# Pirate gangs in Sundarbans unite against BDR drive

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Fishermen feel insecure to go for fishing in the Sundarbans fearing reprisal by pirates who are reportedly regrouping after the January 1 killing of five gang members in a gunfight with BDR at Kalir Char on Kalindi river.

The four gangs of pirates who virtually rule the vast mangrove forest are closing ranks to retaliate the killing, sources claimed.

Four temporary BDR camps were set up in the Sundarbans eight months ago but strength of the security force and logistics are too inadequate to ensure security in the forest, which provides livelihood to thousands of fishermen, honey collectors and locals.

Maj Alamgir, Commanding Officer of 7 Rifles Battalion at Nildumur, said BDR personnel are from them. Incidents of abducpatrolling the forest to nab pirates tion for toll and looting money Roymongal river; Angtihara in western zones of the Kholpetua river and Choddorashi Sundarbans.

in Kabodak river in the Sundarbans.

He said a letter has been written to higher authorities to set two more camps and provide them with modern logistics to intensify the drive against pirates and smug-

Sources claimed that pirates belonging to Masum Bahini, Raju Bahini, Motaleb Bahini and Baki Billah Bahini are regrouping again to increase their strength in the Sundarbans to counter law enforcers' drive.

This was disclosed by arrested pirate Bablu Mollah who was injured in the January 1 gunfight

The gangs move on mechanised boats and possess sophisticated arms.

The pirates attack fishermen and honey collectors, realise toll and smugglers. The camps are at and equipment from fishermen Kachhikata and Daiti on take place often in east and

The five pirates killed in the a gunfight were Md Zulu, 32, and Md Baki, 38, of Rampal in Bagerhat; Md Nasir, 34, of Rupsa and Samrat Zahir, 40, of Daulatpur in Khulna and Khokon of Morelganj in Bagerhat.

During interrogation, Bablu Mollah told BDR that the five foreign guns recovered by BDR after the gunfight were earlier looted by members of Baki Billah Bahini from gangs belonging to Motaleb Bahini on December 6 last year.

After the killing of five pirates, the gangs are now closing ranks and regrouping, Bablu told BDR.

The four pirate groups control Dublar Char, Mandarbaria, Balir Gao, Shirsha, Kalir Char, Panir Khal and Goral area at Roy Mongal estuary and other areas in the Sundarbans.

This correspondent talked to fishermen Jasim uddin, Zakir Hossain, Rajib Hossain and Shajahan Hawladar, rescued by BDR on Tuesday from abductors.

The four were among 11 fisher-

men abducted by pirates from Mandarbaria on December 28. The 11 were among 55 fishermen from Patharghata in Barguna district. The pirates also looted all the boats and demanded Tk

15,000 each for their release. They said the pirates went into hiding after the January 1 gunfight and will reappear soon. They are regrouping and preparing to launch attacks and abduct fishermen again, the fishermen claimed.

They urged BDR, Coast Guard and forest guards to intensify patrol in the Sundarbans to ensure safety of fishermen, honey collectors and

Rakesh Chakma, assistant conservator of forest in Satkhira Range of the Sundarbans, said pirate gangs have modern weapons. Five BDR men in a camp in deep forest are too inadequate to face the pirates, he said.

Forest guards also feel insecure to resist the well equipped pirates,



Culling of bird flu suspect chickens at a farm at Dinajpur, left, destroyed fowls and eggs being dumped outside Patuakhali town yesterday (story on back page).

# UGC to probe 'corruption' by KU VC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has formed a three-member committee to investigate into the allegations of corruption against Khulna University (KU) vice chancellor (VC) Prof Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman.

Headed by UGC member Prof Md Abdul Halim, two other members of the probe committee are UGC assistant secretary Ferdous Zaman and UGC member Prof Dr Md Tajul Islam.

KU Registrar Prof Dr Nazrul Islam received a copy of the official order signed by UGC joint secretary Mohammad Shamsul Alam on Thursday.

