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Fertiliser-laden Panama ship runs aground near Mongla

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Panama flag bearer 'MV Vinashin Iron' carrying 16,243 tonnes of urea fertiliser imported from China by Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation ran aground about ten kilometres away from Hiron Point near the Bay of Bengal on Tuesday

After receiving the information, Mongla Port Authority sent tugboat MV Shibsha to the spot but the ship could not be salvaged due to ebb tide. "We are waiting for high tide to tug

the ship in the river," said Capt Enam Ahmed, Harbour Master of Mongla Port Authority.

The port authorities are monitoring the situation round-the-clock and naval patrol boats have gone to the spot to see security affairs of the fertiliser-laden ship and its crew, he

There is possibility of the fertiliser being damaged in anyway, he said.

Bail papers reach Sylhet jail, Kamran yet to be freed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) Mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran was not freed from Sylhet Central Jail yesterday though bail papers reached the jail. A jail official told The Daily Star at 5:30 that they received the papers and were checking those.

"There is no scope to free him today (Wednesday)", he said.

The official could not confirm whether Kamran would be released today (Thursday). He declined to say anything more.

Hundreds of people thronged the jail gate yesterday afternoon expecting to see Kamran freed. Kamran's wife Asma Kamran also waited for several hours at the jail gate.

The SCC mayor was arrested on April 6 last year in the much talked about kitchen market scam case and was released on bail on May 8 that year.

Joint forces arrested him again

on May 28 last year from Sylhet city's Gulshan hotel under emergency power rules (EPR). He Was given detention on June 4.

Kamran faces four cases including two filed by the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC).

BJMC Khulna coordinator made OSD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The Zonal Coordinator of BJMC, also project director of Crescent Jute Mills, Abu Taher has been made officer on special duty (OSD) and closed to its head office in Dhaka following his 'failure' to tackle the unrest among workers of seven state-owned jute belt.

BJMC Director (Marketing) Ahsan Zakir and Director (Planning) Hafizur Rahman yesterday came to Khulna to find out a way to resolve the crisis due to movement of workers.

The workers' demand include payment of their arrear dues and non-privatisation of any more jute

Syndicates control rice prices in N districts

Falling paddy prices have no impact in retail rice markets

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Adequate supply of Boro paddy at declining rates failed to lower prices of rice proportionately in local markets due to manipulation by a syndicate of rice mill owners and wholesalers in eight northern districts.

A kg of BR-29 variety of rice is selling at about Tk 30, BR-28 at Tk 32 while hybrid variety coarse rice like Jagoron, Hira, Hiraton etc are selling at Tk 29 in different retail rice markets of Rangpur, Dinajpur, Nilpahamari, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh

Now the prices of a maund (37.5kg) of BR-29, BR-28 and hybrid varieties of paddy in the local markets are Tk 660, Tk 675 and Tk 680 although they sold at Tk 725, Tk 775 and Tk 725 three weeks ago.

Many millers, stockists and big farmers, who hoarded huge Boro paddy after its harvest to get high

profit later, are now hurriedly selling the paddy to avoid loss as the weather is favourable for Aman cultivation, said sources at food and agriculture departments, adding that the prices of paddy have fallen in the region but the rice prices have remained almost the

Government initiative to sell rice under OMS (open market sale) programme has failed to attract people as the price -- Tk 28 per kg -is very little different from the market price of slightly better quality rice. OMS price was Tk 25 a kg few months ago.

ever, said the entire process to prepare rice from a maund of paddy costs Tk 30 and so, the cost of a maund of BR-29 variety of paddy purchased at the mill gate is actually stands at Tk 690 (Tk 660+Tk 30).

From a maund of BR-29 paddy, some 26.5kg of market variety of rice can be prepared and so, the neat cost of a kg of BR-29 variety of of rice in eight districts.

rice stands at Tk 26, sources said.

