



Hamidul Haq Channa

Gaibandha BNP chief gets 3yr RI for extortion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A Rajshahi court has sentenced four leaders of Gaibandha district BNP including its president Hamidul Haq Channa to three years rigorous imprisonment (RI) in an extortion case.

Rajshahi Speedy Trial Tribunal Judge ATM Meshbaudowla, who pronounced the judgment on Thursday, also fined them Tk 5 thousand each, in default to suffer three months additional imprisonment.

The other accused are Sumon Dev, president of Gaibandha Jatiyatabadi Swachasebak Dal, Mahbub Rahman, member of district BNP, and a former pucca commissioner, and district BNP leader Azhar Ali.

On April 23 in 2007, Asaduzzaman Hasu filed an extortion case against the four people with Gaibandha Sadar Police Station alleging that Gaibandha BNP President Hamidul Haq Channa forced him into paying Tk two lakh as toll against the auction of Sayedpur ferry ghat on the bank of River Brahmaputra, threatening to evict him from the ferry ghat in case of non-compliance.

2 held for killing train attendant In B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

A police team comprising law enforcers from three police stations raided Monion village in Kashba upazila and arrested two suspected killers of Md. Shamsul Haque, attendant of Dhaka bound Chittagong Mail train. Shamsul was killed on Wednesday by some dacoits.

Government railway police (GRP) sources said a 30-member team including officers-in-charge of Akhaura GRP thana, Akhaura upazila police station and Kasba police station headed by railway police inspector Md. Wahiduzzaman cordoned the village and arrested Hasen Mia and Uzzal Mia.

The were sent to Brahmanbaria district jail yesterday and will be produced before court on Sunday, police said.

On Wednesday, at around 2.30 am, some dacoits killed Md. Samsul Haque, 54, and looted valuables from passengers on board Dhaka bound Chittagong Mail between Akhaura and Imambari railway stations. Passenger Abdul Rauf, 50, was also injured. The dacoits boarded the train in the guise of passengers.

Repair Jamuna bridge to ensure smooth train movement

Political, business leaders in northern districts demand

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Leaders of different political parties, chamber bodies and socio-cultural organizations in northern districts have demanded immediate repair of cracks in Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge to ensure smooth movement of train on it from northern districts.

They also urged the government to go for legal action against the bridge construction company Hyundai including Jamuna bridge authorities and bridge maintenance firm for alleged irregularities in construction and negligence in its maintenance.

The leaders are Awami League (AL) publicity secretary, former Nilphamari lawmaker and renowned cultural personality Asaduzzaman Noor, former army chief and ex-lawmaker of Dinajpur Lt Gen (ret) Mahbubur Rahman, Greater Rangpur Development Forum president Nazrul Islam, Dinajpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Rafiqul Islam, Lalmonirhat Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Sirajul Haque, general secretary of Nilphamari Samity in Dhaka Engineer Zahid Hossain Prodhan and president of Lalmonirhat Students' Association in Dhaka SM Tanvir Shanto.

Gen Mahbub who was a mem-

ber of a high-level committee on Jamuna bridge led by the then communication minister in 1994 said if the recommendations of an investigation committee led by Brac vice chancellor (VC) Jamilur Reza Chowdhury was executed then the bridge could recover the setback.

When asked to comment on the bridge authorities' suggestion for suspension of rail communication through the bridge, he said it will go against the hopes and aspirations of people of northern districts. He said the cracks were due to error in design of the bridge and construction company's failure in ensuring quality work. 'Blame on train goes against the observations of experts', he said. He demanded uninterrupted train communication through the bridge following its repair.

AL leader Noor said five crore people of northern districts are concerned over development of cracks in the bridge. He said a bid is going on to suspend train communication through the bridge. In this context, he reminded that during commissioning of the bridge a certain quarter opposed the decision for introducing train communication through it. He said the same quarter has become active again for suspension of train communication through the bridge. He demanded an exem-

plary punishment to those responsible for negligence in duties during its construction as well as in maintenance of the bridge.

Dinajpur Chamber president Rafiqul Islam said if the train communication is suspended, smooth plying of agricultural commodities to the capital will be hindered resulting in great loss to farmers. Lalmonirhat Chamber president Sirajul Haque echoed his sentiment.

Greater Rangpur Development Forum president Nazrul Islam opined for non-stop train communication.

Engineer Zahid Hossain suggested repair of the bridge on a crash programme basis.

Lalmonirhat Students' Association leader SM Tanvir Shanto said hundreds of students will be in trouble for suspension of trains.

