

# Police, Rab launch drive as outlaws threaten to 'avenge'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) have started a special drive in the four districts on Monday night while all police stations and outposts in southwestern Chuadanga, Kushtia, Meherpur and Jhenidah districts have been alerted following threat by outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML).

On Saturday, PBCP-ML set posters and distributed leaflets in Chuadanga, vowing to 'avenge the killing' of the outfit's founder Mofakkhur Hossain alias Mahmud Hasan.

Mofakkhur, a top outlawed political think-tank, was killed in 'crossfire' with Rab on December 17, 2004 in Kushtia.

Chuadanga police filed a case against four people including Chuadanga Pouro BNP president, also former Chuadanga municipality chairman Ohidul Islam Biswas, for their alleged involvement with the PBCP's 'avenge campaign'.

The others included in the case are top PBCP leader Jamal Uddin, BNP activist Akram Kazi and Iqbal Hossain.

Iqbal was arrested on Saturday

night when he was pasting posters and distributing leaflets in different areas of Chuadanga town. Police also recovered 41 posters from his possession.

During interrogation by police, Iqbal, an MLSS of Chuadanga district cooperative office, admitted his involvement with PBCP and gave important information about the outfit's recent 'Action Plan' for subversive activities before the Eid.

Sources said PBCP's 'Action Plan' includes killing of 'social enemies' and bombing in different areas of Khulna Division.

Iqbal also named BNP leader Ohidul Islam Biswas and PBCP leader Jamal Uddin as his instructors to paste posters and distribute leaflets.

Ohidul Biswas, brother of former BNL lawmaker from Chuadanga-2 (Alamdanga), left the district on January 20 this year, police said.

Ohidul, one of the Chuadanga district political leaders who are on the list of 'patrons of criminals' made by law enforcement agencies in 2004, is also a close aide of detained outlawed party leader Sirajul Islam alias Koshai Siraj, sources said.

An inter-district drive to nab the

criminals have already launched, Kushtia Superintendent of Police Mosleh Uddin Ahmed said.

"None will be spared if proved to be involved with acting against the law and order," Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of police of Khulna M Asaduzzaman told this correspondent over phone yesterday.

A total of 462 crossfire killings took place in ten districts of southwestern region since the start of the 'extra judicial killings' in June 2004. Of them around 200 were men from outlawed PBCP-ML and their faction Janajuddho.

Meanwhile, all types of crimes recently marked decline in ten southwestern districts -- Meherpur, Bagerhat, Magura, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Jhenidah, Narail, Jessore, Khulna and Satkhira, according to law enforcement agencies and newspaper reports.

In November, 14 people were murdered in the ten districts while at least 40 murders took place in October and 43 in September. Four murders took place in the region during the first 16 days of this month.

Crimes like abduction, robbery, bombing, mugging and rape also declined.

## LACK OF BUYERS

## Dull trading in Tangail cattle markets

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Trading in cattle markets here is yet to gain momentum due to lack of buyers.

Although sacrificial animals have started coming to different markets but those are dearer in comparison with that of last year. As a result, purchase of sacrificial animals is not worth mentioning.

Cattle traders have claimed that prices of sacrificial animals increased this year due to short supply of animals, price-hikes of cattle-feed and other essentials. Besides, high transport cost has also attributed to its sharp rise in prices of cattle.

They also apprehended that the cattle markets might not buzz with activities like that of previous years. However, cattle traders did not complain about extortion at the market or on the way this year.

Major cattle markets are situated in Govindashi and Shialkhol in Bhupur; Deolee and Rupshi in Delduar; Soya and Elenga in Kalihati; Karatia, Jugni and Ainapur in Sadar; Deohata in Mirzapur and Beby Stand in Tangail town.

This correspondent visited several cattle markets in the district including Govindashi and Karatia recently.

While talking to this correspondent at Govindashi cattle market in Bhupur, cattle trader Ruhul Amin of Sirajganj said cattle prices might soar as their supply is insufficient due to tight security measures taken on the Indian borders this year.

"Another factor which contrib-

uted to price-hike of sacrificial animals is rise in price of cattle feed," he said.

