

# Police deployed as BCC sacks 121 illegal staff

*All employees recruited by Mayor Sarwar were BNP-Jamaat men or his relatives*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Police have been deployed at Barisal City Corporation (BCC) office to stave off any untoward incident as the BCC authorities handed down termination letters to all the illegally appointed 121 staff, recruited by Mayor Majibor Rahman Sarwar.

Most of the appointees were BNP-Jamaat activists, recruited between August 2003 and December last year, four of them were Sarwar's relatives, sources said.

Sacking of 121 employees at a time will create problem in delivering emergency services to city dwellers, BCC officials said.

Assistant commissioner of Barisal Metropolitan Police Hayatul Islam said no untoward incident took place since Thursday.

Ward commissioner and mayor-in-charge Awlad Hussein Dillu and BCC chief executive officer Mehdi Hassan said majority of the illegally recruited staff who attended office on Thursday were given dismissal letters.

Besides, dismissal letters were also issued to all the 121 staff by post to ensure that they get those.

The mayor-in-charge said

police were deployed on the BCC compound apprehending agitation by the sacked employees.

Talking to this correspondent, some of the sacked employees seeking anonymity said the action was 'inhuman and unjustified'. They said they will go to court for justice.

Mayor Sarwar appointed 124 people from August 2003 to December last year.

Of them, 117 were activists of BNP and its fronts, three Jamaat men and four were his relatives, sources said.

All the appointments were made illegally as there was no sanction from the ministry and the BCC, organogram was yet to be approved, the sources said.

Neither any advertisement was made in newspapers, nor any application called or interview taken in the appointments that triggered protests by different quarters after the media published news on the issue.

The local government ministry in a recent order declared void appointments of 121 of them and asked for files on the rest three appointees for further scrutiny.

Sarwar initiated the process of illegal appointments soon after he was elected mayor in March 2003, the sources said.

As the irregularities triggered protests, the mayor sent a proposal on BCC organogram and manpower structure to the local government ministry on June 2004.

Despite protests, illegal appointments continued till December last year. The latest of 14 officials and employees were appointed by the mayor on December 27 last year.

The 14 appointees included computer operator Afroza Akter, tax collection assistants Ferdous Zahid and Umme Habiba, toll collector Rezaul Karim, office assistant Sheikh Md. Iftekarul Islam, all activists of BNP and its front organisations.

In a bizarre violation of rules, ward Jubo Dal leaders Arafat Hussein Monir and Mainul Islam were appointed sub-assistant engineer and license superintendent respectively.

Illegal appointees included city JCD leader Mohammad Ali Bablu (appointed as taxation official), BNP activists and mayor's relative Zakir

Hussein (conservancy inspector), Patuakhali district JCD leader Nurul Islam (market superintendent), Jubo Dal activist Tarikul Islam (store keeper), Charkawa union Jubo Dal leader Rafikul Islam (law assistant) and Jamaat-e-Islami leader's son Md Salauddin (work assistant) at different times in 2004.

Jatiyatabadi Olama Dal leader Enayetur Rahman and BNP activists Haider Ali and Abdul Majid were appointed drivers. BNP activist Abul Bashar was appointed as estate officer.

As a last attempt to regularise the jobs, the mayor held a meeting of ward commissioners on March 11 this year. Thirty out of 40 ward commissioners, most of them belonging to BNP, attended the meeting which decided that the jobs would be regularised at the next meeting, scheduled to be held in July. As Sarwar was arrested on May 29, the July meeting could not take any decision on the issue.

The local government ministry on June this year formed a one-member team headed by Barisal additional divisional commissioner ABM Omar Faruk Chowdhury to probe the allegations.

## Indigenous FF cries for rescue of abducted daughter

RU CORRESPONDENT

Indigenous freedom fighter Shuklal Murmu yesterday urged the authorities concerned to take steps to rescue his abducted daughter.

At a press conference at Rajshahi Metropolitan press club, he alleged that an influential person abducted his daughter Purnima Murmu, 16, on September 29.

