkhira Thana accusing six persons including Sebak secretary Parvez Bhuiyan, its project manager Mehedi Hasan, area manager Saifur Ahmed, district manager Masur Rahman, supervisor Kamal Hossain and office assistant Taifa Hassan Shila.

20 hurt in clash over fishing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

At least 20 persons were injured in a clash over fishing between two rival groups at the Khara village in Kasba upazila on Friday. According to eye-witness and hospital sources, one person named Seba Mia went to catch fish in a pond near Abu Mia's house. When Abu Mia resisted Seba Mia both of them engaged in an altercation. Later, both the groups equipped with lethal weapons locked in a clash involving 20 persons. The clash lasted for one hour. Six houses were damaged during the clashes. Abu Mia, 70, Alam Mia, 25, Sahed Mia, 22, Salina Begum, 25, Sujon Mia, 16, and Mayed Akter, 30, were admitted to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. Later, Alam and Sahed were sent to Dhaka for betterment.

Piracy alarming in Bay, Sundarbans

15 fishing trawlers looted in four days: 11 fishermen thrown into sea, 27 hurt in attacks: No patrol by Coast Guard

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Piracy has turned alarming in certain coasts of the Bay of Bengal and in the Sundarbans.

Fifteen fishing trawlers were looted by pirates in the areas in four days till Tuesday, in which 27 fishermen were injured and eleven others were thrown into the sea.

All but two of the fishermen were rescued by other fishermen. The two still missing are Shahidul, 30, and Jamal, 35, according to survivors who reached Patharghata Bandar in Barguna Monday night.

The pirates looted fishes, nets and other equipment, fuel and about Tk 20 lakh from the 15 trawlers. These include FB Tin Bhai, FB Jasim, FB Erfan, FB Mamun, FB Khalil, FB Barkat, FB Bismillah, FB Ramzan, FB Sekander, FB Mustafa and FB

Nijami. The pirates too place Fairway Buoya, Char Adda, Kaligahata Char, Alipur, Mohipur, Patharghata, Golachipa, Bishkhali, Baleswar, Katka, Chandreshwar and Kachikhali areas in the Bay and in the Sunderbans coast, they said.

On Tuesday, four trawlers were looted in Fairway Buoya, Char Adda, and Kaligahata Char. The survivors said hardly a day passes without piracy in the areas. The incidents increased in recent days because there is no patrol by the Coast Guard in the areas.

Armed pirates move on water posing as fishermen. In opportune moments, they attack fishermen's trawlers, loot those and again move on water like fishermen. So it is difficult to be aware of pirates, they said.

They said, launch of govern-

ment's anti-crime drive and deployment of RAB up to upazila level in Barisal, Patuakhali, Barguna, Jhalakati, Pirojpur and Bhola forced criminals and dacoits to flee to the Sunderbans and its adjoining areas and shoals along the coasts and river estuaries. They are committing robberies in the areas.

They are also collecting huge amounts of toll from fishermen. This vary from Tk 20,000 to Tk 25,000 per trawler for the current fishing season, the fishermen said.

They said filing case with police brings no result. So they do not file case.

When contacted over cell phone, the Officer-in-Charge of Kalapara thana said they have nothing to do on the water as they have no vessel to move.

Urea production stops in Ashuganj factory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Urea production in Ashuganj Zia Fertilizer Factory is stopped since November 3 due to technical fault.

Sources at the factory said the production is suspended since 2 am on that day following technical problem in the 'single compression tube' of SNC boiler.

Engineers repaired it on Tuesday and resumed production.

But it stopped after some hours on the same day due to mechanical fault. It could not be mended till writing of this report yesterday morning.

When contacted, Md Rukan Uddin, General Manager (Engineering), said the repair work is nearing completion.

The factory produces 1,500 metric tonnes of urea a day. The disruption in production will not affect normal supply of urea as 1,17,000 tonnes are stored in the factory godown, the sources said.

Prisoner jumps from police van, escapes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

An under-trial alleged criminal jumped from police van and escaped from in front of the district jail Tuesday evening.

Ziaur Rahman of Thanpara village was arrested on Monday on charge of abduction and snatching. He was produced before court on Tuesday. The court ordered police to send him to jail hajat.