Six inter-city trains ply through the bridge everyday. The trains are Silkcity, Padma Express, Teesta Express, Drujojan Lalmoni Express and Nilsagar Express. Railway income in this zone shot up by 23 per cent in this fiscal.

According to a report of a task force, cracks in the bridge were developed due to errors in design and its construction as well as due to improper maintenance.



Boatloads of potato arrive at Ichli Ghat in Chandpur town for preservation in cold storages yesterday as the district saw a bumper output of the vegetable this year.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA



Azadur Rahman Azad

Sylhet Jubo League secy sent to jail in arms case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet district Jubo League general secretary and ward Commissioner of the Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) Azadur Rahman Azad was sent to jail again on Thursday.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Ferdous Ahmed rejected his bail prayer and ordered for sending Azad to jail again as he appeared before the court in an arms case.

A case was lodged with Sylhet Kotwali police station against Azad and 14 others in connection with the armed clash and bomb explosion during Sylhet Awami Jubo League conference on July 29, 2003.

Azad and 11 others were on bail in the case till January 11 this year. Joint forces caught Azad after January 11 last year in some other cases but he was not shown arrested in the Jubo League case.

Outlaw arrested in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Detective Branch (DB) of police here yesterday arrested a fugitive leader of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) from Char Boyra village in Sadar upazila.

Arrestee Abul Hossain is an accused in many cases for killing police, attacking police camp at Randhunibari and looting arms and ammunition, police said. He returned home that night after a long period.

Child deaths up in CHT

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Speakers in a discussion held here on Thursday said child mortality rate in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) is higher than that of other districts in the country.

This is because of what they said 30 per cent children of Chittagong Hill Tracts did not receive Vitamin A capsule from government and NGOs still date.

Khagrachhari civil surgeon's (CS) office and Integrated Development Foundation jointly organised the discussion. Held at the auditorium of Parjatan Motel here, it was presided by Khagrachhari CS Dr Abu Jaher. Khagrachhari Hill District Council chairman Monindra Lal Tripura was present as chief guest.

LAND DISPUTE IN NALCHHITI UNO assaulted by mob as freedom fighter beaten

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A mob assaulted the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) and damaged property at Nalchhiti land revenue office yesterday following torture of a freedom fighter allegedly by the UNO's men and some land officials.

Police rescued and escorted UNO Sekandar Hayat Rizvi to Nalchhiti police station. Local people rescued injured freedom fighter Kazi Mahbubul Alam Latu from the land revenue office and took him to Barisal SBMCH hospital.

The UNO lodged a case against the freedom fighter and some local journalists who went there to cover the incident.

Jhalakati Additional Deputy Commissioner (revenue) Ranjit Kumar Das visited the spot.

Eye witnesses and other sources said Kazi Mahbubul Alam Latu, former organising secretary of Jhalakathi upazila Muktiyoddha Sangsad, went to take possession of a piece of land at College Road near in front of upazila land revenue office area about 6-00am yesterday.

Mahbubul Alam said he got a court verdict in his favour for possession of five decimal land, also claimed by the government. He claimed that it was his ancestral property.

Sources claimed that some others in the area also want to grab the land.

The UNO, accompanied by his driver and some land revenue officials came to the spot at about 6-45 am. An altercation with Kazi Mahbub ensued.

Some land officials and UNO's men allegedly beat Kazi Mahbub and confined him in the land revenue office. They also snatched the camera of Jugantar's local correspondent Maniruzzaman Monir and assaulted him.

The incident drew people from nearby areas, who laid a siege to the land office for about two hours, demanding release of Kazi Mahbub.

At about 8:30 am, the people became violent and rescued Kazi Mahbub in an injured condition, the witnesses said. The UNO was also assaulted and some property of the land office were damaged, witnesses said.

Police rushed to the spot, rescued the UNO and escorted him to Nalchhiti police station. They controlled the situation with the help of local municipal chairman Masud Khan. Police was deployed.

The UNO lodged a case against Kazi Mahbub, journalist Monir and some others.

Kazi Mahbub claimed that he

got an order in his favour from Second Joint District Judge court in Jhalakati on January 10 regarding the land.

But the UNO said the government has filed an appeal to higher court against the verdict. If Kazi Mahbub gets court order in his favour, it is government's responsibility to give him possession of the land, he said.

The UNO did not say anything when asked whether the higher court gave any stay order on the court verdict.

"We only tried to save public property from a land grabber and did not assault anybody", the UNO said.

He also alleged that Kazi Mahbub's men confined him inside the land revenue office and damaged office property.

Md. Habibur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Nalchhiti police station, confirmed the incident.

