

29 'top criminals' killed in 'crossfire' in two districts in six months

Miscreants prefer jail to stay outside

MD HOSSAIN SERAI, *Magura*

Twenty-nine 'top criminals' were killed in Jhenidah and Chudanga in Rab (Rapid Action Battalion) and police custody during a period from May 12 to November 30 this year.

However, Rab and police sources announced they had been killed in crossfire while recovering arms following their arrest.

Meanwhile, 'top criminals' in the two districts prefer jail to stay outside it.

Their lives are at stake outside jail, according to a relative of a leader of the outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP), 'Bere-Rabi' of Sailakupa upazila in Jhenidah. It was disclosed during a conversation with this correspondent recently.

Ten criminals were killed in Jhenidah while the rest were killed in Chudanga.

The latest victims are Purba Bangla Communist Party (PBCP) cadres Mannan of Hemayetpur village,

Mahbub Ali and Habibul Islam of Fatehpur village and Khairul Islam, Borhanuddin, and Giasuddin of Par-Laxmipur village in Alamdanga upazila, Chudanga district.

According to police, Purbo Bangla Communist Party (PBCP-ML) cadre Mannan was killed at Damurhuda in Chudanga in a crossfire with police during arms recovery on November 30 while Mahbub and Habib were killed on November 26 in a crossfire during recovery of arms after their arrest.

Asadur Rahman Asad, a leader of BCP southwestern region, was killed in a crossfire at village Ghorasal in Jhenidah Sadar upazila on November 25 when DB (Detective Branch) of police had been recovering arms, police said.

Mosharaf alias Mosha, a regional leader of Janajuddho faction of PBCP was killed in a crossfire with police at village Kalpar in Jhenidah Sadar upazila on November 24.

Outlawed BCP leader Shahjahan alias Shahaj was killed in a shootout between Rab and an armed BCP man at village Arutia in Maheshpur upazila in Jhenidah on November 21.

BCP activists Ehsanul Bari alias Babau and Turki were killed in crossfire with police at village Kacherkhola in Sailakupa upazila while Jafirul Islam another activist of the same outfit was killed in another shootout with Rab at village Joradah-Bherikhal village in Harinakundu upazila, Jhenidah on November 16.

A 'top criminal', Shahidul Islam alias Kota was killed in a shootout between police and his aides at village Dinonathpur in Chudanga Sadar upazila on November 9.

An inter-district bandit, Montu was killed at Pallal village in Koachandpur upazila, Jhenidah on November 8.

Sawakt Hossain alias Zakir, another outlawed cadre was killed in a crossfire with police at village Sreepur

in Jhenidah Sadar while another criminal Boma-Sharif was killed in Alamdanga upazila, Chudanga on November 5.

BCP cadres Rajkumar and Abdul Mazid were killed in crossfire with police at village Pikepara in Jhenidah Sadar upazila on October 31.

Other outlaws who were killed in crossfire at different villages in Chudanga are as follows. Rifat alias Kafil of Gargari village was killed on October 30, Hashem and Tiger of Khadimpur, both were killed on October 9, Abdul Malek alias Pavel of Atharakhada was killed on October 8, Kuddus of village Howli was killed on October 24, Khabir Bahini chief Khabir of Alamdanga College Para was killed on August 11, Zia of Pachkampalpur and Uzzal of Atharakhada villages were killed on June 30, Arif of Iswarpur village was killed on June 5, Zinur alias Zina and Saban alias Khokan in Chudanga Sadar upazila were killed on May 12.

Demolition of old buildings to reduce tremor losses

CU CORRESPONDENT

Seventy per cent structures are vulnerable in the country and earthquake may collapse 20 per cent of the structures including educational institutions and healthcare centres.

This was told at a workshop on Earthquake and Disaster Management held in Chittagong on Tuesday.

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) and Disaster Management Bureau jointly organised the workshop its CCC auditorium with its Acting Chief Executive Officer Mostafa Kamaluddin in the chair.

Speakers emphasized on immediate demolition of all vulnerable buildings. Otherwise the authorities concerned should renovate the buildings to escape possible casualties caused by tremor, they added.

Everybody should abide by the building code and take precautionary measures for reduction of destruction during earthquake.

City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury opened the workshop.

'Create mass awareness against early marriage'

Lack of knowledge, religious superstition and ignorance behind early marriages

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Saikhira*

Speakers at a discussion titled 'Early Marriage and Marriage Registration', held at Saikhira Poursava auditorium on Sunday stressed the need for creating mass awareness against early marriage and necessity of marriage registration.

