

FINAL REPORT ON MILI MURDER CASE PROTESTED

Human chain, road barricade today, hartal tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A fresh week-long agitation programme was launched in Rajshahi city yesterday demanding fair trial of nine-year-old Mili rape and murder case.

Submission of a final report in the case by police, allegedly dropping the main culprits due to political influence, fuelled the agitation. Schoolgirl Mafriza Khatun Mili was raped and killed on May 3 when she was alone at home in the city.

People, led by the newly formed 'movement council for justice to murders like Mili', held a rallies in the morning and in the evening yesterday protesting the role of police in the investigation and demanding punishment to the culprits.

The week-long agitation, announced at the evening rally, include a three-hour human chain and road barricade today, a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the city on September 25 and a students' strike next day.

Demonstrations will be held on the court premises on September 26 when the Women and Children Repression Prevention Court will hear the final report. The movement council with Mili's mother Hasina Begum its convenor and journalist Saidur Rahman its member secretary was formed at a meeting at Miapara public library in the morning.

With Hasina Begum in the chair, the meeting was addressed by, among others, Rajshahi Rakkha Sangram Parishad Conveyer Zamat Khan, Mohila Parishad

General Secretary Kolpona Roy, Barind Development Forum Director Fayezaullah Chowdhury, journalists Shafikul Islam, Saidur Rahman, Zahangir Alam Aakash, Selim Zahangir, former Awami League lawmaker Zinnatun Nesa Talukdar, NGO leader Debashish Pramanik Debu, Prof Rozetti Nasrin and lawyer Khairul Alam.

The criminal investigation department of police submitted the final report in Mili rape and murder case to a Magistrate court on September 19.

The report recommended dropping of three accused persons -- Fazle Rabi Lion, Saduzzaman Minar and Fazlur Rahman -- from the case, saying that the DNA tests of the accused and of the victim proved that the accused persons were not

involved in the gruesome incident.

The report also sought permission of the court for further investigation against.

The victim's lawyers however claimed that the DNA tests were manipulated.

"Police spent over Tk 10 lakh for the DNA tests in Singapore. The test materials were tampered to save the rapists", Khairul Alam, one of the lawyers told this correspondent.

"Mili's case is an example how police can manipulate a case", he said.

Mili's family members alleged that ruling party leaders were influencing the investigation.

Meanwhile, the Magistrate court sent the case report to the Women and Children Repression Prevention Court.

Flood improves in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The overall flood situation in Moulvibazar district marked improving yesterday as water levels of Monu and Dhalai rivers started falling.

But most of the villages in eight unions under Kulaura, Rajnagar and Kamalganj upazilas were still inundated as waters were gushing through the breaches in embankments of the rivers. The rivers burst their embankments on Wednesday.

Vast tracts of Amon fields in the three upazilas are under water.

According to Water Development Board (WDB) officials here, there was no report of heavy rainfall in the district in the last 18 hours ending yesterday morning. The flood situation will further improve in next 24 hours as the rivers have started falling.

The flood affected people of two unions in Kulaura and three unions in Kamalganj upazila, who took shelter in different schools or on high land, have not yet returned home.

23 die of diarrhoea in Dinajpur, Sirajganj

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At least 23 people died of diarrhoea in Dinajpur and Sirajganj in the last few days.

A Correspondent from Dinajpur reports: At least 17 people including five children died and over 142 others, mostly children, were attacked with diarrhoea in Thakurgaon district in last 15 days, according to sources in Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital.

The victims are Rumi, 6, daughter of Abul Hossain of Koharpura village in Baliadangi upazila, Shahida Begum, 25, wife of Siddique of Daulatpur village in the same upazila, Kawsar, 6 days, son of Anwar Hossain of Kalitola village, Bithika Bala, 25, Sumitra Rani, 5, Kharuguram, 10, of Betbari village, Hareena, 32, Nayan, 16, Kutubuddin, 50, Monosha Roy, 55, Joyal, 45, Bedho Bala, 68, Bulbul Nahar, 35, wife of Azharul Islam, Shumitra Rani, 5, Abdul Noor, 75,

son of late Musa Mohammad of Kumarpara village, Akram Hossain, 45, and Ariful, 4, all of Dhamagarh and Bethari unions in Ranishankoil upazila.

Dhamagarh and Bethari unions of Ranishankoil upazila are the worst affected areas.

All the patients are undergoing treatment at Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital.

When contacted, Thakurgaon Civil Surgeon Dr Md MA Momeen said only nine people died of diarrhoea. He said excessive heat during the last few days, lack of pure drinking water and poor sanitation system were behind outbreak of the disease. He disclosed, about 10 medical teams are working round the clock in Ranishankoil and Baliadangi upazilas. The situation is under control, he further said.

