

AUGUST 17 SERIAL BLASTS IN JHENIDAH

Charge sheet against six Huji cadres

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Police have submitted a charge sheet to Jhenidah Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court against six militants in connection with August 17 serial bomb blasts in Jhenidah in 2005.

One of the militants, Abul Kalam Azad alias Bulbul, earlier admitted his direct involvement in the grenade attack on Awami League President Sheikh Hasina's meeting on August 21 in 2004.

Other charge-sheeted accused are Mohammad Ali, 42, of Hat Gopalpur, Jhenidah Sadar, Omar Faruk alias Laden, 40, of Chasra, Jessore, Jahangir Alam, 30, of Kalishankorpur in Kushtia, Abul Kashem of Mirzapur village in Bagharpara upazila. The charge sheet was submitted Sunday evening.

Mohammad Ali used to preserve arms of Huji while working as an oil trader at the local market, said Rab sources, adding that following his confession grenades were found under the floor of his house.

On October 28, Rab arrested the six militants at different places in Jhenidah and following their confessional statement the law enforcers recovered huge explosives including 16 grenades from their houses the next day, police said.

Sub-Inspector Abul Kalam of Rab-6 in Jhenidah lodged a case with a Jhenidah court against the



Six charge-sheeted Huji militants in Jhenidah.

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Militants under the banner of Harkat-ul-Jihad (Huji) have been active in the south-western districts including Jhenidah for several years.

Detained Huji leader Bulbul made deposition at a Dhaka court under Section 164 that he had a direct role in the August 21 grenade attack.

The first grenade he threw

dropped beside the truck carrying Sheikh Hasina's stage and the second one also fell near the truck but it did not explode as he forgot to unfold the safety pin, he said. Narrating the whole story of the attack, he named 12 militants.

Bulbul built a stronghold of militants in Shaikupa in Jhenidah. After marrying a woman at Garagong under

Shaikupa upazila in 1991, he settled there and became an Imam of a nearby mosque.

Later he joined Huji and started training his followers on the bank of Kumar river in Shaikupa.

Officer-in Charge Belal Uddin Tarafder of Shaikupa Police Station said Bulbul is an accused in an arms case at the police station.

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Six held for anomaly in voter listing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Six people including two enumerators were handed over to police at 2:00pm yesterday from Godaipur voter registration centre under Paikgachha upazila in Khulna district.

The arrestees are enumerators Tapati Rani Halder and Shah Jamal Lipton, Rezaul Gazi, Habibullah Gazi, Noor Mohammad and Alauddin Sarder.

Officials on duty in the voter registration centre suspected that Alauddin, Rezaul, Noor Mohammad and Habibullah were trying to enrol their names with photograph without attaining the age limit with the help of enumerators Tapati Rani Halder and Shah Jamal Lipton.

When asked, Paikgachha upazila Election Officer Golam Mostafa, however, said he could not lodge any formal complaint with Paikgachha Police Station without verifying birth registration certificates of the four people.

Sust convocation today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The second convocation of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) will be held here today.

The convocation ceremony will begin at 11am.

President Prof Iajuddin Ahmed will attend the inaugural function as chief guest. Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof M Aminul Islam will deliver the welcome address and founding VC of the university Prof Sadruddin Ahmed Chowdhury will address as convocation speaker.

About 2,943 former students of the university are expected to take part in the convocation ceremony.

Earlier, the VC said 14 meritorious students will receive President's Gold Medal while 52 others will get Vice-Chancellor's Award. Two persons will be conferred with PhD degree, one with AMD and 12 with M Phil degree.

An amount of Tk 50 lakh has been earmarked for the purpose. A major portion of the allocation came from the University Grants Commission (UGC) while the rest amount was collected from own fund of the university, the VC said.

The first convocation of the university was held in 1998.

Juba Dal leader jailed for extortion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A court here yesterday sentenced a Juba Dal leader and three others each to six years rigorous imprisonment (RI) in an extortion case, court sources said.

The convicts are Tala upazila Juba Dal executive committee member Mantu Sheikh, Munna Sheikh, Refajul Islam Sheikh and Khalilur Rahman Sheikh, all hailing from Bara Kashipur village in Tala upazila, they said.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Court Judge Kazi Ehsanul Haque pronounced the verdict in a crowded courtroom, court sources said.