While being taken to the jail hajat, he jumped from the police van and escaped. Police chased but failed to catch him, sources said.

Boy's freedom bought at Tk 10,000

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

School student Sumon's family bought his freedom by paying Tk 10,000 to his abductors on Tuesday.

Sumon Kumar, 10, son of fish trader Lakhman Kumar of Putimari village in Saikupa upazila in Jhenidah was abducted Sunday night. His captors demanded Tk one lakh ransom.

Police and family sources said Sumon was picked up from his house forcibly as his father did not pay Tk 50,000 toll.

The gang released the boy after negotiation through a former local Union Parishad chairman.

Tax hike: Legal notice on Jessore Poura Chairman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Jessore Nagorik Kalyan Samity served a legal notice on Jessore Pourashava Chairman S M Kamruzzaman Chhunna for sudden enhancement of holding tax recently.

The association served the notice terming it 'illegal' and 'misuse of power'.

Jessore Pourashava sent notices to all residents in the municipality about enhancement of holding tax without considering size and nature of houses, standard of life of people

and sources of income of residents effective from July last. The holding tax was enhanced four to five times after five years.

Most of the lawyers here said that the burden of new tax on people at this critical juncture of economic condition is 'illegal'. They said that the municipality chairman had violated Section 152 of the Pourashava Ordinance misusing his power.

It is interesting to note that quarterly holding tax of one Syed Abdul Baset of Holding No 32/90 was fixed at Tk 810 while quarterly holding tax

of Syed Abdul Kader on R N Road (Holding No 32/28) was fixed at Tk 742 and quarterly holding tax of Shamsun Nahar on the same road was fixed at Tk 675.

Although the notice was served on October 11, the tax enhancement was effective from July 1.

However, the Administrative Officer of Jessore Pourashava termed enhancement in holding tax 'lawful and appropriate'.

Advocate Ahmed Ali and Fatema Begum sent the legal notice on behalf of the association to the chairman.

Free sanitation support by a Rangpur NGO

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

The Health Education and Agriculture Development Society (HEADS), a local NGO, has launched primary health care and sanitation service in Rangpur.

The programme was launched with an orientation meeting and distribution of medicines against worms and sandals for use in latrine among 400 poor people including women and children in Tapodhon union in the Sader upzila. The items were distributed free of cost.

Earlier a rally was held on the ground of Chadkhuti Primary School, where the speakers outlined the objectives of HEADS. They said only sanitation and use of pure water can keep at bay all common ailments like diarrhoea, jaundice and other water borne diseases.

Presided over by Moazzem Hossen Lablu the meeting was addressed by, among others, Dr. Mafizul Hoque Mantu, Masuder Rahman Khan, Rafiqul Islam, and Ashit Kumar Ghosh.

Dr. Mantu said that about 90

percent of the poor people in the country are affected more or less by worm, resulting in malnutrition. Children are the worst sufferers, he added.

People can easily remain free from worms and malnutrition if they are aware of sanitation, he said.

Moazzem Hossen said HEADS gave the sanitation support to the poor only to create awareness. "This does not mean that the organization will give you the support for long", he said.



Abdul Kuddus, Principal of Mymensingh Mohila College, addressing a rally of students held recently to protest murder of a student of the college Sharmin Akhtar, allegedly by her husband.

Security ensures good Eid shopping

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Eid shopping has gained momentum in Barisal city as extortion and mugging have decreased considerably following tight security measures by the government.

Presence of RAB and police patrol has created a safe and secure atmosphere in different markets, shopkeepers and shoppers said while talking to this correspondent yesterday.

Markets in areas including Chawkbazar, Girtzahalla, Fazlul Huiq Avenue, Sadar Road, Bogura Road, Falpatty and Steamerghat areas remain crowded beyond

midnight and people return home safely after shopping.

But prices of sarees and readymade garments are higher this year, both shoppers and shopkeepers said.

The shopkeepers said prices are higher because smuggling of Indian sarees and garments is less.

Sheikh Abdur Rahim, owner of a big cloth store at Chawkbazar, said Indian shares are scarce this year. So locally made garments have good markets and their prices are reasonable.

Rosy Begum, a customer said, "I paid more for a saree but this is a good trend that our producers are

coming up with quality products".

All the shops, markets and streets of commercial areas are decorated with colorful banners and electric lightings.

