

Double life term for possessing heroin, illegal arms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A court in Sylhet yesterday gave a man double life term in separate cases. The convict is Babla Rahat, 26, son of Muktar Miah of Khozarkhola area of the city.

Rab caught Babla from Khozarkhola area in the night of January 22 and recovered 120 grams of heroin and a country made revolver from his possession. A case was filed with Kotwali police station on the same night.

After investigation, police submitted two charge sheets—one under the Narcotics Control Act and the other under the Arms Control Act.

District and Sessions Judge Abdul Gafur handed down life term to Babla and fined him Tk 50,000 in default to suffer two years' more RI for possessing heroin.

The judge also gave him life term for possessing the illegal revolver. Public prosecutor EU Shahidul Islam said.

'Revise 6th wage board award'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Journalists Union of Dinajpur (JUD) a unit of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalist (BFUJ), at a rally here yesterday urged the government to modify the sixth wage board award announced on Saturday.

Speakers at the rally said the sixth wage board award is not acceptable as it curtailed existing benefits and offered nothing to the medians.

The rally was held at Dinajpur Press Club with JUD president Sharup Kumar Bakshi.

The speakers included JUD secretary Md Akram Talukder, Chitta Ghosh (Sangbad), Md. Golam Nabi Dulal (Bangladesh Observer and Radio Bangladesh), Abu Bakr Shiddique (Deshbangla), Md. Morshedur Rahman (BDNews), Humayun Kabir (ATN Bangla), Momtazul Islam (Jai Jai Din and UNB) and Shamim Reza.

DELAY IN AGRI REHABILITATION IN 11 SIDR-HIT DISTRICTS Food yield may fall by 3 lakh tonnes this season

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Agriculture rehabilitation programme in Sidr affected areas of 11 districts under Barisal Agriculture Extension Department (AED) is yet to start, posing the risk of a production loss of around three lakh tonne food grain in the region during the coming winter season.

The region saw a yearly surplus of around five lakh tonnes food grains in previous years.

More than 6.67 lakh tonnes of agricultural productions on 4.10 lakh acres of cultivated lands have been reported damaged by Sidr in those 11 districts.

Disclosing these facts, Deputy Director in charge of Barisal Agricultural Extension Department (AED) they already sent reports of damage to the higher authority. Rehabilitation programmes are yet to be started

due to delay in providing funds as the agriculture ministry is asking for details of each affected person.

The ministry has instructed the AED to send names, addresses and other details of the Sidr affected 15.5 lakh farmers of the region but it is not possible to send the details within a short period.

AED sources said Ropa Aman, Boro and wheat seedbeds, pulses, vegetables, mustard, betel nut, coconut, betel leaf and other crops have been badly damaged by Sidr in 72 upazilas of 12 districts, of which 67 upazilas of 11 districts belong to Barisal AED.

Cultivation of paddy, wheat and different types of winter crops of these Sidr affected areas depend on implementation of immediate rehabilitation programmes in agriculture sectors.

Rescheduling of old and distribution of new long term, interest-

free or low interest agriculture loans, as well as providing power pumps for irrigation, power tiller for cultivation, seeds and saplings for Boro and Irri paddy and wheat, and supply of fertilisers, pesticides, fuel and energy are also urgently needed under agricultural rehabilitation programmes.

Besides, more than two lakh hectares of agricultural lands have been affected by salinity from surging sea water that engulfed river banks and lands inside the embankments of coastal region during the Sidr, AED sources said.

Cultivation of crops on these lands may not be possible for next two to four seasons due to the salinity and further delay in implementations of agricultural rehabilitation programmes may add to production deficit, they added.

'TAX EVASION' BY ARIFUL Hearing on charge framing today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Hearing of charges against detained Sylhet city BNP chief Ariful Haque Chowdhury for tax evasion will be held today. It was deferred for the third time.

Ariful is on the first ACC (Anti Corruption Commission) list of 50 corruption suspects.