NGOs like Society for Development and Education for Small Households (Sodesh), South West Information for Transformation (Swift) and Steps Toward Development jointly organised the discussion.

Speakers said that lack of knowledge about bad effects of early marriage, religious superstition, ignorance and absence of



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A partial view of a big gathering at a discussion on early marriage held at Saikhira municipality auditorium on Sunday.

social awareness were the main reasons behind early marriage and marriage without registration.

Mallik Rafiquzzaman presided over the discussion while

Saikhira Deputy Commissioner (DC) Md. Elias was present as chief guest. Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer K.M. Afiaz, former M.P. Snigdha Haq and Sadar Upazila Officer on Women's Affairs Department Shahin Sultana were present as special guests.

It was addressed, among others, by Sodesh Executive Director Madhab Datta, Swift Treasurer Anisur Rahman, Steps representative Tarun Karmakar, teacher

Sheikh Rezaul Haq, marriage registrar Sheikh Mahbubur Rahman, Asit Kumar Majumdar, Sandha Rani Sikdar, Ali Ashraf, Bazlur Rahman and Sudhangsu Shekhar Sarkar.

Speakers suggested coordinated efforts of government, NGOs and other related organisations to eliminate early marriage. They also urged the authorities concerned to take action against the violators of laws.

Bhadra Kumar Das, a resident of Rishi Para in the town promised to resist early marriage in his area.

Output comes to a halt at Joypurhat Sugar Mills

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gaibandha*

Production in Joypurhat Sugar Mills ceased for second time on Tuesday after its formal opening recently.

A major mechanical fault was the reason behind the incident.

The mills went into production on December 3 in the ongoing crushing season. The crushing roller of the mills suddenly went out of order soon after its operation for 20 hours. The production remained suspended for the next 48 hours.

After its repair the mills again went into production from Monday morning. But its production ceased further on Tuesday due to mechanical fault in shaft bearing of the crushing unit.

Unnatural death of railway employee

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gaibandha*

A railway employee faced an unnatural death while on duty at Mohimaganj station on Tuesday.

The victim is Monoanjan Saker, 40, a signal mechanic of Railway Department and an inhabitant of village Rowshanbag under Palashbari upazila.

He was killed after being dashed by a running train during maintenance work in signal line along the railway track.

At that time, 713 up Korotoa Inter-city express train was passing through the station when he was dashed by its locomotive power. He sustained severe head injury and died on the spot.



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Four poor girls working at a soap manufacturing factory in Patuakhali Sadar upazila. Poverty has compelled them to earn a living by leaving schools at tender age.

They earn a living when others of their age group attend schools

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, *Patuakhali*

Poor girls here are compelled to earn a living due to abject poverty when other girls of their age group attend schools.

Nilufa, Shirin, Rahela, Afroza and Marufa, all aged between 12 to 15 of Morishbunia village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila are a few of such girls. Shirin is their team leader. Each of them earn Tk 800-1,000 per month by making soap. But they are not complacent because they are being deprived of education. Their place of work is 15 kilometre off the district town. A local NGO named Centre for Mass Education in Science (CMES) runs the factory at Khaserhat in Sadar upazila is manufacturer of soaps.

Fourteen-year-old Shirin said to this correspondent she had left school

three years back when he was a student of class four. Then her father used to earn only Tk 50 a day from agriculture which was not enough to run their family of four brothers and three sisters. Being informed, she came to the centre where she took three months' training. Now she earns Tk 800 to 1,000 each month and contributes her earnings towards their family's welfare. A few distressed women also got jobs in the centre.

During a visit to the centre, this correspondent came to know that many others want to sell labour to make soaps here. 'But the scope is limited', said Anisur Rahman, an official of the centre.

The venture was launched here in a limited scale in January, 1995. The soaps are marketed in Patuakhali and Barguna districts. Each soap weighing

70 grams is being sold at Tk 5.

'We had to work hard to pursue whole-sellers as well as retailers', Shirin told this correspondent. 'Now local businessmen are also sympathetic to us due to what they say is better quality', Anisur Rahman said. 'We are trying to expand the project by procuring new machines. It is a sustainable venture with a small capital', he said.

Nilufa who was seen busy in packing soaps told this correspondent, 'My father is a rickshaw-puller. I stopped attending school due to poverty. Five of the girls now realise that education is necessary for decent living but now they do not have the scope. However, they will go to school if they get an opportunity', they told this correspondent. The official of the centre, Anisur Rahman informed this correspondent they are thinking seriously for their studies.

