

ATTACK ON TV DRAMATIST

9 Jamaat men sued in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

The president and secretary of Badarganj upazila unit of Jamaat-e-Islami and seven other party men have been sued following attack on a television (TV) dramatist and his brother at their house Saturday night, family sources said.

TV dramatist Nannu Chowdhury and his brother Mozammel Chowdhury were injured as Jamaat men led by their president and secretary Rustom Ali and Abdul Halim Khan manhandled them severely, they said.

When contacted, Nannu said the Jamaat men attacked and ransacked his house after a meeting at the Badarganj house of party secretary general ATM Azharul Islam at about 8:00 pm.

Later, a case was filed with Badarganj police station accusing nine Jamaat leaders and activists.

Badarganj police station officer-in-charge (OC) Proddut Kumar Das said he registered a case after an investigation.

TORTURE FOR DOWRY

Mother kills minor daughter, takes life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A mother poisoned her six month old daughter to death and took her life last night allegedly being unable to bear the torture by her husband for dowry.

The incident took place at Sreela village in Assasuni upazila in the district.

Police arrested the victim's father-in-law Nazrul Islam and mother-in-law Zobeda Khatun of Sreela village.

The deceased are, 20 wife of Shaha Buddin and her six month old daughter of village Sreela.

Quoting local people, police said, Shahana Begum Hira was married to Shaha Buddin of Sreela village two years ago. Her husband sued to torture her often for dowry.

On Sunday the husband beat her again. At night, dejected Shahana poisoned her daughter Sumaiya Parvin and then took the poison.

Local people rushed the mother and her daughter to the local health complex where they died.

The husband fled away after the incident. A case was filed with Assasuni thana.

On contact, officer-in-charge (OC) of Assasuni police station Humayun Kabir confirmed the incident.

HIDES AND SKIN

Supply falls by 30pc in Tangail markets

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Supply of hides and skin after this year's Eid is at least 30 per cent less than last year in Pakuria in Ghatail, one of the biggest leather markets in the country.

Usually, hides and skin worth over Tk 100 crore were traded at the market during Eid-ul-Azha in previous years. Arrivals this year is lesser. But the turnover in terms of money would rally round the previous year's figure as prices are higher, wholesalers said.

The number decreased this year due to financial strain caused to people by floods and political situation, they said. Many political leaders who used to sacrifice cows in dozens earlier are either absconding or silent, they said.

Many well to do people also restrained their Eid festivities due to various reasons, said Kader Khan, an influential wholesaler.

Prices increased by at least 25 percent this year due to short supply, he said.

"We bought hides at Tk 400 to Tk 600 more apiece this year", he said.

Another leaseholder Mosharaf Hossain said hides and skin are brought to at Pakuria market from other districts including Sherpur, Jamalpur, Mymensingh and Sirajganj.

Wednesday and Sunday are market days when traders and tanners from Dhaka will come and make bulk purchases from wholesalers, they said.

The supply is lesser also because sacrificial cattle could not be brought from India in large numbers, they said.

Small trader Chinu Bepari said he bought only 300 pieces of hides this year against over 1,000 after last year's Eid.

"a medium size hides was sold at Tk 2000 this year against Tk 15,00 last year", he said. Trader Sujat Ali said he bought big size hides at Tk 3,500.

Goat skin was bought at Tk 250 to Tk 300 depending on the size.

The wholesalers and traders

said high prices of hides and skin this year may affect export of leather and leather goods, a prime forex earning sector, unless the government takes appropriate steps right now.

They suggested import of hides and skin from neighbouring countries to retain Bangladesh's export market in the world. Once lost, others will capture the export market, they said.

Besides, government should promote goat farms to produce Black Bengal Goat skin, famous in the world for its quality, they said.

Pakuria market authorities said they leased the market at Tk 26 lakh but the local administration did not take any security measure. There is no power supply in the market, they said.

