

6 year-old child accused in hijacking case!

Police embarrassed, term it a mistake

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Believe it or not, a six-year old boy faces an arrest warrant in a hijacking case!

Abu Sarwar Jibon became scared at the sight of policemen who went to their Kamalpur house in Moulvibazar Sadar upazila again on Friday to arrest him. But the law enforcers returned after talking to his parents.

Police went to their house earlier also to arrest Jibon but refrained from doing so after seeing him.

A hijack incident took place at Mirpur in Dhaka on April 28, 2002. One Nazmul Molla had lodged a case with Mirpur police station against one Shahinul Islam Jibon, 18, son of Yusuf Ali of Kamalpur village in Moulvibazar Sadar upazila and Md. Abdus



Salam in this connection.

Mirpur police sent an arrest warrant to Moulvibazar police against Shahinul Islam Jibon, 18, son of Yusuf Ali of Kamalpur village.

But Moulvibazar police were baffled when they went to the

village to arrest Jibon. Jibon is now about 9 and a student of class four at a local kindergarten school. He was 6 in 2002 and he never visited Dhaka.

After talking to Jibon's father, police sent the case back to Mirpur thana, saying Jibon, son of Yusuf Ali, is not accused Jibon as mentioned in the case.

A few days later, Mirpur thana again sent the warrant to Moulvibazar to arrest Jibon. Police visited their house on Friday.

Talking to this correspondent, police sources said they are convinced that child Jibon is not accused Jibon. They have sent the arrest warrant back to Mirpur thana with a comment that there must have been something wrong somewhere, either done by the complainant or Mirpur police in recording the case.

Highwaymen loot Tk 30 lakh from Kushtia traders

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Highwaymen Sunday night looted Tk 30 lakh from 20 businessmen who were going to Poradah wholesale cloth market in Kushtia from Meherpur in a bus to buy cloth, according to police sources.

About 20 highwaymen stopped the bus at Sahabnagar in Gangni upazila at about 8pm by barricading the road. The criminals tied the traders and snatched the money at gunpoint. They left the place firing blank shots.

In another incident, the same night highwaymen allegedly looted cash and valuables worth over Tk 8 lakh from the passengers of 13 buses at gunpoint by turn on the Kaliganj-Kotchadpur road.

According to police, the criminals created obstacles by bamboo and stopped the buses heading towards Darshana from Dhaka.

In another incident, four armed robbers were caught by mob at Bardah village in Salkupa upazila, Jhenidah where they went to commit robbery there.

Gaibandha diarrhoea kills 5, attacks 1545 in 3 days

106 medical teams deployed to tackle situation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Diarrhoea killed five people and attacked at least 300 in three days in Gaibandha, raising the death toll to 14 since outbreak of the disease a week ago, according to sources at the Civil Surgeons office.

At least 1,545 people have been attacked with the disease, they said.

Unofficial sources however put the death toll so far at 18 and the number of people attacked at over 3000.

Those killed in last three days are Mehdi Hasan, 4, of Satidaha village in Palashbari upazila;

Dulu Mia, 5, of Kanchibari village in Sunderganj upazila; Furat Roy, 38, of Bhatgram village, Jakir Mia, 3, of Mohishbandi and Hafiz Mia, 65, of Taherpur in all Sadullapur upazila.

Diarrhoea was spreading in the district in the last fortnight but the situation is now under control, the Civil Surgeon said.

"We have adequate stock of IV saline and other medicines. People are being attacked with the disease as they are eating uncleanable things due to mona (a pre-harvest period when there is no work for farm labourers) in remote areas", he said.

Sources at the district control room said people die from the disease because they are not well aware of the need for immediate

treatment. Diarrhoea patients need instant treatment but patients are brought to hospital from remote areas when their condition turns critical, said a doctor at Sadullapur Upazila Health Complex.

The district health department has formed 106 medical teams

who are now working in affected areas. Besides, special teams have also been deployed at Upazila headquarters, they said.

Khademul Islam, Chairman of Faridpur Union Parishad in Sadullapur upazila said diarrhoea is spreading due to food crisis in remote areas where poor

day labourers are compelled to take uncleanable things as they have no money to buy food.

Mere treatment facilities will not contain the disease unless people are supplied with rice under government's special programme, he said.



Diarrhoea patients being treated on the floor at Sadullapur Upazila Health Complex as all the beds are occupied.

PHOTO: STAR

SAJIB MURDER Withdraw case or die, father threatened

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Ill-fated father of a primary school student, Sajib, 8, who was allegedly murdered by a group of criminals at Bahera village in Debhata upazila on August 20 in 2002 received threats to withdraw the murder case or face death.

Alaul Islam, brother of two charge-sheeted accused, Moina and Bhutto, identifying himself a member of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), threatened to kill Sajib's father Prof Manirul Islam for non-compliance. Alaul came to his village home after three years, local people said.

