

FLOOD CONTROL, IRRIGATION IN 5 SYLHET UPAZILAS Project to be delayed as another revision likely

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

There is little hope of early implementation of the Upper Surma-Kushiyara Irrigation and Flood Control Project covering five upazilas though the area suffers colossal damage in flood almost every year.

The project covering Zakiganj, Kanaighat, Beanibazar, Golapganj and Sylhet Sadar upazilas was initiated in 2001 with an estimated cost of Tk 111 crore. It was scheduled to be completed by 2005-2006 financial year.

Six years have already passed while only 15 per cent work has been done and Tk 15 crore disbursed. Water development Board (WDB) sources said.

The project has been revised several times raising the initial estimated cost.

Yet another move is there to revise the project again.

The ministry of planning held a meeting with WDB officials weeks ago to make further changes in the project, the sources said yesterday.

It project area begins from the starting point of Surma and Kushiyara rivers at Amolshid border

der pointy in Zakiganj, covering lands along the rivers up to Golapganj and Sylhet Sadar.

Sylhet WDB Superintending Engineer GM Shamsur Rahman told the Daily Star that the project is being revised again by higher authorities.

Months ago, the project cost was slightly revised and the cost was cut down to Tk 135 crore. It will be revised again, the source added.

Only 77 hectares of land could be acquired so far at Tk 6.22 crore and work on 41 KM embankments done at Tk 7 crore in Zakiganj and Kanaighat upazilas, Shamsur Rahman said.

Project structures can not be built without land acquisition, he said.

Only Tk 2.76 crore was disbursed against Tk 5 crore sanctioned preliminarily as ADP allocation for FY 2007-08.

Implementation of the project would provide irrigation facilities to 38,000 hectares of land. The project area covers over 49,000 hectares, said the official.

Lion share of the sanctioned money would be spent for land acquisition for construction of embankments and canals, which are vital for flood control in the five upazilas, the sources said.

The sources said 25 kilometre embankments should be constructed immediately. Otherwise, its implementation would be delayed.

This year, the region experienced repeated and prolonged floods by waters rolling from Indian hills, leaving a colossal damage to crops and houses.

'Adopt policy for rural women's rights'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Speakers at a national dialogue in the district town have urged the caretaker government to adopt a policy for establishing the rights of rural women.

They urged the government to adopt a policy for ensuring control over food and food resources and providing equal salary to the women in agriculture sector.

Bangladesh Resources Center for Indigenous Knowledge (BARCIK), Bangladesh Nari Sangbadik Kendro (BNSK), Steps Towards Development (STD) and Social Advancement Center (SAC) jointly organised the national dialogue at Zila Parishad Auditorium yesterday.

A 14-point demand was also placed at the dialogue that includes gender equality of, ensuring dignity of Adibashi rural women, ensuring equal salary.

Women who are deprived of equal rights are not treated with dignity, speakers said.

Speakers also urged the government to take decision to observe October 15 as Rural Women's Day at all the villages.

Women leader Nina Rahman presided over the function while eminent writer Selina Hossain attended as chief guest. Deputy Commissioner Ataur Rahman, Manikganj Municipality Chairman, Sudev Saha, Deputy Director of Agriculture Extension Department Mokbul Hossain Talukder, Chairman of Garpara Union Parishad Aloma Begum addressed as guests.

Ferdousi Akter Rita of BARCIK presented a keynote paper at the function where around 300 rural women took part.

Fishery project for ultra-poor launched in Nilphamari



PHOTO: STAR
Nilphamari Deputy Commissioner Mokhesur Rahman and Maj Anis Md Ershadul Haq release fry in Dinajpur Canal under Teesta Irrigation Project yesterday.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A fishery project aiming at helping the ultra-poor people was launched in Teesta irrigation canal in Nilphamari yesterday.

Bangladesh army relief fund has provided financial support for the project, the first of this kind since commissioning of the Teesta Irrigation Project in 1998.

Nilphamari Deputy Commissioner Khondoker Mokhesur Rahman and Major Anis Md Ershadul Haq of the joint forces released 400 kg of fish fry at Kalitola point of Dinajpur canal in Sadarupazila.

The released fish fry are of ruhi, katol, silver carp, brigade carp,

glass carp and other varieties.

The fishes in the 12km-long canal from Chander Hat sluice gate to Sonarai sluice gate in the upstream will be reared under 'open pisciculture method' in open water body, district fishery office sources said.

To maintain the fishes of the project two groups comprising 200 members have been formed. District Fishery Officer MI Goldar said, adding that the Army has allocated Tk 5 lakh to undertake the fishery projects in Teesta irrigation canals.

Three harvests are expected in a year as fishes grow fast in water bodies with current as in Teesta canals, he said.