The same sources said the reasonable retail price of a kg of that variety of rice should not be more than Tk 27.50 if the miller, wholesaler and the retailer make a profit of Tk 0.50 per kg each. But it is selling in the market at Tk 30. The situation is more or less same in case of other variety of rice, sources

A retailer of Nilphamari Nitai Sarkar said that they have to take higher price from the consumers as they buy rice at high prices from the millers and wholesalers.

"We usually sell rice for a very Several rice mills owners, how- small profit as the market is very competitive," Raqibul Alam Chowdhury, president of Rice Mills Owners Association of Nilphamari,

Agriculture Extension Department sources said this year Aman is cultivated on 10.22 lakh hectares of land with target to produce 31 lakh 69 thousand tonne



Farmers block Dhaka-Khulna Highway in Modhukhali in Faridpur yesterday demanding adequate supply of fertiliser.

Farmers block highways for fertiliser in Faridpur, Jessore

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Farmers yesterday blocked highways in Faridpur and Jessore demanding adequate supply of

In Faridpur, farmers barricaded mills in Khulna-Jessore industrial | the Dhaka Khulna highway at Modhukhali for about an hour in the morning, disrupting traffic, reports a correspondent. They put trees on the road to obstruct traffic, keeping several hundred vehicles stranded on both sides.

Source there said over 1,000 farmers waited in a long queue in front of a dealers shop at Bagat Bazar since morning.

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Disappointed, their representatives went to Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO Kazi Ashraf Uddin. The UNO rushed to the spot and assured the farmers of smooth supply of fertiliser.

On his assurance, the farmers withdrew the barricade.

The UNO later told local journalists that there was no shortage of fertiliser. The problem was created due lack of coordination among dealers.

In Jessore, farmers blocked the Jessore-Narail road at Dhalga Bazar in Bagharpara upazila for about two hours, reports a correspon-

Police said the farmers standing in a long queue became agitated as the dealer gave them only seven kilograms each.

They demanded more but were refused. They then squatted on the road, obstructing traffic on it for about two hours from

Upazila Nirbahi officer (UNO) Sayed Ali Ahsan, Upazila Agriculture officer Sheikh Hemayet and OC of Bagharpara upazila rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. The farmers withdraw the blockade following their assurance of adequate supply.

Water transport workers continue strike in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Three hundred water transport workers in Khulna zone continued their work stoppage for the second day yesterday demanding increase in their wages.

However, water transport workers hailing from Dhaka but now settled at Mongla were engaged for unloading works from Tuesday night.

They remained outside the purview of work stoppage as owners of their water transports met demand for wage increase two months ago, said Kashem Master, joint secretary of Water Transport Workers' Federation.

He, however, said all workers have expressed their support for movement of workers in Khulna

The General Secretary of Mongla Port Stevedores Association Syed Zahid Hossain said over 900 out of 16,400 tonnes of urea fertiliser were unloaded from Tunisian flag bearer MV Great Success till 7:00 yesterday evening.

The ship arrived on Monday carrying urea fertiliser imported by BCIC.

Water transport workers at Mongla port first went on strike on July 11 this year demanding pay rise and other financial benefits. The crisis was resolved with intervention of the shipping ministry and Mongla Port Authority.

Arrest warrant against Jubo Dal leader in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Satkhira Chief Judicial | tion commission and video Magistrate's Court yesterday issued an arrest warrant against Jubo Dal leader Modasserul Haque Huda, also chairman of Dhulihar Union Parishad (UP), an accused in Azibar Rahman murder case, for his failure to appear before court, court

Huda was asked to appear before court after Azibar 's widow Mariam Begum lodged a complaint with the court against him for threatening her to withdraw the case or 'face the dire consequences.' As he did not appear before court, the warrant was issued against him.

Huda allegedly abducted Azibar, Kashem, Khokon and Hasan from their houses at Matiadanga village in Sadar upazila and tortured them at a shrimp enclosure at Khariadanga leaving Azibar, son of Oli Ahmed Sardar dead on January 5 last

Mariam filed the murder case with Sadar Police Station on January 26. Sadar circle assistant superintendent of police (ASP) Deen Mohammad submitted charge sheets against Dhulihar UP chairman Modasserul Haque Huda, UP member Amin uddin, Biswa Nath Dhali, Bikram Gain, Indrajit Gain, Nikhil Gain, Raghu Nath Gain, Prabir Gain and Dipak Kumar of Khariadanga village in Sadar upazila. Now all but Huda are on bail.