Ranishankoil Upazila Nirbahi Officer KM Mominur Rahman, Upazila Health Officer Anisur Rahman and Ranishankoil police

Station Officer-in-Charge Lutfar Rahman visited the affected areas.

Meanwhile, the patients alleged negligence of health workers in the upazila health complexes.

A nurse at Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital told this correspondent, on condition of anonymity, most diarrhoea patients died due to their late arrival in hospital. They should have been shifted to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital earlier for better treatment, she said.

A correspondent from Sirajganj reports: With recession of floodwaters, diarrhoea has broken out in the flood affected areas.

At least six people died and 100 others were attacked with the disease in last three days.

They are Chhuraia Khatun, 2, of Chowdhali, Gonzer Ali, 60, of Kazipur, Babu Lal, 55, of Tarash and Ushila Bewa, 58, of Shahzadpur, Azgor Ali, 60, and his son Rafiqul Islam, 13, of Dhitpur Alal village in Sadar upazila.

Threat to cancel Rag Day at KU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna University Vice Chancellor Prof Mahub Hasan, Emdadul Huq of English Department and Prof Aiyaz Hasan Chisty, Director of Student Affairs, have been threatened of 'dire consequences' if they do not stop Rag Day programme on the campus.

The threat was given in handwritten letters sent to them by post. The letters did not bear name of the sender.

It has been mentioned in the letters that the university and all its residential halls will come under bomb attacks if Rag Day is at all held as Islam does not permit such 'obnoxious function'.

It may be mentioned here that two bombs exploded outside Khulna University on August 17.



Indigenous people presenting a dance at a cultural programme held at Gunigram High School in Godagari upazila, Rajshahi yesterday marking Karam festival.

Protect indigenous people's rights

Karam festival observed in Rajshahi

ABU KALAM, back from Godagari, Rajshahi

Indigenous people at a gathering at Gunigram in Godagari upazila in Rajshahi district have demanded enactment of laws to protect their language and traditional culture.

The demands were made at a day-long cultural programme, held at Gunigram High School playground yesterday marking 'Karam' festival.

The programme was organised by Uttar Bangla Adivasi Lahanti Network.

Several hundred indigenous people including those from Orao, Santal and Pahari men and women from different areas joined the colourful programme.

It began through offering Puja to 'Orao' idol.

It was followed by a big colorful procession.

The processionists paraded different roads in Gunigram village, participated by a large number of indigenous people including children.

A Karom fair and traditional songs and dances were the main attraction.

At the meeting, Adivasi Unnyon

Sangtha (AUS) Executive Director Bhavagat Tudu read out a written statement in which the demands were made.

Godagari Upazila Nirbahi Office (UNO) Hawlader Zakir Hossain was the chief guest while indigenous leader and 'king' of Digri community Raza Shiri Rampada Sarder was in the chair.

Jatiya Adivasi Parishad President Anil Marandi, indigenous leader Albert Saran and indigenous leader

Rangit Sharan attended the programme.

The speakers demanded constitutional recognition of their rights and return of their lands grabbed allegedly by Bangalees and steps to ensure their right to education.

Bagalees, NGO workers and some foreign national were also present at the daylong cultural programme.

Municipal Services Project

Post-Flood Recovery Assistance Program 2004

(Urban Infrastructure)

Pourashava: Bashurhat

District: Noakhali

Memo No: BP/ED/2005/418.

Date: 18/9/2005

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB No. 02/2005-2006

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received credits from the International Development Association (hereinafter referred to as the IDA) towards the cost of the Post-Flood Recovery Assistance Program (Urban Infrastructure) and intends to apply part of the credits to cover eligible payments under the contract(s) mentioned in para-2. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the guidelines for: Procurement under IBRD loans and IDA credits.
- The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, through Chairman, Bashurhat Pourashava, District-Noakhali invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for implementation of the following works:

Contract package No	Name of the work	Bid security in Taka	Time for Completion (Days)	Price of bidding document (Tk.)
BAS-FDR 2004-01	a) Rehabilitation of Bamni TC Road L-1, (Ch-0+000 to 0+290m & Ch-0+405 to 1+385m), L-2 (Ch-0+000 to 1+350) b) Rehabilitation of Post Office Road (Ch-0+000 to 0+365m)	80,000.00	90	1,000.00
BAS-FDR 2004-02	a) Rehabilitation of road from Khan Sab Road (Ch-0+000 to 0+338 & Ch-0+342 to 1+410m) b) Rehabilitation of road from Rehan Ali Chowdhury Road (Ch-0+000 to 0+770m) c) Rehabilitation of Kalabagan Rice Mill Road (Ch-0+200 to 0+620m)	90,000.00	90	1,000.00
BAS-FDR 2004-03	a) Rehabilitation of road from Fazlul Haque Chowdhury Road (Ch-0+000 to 1+520m) b) Rehabilitation of road from Shahid Ismail Sarak L-1 (Ch-0+000 to 1+120m) & L-2 (Ch-0+000 to 0+300m) c) Rehabilitation of road from Moulana Faez Ullah Road (Ch-0+000 to 0+230m)	90,000.00	90	1,000.00