Shuklal Murmu, a member of Santal community living in Moyanpur village under Tanore upazila of Rajshahi and also a member of Tanore upazila Muktiyodha command unit, alleged that Tanore police refused to take the case of his daughter's abduction and misbehaved with him.

Abdul Zabbar, son of Mukbul Hossain of the same village, earlier offered for his daughter Purnima good jobs in Dhaka, Shuklal said at the press conference.

"On September 29, she [Purnima] went to the local bazar for ironing clothes when Abdul Zabbar and his associates had her accompany them by telling her of good jobs in Dhaka," he said.

"Abdul Zabbar calls me uncle and my daughter went with him in good faith for jobs," he said, adding, "I believe Abdul Zabbar abducted my daughter Purnima as he went into hiding after the incident."

"Following the incident, I went to Tanore Police Station to file an abduction case but the officer-in-charge created pressure on me for dropping out the names of Zabbar and his associate from the complaint."

"When I introduced myself as a freedom fighter, the OC misbehaved with me and declined to receive my complaint. Later on October 7, Tanore police received my complaint as a GD, not a case," he said.

He urged the police administration and authorities concerned for immediate steps to rescue his abducted minor girl.

Durul Huda, former Rajshahi City Corporation mayor and lawmaker, and Rajshahi divisional commander of Muktiyodha Command Council, Zogendranath Saran, general secretary of local NGO Anneshan, Abdul Majid, freedom fighter and former chairman of Saranjai union parishad, and Purnima's relatives Dilip Murmu and Sujit Saran were present at the press conference.

When contacted, OC of Tanore Police Station Nurul Amin said they were investigating the matter. He denied to have done any misbehaviour with Shuklal.

## Fish farmer killed for toll

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A fish farmer was killed allegedly by toll collectors at Khara village in Mirpur upazila in Kushtia early yesterday.

Mirpur police said the criminals entered Reazul Ali Mallik's house by breaking the window at around 3:30 am and slit his throat when he and his wife Fonevan Nessha were asleep.

The victim's relatives claimed that a local gang threatened Reazul before Eid for not paying them toll. Reazul leased some ponds in the areas and cultivated fish.

## Kokil Textile Mill resumes production

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Kokil Textile Mill resumed production on Thursday as workers withdrew their strike following a meeting with mill authorities.

At a meeting brokered by Sadar Thana Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md. Mohiuddin, the mill's General Manager (admin) Shafique Uddin Ahmed and General Manager (technical) Ashutosh Bhaumik told workers' representatives that all their lawful demands would be met, the OC told this correspondent later.

The demands include issuance of appointment letters, bonus, wages equal to workers of other textile mills and two days' casual leave a month.

The workers went on an indefinite strike on Tuesday to press the demands.

State-owned Kokil Textile Mill remained closed for long after incurring loss every year.

Abdul Mannan took its ownership during BNP government and started it again on June 1 this year.

# CID inspector closed on allegation of bribery

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) inspector Hari Pada Biswas of Satkhira CID office was closed to the CID headquarters in Dhaka on Thursday allegedly for taking bribe from an accused in BNP leader Altaf Hossain murder case.

Sub-inspector (SI) Jasim of Sadar Police Station raided the local CID office at about 1:00pm on Thursday and recovered Tk 3,000 from the floor under the table of the accused CID inspector, SI Jasim said.

Zahangir Alam of village Senergati in Tala upazila, an accused in the BNP leader Altaf Hossain murder case, claimed that he gave Hari Pada Biswas Tk 3,000 at the latter's office on Thursday after the CID inspector, also the investigation officer (IO) of the murder case, demanded the money for excluding his name from the chargesheet.

Tala upazila BNP president ABM Altaf Hossain was killed at Patkelghata in Tala upazila on May 4 in 2004.

The CID official said he has

Zahangir Alam, who was arrested by the IO, was released from jail as the court recently granted him bail.

