

# Community policing: Bogra model to be replicated across country

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Bogra model of community policing will be replicated all over the country.

Rajshahi Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque said this while talking to this correspondent over telephone recently.

Already people have been benefited following introduction of the system in 16 district headquarters, the DIG said. Beneficiaries got easy access to justice in many rural areas and they are now happy after introduction of the system, he said.

Because of community policing, drug peddling has reduced to a great extent and awareness among people in Rajshahi division, he said.

The DIG expressed his optimism over success of the system because, he said this will reduce cases relating to family feud, land dispute and other cognizable and non-cognizable offences, he said.

Civil and criminal cases have reduced in 16 northern districts following introduction of the system, he said. In some cases, community policing has ensured social justice to poor people in Bogra town and adjoining areas, he added.

Bogra Sadar police station officer-in-charge (OC) Hasan Shamim Iqbal said about 1,200 cases have been resolved in his area

through community policing since January to April this year.

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) has kept a positive impact in society, he said.

A large number of poor people have been benefited by the system. Examples of Santona Begum and Sapna can be cited in this respect.

Santona Begum, a housewife said, 'I have got rid of torture from my husband. This is very good system for helpless women.' 'The system should be continued,' she said.

Sapna, another beneficiary said, 'It has provided courage and shelter to many women like me.' 'It has protected us from torture and the system should be extended to other parts of the country to provide justice to vulnerable women, she said.

Light House, a Bogra-based NGO, initiated the community policing programme with assistance from international donor agency, The Asia Foundation about three years ago. Local office of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) collaborated with Light House in the noble task.

A senior official of The Asia Foundation said that Alternative Dispute Resolution Forum (ADR) has been formed in each ward under the preview of Community Policing Forum (CPF). It consists of five members having experience in

conducting traditional 'Salish'.

An agreement has been signed between Light House and BLAST. BLAST facilitates to capacitate ADRF members through training and provided technical support during and after ADR.

A training manual has been designed in collaboration with BLAST on legal aspects and mediation process. The ADRF members got three days' basic training following the manual. Subsequently they were provided with refresher's training.

Like ADRF members, CPF members and local leaders were also imparted with training.

A senior police official of Bogra Sadar Police Station said police are sharing ADRF and CPF experience to expand the programme in rural and urban areas to reduce the crimes.

About 99 disputes have been resolved in Ward No-1 while 86 disputes resolved in Ward No. 3 in Bogra Pourashava. This is followed by 49 in Ward No-5 and 45 in Ward No-6. The number of disputes resolved in rural area is comparatively low than those in urban areas.

In rural areas, the highest 41 disputes have been resolved in Ward No-4. This is followed by 15 in Ward No-9 and 12 in Ward No-7 and 10 in Ward No-4, said the police official.

# WATERLOGGING Woes of Sirajganj town dwellers

GOLAM MOSTAFA JIBON, Sirajganj

Hundreds of town dwellers here are suffering a lot after being stuck in stagnant water due to lack of proper drainage system, locals claimed.

Many families are still under knee or waist deep water although floodwaters have receded in most parts of the town. They are now being attacked with different waterborne diseases like diarrhoea, pneumonia and skin diseases.

People who have shifted their homesteads to safer places or taken shelter in different schools, colleges and on highlands are the worst sufferers.

While visiting different areas in the town, this correspondent found that water still remained stagnant in Goshala, Hazi barrack, Hossainpur, Dhanbandhi, Dattobari, Janpur, Mondolpara, Kobdashpara, Chok-Kobdashpara, Ekdala, Soyadhanghora, Diardhanghora, Mahmudpur, Masumpur, Railway Colony, Bhangabari, Bahigola, Rahmotganj, Beparipara, Kazipur intersection, Shahidganj, Mirpur, Biralakuthi and Chand-Almorharaes.

People in the areas use raft or small boats to go elsewhere. Students in the areas can not go to their educational institutions due to this phenomenon.

While talking Shabir Ghos, 45, wife of Sontos Ghos of Goshala in the municipality said to The Daily Star that he and his family members had been attacked with skin diseases.

Munju Rani Kunda, 45, wife of Monindranath of hospital road area said her house is still under knee deep stagnant water.

