

RECOVERY OF CI SHEETS MEANT FOR RELIEF

ACC probing case against Pabna Jamaat leaders

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The Anti Corruption Commission has begun investigation of case filed against Moulana Abdus Shubhan and other Jamaat leaders for their alleged misappropriation of government relief materials, an official of ACC, Pabna said yesterday.

Pabna police yesterday sent the case documents to ACC, Pabna office yesterday.

Prime accused former Jamaat lawmaker Moulana Shubhan earlier got bail from the High Court. Pabna police recovered a huge member of corrugated iron (CI) sheets, meant for government relief, from Al-Amana Hospital, an establishment of Shubhan in June.

The court sent the case to Anti Corruption Commission as Pabna

police earlier suggested to hand over the case to ACC. Following the court order ACC Pabna office sought to investigate the case. The ACC head office in Dhaka asked the Pabna office to take over the sensational corruption case against the Jamaat leaders.

Being ordered, ACC Pabna office asked Pabna police to send all the case documents for investigation.

"We have already started investigation of the corruption case against former Jamaat MP Moulana Abdus Subhan and three other Jamaat leaders. We also asked Pabna police to send the case documents to ACC Pabna. And Pabna police have sent the case documents to ACC," Assistant Director (AD) of ACC Pabna Md.

Rashidur Reza told this correspondent yesterday.

Pabna police said they in their primary investigation have found truth in the allegation.

"We have already investigated the case at primary level and we are almost sure about the misappropriation of government relief materials. Following ACC notice we have sent the case documents to ACC Pabna office for investigation," said Md. Iqbal Shafi, Officer in Charge of Pabna police station, yesterday.

Moulana Abdus Shubhan got bail from the High Court this month, said the investigation officer (IO) of the case, Sub Inspector Md Jahangir Pasha, yesterday.

Paban police seized 160 corrugated iron (CI) sheets meant for government relief from AL-Amana

Hospital, established by former lawmaker of Pabna-5 and central Jamaat leader Moulana Abdus Shubhan in Pathertala area in Pabna town on June 20.

Police arrested the director of AL-Amana Hospital Md. Nurul Islam during the operation. Sub-inspector Md. Kamruzzaman later filed a case with Pabna police station accusing Moulana Abdus Shubhan who is also the president of Al-Amana Foundation, vice president of the foundation Alhaz Abul Kashem, secretary of foundation Moslem Uddin and the director of the hospital Nurul Islam.

Meanwhile, the Al-Amana Hospital is now shut as police sealed it after the operation, police said.

Rab man hurt in gunfight with criminals

Three arrested, arms recovered in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) man received bullet wound as criminals opened fire on the team during a drive in Paksey of Ishwardi upazilla yesterday.

Rab recovered arms and ammunition from the spot and arrested three alleged arms traders.

Rab said, a team of Rab-1 form Dhaka came to Baghal Thakurpara village at about 10.45 am in disguise of arms buyer. The alleged criminals showed them some arms but when Rab men showed money the armed criminals tried to snatch the money. The criminals open fire and Rab returned the fire in defense.

ASP Md. Abul Hossain of RAB-1 received bullet injury during the gunfight. He was admitted to Pabna General Hospital but later taken to Dhaka Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in critical condition.

Rab recovered a pistol, one shooter gun, five rounds of bullets and four magazines of pistol from the spot. The arrested three are Md. Shahin, son of Shahadat of Adomdighi village in Bogra, Panna, son of Amod Ali and Hamid, son of Dalbar of Tikori village in Pabna Sader upazilla.

8 women rescued from traffickers in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Villagers Saturday rescued eight young women from Hijaldi, a bordering village of Kalaroa upazila of the district, when they were being trafficked to India.

Police said the eight were rescued in the early hours of Saturday when local people saw them moving suspiciously in the bordering area. Sensing presence of the law-enforcers, the traffickers however managed to flee.