The committee was authorised to check and re-check any document, either confidential or open, required to conduct the probe. It was also authorised to peruse documents relating to resolutions and decisions of the Syndicate meetings. The probe committee has been asked to submit its report by January 31.

KU vice chancellor is facing allegations of corruption in recruitment of officials and employees and misappropriation of fund by forged means. He is now staying in Canada and is supposed to join his duty on February 14, said assistant director of the Public Relations Department, Atian Rahman.

#### 'Announce revised wage board award soon'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Barisal Reporters Unity at its general meeting here yesterday demanded immediate announcement of revised Sixth Wage Board award and ensuring job security of media men.

The meeting held on board MV Baro Awlia at Barisal river port also called upon media men to pursue objective journalism to held establish democracy through a free and fair election and rule of law.

BRU president Nasimul Alam presided over the meeting.

# Trial of Satkhira editor murder stayed again May 5, 1997.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has stayed for two months the trial of daily Patradut Editor S M Alauddin murder.

The SC order followed filing of a leave to appeal petition by two charge-sheeted accused against an earlier order of the High Court

Accused Abdus Sabur and Khalilullah Jhharu submitted the leave to appeal petition with the Appellate Division of Supreme Court against the HC order as the HC rejected a prayer submitted by them to shift the trial court from here to any other place.

After the petition, the Division Bench of HC stayed the trial till August 8 last year. But after hearing. the court rejected the prayer on November 5 last year.

Afterwards, trial of the murder case began again with the court here. Judge Ashish Ranjan Das of the District and Sessions Judge Court fixed January 24 to resume trial of the case asking the accused to appear before court, court sources said. As soon as the court resumed proceeding of the case, the counsel for the accused produced before court the Supreme



S M Alauddin

Court's order staying trial for two

After hearing, judge of the District and Sessions judge Court suspended the trial for two months, court sources said.

The Daily Patradut Editor SM Ala Uddin was shot dead by assailants while discharging his professional duties at his office here on June 19, 1996.

activist and a member of the killing squad Saiful Islam after five days of the incident. He disclosed names of other accused.

submitted charge sheet with a Assembly as an Awami League (AL) magistrate court here pressing charges against 10 accused after

over 11 months of investigation on

The accused are Abdus Sabur, Khalilullah Jhharu, Saifullah Kislu, Momin Ullah Mohon, Abdur Rouf, Abul Kalam, Eskendar Mirza, Atiar Rahman, Saiful Islam and Safiur Rahman. Saifullah Kislu died on January 15. Saiful Islam and Abdur Rouf are now in jail as they were convicted in two separate cases

earlier. Accused Abdus Sabur, Khalilullah Jhharu, Abul Kalam, Momin Ullah Mohon and Safiul Islam were released on bail granted by the High Court while Matiar Rahman and Eskendar absconded soon after the murder.

The trial delayed because of submission of a petition by five accused to HC seeking quashment. HC accepted the prayer and quashed the case in 1998. On appeal from the government, the Supreme Court rejected Police arrested a Jubo League the quashment order of the HC which withered away the hindrances to resume the trial even after 11 years in 2007.

SM Ala Uddin was elected a The investigation officer (IO) member of the Provincial candidate from Tala-Kalaroa constituency in the 1970 elections.

#### AUG 22 POLICE FIRING AT RU

## Killed rickshawpuller's mother demand compensation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Elderly mother of a rickshaw-puller who was killed in police firing during campus violence in Rajshahi last year demanded compensation from the government and a fair trial.

Rickshaw-puller Afzal Hossain, 30, hailing from Golmunda village in Jaldhaka upazila was killed in police firing near the Rajshahi University (RU) Medical Centre on August 22

Afzal's ill-fared mother Surotonnesa Bewa,60, demanded this while addressing a press conferencein Jaldhaka Press Club yesterday. She said, 'I want justice, I want trial of killers of my son.'