Before entering into the office to pay the bribe money, Zahangir Alam informed the Satkhira Superintendent of Police (SP) of the matter, Alam said.

The SP sent SI Jasim of Sadar Police Station there and he searched the CID inspector's body but could not find the money with him. Then Alam pointed to the money lying on the floor under the table and SI Jasim recovered Tk 3,000 from there.

After getting the allegation, higher authorities closed Hari Pada Biswas to the CID headquarters and formed a three-member committee to probe the incident.

Satkhira SP Mirza Abdullal Baki confirmed the incident and said action will be taken after investigation.

When contacted, Hari Pada Biswas refuted the allegation saying that he did not demand any bribe from Zahangir Alam nor did he take Tk 3,000 from him.

The CID official said he has

already submitted the charge sheet in the murder case against 14 people including Zahangir Alam.

## BSF kills one in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The Border Security Force (BSF) of India shot dead a Bangladeshi cattle trader on Balladangi border under Thakurgaon district on Thursday morning.

The deceased was identified as Md Abdul Moizid 32, son of Abed Ali of village Kasua under Balladangi upazila of Thakurgaon.

As the BSF fired at least five shots when three people including Moizid and his elder brother Abdul Aziz appeared near a border pillar, Moizid died on the spot and BSF took away the body into Indian territory, said BDR officials and the victim's family members.

The BSF has agreed to return Moizid's body.

Earlier on Saturday, the BSF gunned down a Bangladeshi national and injured at least three people on Ranishankoil border of Thakurgaon district.

# Diarrhoea spreads in Mymensingh

*One killed, over 600 attacked in five days*



Diarrhoea-affected children being treated at SKS hospital in Mymensingh town yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Diarrhoea has spread to 12 upazilas in Mymensingh district, claiming one life and affecting over 600 people in last six days.

At least 274 people were attacked with the intestinal disease in 48 hours till yesterday noon. Twenty-four patients were admitted to Surja Kanta Hospital (SKH), a ward of Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH), yesterday, official sources said.

The rush of diarrhoea patients at SKH is high. On an average, 40 patients are admitted to the hospital daily and this is continuing for last five days, the officials.

Aman Ali, 60, of Naraila village in Dhanbari upazila in Tangail district died of diarrhoea at MMCH on October 16.

Doctors said Aman Ali was admitted for treatment of diarrhoea but he was also a MI (Myocardial Infarction) patient and he died from heart disease.

Some patients at SKH claimed that they were not getting IV Fluid (Intravenous Fluid) due to its short supply.

On contact, Dr. Md. Abdul Kader, In-Charge of SKH, told this correspondent that there is no crisis of Oral Saline and other medicines for diarrhoea patients.

The SKH receives 100 to 200 bags of IV fluids a day, which is not sufficient to tackle the rush of patients, a source at the hospital said.

While visiting the SKH, Shariful Alam Khan, a student from Gouripur, said he had to buy three bags of IV fluid and an injection at a cost of Tk 320 for treatment of diarrhoea.

According to sources at the control room at Civil Surgeon's office, 611 people were affected with diarrhoea in the district in last seven days. The figure was 3984 for the month.

The worst affected upazilas are Nandail, Phulbaria, Halaughat and Muktagacha, the sources added.

Mymensingh Civil Surgeon Dr. SM Shamsul Alam said all measures were taken to check spread of the disease.

Fifty-four medical teams supported by Special Medical Teams are working in affected areas round the clock, he said.

Publicity is being made through leaflets, posters and loud speakers in affected areas informing people about preventive measures and urging them to contact medical teams in case of outbreak of diarrhoea, the civil surgeon said.

He said the disease broke out due to use of rainwater and lack of sanitation facilities.