The accused led by Juba Dal leader Mantu Sheikh attacked Tarak Nath Biswas's house at Bara Kashipur village at night on March 20, 2004. They demanded Tk 5 lakh as toll from Tarak Nath at gunpoint. On refusal, the accused beat the inmates of the house severely, court sources said.

Tarak Nath filed a case with Patkelghata police station. Sub-inspector (SI) Daud of Patkelghata police station submitted charge-sheet against them on August 4, 2004.

UP secy arrested for VGF rice scam

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

The secretary of Bachamara Union Parisad (UP) in Daulatpur upazila has been arrested on charge of misappropriation of rice meant for Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) police said.

Bachamara UP secretary Abdul Hamid was arrested with 675 kilogram of VGF rice packed in 45 bags at his Somejpur village house under Daulatpur police station Tuesday night, they said.

A police team of Daulatpur police station conducted the raid, police sources said.

When contacted, Daulatpur police station officer-in-charge (OC) Meer Rezaul Hossain admitted the fact saying a case was filed against him on charge of misappropriation of VGF rice.

The UP secretary took 675 kilogram of rice in name of distribution among 45 VGF cardholders in his area. But the cardholders were not present to take delivery of their allotted rice, the OC said.

Sidr victims moved by love, charity

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The people of Majherchar and Rayenda villages in Sharonkhola, worst affected by Sidr, got more than what the hurricane took away from them. They got love and heartiest cooperation from people of Satkhira to start life again with renewed hopes.

It was beyond their imagination that within three weeks of the devastation they would live in rebuilt houses, have food and blankets to sleep at night.

It has been possible due to the prompt action and generosity of Amra Satkhira Basi (We, the inhabitants of Satkhira), a body of volunteers that came forward with all possible help to the Sidr victims in the two villages.

Three days after Sidr battered the coasts, Amra Satkhira Basi was formed at a meeting at Satkhira Press Club on November 18 at the initiative of Satkhira Police Superintendent Mirza Abdullal Baki.

Its members, drawn from all strata of life, including cultural activists, collected money, house building materials, food, clothing and blankets. The response to the call for help was overwhelming. Even poor rickshawpullers came forward with money and old clothes.

Within 10 days, the newly floated organisation collected over Tk 21 lakh and goods worth about Tk 30 lakh from people and different organisations.

It then decided to rehabilitate 330 families in Majherchar village in Mathbaria upazila and Rayenda in Sharonkhola in Bagerhat districts, worst affected by Sidr.



PHOTO: STAR

A woman stands at her ruined homestead as volunteers build a new house for her family at Majherchar village in Sharonkhola.

Like her, Belal Hossain of the village had no words to express his gratitude to the volunteers. "We got more than what Sidr took away. The help and cooperation (from Amra Satkhira Basi) is unexpected and beyond our imagination", he said.

"We even got mosquito nets", he said.

Joined by the affected families, the volunteers rebuilt all the houses in a day.

Besides a cash grant of Tk 1000, each family got clothes and blankets for all members.

The organisers later said CI sheets for all the houses involved over Tk 12 lakh.

While distributing relief, Baki told the affected people that it is a moral obligation for all to come to the aid of the needy.

SYLHET CITY CORPORATION

LGRD ministry seeks funds to approve organogram

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The situation at Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) office remained unchanged as most the 431 sacked employees kept off from duty for the 3rd day yesterday.

However, SCC authorities managed essential services like electricity, water supply, conservancy, and health and sanitation some how with the help regular staff.

A police contingent remained deployed at the SCC building to stave off any untoward incident.

Meanwhile, sources said, the LGRD ministry yesterday asked SCC authorities to manage essen-

tial services through 'temporary arrangement for three months' and to take steps to appoint employees in vacated posts by February next year, an official said in the evening.

The ministry sent a fresh letter to the finance ministry yesterday for financial allocation for the SCC organogram, which may be approved soon, the official said.

A source seeking anonymity said the LGRD ministry asked SCC authorities to go on with a process to appoint employees in line with the organogram.