According to court sources, November 14 has been fixed as next date of the trial.

AL factional clash in Pabna: 19 sued

A CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

At least 19 Pabna district Awami League (AL) leaders and activists were sued on Sunday by party rivals following Thursday's clash.

Pabna Sadar upazila Awami League (AL) president Md Mosharraf Hossain and its vice president Abul Hamid Master filed the cases with Pabna Police Station. Both of them are leaders of the party's rebel group.

Safari park houses python caught in Longdu

MONIRUL ALAM, from Rangamati

Forest officials yesterday handed over the rare species of python caught in Longdu to authorities of Dulahazara Safari Park in Satkania. The python which is

becoming extinct was caught by an indigenous man on Saturday.

"The black python with light-golden glitch on the whole body is rare among many species", said Divisional Forest Officer Abul

Bashar in Chittagong Hill Tract (CHT). It is 18 feet in length and 5 to 16 inches thick, he said.

"Such rare species are gradually becoming extinct. Indigenous people and poachers catch those for their flesh and skin", said Pabalkhali Forest Range Officer Keramat Ali Mallick.

The python was caught by an indigenous man on the bank of Mainee river near the Longdu upazila health complex. He tried to take it away.

Informed by a doctor at hospital, forest employees from nearby Mainemukh check point seized the python. Next day, they brought it to Rangamati forest office and informed Safari Park officials.

Safari Park employee Aminullah Khandakar and Hannan received the python from the DFO yesterday morning.

Wildlife is disappearing from forests in the three hill districts due to rampant poaching. Many species of animals are fleeing to forests across the border, forest officials said.

This is evident from open sale of flesh of deer, snakes and other animals at Bonorupa and Tabalchhari markets in Rangamati town.

Python flesh is sold at between Tk 300 and Tk 350 per kg.

"We are aware of this but can not do anything because we are not informed immediately" the DFO said.



PHOTO: STAR

The rare black python with light-golden glitch on its body caught in Longdu. Rangamati forest officials handed it over to Dulahazara Safari Park authorities yesterday.

Step for safe river journey during Eid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A seven-member committee comprising representatives of BIWTA, Sea Transport Directorate, river transport owners and workers, district administration and police has been formed in Barisal to ensure safety and security of river transports and passengers during the Eid vacation.

Saiful Islam, BIWTA official at Barisal port is its convener. It includes First Class magistrate Md. Mokhlesur Rahman.

The committee will start functioning from Tuesday, Saiful Islam said yesterday.

"We will try to prevent overloading in vessels and check their fitness certificates, security and life saving systems, he said. Violators will be punished as per law, he said.

Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority

Setu Bhaban

New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212

Web Site: www.jmba.gov.bd

Invitation of Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Communications (MoC)
2	Agency	Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority (JMBA)
3	Procuring entity name	Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority (JMBA)
4	Procuring entity code	Nil.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Construction of Herring Bone Bond Road of East End Facility (North side of Guide Bund) of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Area, Bhupur, Tangail during the year 2005-2006.
7	Invitation Ref No	Tech/Jb-25/2003-551.
8	Date	Dated: 26/10/2005.
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	GoB/JMBA.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Nil.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/program code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Project/program name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Tender package no	1 (one).
15	Tender package name	Construction of Herring Bone Bond Road of East End Facility (North side of Guide Bund) of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Area, Bhupur, Tangail during the year 2005-2006.
16	Tender publication date	Date: October 30, 2005 Time:
17	Tender last selling date	Date: November 27, 2005 Time: During office hours
18	Tender closing date and time	Date: November 28, 2005 Time: 12:00 noon
19	Tender opening date and time	Date: November 28, 2005 Time: 12:30pm
20	Name & address of the office	
	-Selling tender document	Assistant Director, Accounts Section, JMBA, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka.
	-Receiving tender documents	Executive Engineer (Roads & Bridge), Conference Room, JMBA, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212.
	-Opening tender documents	Conference Room, JMBA, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	20-11-2005. To be presided by the undersigned.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	i) Potential tenderers who have experience in similar type of works: at least 1 (one) no of value not less than Tk. 50 (fifty) lakh each during the last 5 (five) years. ii) The intending tenderers shall have to apply their letterhead to the Executive Engineer (Road & Bridge), JMBA to obtain permission for the issuance of the tender documents.
23	Brief description of the works	Construction of Herring Bone Bond Road of East End Facility (North side of Guide Bund) of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Area, Bhupur, Tangail during the year 2005-2006.
24	Brief description of related services	Nil.
	Lot No	Identification of lot
	Location	Price of tender document (Tk)
		Tender security amount (Tk)
		Completion time in weeks/months
25	1	Construction of Herring Bone Bond Road of East End Facility (North side of Guide Bund) of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Area, Bhupur, Tangail during the year 2005-2006
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
26	Name of official inviting tender	Mohammad Iqbal
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer (Road & Bridge), JMBA.
28	Address of official inviting tender	Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212.
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No: 8854720 Fax No: 9888414
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders.	