The victims are Nargis, 18, daughter of Waliullah of Barra village at Chandina upazila in Comilla. Shefali, 19, daughter of Idris Ali of Isabi village at Terokhada upazila in Khulna. Reshma, 17, daughter of Surat Ali of Laxmipur village at Bagherpara upazila and Farida, 18, daughter of Hasan Mollah of Hijia village at Abhoynagar upazila in Jessore. Asma, 19, daughter of Kadam Ali of Charfakira village at Charfasion upazila in Bhola. Rehena, 20, daughter of Abdul Latif of Kakchira village at Patharghata upazila in Barguna. Taslima, 19, daughter of Abdul Mannan of Badighulial village at Sadar upazila in Kishorganj and Beauty Begum, 21, daughter of Liakat Ali of Amtali village at Gangni upazila in Meherpur.

Police superintendent Mirza Abdullahel Baki told journalists that the rescued women were working in garment factories in Dhaka. The traffickers took the women to the boarding area assuring them of giving jobs with high salaries in India.

FLOOD IN DISTRICTS



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

A family uses raft to collect water from highlands in flood-hit Sirajgonj and (below) the mighty Padma devours home-steads in Tangibari of Munshiganj yesterday.

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

At least two lakh indigenous people in 75 remote villages under eight upazilas in the district are suffering for want of drinking water and lack of proper sanitation.

According to the upazila public health officials, at least 13 villages in Dighinala upazila, 12 villages in Panchhari upazila, 9 villages in Sadar upazila, 15 villages in Mohalchhari upazila, 8 villages in Matiranga upazila, 13 villages in Laxmichhari upazila and 5 villages in Ramgour upazila have the nag-ging problems.

All the indigenous villages are situated in remote areas of the district. This correspondent visited several upazilas to witness water and sanitation crisis. The villagers are still fully dependent on nature and they collect necessary water form water bodies like 'chhara', canal, spring, pond etc. As a result, most of them frequently suffer form water-born diseases like diarrhoea and jaundice. Both government and non-government organisations are yet to provide water and sanitation facilities to the hill people of Khagrachhari.

A recent survey made by local NGO 'Green Hill' said, achieving water and sanitation for all by 2010 in CHT will remain a far cry as long as problems are not solved through strategic actions by all concerned.

About 35 per cent families have no latrine and tubewell in the district while 41 per cent use unhygienic latrine and impure water



PHOTO: STAR

Indigenous women collect water form spring of a hill in Barapara village in Khagrachhari.

from 'chhara', a natural water body and only 24 per cent have hygienic latrine and tubewell, the report revealed.

The report further observed that only 17 per cent family get water and sanitation facilities in the district when the national water and sanitation coverage is over 77 per cent.

The report suggested a new action plan and integrated approach to resolve the problems.

Chief Executive of District Public Health, Mohammad Shamsuddoha Nurunnabi said that geographic problems including remoteness, lack of technology and lack of integrated approach and awareness have added to the situation.

Besides, there are areas where the authorities cannot set up tubewell just because of armed criminal groups. They often demand ransoms for development

work. That's why sometimes we cannot do anything despite all good intention to ensure water and sanitation facilities in remote areas of Khagrachhari, he said.

Khagrachhari Hill District Council Chairman Monindra Lal Tripura said, all relevant sectors, both government and non-governmental organisations should work in unison. Then it would be possible to achieve full water and sanitation coverage, he

Diarrhoea in Jhenidah kills 2, attacks 500

Scarcity of pure drinking water blamed

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Diarrhoea took lives of two children and attacked 500 others in Jhenidah town in last three days.

The dead are Abdur Rahim, 2, son of Sonamia of Bepari Para and Milon, 12, son of Sadia Ali of Bepari Para in the town.

About 150 diarrhoea patients have been admitted to Jhenidah Sadar hospital during the period. Three of them are in critical condition, doctors said.

Afzal Hossain, a patient said the disease is spreading fast for scarcity of pure drinking water

due to rain and flood.

Jhenidah Civil surgeon (CS) Dr Shamsul Haq said about 100 patients are now undergoing treatment at Jhenidah Sadar Hospital. The doctors have already treated about 500 patients at the open clinic at Bepari Para, he said.

Besides, three medical teams are working round the clock in the affected areas, he informed.

The CS said the disease broke out as residents drank water polluted by water logging in the town.

Meanwhile, the Pousabha authorities have launched an awareness campaign in the town.



PHOTO: RAJAT KANTI GOSWAMI

Moina Miah of Lamua village in Srimongal in Moulvibazar district on Thursday night captured this Slow Loris, a rare primate. The 'sick' animal needs immediate treatment and proper shelter, locals said.

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