- The bidders may inspect the bidding documents, obtain further information and clarification at the office of the Chairman, Bashurhat Pourashava, District: Noakhali, Tel: 03223-56302 or the office of the Upazila Engineer, Companiganj Upazila, District: Noakhali, Tel: 03223-56418. For award of contract, the bidder must be qualified in post qualification as specified in the bidding documents.
- A pre-bid conference will be held on 06-10-2005 at 10.30am in the office of the undersigned and all bidders are requested to attend the conference on time.

- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any eligible bidder from the office of (i) the Project Director, Municipal Services Project (Address: LGED Bhaban (Level-6), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207) or (ii) the Deputy Commissioner, District: Noakhali or (iii) the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Noakhali or (iv) Upazila Engineer, Upazila: Companiganj, District: Noakhali or (v) the undersigned upon payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned in para-2 for each set in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled Bank in Bangladesh drawn in favour of the Chairman, Bashurhat Pourashava, District: Noakhali. Additional sets of bidding documents may be purchased at the same price. The bidding documents will be available during office hours from 09:00am to 05:00pm up to 24-10-2005.
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 63 (sixty-three) days after bid opening and all bids must be accompanied by a bid security of amount as mentioned in table, para-2, in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of the Upazila Engineer, Companiganj Upazila, District: Noakhali.

- All bids must be delivered to the office of (i) the undersigned or (ii) the Upazila Engineer, Companiganj Upazila, District: Noakhali on or before 25-10-2005 by 2.00pm.
- Bids will be opened at 3.00pm at the office of the undersigned in presence of the bidders or their authorised representatives who choose to attend on 25-10-2005.

- Bidders may deliver/submit bids personally or by registered mail or by courier services, etc. and bids must reach to the office(s) mentioned at para-7 on or before 25-10-2005 by 2.00pm.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.

Chairman
Bashurhat Pourashava
District-Noakhali

Maolana held in Bandarban had 'links' with ARNO

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Police are interrogating Maolana Abdul Malek, arrested in Bandarban town on September 19 for his suspected involvement in the August 17 serial bomb blasts in the country.

He was taken three days' remand on Wednesday.

Malek denied his involvement in the blasts or with any Islamist militant organisation but police sources claimed that they have found clues which suggest he could be involved with the Arafkan Rohingya Nationalist Organization' (ARNO), suspected for smuggling firearms into the country.

"Maolana Malek performed an important role on behalf of ARNO", one police source said seeking anonymity.

"We already got some important information from him", Bandarban Police Superintendent Iqbal Bahar told newsmen on Thursday.

But he declined to give details for the sake of investigation.

"Maolana Abdul Malek may be sent to the joint interrogation cell

(JIC) in Dhaka for quizzing. We are checking the information we got from him", the SP said.

In recent drives, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), Army and Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) personnel seized huge quantities of firearms, ammunition and explosives from deep forests in Naikkhongchari in Bandarban. They suspect that these were brought and hidden there by ARNO members.

Police sources said they have launched a manhunt for some students of Islami Shikha Kendra in the town who fled from their dormitories on September 12. They could be involved in the August 17 blasts, police said.

Maolana Malek was engaged as a honorary teacher in that madrasa earlier.

Other sources said Maolana Malek was working at the local Islami Shikha Kendra, Mohila Madrasa and some other organisations in the town but did not take any salary from those. They claimed that Malek used to get salary from Al-Muntada, a donor based in Saudi Arabia.

Oust 'corrupt govt', Nasim tells Comilla public meeting

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Former home minister and Awami League (AL) leader Md. Nasim yesterday called upon people to rally round the AL-led 14-party alliance to oust the 'corrupt and inefficient people' from power to establish a pro-people government.

Addressing a public meeting at Comilla Town Hall ground, the front ranking AL leader reiterated his party's demand for reforms to the caretaker system and the Election Commission.

The next parliamentary election will not be free and fair if electoral laws are not amended and the administration not freed from ruling party men, he said.

Organized by the Comilla 14-party alliance, the meeting was addressed by among others, former law minister Abdul Matin Khasru, former Whip Majibul Haque, JSD central joint secretary Najmul Haque, NAP leader Saidur Rahman and Gono Forum leader Mostaque Ahmed.

Comilla AL general secretary and convener of local 14-party alliance Afzal Khan was in the chair.

Nasim claimed that the AL-led alliance will form government if the next general election is held in a free and fair manner.

People have already rejected this

government because the ruling party men have made their fortune without working for development of the country, he said.

The AL leader also bitterly criticised the Chief Election Commissioner as well as the alliance government for appointing 'cadres' of Chitra Dal and Chitra Shibir as upazila election officers.