A young devotee at the Durga Puja mondop erected by Brendra Shilpi, Gosthi in Rajshahi during Maha Astami yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
বিজ্ঞান এবং তথ্য ও যোগাযোগ প্রযুক্তি মন্ত্রণালয়  
বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা

তারিখঃ ০৯-১০-২০০৭

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**বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

**বিষয়ঃ ২০০৭-২০০৮ অর্থ বছরে জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান এবং তথ্য ও যোগাযোগ প্রযুক্তি (NSICT) ফেলোশীপের আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান।**

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২। আবেদনকারীকে (ক) সাম্প্রতিক তোলা দুইকপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, (খ) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদপত্র ও মার্কশীট এর সত্যায়িত কপি (গ) সুপারভাইজার কর্তৃক গবেষণা সংক্রান্ত অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, (ঘ) বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানে মাস্টার্স, এমফিল ও পিএইচডি কোর্সে ভর্তি সংক্রান্ত সনদপত্র, (ঙ) ডিপার্টমেন্ট/ বিভাগীয় প্রধান কর্তৃক স্নাতক ও মাস্টার্স পর্যায়ে মেধা তালিকায় প্রাপ্ত পজিশনসহ সুপারিশপত্র এবং (চ) গবেষণা সংক্ষিপ্তসার (Synopsis) সংযুক্ত করে ডাকযোগে অথবা হাতেহাতে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট পৌছাতে হবে। শুধুমাত্র বাছাইয়ে উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের সাক্ষাৎকারের জন্য ডাকা হবে। ইতিপূর্বে ফেলোশীপপ্রাপ্ত ফেলোদের নবায়নের ক্ষেত্রে বর্তমানে সংশোধিত নীতিমালা ও আবেদন ফরম অনুযায়ী আবেদনপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

৩। ফেলোশীপের নীতিমালা এবং আবেদনপত্র (নতুন ও নবায়নের জন্য) সংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত তথ্য বিজ্ঞান এবং তথ্য ও যোগাযোগ প্রযুক্তি মন্ত্রণালয়ের উপ-সচিব, কক্ষ নং-৯১৯, ভবন-৬, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০ অথবা পরিচালক, ব্যাসডক, বিসিএসআইআর ক্যাম্পাস, মিরপুর রোড, ধানমন্ডি, ঢাকা এর কার্যালয় হতে সংগ্রহ করা যেতে পারে অথবা আবেদনকারীর ঠিকানায়ুক্ত অব্যবহৃত ৫.০০ টাকা মূল্যের ডাকটিকিটযুক্ত খাম উল্লেখিত ঠিকানায় ডাকযোগে প্রেরণপূর্বক সংগ্রহ করা যেতে পারে অথবা Website addresses (১) <http://www.bcc.net.bd> এবং (২) <http://www.mosict.gov.bd> থেকে ডাউনলোড করে সংগ্রহ করা যেতে পারে। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পরে কোনো আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না। নীতিমালার সাথে সঙ্গতি নয় এমন আবেদনপত্র অযোগ্য হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবে।

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**Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited (PGCL)**  
(A Company of Petrobangla)  
Gas Distribution Network at Rajshahi City and its  
Adjoining Areas Project  
Nalka, Sirajganj, Bangladesh

**Invitation for Bids**

Date: 17 October 2007  
Loan No. and Title: 2188-BAN: Gas Transmission and Development Project

1. This invitation for bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in the "ADB Business Opportunities", Issue No GPN Loan No. 2188-BAN Gas Transmission and Development Project of 28 October 2005.

2. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Gas Transmission and Development Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds (Part C: Rajshahi Gas Distribution Network) of this loan to payments under the contract for which the invitation for bids is issued.

3. The Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited (A Company of Petrobangla) now invites 07 (seven) sealed bids from eligible bidders from the member countries of the ADB for the supply and delivery of the following materials for construction of 280 km (1"8") Gas Distribution Network, Town Border Station (TBS) and District Regulating Station (DRS) at Rajshahi City.