The Upazila Muktiyoddha Sangsad protested the alleged attack on Kazi Mahbub and said it would announce an agitation programme from Sunday.

Journalist Monir said he went to Nalchhiti police station to file a case but was refused. He said he will lodge a case with judicial magistrate court.



PHOTO: STAR

Injured freedom fighter Kazi Mahbubul Alam, left, being taken to hospital after locals rescued him breaking open the door of Nalchhiti land revenue office where he was allegedly beaten.

Gas Distribution Network in Southwestern Region of Bangladesh Invitation for Tender

01	Ministry/Division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division
02	Agency	Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)
03	Procuring entity name	Dakshin Pashchimanchal Gas Bitoran Prokapa Bastabayan Unit, Petrobangla
04	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
05	Invitation for	Detail Route Survey for construction of Gas Distribution Network in Southwestern Region of Bangladesh
06	Invitation Ref No. & date	37.01.25 Date: 25.02.2008
KEY INFORMATION		
07	Procurement method	Open tendering method
FUNDING INFORMATION		
08	Budget and source of funds	Petrobangla own source
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
09	Starting date and time for tender selling	16.03.2008 from 9:00am to 5:00pm
10	Last date and time of tender selling	06.04.2008 from 9:00am to 5:00pm
11	Tender closing date and time	07.04.2008, Time: 12:00 noon
12	Tender opening date and time	07.04.2008, Time: 2:30pm
13	Name & address of the office(s) of - Selling tender document	1. Assistant Manager (Accounts), Dakshin Pashchimanchal Gas Bitoran Prokapa Bastabayan Unit, Petrocentre (7th Floor), Petrobangla, 3, Kawan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. 2. Accounts Department, Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. 3. Accounts Department, Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Ltd (RPGCL), RPGCL Bhaban, New Airport Road, Plot # 27, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229. 4. Accounts Department, Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Co. Ltd (BAPEX), Shahjalal Tower, 80/A-B, Siddeshwari Circular Road, Dhaka-1217. 5. Accounts Department, Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL), Red Crescent-Borak Tower, 71-72, Eskaton (Old Elephant Road), Dhaka-1000.
	- Receiving tender document	1. Office of Project Coordinator, Dakshin Pashchimanchal Gas Bitoran Prokapa Bastabayan Unit, Petrocentre (7th Floor), Petrobangla, 3, Kawan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. 2. Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. 3. Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Ltd (RPGCL), RPGCL Bhaban, New Airport Road, Plot # 27, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229. 4. Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Co. Ltd (BAPEX), Shahjalal Tower, 80/A-B, Siddeshwari Circular Road, Dhaka-1217. 5. Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL), Red Crescent-Borak Tower, 71-72, Eskaton (Old Elephant Road), Dhaka-1000.
	- Opening place of tender document	Office of Project Coordinator, Dakshin Pashchimanchal Gas Bitoran Prokapa Bastabayan Unit, Petrocentre (7th Floor), Petrobangla, 3, Kawan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
14	Eligibility of tenderer		:	Any established civil engineering survey organization in Bangladesh having requisite qualification, experience, survey equipments and manpower.	
15	Brief description of works		:	Detail Route Survey for Construction of Gas Distribution Network in Southwestern Region of Bangladesh.	
16	Brief description of related service		:	Not applicable.	
17	Price of tender document		:	Tk. 3000.00 (three thousand) (non-refundable by cash only).	
18	Lot No.	Identifications of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in days/ weeks/months
	1	4 groups	Group-A Khulna, Bagerhat (including Mongla) and Satkhira district. Group-B Jessore, Magura and Narail district. Group-C Kushtia, Jhenidah, Chuadanga and Meherpur district. Group-D Bhola district.	Group-A Tk. 77,000.00 Group-B Tk. 42,000.00 Group-C Tk. 47,000.00 Group-D Tk. 12,000.00	90 (ninety) days for Group A, B & C. 60 (sixty) days for Group-D.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
19	Name of official inviting tender		:	Engr. M. Kamal Uddin Ahmed.	
20	Designation of official inviting tender		:	Project Coordinator.	
21	Address of official inviting tender		:	Dakshin Pashchimanchal Gas Bitoran Prokalpa Bastabayan Unit, Petrocentre (7th Floor), Petrobangla, 3, Kawan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.	
22	Contact details of official inviting tender		:	Telephone No. 02-9122817, Fax: 02-8112194.	
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.				
<div>Project Coordinator Dakshin Pashchimanchal Gas Bitoran Prokalpa Bastabayan Unit, Petrobangla Phone: 02-9122817</div>					