BSF picks up 5 Bangladeshis in Sylhet Returns two bodies in Satkhira

STAR NATIONAL DESK

The Indian BSF took away five Bangladeshi fishermen from Kushiyara river yesterday afternoon when they were fishing near Amolshid border.

Nasir Uddin, Sharif Uddin, Kuti Miah, Tajul Islam and Fofai Miah of Pillakandi village near the border were fishing in the river, our Staff Correspondent in Sylhet reported.

As they reached near the mid-stream on board a boat, BSF picked them up.

BDR sources in Sylhet confirmed the incident and said steps were being taken for release of the fishermen.

Meanwhile, bodies of two Bangladeshi cattle traders who were gunned down allegedly by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) on October 6 and 22 were handed over to Satkhira police Monday evening, Our Satkhira Correspondent reported.

The victims were Khalid Hossain, 20, of Keragachhi village in Kalaroa upazila and Rabiul Islam, 22, of Nazimganj in Kaligonj upazila.

The two youths along with others had gone to India to buy cattle. They were shot dead at Tarali under Swarnnagar police station in 24 Parganas district while crossing the border with cattle. BSF took away the bodies.

Sub-inspector (SI) Subir Kumar of Swarnnagar police station handed over the bodies to Sub-inspector (SI) Shahin of Satkhira Sadar police station in Bhomra border, police sources said.

On contact, Satkhira police super Mirza Abdullal Baki confirmed the incident.

Editor of B'baria fortnightly remanded in extortion case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Haroon-ur-Rashid Dali, editor of fortnightly Aparadhpatra published from Brahmanbaria, was taken in a day's remand yesterday in an extortion case filed with Sreemangal police station in Moulvibazar district.

On Monday, Investigation Officer (IO) of the case SI Ali Mahmud of Sreemangal police station produced Dali before a magistrate court in Moulvibazar.

Police source said, Dali was arrested by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Sreemangal as he demanded Tk 10 lakh from a school teacher there on October 19. He was sent to Moulvibazar jail.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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GENERAL MANAGER (ADMIN.)	Candidate should be an MBA or Masters in Management or similar discipline with minimum 10 years experience in large industrial organisation. Preference will be given to candidate who has well experience in Management in Ceramic and Composite Textile Mill. The ideal candidate always be ready to take challenge in any situation to lead and control all personnel of the Industry. Age should not exceed 45 years.
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ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC ENGINEER	Candidate should be B.Sc. or Diploma Engineers in ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING having minimum 7 to 10 years practical experience in power generation and distribution of a large composite textile mills.

The highly energetic and ambitious candidate is specially encouraged to apply with full resume to the following e-mail address latest by 5th November, 2007 or send his CV along with two copies of passport size colour photographs, copies of certificate / testimonial mentioning the name of the position applied for, on the top of the envelope. The application addressed to The Managing Director, Monno Group of Industries, Islampur, Dhamrai, Dhaka. Mobile No: 01716499142, and can also submitted by e-mail: gmadmin@monno-group.com

BNP LEADER JEWEL MURDER IN SATKHIRA

Court accepts naraji petition, orders fresh probe

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A court in Satkhira yesterday accepted the 'naraji' petition by the plaintiff against the charge sheet and asked police to re-investigate the murder of Mirza Masud Jewel, president of district Jatiyatabadi Matsjibi Dal, a front of BNP.

Judge Ashish Ranjan Das passed the order as some 'major faults' in the charge sheet were detected, court sources said.

The court also asked the authorities to appoint a senior police official to re-investigate the case.

Jewel, son of Mokhtar Hossain Kha of Dudli village in Tala upazila, was shot dead by assailants near his village home on the night of VOTER LISTING

Orientation meet held in Nilphamari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Election officials and the joint forces held an orientation meeting with the members of the computer operation team at Sadar upazila parishad auditorium yesterday as the voter listing task in the district will start from November 4.

In the meeting, Maj. Anis Md Ershadul Haq, Sadar upazila Nirbahi Officer Khorsheed Alam, also upazila voter enrolment committee president, district Election Officer Sekandar Ali explained various aspects of the voter listing process, while Maj. Kamrul Hossain discussed the technical sides of computer-related matters.



Mirza Masud Jewel

July 8 last year. Victim's mother Rokeya Khanam filed a case with Patkelghata police station on July 9.

Investigation Officer (IO) of the case Sub-inspector (SI) Humayun of Patkelghata police station submitted the charge sheet on July 2 this year to a magistrate court in Satkhira over 11 months after the incident.

Ten people have been accused in the charge sheet. They are outlawed BPCP (Purba Banglar Communist Party) 'regional leader' Pulin Bihari Sarkar of Goadanga village; Ananta Sarkar, Kali Pada alias Kulu Sarkar, Bimal Mondal, Jhantu Sheikh alias Mamun Sheikh, Gafur Gazi, Deb Brata Mondal and Sanjoy Mondal of Dudli village in Tala upazila; Maru Gain of Khariadanga village in Satkhira Sadar upazila and Sanjib Kumar Adhikari of Raruli village in Paikgachha upazila in Khulna.