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Mohammad Iqbal
Executive Engineer (Roads & Bridge)

Fresh drilling in Bibiyana will be delayed

Row over compensation persists, rig yet to come

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Drilling of two new wells at Bibiyana gas field in Habiganj by US oil company Unocal would be delayed at least by six weeks.

Earlier, officials of the company had said that the drilling there under Block-12 would start this month. But it would not be possible to start drilling before December-end or early January, company sources said.

A row over land acquisition and delay in transportation of rig components from abroad has caused the delay, they said.

Unocal is implementing a major drilling plan involving 230 million US dollars in the Bibiyana Gas Field in Nabinaganj. It is now preparing to start drilling of two production wells there 'as soon as possible'.

A drilling rig would reach Chittagong port from Dubai within a fortnight, an official informed. Transportation of the rig from Chittagong to the North Pad of Bibiyana would take at least two weeks.

A row is on at places as many owners of lands acquired by the government are not accepting the compensation, terming it inadequate. In certain areas, they are fleeing homes following filing of cases while the acquired lands are being developed for Unocal under police protection, sources claimed.

German company Deutag has already been contracted for the drilling, the source added. There are two old gas wells in the North

Pad, drilled by US company Occidental in 1998. Occidental had engaged German company Deutag for drilling of wells at the much-talked-about Magurchara gas field in Moulvibazar that suffered a severe blowout and explosion in the early hours of June 15, 1997. After the blowout, Occidental sold all its assets to Unocal and left Bangladesh.

Unocal officials however said they are hopeful of starting gas production Bibiyana gas field by the end of next year. Bibiyana is considered as the richest gas field in the country.

The company will drill at least six wells in Bibiyana North Pad. Initially, 200 MMCFD gas would be supplied to the National Gas Grid. By the end of 2008, the company would raise the production to 400 MMCFD, which would be the optimum production there, the official claimed.

Work on laying of a 47 kilometre pipeline from Bibiyana gas field to the North-South Pipeline (National Gas Grid) at Muchhai in Habiganj would also be started soon, the officials said.

The Prime Minister's office gave approval to acquisition of 140 acres land for the pipeline laying programme in Habiganj and Moulvibazar districts about two month ago.

As per the target, preparatory work for setting up of a 500 MMCFD gas processing plant at the South Pad is going on, the official informed.

Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd.(DESCO)		
House # 3, Road # 24, Block # K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka ~ 1213		
Invitation for Tenders		
1	Agency	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO)
2	Procuring Entity Name	Office of the Deputy General Manager, Administration, DESCO
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
4	Invitation for	Supply of Electricity Bill Format
5	Invitation Ref No.	DESCO/Admin/Local Tender/2005/4749
6	Date	31/10/2005
KEY INFORMATION		
7	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method
FUNDING INFORMATION		
8	Budget and Source of Funds	DESCO's own fund
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
9	Tender Packages No.	18/2005
10	Tender Packages Name	Supply of Electricity Bill Format.
11	Tender Last Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date and Time	Last Selling Date: 21/11/2005 Closing & Opening Date: 22/11/2005 Closing Time: 12.00 Noon Opening Time: 12.15 PM
12	Name & Address of the office for selling Tender Document, receiving & opening tender.	Selling Office of Deputy General Manager (Finance & Accounts), DESCO, House # 3, Road # 24, Block # K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka ~ 1213 Receiving & Opening Office of the Deputy General Manager, Administration, DESCO, House # 3, Road # 24, Block # K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka ~ 1213
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
13	Eligibility of Tenderer	Supplier having valid Trade License, TIN & VAT registration from concerned authority of Bangladesh.
14	Brief Description of Goods	Electricity Bill Format - 550 Boxes (2000 sheet per box)
15	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 500.00 (Taka five hundred) only in the form of Pay Order/Demand draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of 'Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)'.
16	Description of Item.	Location of Delivery Tender Security Amount Completion Time in Weeks / Months
	Electricity Bill Format in 4 (four) colors on front side (six different base color for six S & D Divisions), 1 (one) color on back side, 15"x11", 70 gm paper with serial number, Logo and Hologram (as per approved design).	Respective Sales & Distribution Divisions Tk.20,000/- (twenty thousand) only 4 Weeks from the date of issuance of work order.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
17	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Engr. F.M. Faridul Hoque
18	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager, Administration.
19	Address of Official Inviting Tender	House # 3, Road # 24, Block # K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka ~ 1213
20	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel. No.: 8854648 Fax No: 8854648 e-mail: mddesco@bdcom.com
21	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.	