Prices of sacrificial animals increased by 35 percent this year in comparison with that of last year, said Nurul Amin and Anyar Hossain Talukdar, leaseholders of Karatia cattle market in Tangail.

This year, price of a big size cow increased on an average from Tk 20,000 to 25,000; price of a middle size cow increased from Tk 10,000 to 10,000; and price of a small size cow increased from Tk 3,000 to 5,000 in comparison with that of last year, they said.

"Many people could not rear animals this year due to price-hike of cattle feed this year," they said.

Cattle trader Joinal Abedin at Karatia market said a cow of Tk 20,000 this year was sold at Tk 15,000 last year.

Many of them are unable to recover the rearing cost, he claimed.

Abul Hossain at Kakua village in Tangail Sadar upazila came to Karatia animal market to sale his two cows (per cow of about two maunds). He is demanding Tk 15,000 for each cow which he sold at Tk 10,000 last year, he said.

Mosharaf Hossain of Adalat Para in Tangail town came to Beby Stand cattle market yesterday to buy a sacrificial animal. But Mosharaf returned home empty-handed.

Members of the middle class community are the worst sufferers this year, he said.



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**JOY OF FISHING IN WINTER:** With receding water in a water body beside Rajshahi-Dhaka highway in Puthia upazila, villagers queue up with polo as they prepare to catch fish.

## RESULT DEBACLE

## Affiliation of 10 Gaibandha madrasas cancelled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Affiliation of ten madrasas in Gaibandha district has been cancelled as those institutions suffered result debacle for several consecutive years.

Fifty-four madrasas in Rajshahi division have also faced the same fate.

No student of 165 dakhil madrasas all over the country came out successful in Dakhil examination (equivalent to SSC) in

2007. Results of those institutions in the past years were not satisfactory too, education department sources said.

Madrasa education board and concerned departments asked the superintendents of 113 such madrasas to explain the reason of their result debacle.

Quite a few of the institutions did not make any reply while the replies from the others were considered 'not satisfactory' and consequently,

the authorities cancelled affiliation of all the 113 institutions.

Ten such madrasas in Gaibandha district are Khatimari Dakhil madrasa, Samajpara Dakhil Madrasa, Kumiadanga Dakhil Mohila Madrasa, Kazla Dakhil Madrasa, Gobindaganj Dakhil Madrasa, Zohora Adam Dakhil Madrasa, Ambagan Dakhil Madrasa, Nayapur Dakhil Madrasa, Sreepur Dakhil Madrasa and Belka Beparipara Dakhil Madrasa.

## Mayor Tayebur produced before court in 2 cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Detained Khulna mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman was produced before the Court of Khulna District and Sessions Judge Monday in two cases for keeping arms and liquor. Police submitted separate charge

sheets in the cases on November 25. Charges of these cases will be framed against him on January 2 in the same court, said Public Prosecutor advocate Mina Mizanur Rahman.

The two cases were filed on November 4 as arms and liquor were found in the mayor's Khulna residence on November 3.

## Dam on grabbed land woe for Rangpur villagers

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

An embankment along Chatra beel (water body) under Pirganj and Mithapukur upazilas in the district, built for an agricultural farm on several acres of grabbed land has become a nuisance for the residents of adjoining villages.

Former state minister of the immediate past BNP-led alliance government Lutfar Rahman Khan Azad is the de facto owner of the farm, Raida & Rabeya Agro-Complex established in 2005, sources said.

People living at adjoining villages alleged that their crop fields and houses are flooded during the rainy season as the beel water overflows.

Residents of Khairpara, Tarafadi, Noyapara, Kodomtoli, Danishpara and Chakkrishnapur villages under Mithapukur upazila complained that with the help of local BNP leaders allegedly occupied khas land illegally and put the embankment across Raida & Rabeya Agro-Complex.

They also complained that some of the officials of the farm with the help of hired local goons tortured Mosharraf, a resident of village Khairpara and a night guard of the farm, to death in July this year and beat up several other villagers to silence their protesting voice against illegal activities.

The villagers said Chatra beel was the only source of income for hundreds of poor people and occupation of the water body by Raida & Rabeya Agro-Complex turned them unemployed.

"Whenever the villagers protested the illegal activities, management of the farm lodged criminal cases against them," Sazzad Hosen of village Khairpara said.