Even the judiciary has been politicised by the government, he claimed. This is part of a blue print to retain power by any means, he said and urged the government to desist from such ill efforts.

The former home minister also criticised the government for 'deterioration' in the law and order, allegedly because ruling party men are sheltering criminals.

Even relatives of ruling party men are doing crimes but they are not punished, he alleged.

Nasim asked the people to compare the price level now and during the AL rule. The recent oil price hike is affecting all sectors, industries in particular, he said.

Abdul Matin Khasru said, realising that people will not vote them again, the ruling parties have resorted to repression on the opposition by implicating its activists in false cases and torturing them, he said.

Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh

Public Works Department

Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000

INVITATION FOR TWO STAGE TENDER (RE- TENDER)

Memo No: 1P-11/04/1563

D-IV

Date: 21.09.2005

- The Public Works Department (PWD) invites sealed Tenders from interested eligible local contractor (Firm or JVCA) to submit tender for design and construction of 2 (two) Nos. 14(fourteen) storied Residential Tower buildings for Police Personnel at Armed Police Battalion (APBN) Compound Uttara, Dhaka in two-stage method.
- At the First Stage, un-priced technical proposal should be submitted in sealed cover on the basis of tender document outlining a conceptual architectural & structural design/ and or a stipulated performance specification. In response to the invitation, tenderer shall submit tender with their proposed design describing the technical performance, quality and other characteristics of the works & related services, which they best suited to meet the needs of Police Personnel.
- Tender dropping, opening and other information are as per IFT in SLN-4. The technical proposals received, will subsequently be evaluated on the basis of the evaluation criteria shown in the Tender Documents. Responsive Tenderer in the First-Stage shall be invited to submit their priced "best and final" tender, including tender security in the second stage.
- Particulars of IFT are as follows:

a	Name of Tender	Construction of 2 (Two) Nos. 14(Fourteen) storied Residential Tower Buildings for Police Personnel at Armed Police Battalion (APBN) Compound Uttara, Dhaka (on turnkey basis).
b	Source of Funds	GOB.
c	Tender Reference and date	DRT 02/2005-06, Date : 22/09/05.
d	Time for Completion	36 (thirty six) months (strictly time-bound).
e	Eligibility of Tenderers	The bidder shall have the following basic capabilities and experience: 1(a) Design (both architectural & structural) and construction of minimum 14 (Fourteen) storied high-rise building with required modern facilities including installation of substation, lifts, elevators, generator, pumps, gas supply, fire fitting system etc. within last 10 (Ten) years. 1(b) Completion cost of building construction work valued not less than Tk.25 (Twenty-five) crores within last 10 (ten) years in a single work order. 2. Key personnel and equipment to design & execute the project as mentioned in the Tender Document. 3. Other conditions as mentioned in the Tender Document.
f	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 2,000/- (Taka Two thousand) only.
g	Name and address of the Office(s) Selling Tender Document	(i) Police Headquarters, Dhaka. (ii) Mohakhali PWD Division, Dhaka. (iii) Office of the SDE, Dhaka Sub-Division No. - V of Dhaka PWD Division-IV, Dhaka.
h	Name and address of the Office(s) Receiving Tender	(i) Police Headquarters, Dhaka. (ii) Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Project Division-IV, Dhaka. (iii) Mohakhali PWD Division, Dhaka.
i	Name and address of the Office Opening Tender.	Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Project Division-IV, Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
j	Last Date and Time for Selling of Tender Document	During office hour up to 10/10/2005
k	Last Date and Time for Tender Submission	Up to 12:00 noon of 20/10/2005
l	Date and Time for Tender Opening	20/10/2005, 2.30 P.M. in presence of the tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any.
m	Date, Time and Place of pre-Tender meeting	09/10/05 at 2:30PM, Conference Room, Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha Dhaka
n	Brief Description of Works & related services	Design (both architectural and structural) and Construction of 2 (Two) Nos. 14(Fourteen) storied Residential Tower Buildings in all respect as specified: (i) Tower-1: 1 x 14-Storied [10 x 800 sq ft (excluding common space) apartments per floor; Total 130 apartments in 13 floors, (keeping the ground floor open)] building with stair cases, elevators; electrical substation, stand by generator, water lifting pumps, internal & external sanitary works, water supply, gas supply, fire fighting arrangement, site improvement, etc. (ii) Tower-2: 1 x 14-Storied [12 x 600 sq ft (excluding common space) apartments per floor; Total 156 apartments in 13 floors, (keeping the ground floor open)] building with stair cases, elevators; electrical substation, stand by generator, water lifting pumps, internal & external sanitary works, water supply, gas supply, fire fighting arrangement, site improvement, etc. (iii) Soil test report will be supplied by PWD.

- Special Instruction: PWD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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