On Monday, Special Judge Abdul Gafur, who is also the District and Sessions Judge in Sylhet, rejected the petition of Ariful's lawyers for four week's stay on hearing and re-fixed December 13 for hearing.

Earlier, November 13, charge hearing was deferred.

Additional Assistant Commissioner of Taxes Abdur Rahman filed the case under Special Powers Act on November 6. In the case, it has been alleged that Ariful evaded taxes amounting to Tk 37 lakh by concealing wealth of over Tk 1.56 crore during 2002-2003 and 2005-2006 tax years.

Chowdhury is in jail since he surrendered before joint forces on February 25.

RU Arabic students demand Galib's release

RU CORRESPONDENT

A section of students of Arabic department of Rajshahi University yesterday demanded immediate release of their teacher Dr Muhammad Asadullah-Al-Galib, detained three years ago for patronising militancy.

Galib, chief of Ahle Hadith Andolon (Ahab), Bangladesh, was arrested in February 2005.

The students led by Abdul Halim, general secretary of Rajshahi unit of Ahle Hadith Jubo Andolon Bangladesh met RU Vice Chancellor Prof Altaf Hossain at his office and placed the demand through a memorandum carrying signature of 101 students.

SACKING OF 431 SCC STAFF HC stays ministry order for 3 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Division Bench of the High Court yesterday stayed for three months the order issued by the local government ministry sacking 431 employees of Sylhet City Corporation (SCC).

The bench comprising Justice Khairul Haq and Justice Abdul Awal passed the order upon a writ petition filed on behalf of the sacked employees, according to a faxed message received at the SCC office from Dhaka yesterday evening, sources at SCC said. Details and a copy of the verdict is awaited, they said.

The HC Bench also issued a rule returnable within four weeks asking the government to reply why the order for sacking the employees

would not be declared illegal, the sources said.

Meanwhile the SCC at its scheduled meeting yesterday discussed the situation and other issues.

The meeting chaired by acting mayor Azam Khan was attended by all the ward commissioners and SCC officials, meeting sources said. The meeting continued when the report was filed at about 8 pm yesterday.

A stalemate is prevailing at the SCC office where virtually no work is being done since the LGRD ministry order reached last week.

Except an engineer, all the sacked employees are master roll staff. They were sacked after a probe report said they were taken in illegally.

Life-term convict held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested an absconding life-term convict at village Boor Char in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The arrestee, Abdul Khaleque alias Kalu, 58, is an ex-member of Boror Char union parishad.

A Mymensingh court in 1996 awarded him life-term imprisonment for his involvement in an abduction case filed with Phulpur Police Station in 1991.

Eco-cottage opens in Habiganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nishorgo Taraphill Eco-Cottage has been inaugurated at Rema Kalenga Wildlife Sanctuary in Habiganj.

The eco cottage would be an ideal location for the nature lovers who seek tranquility in pristine nature in Rema Kalenga.

Adopt effective info strategy to reduce climate risk

Speakers at Barisal workshop say

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Speakers at workshop in Barisal yesterday said effective information strategy with easy to understand weather cautionary signaling systems for people of different regions can help reduce climate risk.

Local government and administrative channels should interact and function in coordination round the clock before and after the disaster period to give accurate and fast information to all sections of people, they said.

Mass-line Media Center (MMC) in assistance with 'XIX Article 19

Global Campaign' organised the day-long workshop in the auditorium of Barisal NGO Development Network.

The speakers suggested expansion of radio frequency and community radio services and making local committees of disaster management, volunteers of cyclone preparedness programs of Red Crescent well equipped and repeatedly giving weather signals by voice messages in Bangla over mobile phone.

A sustainable system should be introduced in combination of wide wireless and radio networks in remote areas and floating vessels to

face emergency needs of information during power and communication disruptions and it should be a part of disaster management, the participants said.

Dr Habibur Rahman, district president of human rights alliance, presided over and Shamim Reza, teacher of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Dhaka University and Rabiul Islam, senior coordinator of MMC, worked as resource persons in the workshop.