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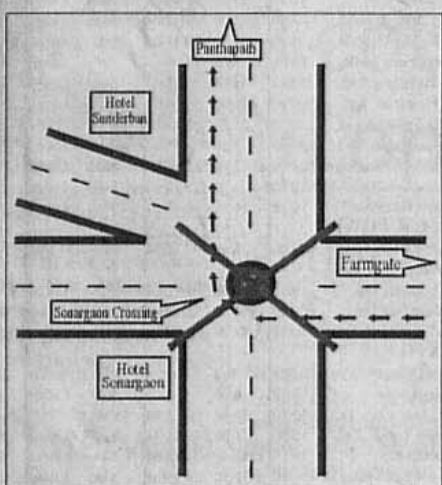
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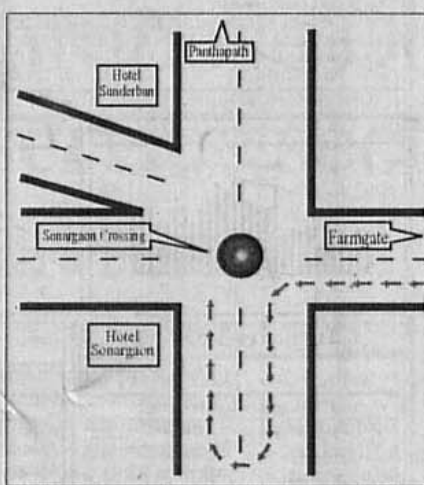
Urgent Notice

This is for the information of all general public that Traffic movement will be controlled by auto traffic signal equipment in the intersection adjacent to Hotel Sonargoan from 09/12/2004. The following procedures for movement of traffic will be followed after the auto traffic signal system comes into operation.



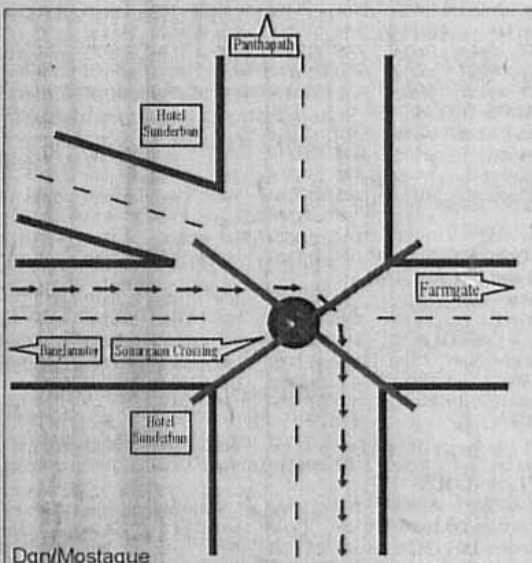
Picture-1

The traffic coming from Farmgate will not be allowed to make directly right turn in the Sonargoan crossing (Picture-1).



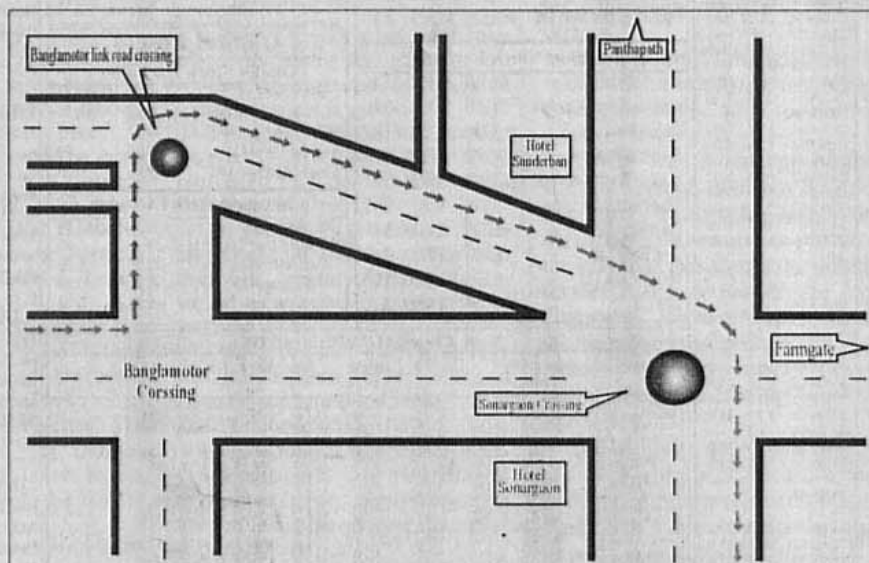
Picture-2

The traffic coming from Farmgate and willing to turn right in Sonargoan Intersection will have to take left turn and proceeds toward east and take U-turn as per existing design (Picture-2).