Contacted, Ghatail Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Bilkis Jahan Rimi said the market authorities did not inform her about their problems.

She however said security measures would be taken immediately.

ALLEGED EXTORTION

Case recorded against Patuakhali municipal chairman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Patuakhali Sadar police recorded an extortion case against acting chairman of Patuakhali municipality Abu Zafor Shamsuddin on Friday, about a month after its was filed with a court.

Mizan Sikder, a day labourer at Nutan Bazar in the town, filed the case with Patuakhali Chief Judicial Magistrate court on November 11.

In the case he alleged that Shamsuddin realised Tk 10,000 from him on a false promise to give him a job in the municipality.

Police said they recorded the case after probe.

After the case was filed, Shamsuddin went to the Mizan's house on November 12 and asked him to withdraw the case but the plaintiff refused, sources claimed.

On the same day, Shamsuddin also went to the house of Khaleq, a witness in the case, and asked him not to testify against him in court. Khaleq also refused.

Mizan and Khaleq filed general diaries with Sadar police station on November 12 alleging that Shamsuddin threatened them as they disobliged him.

Newly-built church opened in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The newly-built Pabna Baptist Church was opened at a function held on the church premises here Sunday night.

Square Group of Industries chairman Samsan H Chowdhury inaugurated the new building of the church as chief guest.

This was followed by a colourful cultural programme. X-mas gifts were also distributed on the occasion.

Among others, Anita Chowdhury, president of Pabna Baptist Fellowship Saimon Pitar Chowdhury, and Hemanta Chokrabarti were present on the occasion.

The church was established at Ghoshpara village on Dhaka-Pabna highway in 1931.

2 Satkhira Jamaat men sued for cheating hajj pilgrims

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Three separate cases were filed with Satkhira Sadar police station Sunday night accusing two Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and three others allegedly for cheating 55 Hajj pilgrims.

The accused are Jamaat leaders Aminul Islam Bakul of Kukhrali and Maulana Mstafizur Rahman of Puraan Satkhira in Sadar upazila, Romjan Ali Dhali of a travel agent in Dhaka, his wife Akhtar Banu alias Hira of Shushilgati village in Debhata upazila and Rabiul Islam of Alipur village in Sadar upazila.

Azizur Rahman and Azizul Islam of Alipur village in Sadar upazila and Amjad Hossain of Adalatpur village in Assasuni upazila filed the cases.

They alleged that per directive of the two Jamaat leaders, each of the 55 intending pilgrims deposited between Tk 170,000 and 190,000 with the travel agent at Concord Shopping complex in Dhaka city.

But they could not go on a pilgrimage to Mekkah as they were

cheated by the two Jamaat leaders and the travel agent.

In the case they alleged that they took them to Dhaka on December 12, confirming their flight on December 14. This was an act of fraudulence because their flights could not be arranged.

After taking them to Dhaka, the two Jamaat leaders and travel agency officials fled away, they stated in the case.

On contact, Sadar thana officer-in-charge Abdul Kader Beg confirmed filing of the cases. Legal action will be taken if the allegations are proved during investigation, the OC said.

Talking to this correspondent, some other victims including Habibur Rahman and his cousin Abdur Rouf of Ghushuri village, Abdur Rashid of Godara village in Kaliganj upazila and Abu Taleb and Abdul Khaleque of Gunakarkati village in Assasuni upazila echoed the same allegation against the Jamaat leaders. They said they were also present at the police station when the cases were filed.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Foundation of Khulna training centre laid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

LGRD Adviser Mohammad Anwarul Iqbal laid foundation of a training centre for 'Promotion of Renewable Energy Project in Khulna Division' at Khulna City Corporation (KCC) park at Sonadanga in the city yesterday.

Construction of the training complex at an estimated cost of Tk five crore is expected to be completed in seven months.

KCC signed an agreement in May this year with Bremen University of Germany for implementation of the project with financial assistance from European Union and cooperation of Technology Transfer Centre of Germany and European Research Academy of Italy.