All the accused are absconding, police sources said.

Plenty of Hilsha netted in Bay

A big size fish retailed at Tk 80-200 per kg in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Hilsha prices have come down considerably as the delicious fish is being netted in plenty in coastal waters for about a week.

Its price in wholesale markets in Patuakhali now range between Tk 80 and 200 per kilogram depending on size.

The prices were Tk 250 to Tk 400 two months back.

Hundreds of trawlers began catching Hilsha from October 25 when the ban on netting it was over. The fisheries department imposed the ban for 10 days from October 15 to 24 at four points in the Bay to allow Hilsha breeding.

The points were Latachapee near Kuakata beach in Kalapara upazila in Patuakhali district, Sherkali to Haitkandi under Mirsharai upazila in Chittagong, North Kutubdia to Gandamara in Cox's Bazar and North Tajumoddin to West Syed Aulia in Bhola district. These covered 7,000 square kilometres in the Bay, considered best areas for natural breeding of Hilsha.

This correspondent visited fish markets in Kuakata, Mohipur, Galachipa along the coast and New Market, Launch Ghat and Katpatee in Patuakhali town yesterday and the day before and saw Hilsha being sold at between Tk 80 and 200 per kilogram.

"Over 25 tonnes of Hilsha remained unsold at different fish markets in the area for lack of sufficient buyers", Abdus Salam Howlader, president of Fish Traders Association at Mohipur wholesale market told this correspondent

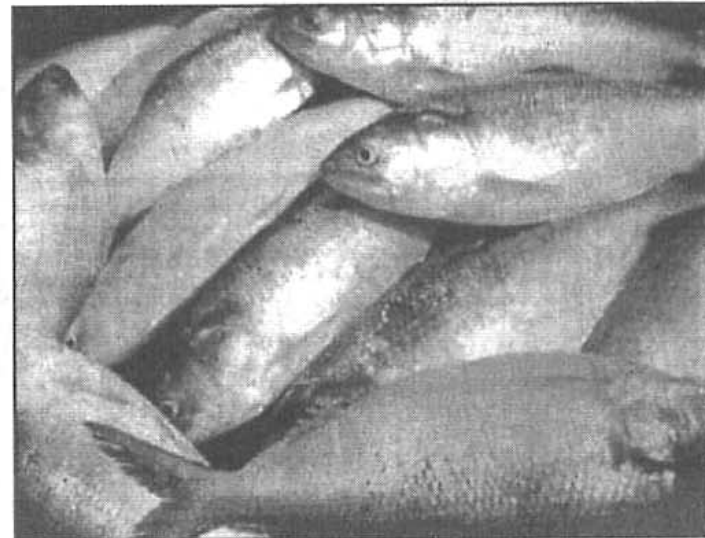


PHOTO: STAR

With large catches of Hilsha, the delicious fish is now affordable by commoners. The photo was taken from Patuakhali New Market yesterday.

yesterday. "We sent over 50 tonnes of Hilsha to different cities and towns including Dhaka, Jessore and Satkhira through trucks today", he said.

In the local fish market, a maund of Hilsha (each weighing over one Kg) was selling between Tk 7,500 and 8,000. The price was between Tk 14,000 to Tk 14,500 two months ago.

Small size (less than one Kg each) Hilsha is being sold at between Tk 3,000 and 3,500 against Tk 10,500-11,000 two months ago, traders said. The retail price in local markets is between Tk 80 and 200.

A fish trader at New Market in

ATTACK BY MILITANTS NGO officials meet on ways for protection

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Amid increasing threat on NGO workers by religious militants, high officials from over 15 national and local NGOs yesterday met at the regional office of NGO POPI at Battarish in the town to discuss ways to resist the criminals.

NGOs are playing a vital role in nation building but their staff working in remote areas are exposed to attacks by religious militants and criminals and the perpetrators often go unpunished, speakers said at the meeting.

They urged all the NGOs to take a collective stand against any assault on NGO workers so that no militant dare attacking them.

Drawing attention to the problems in haor areas of the district, they asked newsmen present at the meeting to highlight the issue for action at the national level.

Representatives from different NGOs including Brac, Proshika and Asa

stressed coordination in the work of the NGOs working in the district.

Murshed Alam Sirkar, executive director of POPI, presided over the meeting.

The participants formed two committees with representatives of different NGOs.



Bangladesh Cricket Board

JOB VACANCY

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is a high profile national sports organization responsible for governing the game of cricket in Bangladesh seeks applications from qualified individuals for the following positions:

(1) MANAGER, ADMINISTRATION

Department: Administration (Position-1)

The incumbent will perform a broad range of duties in the organization. Reporting to the Deputy General Manager - Admin the jobs requires coordination of various and diverse support services.