According to Sirajganj Municipality officials, about 100 kutcha and half pucca houses have already collapsed or damaged by stagnant floodwater.

Fazlul Motin Mukta, a freedom fighter said about 40 percent of

people out of two lakh in the municipality are still trapped in stagnant water. Lack of drainage system, shortage of necessary bridges and culverts in proper places have been attributed to the situation, he claimed.

He further said, once rainwater from the areas used to flow through Katakhal Khal. But now it has become ineffective due to various reasons including encroachment by influentials.

Earlier, roads, bridges, culverts and drains were built without proper plan, resulting in people's suffering. Acting chairman of Sirajganj municipality Golam Rahim Khan said the drainage system of the town would be improved soon.

# Lightning kills 1 in Nilphamari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

One person was killed and 10 others were injured after being struck by thunderbolt in two villages in Kishoreganj upazila yesterday.

Kalamai, 48, wife and wife of Kalta Mamud of Durakuti village in Bahagji union died on the spot after being struck by thunderbolt at noon. Kishoreganj hospital and local people said.

Seven others named Rezia Begam, 30, Kulson, 25, Tahmina, 22, Jesmin, 30, Helanch, 17, Nirbishi, 24, and Dubri, 16, all hailing from the same village were also injured by the lightning.

Three persons were wounded in another incident of lightning at Pushna village of Goragram union in the same upazila. They are Shushil Chandra, 20, Bhadu, 22, and Nupur Chandra, 20. It is drizzling when the incident occurred.



An enchanting sight of the Hanging Bridge of Rangamati. Built by Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation several years ago, the bridge has become a centre of attraction for tourists from home and abroad.

# Bumper output of lemon in Moulvibazar

Farmers demand preservation facility, processing plant

RNAT KANTI GOSWAMI, Moulvibazar

Farmers here have achieved a bumper production of lemon this year.

But, a large quantity of lemon have been rotting due to want of a processing plant and any other preservation facility at Srimongal, the main centre of lemon marketing.

So, farmers have demanded of the authorities concerned to offer facilities for preservation of lemon, a major forex earner from UK, USA, Canada, Saudi Arabia and Dubai. They want government patronisation in this sector.

Most popular varieties of lemon are Kagoji, Jara, Jhuta, China, Elachi, Beej-shunya, and Sharboti. About 80 percent of the total demand of lemon of the country is being met from the region.

According to a statistics of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), lemons are cultivated in the region on 25,000 hectares of hilly land.

The annual production of lemon is 75 metric ton, market price of which is over Tk 45 crore.

Lemon cultivation started in Srimongal about 35 years ago. Just after the liberation of the country, a few people started lemon cultivation in the hilly lands of Srimongal. As the lands were fertile, they achieved a good production. Later, others also became interested in its cultivation.

Now, its cultivation has been extended to Moulvibazar sadar, Rajnagar, Baralekha, Kamalganj, Kulaura, and Juri upazilas in Moulvibazar, Bahubol and Chunarughat upazilas in Habiganj

and Beanibazar upazila in Sylhet.

Md Ahad Miah, chairman of Srimongal municipality said lemon cultivation gained popularity fast and became a major source of income from the seventies. Now, people of 10 upazilas in Sylhet region are involved in lemon cultivation, said Ahad Miah.

Anukul Chandra Das, a lemon

1973. At the initial stage, he owned only 10 bighas of land where he began its cultivation. Ultimately he cultivated lemon on 40 acres of land.

Mukter Ali at Goalbari village under Juri upazila said although lemons are produced throughout the year, but pest attack on lemon garden was a regular feature. But its production was not decreased,



A trader with lemon at a wholesale market in Srimongal, Moulvibazar.

cultivator of Srimongal said the peak season of lemon harvesting started from the last week of May.

He has been cultivating lemon on his 50 acres of land for the last six years. Now, he is selling 10,000 pieces of lemon daily. He sold lemon worth Tk 16 lakh last year. He has a plan to expand his lemon garden.

Shachindra Deb, another lemon cultivator at Muhajirabad village said he started lemon cultivation in

rather increased following implementation of modern technology in lemon cultivation.

The main wholesale market at Srimongal has been flooded with lemon this year. There are more than 20 lemon warehouses in Srimongal. Warehouse owners are trading lemon with 4 percent commission. Wholesalers from different parts of the country are thronging here in large number.