Presided over by acting Mayor Md. Moniruzzaman Moni, the function was addressed by, among others, chairman of the advisory board of the project and editor of Dainik Purbanchal Liakat Ali, Co-ordinator of the project's Khulna office Prof Dr. Bibhuti Roy, Khulna Divisional Commissioner Md. Yunusur Rahman, KUET Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Nausher Ali and Khulna Deputy Commissioner SM Firoze Alam.

110 fishermen still missing in Sidr-hit Patuakhali, Barguna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

About 110 fishermen of Barguna and Patuakhali districts still remained missing since the devastating Sidr that swept over the coastal belt on November 15.

Of them, 103 fishermen hailed from Pathorghata upazila in Barguna while seven others hailed from Kalapara upazila in Patuakhali district.

Barguna District Fishing Trawler Owners' Association president Golam Mostafa Chowdhury said 103 fishermen on board 13 trawlers were missing when they were fishing in deep sea during Sidr.

None of them returned although more than one month passed after the disaster. Local administration recorded them as missing but their family mem-

bers apprehended them to be dead, he said.

"We have sent a list of the missing fishermen to the higher authorities through Pathorghata upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) to take necessary action", he said.

Of the fishermen, 14 were on board FB Mayer Doa, 12 out of 15 on board FB Rashed Gani, eight each on board FB Bhair Bhair, FB Tazila, FB Sarwar Kibria, FB Mayer Doa-2, FB Khan and FB Nuru, 11 on board FB Allar Dan, nine on board FB Haris, three each on board FB Jaynal and FB Mayer Doa-3 and three were on board an unidentified fishing trawler. Seven fishermen hailing from Lulu union in Kalapara upazila are still missing, he said.

Another report says: A citizens' condolence meeting for

Sidr victims was held yesterday at Subidkhali RE High School ground in Mirzaganj upazila.

The school authorities organised the meeting.

MA Aziz, acting headmaster of the school presided the meeting.

Among others, Mobarak Ali Munshi, chairman of local Union Parishad (UP) Advocate Mojibur Rahman, former president of the school managing committee, school teachers Amjad Hossain, Samir Chandra Das, Local alit Mahbubur Rahman Nannu, Anisur Rahman and Advocate Chitta Ranjan Das addressed.

Later, prayers were offered for the departed soul of the Sidr victims.



A long snarl-up of vehicles at Daulatdia terminal as ferry service was disrupted by dense fog, causing sufferings to Dhaka-bound people from south-western districts (story on page one).

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

পাওয়ার গ্রীড কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিঃ
POWER GRID COMPANY OF BANGLADESH LTD.
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)
Red Crescent Concord Tower, 17, Mohakhali C/A, 6th Floor, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.

Memo No. 01/PGCB/Sec/2007/4521

Date: December 18, 2007

INVITATION FOR BIDS
FOREXTENSION OF EXISTING 132 KV SUBSTATIONS AT
ASHUGANJ, SHAHJIBAZAR, FENCHUGANJ & SYLHET
FOR 50MW RENTAL POWER STATION

Contact No. PGCB/ASFS/1

1. The Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. ("the Employer") invites sealed bids in single envelope from eligible bidders for extension of existing 132 kV substations at Ashuganj, Shahjibazar, Fenchuganj & Sylhet for 50 MW Rental Power Station as defined in the bidding document (hereinafter referred to as "the Works") to be financed from the Employer's own fund. The Works include:

- Extension of existing substations at Ashuganj, Shahjibazar, Fenchuganj & Sylhet for connecting the 50 MW Rental Power Stations at each substation, and
- Extension of existing substation at Ashuganj for connecting the Ashuganj-Shahjibazar 132 kV single circuit new transmission line.

Details of the scope of works are specified in the bidding document.