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RAB Forces Headquarters

Civil Aviation Cargo Admin Building
Kurmitola, Dhaka

Invitation for Tender

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.			
2.	Agency	Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) Forces.			
3.	Procuring entity name	Director General, Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) Forces.			
4.	Source of funds	GOB Revenue.			
5.	Tender package No.	S(G)-16/2007-2008.			
6.	Tenders invitation Ref. No. & date	RAB HQ/Admin (Supply)/514/BP Jacket/542 Date: 13-03-2008.			
7.	Tender name	Tender for Supply of Bullet Proof Jacket (Vest) for RAB Forces.			
8.	Procurement method	Open tender method (OTM).			
9.	Eligibility of tenderers	Adequate experience in Supply of Bullet Proof Jacket (Vest) to any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization or reputed agency with satisfactory performance.			
10.	Time for completion of delivery	Within 60 days from the notification of contract award.			
11.	Name and address of the office selling, receiving & opening the tender documents	RAB Forces Headquarters (Admin & Finance Wing) Civil Aviation Cargo Admin Building, Zia International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka.			
12.	Last date and time for selling tender document	06-04-2008 at 1700 hours.			
13.	Last date and time for submission of tenders	07-04-2008 at 1130 hours.			
14.	Date and time for opening of tenders	07-04-2008 at 1145 hours. (Tenderers or their authorized representatives may attend).			
15.	Date, time & place of pre-tender meeting	Date: 24-03-2008 at 1205 hours. Place: Conference Room, RAB Forces Headquarters, Civil Aviation Cargo Admin Building, Kurmitola, Dhaka.			
16.	Brief description of items, price of tender schedule & tender security money are to be given below:				
Item No.	Description of item	Unit of supply	Quantity of unit required	Price of tender schedule (Tk) (non-refundable)	Tender security money (refundable)
16.1	Bullet Proof Jacket (Vest)	Nos	150 (Approx)	750.00	45,000.00
Special instructions			i) Tenderers are allowed to submit their tender for single item. ii) Tenderers shall submit at least 02(two) in numbers sample (according to approved sample) at the time of submitting tender documents. iii) Test fire will be conducted on given sample by the board of officers formed by RAB HQ to test the protection level as per No. 16.1. Report from this board of officers will be one of the judgment criteria for TEC. iv) Without assigning any reason the procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders. v) All the damage occurs on sample during test firing RAB will not be liable for that.		

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3 BNP men held for 'extortion'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Ullapara police, in a drive conducted here yesterday, arrested three BNP men from their houses in connection with a case of toll collection.

The arrestees are BNP leader and Ullapara Pourasabha ward commissioner Golam Awlia and party activists Siddiswar Sutradhar and Narayan Sutradhar.

Another BNP activist Asaduzzaman Dulal lodged the

case with Ullapara police station accusing 13 persons including former lawmaker M Akbar Ali and his wife Momena Ali on September 2 last year.

The complainant mentioned that M Akbar Ali had demanded Tk 10 lakh as toll from him following a land dispute during his tenure. On refusal to pay the toll, Akbar's cadres attack his family members, beat them indiscriminately, ransacked and looted valuables from his house, he said.

INDO-BANGLA BORDER MEET ENDS BSF agrees to resolve major disputes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The region level India-Bangladesh Border conference in Shillong ended on Thursday with officials of the two countries agreeing to resolve the major disputes through discussions and by taking necessary measures in time.

Trans-border problems including illegal migration, border fencing, smuggling of explosives, firearms etc from Indian states of Meghalaya, Tripura and Assam into Bangladesh, killing of Bangladesh nationals by the Indian border guards, harbouring of criminals from across the border and other border crimes dominated the conference.

The four-day meeting between the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and the Border Security Force (BSF) began on March 10 in Shillong where Deputy Director General of BDR Brig Gen MA Bari led the 11-men BDR team and Inspector General of BSF Tripura PK Mishra led the 17-

member Indian side.

The meeting decided that concerned sector commanders and battalion commanders will take immediate measures in case of any unwanted incident.

The Bangladesh officials denied the allegation of using Bangladesh lands by the Indian insurgents.

They demanded immediate stopping of the attack on and killing of innocent Bangladeshi civilians by the BSF and armed Indians.

The Indian officials agreed to take effective measures to stop smuggling of different items including high-powered explosives and firearms to Bangladesh, said an official.

The BSF alleged intrusion of the BDR and Bangladesh civilians into India, incidents of unprovoked firing by BDR, fishing in border river Kushiara by Bangladeshis during odd hours and involvement of the BDR and Bangladesh nationals with smuggling of Indian counterfeit currency, cattle etc.