People from lower income groups are flocking to Mohsin Market, Banga Bazar, hawkers markets and roadside shops.

Rush of people for Eid shopping has created another problem. Traffic jam is a common scene in the city. To ease the situation, some roads have been declared off-limits for rickshaws. Vehicles are not allowed into some approach roads to markets.

Body of Bangladeshi handed over to BDR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) on Tuesday handed over the body of a Bangladeshi to Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) at a flag meeting held in Jhenidah border.

Conflicting reports are available about the death of Khirod Kumar, 28, of Baliakandi village in Rajbari.

The BSF claimed that he had fallen sick in Gouhati in India on November 1 and died subsequently.

But other sources alleged that he died from torture by BSF Khirod Kumar was arrested by BSF on November 1 in Jabadpur in India.

Rapist gets life in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A young man was sentenced to suffer life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) by a court here on Monday for raping a minor girl.

The convict is Golam Mahuddin, 25, son of Amanullah of Darnapota village in Sadar upazila.

The Women and Children Repression Preventive Tribunal Court also fined him Tk 1,000, in default, to suffer one month more RI.

The culprit took a 10-year-old girl beside the River Betna in a plea to give her fish and raped her on September 5, 2003.

Victim's uncle Mizanur Rahman filed a case with Satkhira Sadar Thana accusing the rapist. After investigation police submitted chargesheet against him.

TAMPERED CERTIFICATE SCRAPPING

CU Syndicate forms body to suggest ways

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong University (CU) Syndicate formed a five-member special committee on Tuesday to prepare recommendations on how to implement decisions of the 353rd Syndicate meeting on certificate tampering.

The 353rd meeting of the Syndicate have recommended cancellation of certificates of some 2400 Chittagong University graduates as their certificates were allegedly doctored.

In 1996, the CU authorities had formed a probe committee detected that LLB and Degree (Pass) certificates of 2400 graduates were tampered.

The five-member committee is headed by Prof Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim

of Political Science Department. The Syndicate meeting lasted seven hours from 10:30am.

The meeting asked Prof Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim to submit a report by one month.

Other members of the committee are--Prof Quazi Mostain Billah of English, Arts Faculty Dean Prof Md. Sirajul Islam, Law Faculty Dean Morshed Mahmud Khan and Head of Computer Science Department Prof Dr. Md. Nurul Mostafa.

The meeting also finalised appointment of seven new lecturers and regularised services of two lecturers in the department of Law.

Vice Chancellor Prof AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury chaired the meeting. Among others, Prof VC Prof Dr. M Shamsuddin and other Syndicate members were present.

'Outlaw' killed in shootout with police

Schoolgirl rescued in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A 'top outlaw' was killed in a shootout with police in Jhenidah on Monday.

In another incident, police rescued a kidnapped schoolgirl on the same day.

Alleged outlaw Nekbar Ali Mantu alias Mantu Dakat, 39, was killed in the shootout in Palla village.

Tipped-off, a team of Coactchadpur police led by OC Gazi Ahsan Habib went to the village when cadres of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) led by Mantu were holding a meeting.

Sensing presence of police, the gang opened fire. Police also returned shots.

After an hour-long shootout, police found the bullet-hit Mantu. Others fled away.

Police said at least 75 bullets were traded during the fight.

Police recovered a Shutter Gun. Police sent the body to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Police said, there were several cases including some for murder against Mantu, filed with different

thanas in the areas. Mantu hailed from Mothpara in Coactchadpur.

In the other incident, police rescued kidnapped schoolgirl Kakali Kahtun, 13 and arrested the alleged kidnapper, Sahid Sarwar, from Naldanga village in Mohespur upazila in the district.

Kakali, student of Fotepur Girls High School was abducted on October 28 from Fotepur bus stand when she was returning home from school.

HIV awareness for hotel employees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Marie Stopes Clinic Bangladesh organised an HIV/AIDS awareness campaign for residential hotel managers, staff and other employees at a local hotel here on Monday.

The function was presided over by Md Abdul Hashem, president of district hotel owners' association while Marie Stopes Clinic project coordinator of HIV/AIDS programme A K M Fazle Huda attended as chief guest.



HEADS President inaugurating its primary health care service at Tapodhon in Rangpur Sadar upzila.

Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd. (A Company of Petrobangla) 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215 Invitation for Bids INTERNATIONAL BID FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 1000 (ONE THOUSAND) NOS. OF DOMESTIC PRE-PAID GAS METERS WITH IC-CARD & GAS SELLING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ON TURN-KEY BASIS Bid Reference No: Titas/PD/2312/Prepaid Meter/2004 Date: 04-11-2004 International sealed bids under two-stage bidding procedure are invited from reputed manufacturer of Domestic Gas Pre-paid Meters associated with compatible IC/Smart Card and Gas Selling Management System, on turnkey basis as per terms and conditions stated below. 1. Project name (if applicable) Pilot Project. 2. Source of funds From Company's own source. 3. Tender package No. 01 (one). 4. Invitation for bid reference & date Ref. No. Titas/PD/2312/Pre-paid Meter/2004 Date: 04-11-2004. 5. Bid name Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 1000 (one thousand) Nos. of Domestic Pre-paid Gas Meters (G 1.6=800 nos. & G 2.5=200 nos.) with IC-Card & Gas Selling Management System on turnkey basis. 6. Brief description of goods and services Pre-paid Meter, IC/Smart Card, Vending m/c with Gas Sales Management System. 7. Period for completion of work 3 (three) months from the date of signing of contract. 8. Eligibility of bidders Experience of completing at least 1 (one) No. of similar contracts of supplying 5000 Nos. of Pre-paid Gas Meter with IC Card within last 3 (three) years. 9. Price of bid document BD Tk. 5,000.00 or US \$ 85.00. 10. Amount of bid security BD Tk. 4,00,000.00 or BD Tk. 0.40 million only. 11. Name and address of the office(s) for selling of bid document i) Accounts Department, Titas Gas T & D Co. Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. ii) Accounts Department, Petrobangla, Petrocenter, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. iii) Accounts Department, BAPEX, 80/1, Shahjalal Tower (7th Floor), Shidheswari Circular, Road, Malibagh, Dhaka-1217. iv) Accounts Department, Rupantarita Praktik Gas Co. Ltd. (RPGCL), BSEC Bhaban (8th Floor), 103, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. v) Accounts Department, Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL), House No. 1, Road No. 12, Sector-3, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230. 12. Name and address of the office(s) for receiving bids Board Room, 3rd Floor (Titas Gas Bhaban), Titas Gas T & D Co. Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. 13. Name and address of the office for opening tenders Board Room, 3rd Floor (Titas Gas Bhaban), Titas Gas T & D Co. Ltd., 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. 14. Last date and time for selling of bid document 21st December, 2004. 15. Last date and time for submission of bids 12:00 hrs, 22nd December, 2004. 16. Date and time for opening of bids 14:00 hrs., 22nd December, 2004. 17. Place of pre-bid meeting (optional) Board Room, 3rd Floor (Titas Gas Bhaban), Titas Gas T & D Co. Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. 18. Date and time of pre-bid meeting (optional) To be decided later on. Titas Gas reserves the right to accept or reject any or part of bids or all of the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever. Alternative bids will not be allowed. বিনা প্রয়োজনে গ্যাস জ্বলতে থাকা আর বিপদকে ডাকা - একই বিষয় Titas/PR-58/2004-05 GD-696 Deputy General Manager Purchase Department

Naval Administrative Authority, Dhaka BNS Haji Mohsin Dhaka Cantonment, Dhaka-1206 Tender Notice Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide architects/manufacturers, for constructing one wooden model of ship, one wooden model of submarine, one wooden model of helicopter and one underground operation room including other works as per schedule at Old Airport, Tejgaon, Dhaka for Combined Military Hardware Exhibition. Tender schedule will be available at Tk 400/00 (four hundred) only (non-refundable) from Secretary, Naval Administrative Authority, Dhaka during office hours on all working days. Tenders should be deposited in tender box kept at Guard Room of BNS Haji Mohsin, Dhaka Cantonment by 12-00noon of 17 November 2004. Tenders shall be opened on the same day at 1400 hours in presence (if any) of the tenderers. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender. Naval Administrative Authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Past experience of such work of Navy is a necessity. ISPR/N/04/991 DFP-26738-6/11 G-1083 Naval Administrative Authority, Dhaka