Though Sylhet division was formed in 1994, the divisional

headquarters--the then Sylhet Pourashava--was upgraded to city corporation in 2002. With formation of city corporation and expansion of its area, it needed more manpower.

To meet the demand, SCC made temporary appointments in posts of 4th class employees like cleaner, electrician, helper and peon on master roll (no work no payment) basis.

Taking advantage of the situation, a section of SCC officials recruited as many as 431 people on master roll during 2003-2005, many of them allegedly in exchange of money, sources said.



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SHOUHARDO is the world's largest food security program funded by USAID and GoB, operating in 500 Unions, 16 Pourashavas and 1 City Corporation in Bangladesh, with a budget over US\$ 100 million. The program addresses the "underlying causes" of food insecurity over 400,000 poorest households in the most vulnerable regions in the country by explicitly emphasizing the importance of governance, entitlement, empowerment, and a rights-based focus for its all interventions. The program, in partnership with 46 NGOs and 9 Ministries of the Government of Bangladesh, is on right track to make significant sustainable changes in the lives of the poorest. Acknowledging this fact, the program is in search for the following positions.

Vacancy Announcement	
CARE Bangladesh invites applications from qualified candidates for SHOUHARDO program for the following positions, on contract up to September 30, 2009.	
1. Finance Manager (1 position, based in Dhaka)	2. Regional Grants Manager (4 positions, based in Region - Rangpur, Tangail, Kishoregonj, Chittagong)
Key Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of sub-grant budgets and recommend for appropriate budget allocation and drawing agreement documents. - Ensuring timely disbursement and adjustment of sub-grant fund. - Review of the partner's expenditure reports, CARE field teams certification reports and recommending approval of sub-grant expenses. - Coordinating with the sub-grant field team and resolution of problematic issues. - Keeping track of sub-grant expenses and advances and reporting of the sub-grant expenses. - Ensuring donor and CARE compliance of the sub-grant expenses. - Capacity building of relevant staff of CARE and PNGO. - Maintain documents and record and facilitation of audit. 	Key Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of the regional budget. - Monitor program expenses, analyze variances and recommend corrective actions. - Prepare cash pipeline for the SHOUHARDO program. - Review different reports of the sub-grantees and resolve problems. - Preparation of agreement for partnership. - Lead the program finance team to manage the budget and expenditure of the sub-grantees and CARE's direct delivery activities. - Coordinate with Regional Office finance team and Headquarter finance team. - Plan and implement capacity building activities for the CARE and PNGO staff. - Facilitate audit activities of the program.
Qualifications and Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masters' in Finance/Accounting or CA course completed with 5 years experience in similar areas preferable in an international organization. - Experience on managing donor funds and sub grant management with large number of local NGOs. - Experience on budgeting and financial report preparation/USAID fund management. - Experience in working with financial software packages. - Knowledge on USAID Rules and regulations will be an added advantage. - Skilled in popular computer applications, such as, Microsoft Office, (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint). - Considerable technical knowledge and experience in capacity building and problem solving on financial matters. - Excellent written and oral communication skills in both English and Bangla. 	Qualifications and Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masters' in Finance/Accounting or CA course completed with 5 years experience in similar areas preferable in an international organization. - Experience on managing donor funds and sub grant management with large number of local NGOs. - Experience on budgeting and financial report preparation. - Ability to meet deadlines and respond promptly as necessary. - Good computer skills on word processing, Excel and spreadsheet, etc. - Knowledge of USAID Rules and regulations. - Should have considerable technical knowledge and experience in understanding and grasping financial aspects of PNGOs and community. - Excellent written and oral communication skills in both English and Bangla.
3. Sub Grant Officer (7 positions, based in different locations under regional offices)	4. Regional Finance Officer (4 positions, based in Region - Rangpur, Tangail, Kishoregonj, Chittagong)
Key Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of the partners proposal and budget. - Ensure timely fund disbursement to the partners following established procedure. - Review partners' financial reports and arrange adjustment of the advance funds based on the certification report. - Capacity building of the partner NGOs manager and finance persons in the proper fund management through formal and on job activities. - Keep track of the partner's advance and expenses. - Resolution of problems related to partner's grant. 	Key Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of the contracts/Agreements for vendors/ groups for the direct delivery activities. - Ensuring payments for direct delivery activities. - Compile and analyze direct delivery expenses. - Support in arranging different training events. - Ensure compliances in the financial transactions of the direct delivery activities.
Qualifications and Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masters in Accounting/ Finance or CA course with 3 years experience on sub grant management. - Experience on managing donor funds. - Should have a very clear concept and knowledge about the basic accounting and auditing standards and principles. - Knowledge on USAID Rules and regulations. - Should have good inter personal skills and the ability to make decisions as required. - Skill in operating Microsoft Office applications. (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint). - Excellent written and oral communication skills in both English and Bangla. 	Qualifications and Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masters in Accounting/ Finance or CA course with 3 years experience in the relevant field. - Conversant in preparation and managing vendor contracts. - Should have knowledge of budget preparation. - Knowledge on USAID Rules and regulations will be preferred. - Skill in operating Microsoft Office applications. (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint). - Excellent written and oral communication skills in both English and Bangla.