Picture-3

The traffic coming from Baglamotor Crossing will not be allowed to make directly right turn in the Sonargoan crossing (Picture-3).



Picture-4

The traffic coming from Sheraton to Baglamotor, and willing to make a right turn in Sonargoan crossing will have to take a left turn directly and follow the Baglamotor link road crossing, then turn right toward Sonargoan intersection (Crossing the Hotel Sonargoan) to make a right turn (Picture-4).

Co-operation and support is solicited from all concern which will be highly appreciated.

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No. Soil/A/Store/2-60/2/2402

Dated: 06/11/2004

Tender Notice

No. 5/2004-2005

Sealed tenders in National Open System are invited for purchase of chemical goods, glassware and filter paper for 4 (four) mobile soil testing labs of Soil Resources Development Institute, Mrittika Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Dhaka-1215. Sealed tender addressed to Director, Soil Resources Development Institute, Mrittika Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Dhaka-1215 must be dropped in the tender box kept at this office within 12.00 (twelve) noon of 15-12-2004 and opened at 12.30 (twelve thirty) hours on the same day in presence (if any) of attending tenderers. Tenderers may also submit tender addressed to Director, Soil Resources Development Institute, Mrittika Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Dhaka-1215 by post/courier service, but in that case tender must reach within the stipulated time.

As tender security Tk 1,00,000 (one lakh) only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of Director, Soil Resources Development Institute, Mrittika Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Dhaka-1215 should be submitted.

All tenderers shall submit attested copy of import licence with the tender. Tender schedule can be collected on payment of Tk 750/- (seven hundred and fifty) only per schedule to the Accounts Section of this office on any day during office hours. Tender schedule will be sold up to 14-12-2004. No schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender. Only those firms importing standard goods stated in the respective schedule can submit tender. Attested copies of respective import licence and trade licence and L/C and invoice showing that the tenderer has imported chemical goods, glassware and filter paper through own import licence in the last 2 years should be submitted with the tender. If necessary, original copy of import licence should be produced. Other terms and conditions are stated in the tender schedule. Schedule can be purchased from and tender can be dropped at the Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka, as well.

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Project entitled "Institutionalising the Department of Women's Studies of the University of Dhaka"

The Department of Women's Studies, University of Dhaka, invites applications from Bangladeshi nationals, both male and female, for the following positions under the above-mentioned Project.

A. PROJECT OFFICER: 1

Qualifications

Educational qualification:

- Masters degree in any discipline of the Social Sciences
- Minimum Second Class in SSC, HSC, Bachelors and Masters degree
- Knowledge of women's/gender studies

Skill requirements:

- Experience in project management and implementation
- Good knowledge of English language, both written and spoken
- Good knowledge of Microsoft Office applications Excel and Word
- Ability to maintain records, prepare reports and six monthly/annual plans of project activities
- Ability to do the above in English
- Ability to work accurately within given deadlines
- Ability for team work

Work experience:

- Minimum of 5 years service with a reputed organisation

B. LIBRARIAN: 1

Qualifications

Educational qualification:

- Masters degree in Library Science
- Minimum Second Class in SSC, HSC, Bachelors and Masters degree

Skill requirements:

- Experience in library management and collection of library resources
- Good knowledge of Microsoft Office applications needed for catalogue maintenance, identification and collection of library resources through Internet
- Maintain records of library lending and borrowing
- Good knowledge of English language, both written and spoken
- Knowledge of the literature, journals and publications of women's/gender studies
- Ability for team work

Work experience:

- Minimum 5 years of experience of working as librarian of an organisation that deals with research and publication

Salary: To be discussed.

Applicants should provide bio-data and full particulars in line with the qualifications asked for. All applications should be accompanied by 3 passport size photographs, attested copies of all relevant certificates and testimonials etc. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Any undue pressure will be considered a disqualification. Only those applicants selected for interview will be individually notified. All applicants are therefore requested to provide their present contact address (including telephone, email, fax, if any). Applications must reach the office of the Chairperson, Department of Women's Studies, 4th Floor, Arts Building, Dhaka University by December 22, 2004. The position for which applications are being submitted should be clearly marked on the envelop.

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