Debashis Mojumder of Chatra said, "Raida & Rabeya Complex has occupied khas land at the

beel where the shantals cultivate crops. It has also grabbed the land of shawshan where dead bodies of Hindu community and Shantals were burnt."

Following complaint of the villagers, former upazila nirbahi officer of Mithapukur Mahbub Alam made an investigation early this year and filed a report to Rangpur Deputy Commissioner Khondoker Atiar Rahman.

The embankment built across Chatra beel hinders water flow, it causes submersion of the low-lying land of the adjoining villages during rainy season and thus the farmers and dwellers suffer, said the report signed by UNO Mahbub Alam.

To use for the farm, Raida & Rabeya Agro-Complex purchased 5.39 acres of government land from the lessees and occupied 6.77 acres of khas land illegally, the report says.

As per no one can purchase government land from a lessee.

The former UNO of Mithapukur also officially asked the farm authorities to reply if they had permission from Water Development Board or Environment Department for putting an embankment across a flowing beel.

Jahidul Ahsan Tarique, Project Director of Raida & Rabeya Agro-Complex, in his written reply to the UNO on April 29 this year said they did not know that they should have taken permission from the departments concerned.

Jahidul Ahsan Tarique, one of the accused in the Mosharraf murder case, has been absconding since July this year.

Present UNO of Mithapukur AKM Masuduzzaman, who joined the post five months ago, said he does not know much about the matter.

This correspondent tried to meet any responsible official of

Raida & Rabeya Agro-Complex recently but failed.

Of the nine officials of the farm, a few were arrested while the others went into hiding after the murder of Mosharraf, said a caretaker.

## Model livestock service centre at Sunamganj village

A CORRESPONDENT, Sunamganj

A model livestock service centre has been set up at Dhanpur Union Parishad (UP) Bhaban in Bishwamvorpur upazila under Sunamganj district.

Voluntary Association for Rural Development (VARD) established the 'FoSHol. Union Livestock Services Center' as part of 18 such centres to be piloted by FoSHol-ActionAid livestock component across the country aiming at protecting poultry birds from bird flu through intensive Ranthek vaccination.

European Commission is funding the project while it is being implemented jointly by Livestock Department, Government of Bangladesh (GOB), UP and communities concerned.

Dr Dhirendra Kumar Poddar, district livestock officer (DLO), Directorate of Livestock Services (DLS), Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock inaugurated the centre as chief guest. Shahid Uddin Mahmood, deputy director (programme) of VARD chaired the occasion. IIRI Representative of Bangladesh Dr Zainul Abedin was present as special guest.

FoSHol and VARD jointly organized the programme recently under FoSHol Project of ActionAid Bangladesh.

Lutfun Nahar, associate coordinator-OD, FoSHol-ActionAid, Dr Md Ishak, ULO-Sunamganj Sadar, Dr Md Hasin Ahmed Chowdhury, Veterinary Surgeon, Hazrat Ali Sohel, Chairmen, Dhanpur UP, FoSHol-VARD team leader, IDO, FoSHol-VARD team members, para-vets, vaccinators and farmer representatives of FoSHol were present. Kabir Malik of FoSHol-ActionAid has been coordinating the overall activities of the project.

## LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH

HIGH COURT DIVISION

(ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION)

Matter No. 193 Of 2007

IN THE MATTER OF:

SAVAR ONLINE LIMITED

Amin Court (3rd Floor), Room # 305

62-63, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

represented by Mr Tarique Mahmood

Secretary of the Company

-Versus-

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms

24-25, Dilkusha Commercial Area,

Dhaka-1000

Petitioner

Respondent

Notice is hereby given for all concerned that an application under Section 12 read with Section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994 for confirmation of alteration of object clauses of the Memorandum of Association of "SAVAR ONLINE LIMITED" was filed and moved before the High Court Division of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Bangladesh. After preliminary hearing the learned Advocate and perusal of the application Mr Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed was pleased to admit the same on 11-12-2007 and fixed it for hearing on 03-3-2008.

Any person interested to oppose the application may appear before the Hon'ble Court by himself or through his duly authorised Advocate on the date fixed.

Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary charges.

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