Jute has started arriving in the markets of Jaldhaka upazila in Nilphamari. Now jute harvesting is going on in full swing in 8 districts of greater Rangpur and Dinajpur. Farmers hope for fair price of jute in the ongoing season.

# 'Police will serve people as friends'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Police will now serve people as friends. The door of police station will remain open for them for 24 hours for their welfare instead of harassment.

Police officials said this at a discussion held in front of Sadar police station to mark the 'Open House Day' programme organised by district police here yesterday.

Nilphamari Sadar police station officer-in-charge (OC) Zakir Hossain presided the discussion while it was attended by acting superintendent of police (SP) of Nilphamari Moazzem Hossain Shah as chief guest and president of the association for district union parishad chairmen Shahjahan Chowdhury as special guest.

Welcoming the good gesture of police, participants spoke on both the bright side and dark side of the profession. They suggested for holding similar discussion every year.

While addressing as chief guest, acting SP Moazzem Hossain Shah said he felt better for working impartially in a free and fair atmosphere that was impossible in face of political pressure earlier.

Discussions asked various questions to the police officials who replied to their queries instantaneously at the same venue.

Following the discussion, police officials realised that they can improve public opinion and increase residents' approval of their job performance through informal contacts with citizens.

Among others, Khoksabari union chairman Anwarul Islam, Itakhola union chairman Hedyer Ali Shah Fakir, municipality commissioner

Abdul Mannan, Sangalshi union chairman Tikendra Nath Roy Miru, Tupamari union chairman Babul Hossain Chowdhury, Nilphamari Press Club secretary Tahmin Haque Boby and journalist Atiar Rahman Badda addressed.

About 500 civil society members including 15 Union Parishad (UP) chairmen, members, municipality commissioners, freedom fighters, journalists, businessmen, village policemen, community policemen and people in general attended.

# Jubo League leader's body recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Police yesterday recovered the body of a Jubo League leader from a pond at Gopinathpur village in Shahzadpur upazila.

The victim was identified as Swapon Bhuiyan, 35, son of Montu Bhuiyan of Gopinathpur village. He was the president of Enayetpur thana unit of Jubo League.

Police sources said Swapon went outside of his home to respond to a cell phone call on Saturday evening, since then he was missing. After a massive search by his family members, his body was found yesterday morning in a pond near his house.

A case was filed with Enayetpur thana in this connection. When contacted, investigation officer (IO) said the cause of the murder could not be known immediately.

**Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh**  
Headquarter, Kurmitola, Dhaka

## Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism.			
2	Agency	Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.			
3	Procuring entity name	The Chief Engineer, HQ, CAAB.			
4	Invitation for	Supply and installation of 4-1C X 16 RM HT power cable.			
5	Invitation Ref No and date	CAAB/CEW-472 (E/M) (Cap. Exp.) (Part-41)/177 Dated. 16-8-07.			
6	Procurement method	Open tendering.			
7	Budget and source of fund	CAAB own fund.			
8	Tender package No	02/CAAB/EM-1/Capital/2007-2008.			
9	Tender package name	Providing and installation of HT cable from L1-2 Sub-station to Localizer (S.H: Providing and Laying of 4-1C X 16 RM HT power cable from L1-2 Sub-station to Localizer, L1-2 Sub-station to Middle Marker and Localizer to VOR ic related works at ZIA.			
10	Tender last selling date	26-09-2007.			
11	Tender closing date and time	27-09-2007 at 12:00 hrs..			
12	Tender opening date and time	27-09-2007 at 12:30 hrs.			
13	Name & address of the office(s) - Selling tender document (principal) - Selling tender document (others)	The Chief Engineer, HQ, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.  i) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka ii) Superintending Engineer, E/M Circle, CAAB iii) Director, CEMSU, CAAB iv) Executive Engineer, E/M Division-1, CAAB v) PA to Member (O&P), HQ, CAAB vi) PA to Member (Finance), HQ, CAAB vii) PA to Director, ZIA, CAAB			
	- Receiving & opening of tender document	The Chief Engineer, HQ, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.			
14	Eligibility of tenderer	"A-unlimited" class CAAB enlisted E/M contractors/bonafide equivalent class E/M contractors enlisted in other govt./semi-govt./autonomous department having valid ABC licence, 5-years experience as contractor and 120-lakh Taka experience in similar works in last 5-years supported by completion certificate from any govt./semi-govt./autonomous department.			
15	Brief description of goods or works	1. Supply and installation of 4-1C X 16 RM HT power cable including heat shrink joint kit & termination kit.			
16	Brief description of related services	1. Testing and commissioning of the cable.			
17	Price of the tender documents	Tk. 1500.00 (non-refundable).			
	Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
	1	02/CAAB/EM-1	ZIA	9,00,000/=	10.5 (ten & half) weeks
18	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders. In case of unavoidable circumstances if total transport and communication system are disrupted on the date of receiving and opening, the tender will be received and opened on the next office day.				
19	Details of procuring entity and official inviting tender				
	Harunur Rashid Bhuiyan Chief Engineer (C.C) Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh Tel: 8961477				