Compensation: Gross Salary for above positions is Tk. 42,000 per month, plus other admissible benefits as per organizational policy. Salary is negotiable for highly deserving candidates.

Interested candidates who fulfill the above requirements are requested to drop or mail their CVs (with cover letter, recent passport size photograph, and names/addresses of two non-relative referees) at: CARE-Bangladesh, 20-21, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka by addressing Section Manager-HRM, HRDGM Department or e-mail at hr@carebangladesh.org on or before December 16, 2007.

Note: • Women are particularly encouraged to apply • Any persuasion will disqualify the candidates • Applicants who have relatives in CARE are discouraged to apply • Please write the position applied for at the top right hand corner of the envelope.

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Invitation for Tender (Re-Tender)

Tender Notice No-10/2007-2008 (Uttara 3rd Phase Project)

Sealed tenders in STD PW3 form are hereby invited in open tendering method for the undermentioned works from interested contractors having experience on large scale land development by various methods:

Memo No: Rajuk/PD(Uttara 3rd Phase)/4-52/07/701

Date: 28/11/07

1	Project name	:	Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project			
2	Source of funds	:	RAJUK's own fund.			
3	Tender group No.	:	41			
4	Invitation for tenders No.	:	10/2007-2008(Uttara 3rd Phase Project).			
5	Tender name	:	Land development work at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project area, Dhaka.			
6	Time for completion of works	:	12 (twelve) months.			
7	Eligibility of tenderers	:	As stated in the tender document.			
8	Name and address of the office(s) selling tender document	:	Manager, Sonali/Janata/Agrani Bank, RAJUK Bhaban Branch, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. Interested tenderers may view the documents at the office(s) selling the tender document during normal working hours.			
9	Name and address of the office(s) receiving tenders	:	Member (Development/Estate/Admin. & Land/Finance/Planning)/Chief Engineer/Project Director, Uttara RMT (3rd Phase) Project/Executive Engineer (Design), RAJUK, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka-1000.			
10	Name and address of the office for opening tenders	:	By tender opening committee, meeting room of RAJUK, 3rd Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka-1000.			
11	Last date and time for selling tender document	:	26.12.2007 during office hours.			
12	Last date and time for submission of tender document	:	27.12.2007 up to 12.00 noon.			
13	Date and time for opening of tenders	:	27.12.2007 at 2.30pm. Tenderers or their authorised representative(s) are allowed to attend.			
14	Brief description of works and related services: Land development works at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project.					
	Identification of group	Location	Estimated quantity (cum/m3)	Price of tender document in Taka	Tender security amount in Taka	Time for completion in months
	Group No. 41	Uttara	5,62,515.00	2000.00	25,00,000.00	12 (twelve)
15	Special instructions	(a) Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reason. (b) Furnishing of any false, forged and misleading documents by tenderer shall result in rejection of his/her/their tender which may lead to forfeit of tender security and action may be taken against tenderer under regulation 15 of PPR-2003. (c) This tender notice is brief and the details of the tender can be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours. (d) Tender validity date shall be 150 days from the date of opening.				

Chairman

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