SI No.	IFB No.	Group	Description of goods & related services	Price of bid document BDT/US\$	Bid closing date & time (BST)	Bid opening date & time (BST)	Bid security BDT US\$	Delivery period (days)
1.	77.19(01).07 (Filter)	A	Filter Separator & Strainer	3,500.00/ 50.00	02 December 2007 at 11.00 hrs	02 December 2007 at 11.15 hrs	3,29,000/ 00/4,700.00	150
2.	77.19(01).07 (Regulator)	B	Regulator, Slam Shut Valve & Relief Valve	3,500.00/ 50.00	03 December 2007 at 11.00 hrs	03 December 2007 at 11.15 hrs	1,33,000/ 00/1,900.00	150
3.	77.19 (01).07 (Meter)	C	Meter	3,500.00 / 50.00	04 December 2007 at 11:00 hrs	04 December 2007 at 11:15 hrs.	2,38,000/ 00/ 3,400.00	150
4.	77.19(01).07 (Valve)	D	Valve	3,500.00/ 50.00	04 December 2007 at 14.00 hrs	04 December 2007 at 14.15 hrs	1,96,000/ 00/2,800.00	150
5.	77.19(01).07 (Fittings)	E	Fittings & Pipe	3,500.00/ 50.00	05 December 2007 at 11.00 hrs	05 December 2007 at 11.15 hrs	1,96,000/ 00/2,800.00	150
6.	77.19(01).07 (Coating)	F	Coating Material	3,500.00/ 50.00	06 December 2007 at 11.00 hrs	06 December 2007 at 11.15 hrs	4,83,000/ 00/6,900.00	150
7.	77.19(01).07 (Odorizer)	G	Odorizer Unit	3,500.00/ 50.00	06 December 2007 at 14.00 hrs	06 December 2007 at 14.15 hrs	1,33,000/ 00/1,900.00	150

Details and specification are provided in the bidding documents.  
Delivery and services under the contracts shall be completed within abovementioned days counting from 21 days after issuance of Commitment Letter by ADB.  
Bidder can participate in all or any of the Groups (Group A to Group G) of the goods.

4. International competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two-Envelope Bidding Procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Gas Distribution Network at Rajshahi City and its Adjoining Areas Project, Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited, Zaman Complex, S.S Road, Sirajganj, Bangladesh and inspect the bidding document at the address given below from 9.00am to 5.00pm.

6. The bidding document, in the English language, may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the addresses below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the form of Pay-Order/Demand Draft in favour of Project Director, Gas Distribution Network at Rajshahi City and its Adjoining Areas Project, PGCL on or after 22 October 2007. No bid document will be sold on the closing date of the tender. The document will be sent by airmail for overseas delivery and surface mail or courier for local delivery. For sending such documents an amount of US\$ 100.00 to be paid by the bidder in addition to the price of the bidding document in case of overseas delivery. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.

a) Project Director  
Gas Distribution Network at Rajshahi City and its Adjoining Areas Project, Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited (PGCL), Zaman Complex, S.S Road, Sirajganj, Bangladesh. Tel/Fax: +880-751-63521.

OR,  
b) Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited (PGCL), Dhaka Liaison Office, House No. 109, Flat No. 2B, Moshjid Road, Old DOHS, Banani, Dhaka-1206, Bangladesh. Tel/Fax: +880-2-8754776.

7. Bid must be delivered to the address below in accordance with the instructions to bidders on or before the bid closing date and time as mentioned against the IFB's. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for an amount as stated above and must be delivered to Project Director, Gas Distribution Network at Rajshahi City and its Adjoining Areas Project, PGCL. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened on the specified date and time mentioned above in the presence of the bidders representatives who choose to attend. Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited (PGCL) Dhaka Liaison Office House No. 109, Flat No. 2B, Moshjid Road, Old DOHS, Banani, Dhaka-1206, Bangladesh. Tel/Fax: +880-2-8754776

8. The Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

9. In the comparison of bids, ADB's Domestic Preference Scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the instructions to bidders.

**Project Director**  
Gas Distributor Network at Rajshahi City and its Adjoining Areas Project  
Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited

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