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# Faces of HSC talents



(Top-down) Proud GPA-5 achievers of Mymensingh Girls' Cadet College and Barisal Amrita Lal Dey College pose for photograph after announcement of their brilliant results in the Higher Secondary Certificate examination yesterday.

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**

ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন অধিদপ্তর

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৯২-৯৩ মহাখালী বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১২

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স্মারক নং আণুস/যান-১৩/৮৮/(অংশ-৮)/৬৪৯,

## স্থানীয় রেজিস্ট্রেশন নম্বরযুক্ত গাড়ি নিলামে বিক্রয়ের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন অধিদপ্তরার নিম্নবর্ণিত স্থানীয় রেজিস্ট্রেশন নম্বরযুক্ত অকেজো গাড়িগুলো যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে সেই ভিত্তিতে নিলামে বিক্রয়ের নিমিত্ত অগ্রহী ক্রেতাদের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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০১	ঢাকা-ক-৯১৮৫	জীপ	জেলা ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, ভোলা।
০২	রাংগামাটি-৯-২০৮	জীপ	জেলা ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, রাংগামাটি।
০৩	ঢাকা-মেট্রো-৩-৮২৮৬	জীপ	জেলা ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, লক্ষীপুর।
০৪	ঢাকা-গ-১৩৬৫	জীপ	জেলা ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, মুন্সীগঞ্জ।
০৫	ঢাকা-ক-২২২৪	জীপ	জেলা ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, মৌলভীবাজার।
০৬	মোমেনশাহী-ক-৭৯	জীপ	জেলা ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, কিশোরগঞ্জ।

**শর্তাবলী**

- যে কোন কার্যদিবসে উল্লিখিত গাড়িগুলো সংশ্লিষ্ট স্থানে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে পরিদর্শন করা যাবে।
- দরপত্রাদাতা নিজস্ব প্যাডে অথবা সাদা কাগজে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে পারবেন।
- দরপত্রে গাড়ির মূল্য অংকে এবং কথায় স্পষ্টভাবে পার্শ্ব পৃথক পৃথকভাবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত মূল্যের ৫% হারে জামানত যে কোন তফসিল ব্যাংক হতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার বা এসভিআর হিসেবে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করে দিতে হবে। দরপত্র গৃহীত হবার পর নির্ধারিত তারিখে সমুদয় মূল্য জমা দিতে হবে। বার্থতায় জমাকৃত জামানত বাজেয়াপ্ত করা হবে।
- দরপত্রের উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের উপর ৩% হারে আয়কর জমা দিতে হবে।
- দরপত্র আপামি ৩০/০৯/২০০৭ তারিখ সকাল ১০:০০ হতে দুপুর ১:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত ঢাকাস্থ দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা ও ত্রাণ ভবনের ২য় তলা, ৯২-৯৩, মহাখালী বাণিজ্যিক এলাকায় অবস্থিত ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন অধিদপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাগ্নে জমা দিতে হবে এবং ঐদিনই বেলা ২:০০ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত দরপত্রাদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।
- যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

মোঃ ইফতেখারুল ইসলাম  
জিডি-২৮৪৪  
উপ-পরিচালক (প্রশাসন-২)