2. Bidders (partner in charge in case of Joint Venture) must have successfully completed at least one (1) contract for construction of at least two (2) bays of 110 kV or higher voltage substation as a main contractor/sub-contractor within the last ten (10) years as on the date of bid opening.

3. The Works under this contract shall be completed within 75 days from the date signing of the Contract.

4. Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB), Red Crescent Concord Tower (13th floor), 17, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212, Tel: 880-2-9888589 & 9888970, Fax: 880-2-9888501.

5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the Company Secretary, PGCB at the above address and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Tk. 5,000.00 (Taka five thousand only) in the form of Pay Order/ Demand Draft in favour of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.

6. The bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security amounting to Tk. 27,00,000 (Taka twenty seven lakhs only) must be delivered to the Company Secretary, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd., Red Crescent Concord Tower (7th floor), 17, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212, Tel: 880-2-9888589 & 9888970, Fax: 880-2-9888501 at or before 11:00 am Bangladesh Standard Time on January 15, 2008. The bid proposals will be opened at 11:05am BST on the same date in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

7. PGCB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids including costs and expenses related to visits to the sites/sores of delivery of the goods.

8. PGCB reserves the right to accept or the reject any or all bid(s) without assigning any reason thereof.

(Mohammed Salim)
Company Secretary

Warehouses to be built in all land customs stations in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Warehouses will be built in all land customs stations in Sylhet region to raise the volume of export to neighbouring Indian states.

Steps in this regard will be taken soon, said Finance Advisor Mirza ABM Azizul Islam yesterday.

He was addressing government officials and business leaders at Sylhet Circuit House in the afternoon.

Mirza said the government is ready to extend all assistance to exporters. The government will no more continue subsidy in unproductive sectors. "Rather, we will stress on infrastructure development, which will benefit the private sector", he added.

Replying to a question, the advisor said, feasibility of starting air cargo service from Sylhet to increase export will also be studied soon.

"Without raising local production, it will not be possible to control market", he said.

The government will also initiate steps for proper utilization of foreign currency sent by expatriates in productive sectors, the advisor said. Compared to the other parts of the country, Sylhet region is richer in natural resources and we are sincere to ensure their best utilization, he said.

Sylhet Divisional Commissioner Aziz Hasan, Deputy Commissioner Harun Ur Rshid Khan, Chamber president Zunun Mahmud Khan, Vice-president Nasim Hossain, Bar general secretary Ruhul Anam Chowdhury Mintu and real estate developer Golam Rabbani Chowdhury also spoke, among others.



PHOTO: STAR

Tahirpur Association of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology accorded a reception to some meritorious students of the university on Jalalabad Public High School premises in Sylhet on Sunday.

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Finland	358	7.5	18
Japan	81	7.5	18
Laos	856	7.5	18
Mongolia	976	7.5	18
New Zealand	64	7.5	18
Panama	507	7.5	18
Poland	48	7.5	18
Portugal	351	7.5	18
South Africa	27	7.5	18
Togo	228	7.5	18
Turkey	90	7.5	18
Venezuela	58	7.5	18
Zambia	260	7.5	18



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ADDENDUM

Of

Design-Build and Turnkey contract for Construction of 132kV Underground Cable Transmission Line from Ashuganj 50MW Rental Power Station to Ashuganj 132 kV Switchyard (Contract No. PGCB/UG/2)

Ref: Memo No. 01/PGCB/Sec/2007/4159 dated November 26, 2007

1. The name of the project is changed as follows due to change of location:

"Design-Build and Turnkey Contract for Construction of 132kV Underground Cable Transmission Line from Khulna 40MW Rental Power Station to Khulna (Goalpara) 132 kV Switchyard (Contract No. PGCB/UG/2)"

2. The closing date for submission of Bids for the above work is hereby extended from December 27, 2007 at 11:00 am BST to January 14, 2008 at 11:00 am BST.

All other terms and conditions for the above Bidding shall remain unaltered.

(Mohammed Salim)
Company Secretary