The Key Responsibilities:

- Set goals and deadlines for the departmental staff in line with the long term objective.
- Assist in developing budget of the department and ensure the department remains within approved budget allocations.
- Supervise support staff members in their daily activities including determining workloads, evaluate staff performance and schedules.
- Monitor Logistic support service activities to the Board i.e. Travel, Visa, Accommodation & Transportation.
- Coordinate and support special activities, including meetings, conferences, functions, workshops, and other similar events.
- Build and maintain working relationships with the National Sports Council, Different Government/Semi Government Organizations / Agencies and the service providers of BCB.
- Supervise the vehicle management system of the organization.
- Provide administrative support and assistance to DGM-Admin and any special duties assigned by the DGM- Admin.

Qualification: MBA/Masters having minimum five years of practical professional experience.

Special Skill Requirements

- Strong Communication and interpersonal sensitivity
- Excellent presentation and report writing skills
- Strong analytical ability, proactive and self motivated
- Ability to work with cross-functional departments
- Good Planning, Organizing and Coordinating skills
- Proactive and can work independently when necessary
- Must possess advanced MS Excel, MS Visio/ MS projects skills.

Age limit: 30-35

(2) MANAGER, MARKETING AND COMMERCIAL

Department: Marketing and Commercial (Position-1)

The incumbent shall be responsible and accountable for all commercial and marketing activities of BCB. The position reports to the CEO.

The Key Responsibilities:

- Plan, Organize, Direct and Evaluate all Commercial and Marketing activities of BCB.
- Conduct market research and design marketing programs/strategies geared to maximize revenue of Bangladesh Cricket Board.
- To develop and implement brand strategy to establish a positive image of Bangladesh Cricket in the domestic and international arena.
- Promote the game of cricket through merchandising, holding meetings and liaison with various stakeholders.
- Prepare departmental budget and control.
- Promote a good working relation with Media (print and electronic)
- Prepare sponsorship agreements in consultation with BCB Legal Advisor and ensure sponsor servicing.
- Coordinate with suppliers and agency to ensure smooth commercial operation during tours and events.
- To closely liaise with the Commercial Committee and Executive Management Team.

Qualification: Post Graduate Degree preferably MBA (Marketing). Minimum 04 (Four) years of experience in a Managerial role.

Special Skill Requirements

- Self-driven, analytical and creative
- Good team player and business focused
- Must possess advanced MS Excel, MS Visio/ MS projects skills
- Proactive and can work independently when necessary
- Good writing skill in both Bangla & English and be conversant in both.
- Strong contract drafting, assimilation and comprehension skill
- Multi tasking ability.

Age limit: 35-45

(3) EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATION

Department: Administration (Position-1)

To carryout the day to day administrative responsibilities of Bangladesh Cricket Board

The Key Responsibilities:

- Provide administrative support and assistance to the line Manager and carry out daily administrative tasks of the Board.
- Assist line Manager to ensure Logistic support services to the Board such as Travel, Visa, Accommodation & Transportation
- Support line manager in special activities i.e. meetings, conferences, functions, workshops, and other similar events.
- Assist line Manager to ensure efficient vehicle management system of the organization.
- Liaise with Government and other agencies related to the Board
- Any special assignment as assigned by the line Manager.

Qualification: BBA/graduate from any reputed University

Special Skill Requirements

- Strong computer literacy
- Strong Communication and interpersonal sensitivity
- Excellent presentation and report writing skills
- Strong analytical ability, proactive and self motivated
- Hard working and multi tasking ability under stress

Age Limit: 22-30

(4) EXECUTIVE, ACCOUNTS

Department: Finance and Accounts (Positions-3)

To carryout the day to day operational activities of Accounts Department, Bangladesh Cricket Board.

The Key Responsibilities:

- Day to day Accounting & Financial work.
- Maintain ledgers and prepare final accounts and other necessary accounts reports.
- Maintain petty cash by preparing vouchers
- Maintain liaison with Banks.
- Preparing Bank Reconciliation Statement.
- Perform other relevant duties as requested by the supervisor.

Qualification: Masters Degree in Accounting/ Finance/ Management with minimum 2 to 3 years experience in a similar position. Preference will be given those candidates who have completed the CA Course / CMA Partly qualified.

Special Skill Requirements

In-depth knowledge on Tally Software, Strong computer literacy, Strong analytical ability, proactive and self motivated, Hard working and multi tasking ability under stress.

Age Limit: 25-30

The interested candidates are requested to send their CV along with a coverletter mentioning expected salary and 02 recent photographs to the Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Cricket Board, Management Office, Navana Tower (5th floor), 45 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 on or before 18th November 2007. Only the short listed candidates will be called for interview. Please mention the post of the application applied for on the top of envelopes.