Journalists, NGO representatives and cultural activists participated in the discussions.

Pure water for Sidr-hit people in Morrelganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

About 8,000 families in six unions in Sidr-hit Morrelganj upazila of Bagerhat district are getting pure water from two makeshift water purifying plants.

Prodiplan, a NGO, with financial assistance from USAID is operating two plants at Nishanbaria and Boluubunia unions in the upazila to provide drinking water to the affected people.

Each of the two US-made plants filter more than 24,000 litres of water a day, said Prodiplan Director Sajjadur Rahman Elin.

Each of the water purifying plants needs five litres of fuel (diesel) a day for operation, he said.

One of the two plants was set up at Boluubunia union on November 19 and the other at Nishanbaria union on November 26.

"Our field workers are engaged to serve the Sidr-hit people there with water-filled containers carried by vans and engine boat to remote areas", Elin said.

Prodiplan Project Officer Md. Nazrul Islam said chlorine, water purifying tablets and camphor are being used to purify water taken from different ponds with the help



One of the two water-purifying plants, left, supplying drinking water to Sidr affected people in Morrelganj in Bagerhat.

of those pipes.

They said they have a plan set up more plants, if necessary, to meet the demand for drinking water by Sidr-hit people in Sharankhola upazila, Nazrul Islam said.

Besides, Prodiplan is providing a

large number of affected families in Morrelganj with food and non-food items with assistance from WFP, UNDP, DANIDA, CARE Bangladesh and Manusher Janno Foundation.

Medical support is also being



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given to Sidr victims in Sharankhola and Morrelganj in Bagerhat district and Koira, Dakop and Paikgacha upazilas in Khulna district.

The assistance will continue till February next year, the NGO officials said.

Meanwhile, Caritas, an NGO, with assistance from German government, on Tuesday distributed food, cloth and other relief items among 1500 Sidr-hit families in Rampal upazila in Bagerhat, said a press release.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Narayanganj PWD Division, Narayanganj Invitation for Tenders (1st Corrigendum Notice)

It is hereby notified for all concerned that as per instruction of Superintending Engineer (Dev), PWD, Dhaka vide this Memo No-2532 usha-4 dt 09/12/2007 regarding Tender No-13/2007-2008, invited vide Memo No-T-Narayanganj/2352/45 dt. 29/11/2007 of PWD Narayanganj Division for the work mentioned below is hereby amended as follows:

- Name of project in the invitation for tenders will be "not applicable" instead of "Construction of 11 (eleven) RAB Complexes including RAB Forces Headquarters one at Narayanganj".
- Name of work in the invitation for tenders will be "Construction of 2-storied Office Building with 4-storied foundation including internal sanitary, water supply & electrification at 3 acre site, Adamjee, Narayanganj in RAB-11 Battalion Complex, during the year 2007-2008". Instead of "Construction of 11 (eleven) RAB Complexes including RAB Forces Headquarters one at Narayanganj (SH: 2-storied Office Building with 4-storied foundation including internal sanitary & water supply, internal electrification in 3 acre site, Adamjee, Narayanganj) during the year 2007-2008."
- The last date of selling tender will be on 07/01/2008 instead of 31/12/2007.
- The last date of receiving tender will be on 08/01/2008 instead of 01/02/2008.
- Name and address of the office for receiving tender: As per invitation for tender notice and office of the Director, RAB-11, Adamjee, Narayanganj.
- Name and address of the office for selling tender: As per invitation for tender notice and Office of the Deputy Director (Dev), RAB Forces Headquarters, Cargo Administrative Building, Kurmitola, Dhaka, office of the Director, RAB-11, Adamjee, Narayanganj.
- Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. This corrigendum will be a part of tender notice.