She said Afzal looked after her along with his family after death of

Afzal's widow Asma Begum, 25, and his youngest daughter were also present at the press conference. Asma said she had three orphan daughters, Afroza,8, Champa, 5, and Parul, 3. They were now passing days unfed or half-fed. 'I want compensation for my husband's brutal killing, "Asma said.

#### 2 killed in Netrakona clashes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Two persons were killed and 35 others injured in separate villagers' clashes over land in Durgapur and Purbadhala upazila yesterday, police sources said.

In the first incident, Abdul Malak, 45, of Anantapur villager was killed and 25 others were injured at Naogaon in the morning. In the afternoon, the villagers clashed again leaving Nur Mahmud dead.

Of the injured, Abdur Rashed, 35, Abdul Khaleque, 27, Mostafa Mia, 23, and Wares Ali,60, were sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. Other injured were admitted to Durgapur Upazila Health Complex, and Purbadhala Upazila Health Complex

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### Re-Local Tender Notice

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturers/suppliers/local agents in their official pad for the purchase of

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| 2.                            | Agency   |  | Police Headquarters, Dhaka.   |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
| 3.                            |  | g entity name  | Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.   |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
| 4.                            | Procurin   | g entity code  | Not used at present.  |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
| 5.                            | Invitation for   |  | Purchase for various types of non-control equipment and clining   |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
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| 6.                            | Invitation   | n for tender reference No  | E&T/Arms/19-2007/112(4) dt 19.1.08  |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
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| 18.                           |  |  | 25 January 2008.<br>31 January 2008 to 20 February 2008.  |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
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| 22.                           |  | address of the office(s)   | Police Headquarters, Phonix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.   |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
| 22.                           | Selling tender document (principal)                    |  | Room No 220 (1st Floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.   |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
|                               | Receiving tender document                              |  | Room No 220 (1st Floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.   |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
|                               | Opening tender document                                |  | Operation Conference Room (1st Floor), Police Headquarters,   |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
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| 23.                           | Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting                  |  | Operation Conference Room (1st Floor), Police Headquarters,   |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
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| 26.                           |  |  |   | Shown at serial No 28.  |                                    |   |  |  |  |
| 27.                           | Price of   | tender document (BDT)  | Shown at serial No. 28, column No E.  |   |                                    |   |  |  |  |
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to be placed with in the financial year 2007-2008, in particular with regard to price.

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The tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Regulation-2003." Md. Zahirul Islam Bhuiyan AIG (E&T), Bangladesh Police Police Headquarters, Dhaka Phone: 9564779 E-mail: aige t@police.gov.bd

## Satkhira landless people face another case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Another case has been filed accusing 82 'landless' people including Debhata Upazila Landless People's Association President Abdul Gaffar and over 2,000 unidentified people for allegedly demanding toll to the lessee and stealing fishes after illegally occupying 1500 bighas of khas land at Norarchakin Debhata upazila.

Satata Matsyajibi Samabaya Samittee leader MA Shahid Dulu of Katia in Satkhira town filed the case with Debhata Police Station on Wednesday night.

Earlier on Tuesday night, Parulia union assistant land officer Golam Farooque in Debhata upazila filed a case with Debhata Police Station accusing nine leaders of the association including its President Abdul Gaffar and over 700 to 800 unnamed landless people for illegally occupying 1500 bighas of government khas land.

Complainant MA Shahid Dulu said he on behalf of Satata Matsajibi Samabaya Samittee took lease of 1500 bighas of the special water body (khas land) at Norarchak from the local administration for Tk 28 lakh yearly revenue following government rules last year and started cultivating shrimps there.

Abdul Gaffar, identifying himself as Debhata Upazila Landless People's Association President, along with others came to him on January 17 and demanded Tk 5 lakh as toll and threatened to occupy the land in case of non-compliance, Shahid alleged.

Abdul Gaffar said the local administration did not lease the khas land for the landless people although a High Court order 26 years ago asked the authorities to allocate the land for the landless people through maintaining proper procedure.

#### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ ফিলা আর্কাইভ তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয় ১২ গজনবী রোড, কলেজগেট মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

### िकन्म व्याश्रिनियानन कार्म ভर्णि विष्वि

বাংলাদেশ ফিলা আর্কাইভ ২৯ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০০৮ থেকে শুরু করতে যাচ্ছে ৩ মাস ব্যাপী ৭ম ফিল্ম এ্যাপ্রিসিয়েশন কোর্স। প্রতি সপ্তাহে ২ দিন শুক্রবার ও শনিবার ক্লাস অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। কোর্সে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আগ্রহী প্রার্থীদের কাছ থেকে নির্ধারিত ফরমে দরখান্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। বাংলাদেশ ফিল্ম আর্কাইভের হিসাব শাখা হতে ১০০/-টাকার বিনিময়ে আবেদনপত্র পাওয়া যাবে।

প্রার্থীদের কোন স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে স্নাতক ডিগ্রিধারী অথবা সাতক শ্রেণীতে অধ্যয়নরত হতে হবে। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে ২ (দুই) কপি ছবি, পরীক্ষা পাসের সত্যায়িত সনদপত্রের কপি এবং প্রথম শ্রেণীর সরকারি/স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত জাতীয়তা ও চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র জমা দিতে হবে।

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#### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Dhaka.

# International Tender Notice

the following items for Bangladesh Police, Rapid Action Battalion, Formed Police Unit (FPU) and other projects-Ministry/Division Ministry of Home Affairs. Police Headquarters, Dhaka. Agency Procuring entity name Inspector General, Bangladesh Police. Procuring entity code Not used at present. Purchase for various types of tear gas shell, tear gas Invitation for

grenade and ammunition for signal pistol. Invitation for tender reference no E&T/111(4) (2007-2008). 25 January 2008. KEY INFORMATION Open tendering method. Procurement method **FUNDING INFORMATION** Police revenue budget. Budget & source of fund Development partners (if applicable) Not applicable PARTICULAR INFORMATION Not applicable. Project/programme code (if applicable) Not applicable. Project/programme name (if applicable) E&T/Arms/19-2007/15 (2007-2008) Tender package no Not applicable. Tender package name 25 January 2008. Tender publication date 03 February 2008 to 13 March 2008. Tender selling date 16 March 2008 at 12.00noon Tender closing date and time 16 March 2008 at 12.30pm. Tender opening date and time Police Headquarters, Phonix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000. Name & address of the office(s) Room No. 220 (1st floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000 Selling tender document (principal) Room No. 220 (1st floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000. Receiving tender document Operation Conference Room (1st floor), Police Opening tender document Headquarters, Dhaka-1000. Operation Conference Room (1st floor), Police Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting 23.

Headquarters, Dhaka at 11.00am on 10 February 2008. (Optional) INFORMATION FOR TENDERER As described in tender document. Eligibility of tenderer Shown at Serial No. 28. Brief description of goods or works Shown at Serial No. 24, Column No. E. Price of tender document (BDT) Quantity Price of tender Tender 28. Identification of lot Lot document Security (BDT) amount in BDT 11,00,000 rds 750.00 2,70,000.00 9x19mm Pistol

Completion time 120 days from Ammunition the confirm 750.00 10,00,000 rds 2,50,000.00 7.62x25mm Pistol Lot-B Ammunition 30 June 2008 and 180 (one hundred eighty) days respectively Validity of tender and tender security

from the date of opening of tender. Name of the official inviting tender AIG (E&T), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka. Designation of the official inviting tender PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS Police Headquarters (1st floor), Fulbaria, Dhaka. Address of official inviting tender Tel: 88 02 9564779, FAX: 88 02 9563358 Contact details of official inviting tender

E-mail: aige t@police.gov.bd Special Instruction -Any tender received by the purchaser after the dealine for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected and return unopened to the tenderer

The tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Regulation-2003" Md. Zahirul Islam Bhuiyan AIG (E&T), Bangladesh Police

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