Executive Engineer
Narayanganj PWD Division
Narayanganj

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Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority BEPZA Complex House No. 19/D, Road No. 6, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205			
No. BEPZA/CE/136		Dated: December 09, 2007	
Request for Expression of Interest (2nd Invitation)			
No:02/2007-2008			
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh			
1	Ministry/Division	Chief Advisers Office (BEPZA Governor's Board Secretariat).	
2	Agency	BEPZA	
3	Procuring entity name	BEPZA	
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka	
6	Expression of Interest for selection of	Consulting firm (lump-sum).	
7	EOI Ref. No.	02/2007-2008	
8	Date	December 09, 2007	
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	NA	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	NA	
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	NA	
14	EOI publication date	On or before December 12, 2007.	
15	EOI last selling date	December 26, 2007 during office hour.	
16	EOI closing date and time	December 27, 2007 at 12:00 noon.	
17	Name & address of the office(s)	Selling of EOI 1. Account Section, BEPZA, BEPZA Complex, 19/D, Road No. 6, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205. 2. Account Section, Chittagong EPZ, South Halishahar, Chittagong. 3. Account Section, Dhaka EPZ, Savar, Dhaka.	
Receiving of EOI		BEPZA, BEPZA Complex, 19/D, Road No. 6, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.	
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT			
18	Brief description of assignment	The service include a. Preparation of lay out plan, Preliminary architectural conceptual drawing (floor plan, elevation, different section, perspective view) for the entire works of the residential complex for users approval and after users approval make all necessary arrangements for RAJUK approval. All the expenses will be born by the consultant to approve the drawings from RAJUK. b. After approval of users, consultant will prepare detail architectural drawing (plan for every floor, elevation, section, perspective view etc.). Structural drawing with the details calculation, including electrical, plumbing and sanitary drawing. c. Preparation of detail working drawing with in built cable TV system, telephone line, fire fighting system including provision of modern facilities like room A/C, hot water supply system, intercom calling bell, Internet, furniture lay out, security alarm system i.e. all facilities required for a modern residential complex. d. Preparation of detail bills of quantities and calculation sheets of BOQ and structural design of the building. e. Submission of all drawing in printed form at least 05 sets along with soft copy.	
19	Qualification and experience	Appropriate experience and professional qualification of applicant's staff and resource to carry out the assignment, administrative strength and financial capability. The firm must have successful completion experience on similar type of service in a single work order amounting not less than Tk 15 lac within last 5 (five) years in gov/semi-gov/autonomous bodies/reputed private or multinational organization. The firm should have to submit income tax certificate, VAT registration certificate and other relevant documents.	
20	Other details (if applicable)	NA	
21	Association with foreign firms is	Encouraged	
22	Ref. No.	Phasing of services	Location
22	S1	Selection of consulting firms for providing consultancy services for BEPZA Executive Enclave at Uttara Residential Area, Dhaka	Dhaka
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
23	Name of official inviting EOI	Md Abdur Rahman Bhuiyan.	
24	Designation of official inviting EOI	Executive Engineer (Civil).	
25	Address of official inviting EOI	BEPZA, BEPZA Complex, House # 19/D, Road # 06, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.	
26	Contact details of official inviting EOI	Tel. No. 8650069	Fax No. 8650060 Email: info@bepza.org
27	If any date of selling and receiving of EOI mentioned here is govt holiday, same will be carried on accordingly the next available working day.		
28	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.		
GD-4503		Md Abdur Rahman Bhuiyan Executive Engineer (Civil)	

BRANCH SHIFTING

For providing better customer service Janata Bank Limited, Razapur Branch of Feni Region has been shifted on the 1st December, Saturday from the old address to the new address and has started all banking transactions.

Old Address

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28 No. Razapur Mouza
Khatian No. 583, Dag No.
Sabak-10.18, Hal-44
Razapur Bazar
Dagon Bhyan, Feni.

New Address

JANATA BANK LIMITED
Razapur Branch, Feni.
Supar Market, J.L. No-27
Khatian No. 557, Dag No.
Sabak-711.720, Hal-953
Razapur Bazar
Dagon Bhyan, Feni.

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