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Save the Children brings out a colourful rally in front of Chittagong Press Club yesterday as part of their campaign to

CASE AGAINST BCC MAYORAL POLLS RESULTS

Tribunal summons returning officer, 6 presiding officers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Barisal City Corporation Election Tribunal yesterday issued summons on 16 people including the mayor-elect, some mayor candidates and election officials in connection with the case filed on Tuesday by Sardar Sarfuddin Ahmed Santu demanding cancellation of BCC mayoral polls result.

Progressive Democratic Party (PDP) leader Santu lost the August 4 mayoral race to Awami League leader Shawkat Hossain Hiron with a margin of 588 votes.

Joint District Judge of Barisal Wahiduzaman Sikdar yesterday heard two petitions on submission of election documents by the elecfootages by concerned television

against the 16 asking them to appear before the court on October 4, next hearing date.

The court also asked the returning officer to submit election-relateddocuments and reports by October 4.

The 16 include BCC mayor-elect Shawkat Hossain Hiron, mayoral candidates Ahsan Habib Kamal, Ebaidul Huq Chan, Enayet Pir Khan, A K Azad, Syed Abdullah Shahidul, Kabiruddin Hannu, Rafiqul Islam Russell and Jahirul Hug; returning officer Manirul Islam; and presiding Election Tribunal Judge and First officers Afazal Uddin Sikder, Md. Mashiur Rahman, Md. Nur Islam, Md. Ali Akbor, Md. Zakir Hossain and Asit Bhushan Shil at polling centers no. 18,19,31,36,57 and 79

> respectively. In the first such case filed with the tribunal, Santu demanded that

After the hearing, he ordered the mayoral election results be issuance of summons notices cancelled and he be declared winner as the election was rigged and his nearest rival Shawkat had vio-

lated the electoral code of conduct.

In the case, Santu said the election was free and fair but the results were 'manipulated' in favour of his nearest rival Awami League leader Shawkat Hossain Hiron.

Santu alleged that the returning officer did not announce results of six centers till 2 am on August 5 though vote counting there was completed by 10 pm on August 4.

"It should take maximum half an hour to take the results from any of the centers to the election office, but it took about eight hours to announce those", Santu alleged in the case.

"It was nothing but part of an engineering to manipulate results",

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190	তারিখ	০২ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০০৮
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160	বাজেট এবং সোর্স অব ফান্ড	রাজ্য খাত।
301	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের নাম	জাতীয় চলচ্চিত্র পুরস্কার এবং বিশেষ পুরস্কার প্রদানের নিমিত্তে রেপ্রিকা ও পদ
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221	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	০৪ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০০৮।
155	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	১৮ সেপ্টেম্ব ২০০৮।
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184	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২১ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০০৮ দুপুর ১:০০টা।
261	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়কারী ও রেপ্লিকা এবং পদকের নমুনা প্রদর্শনকারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা।	(ক) প্রশাসন-১ শাখা, ভবন নং-৪, ৯ম তলা, কক্ষ নং-৮২৭, তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়,বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
	(ক) দরপত্র দলিল গ্রহণকারীর দপ্তর।	(খ) দর্শনার্থী কক্ষ, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয় ১নং গেইট, ঢাকা। সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব, প্রশাসন-১ শাখা, ভবন নং-৪, ১ম তলা, কক্ষ্ নং-৮২৮ তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়,বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
	(খ) দরপত্র দলিল খোলার দপ্তর।	যুগা-সচিব(উনুয়ন),ভবন নং-৪, ৯ম তলা, কক্ষ নং-৮১১, তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয় বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
261	দরদাতাদের যোগ্যতা	১) দরপত্রের সাথে হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আয়কর সনদ ও ব্যাংক থেকে আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতার সনদপত্র এবং পূর্বে এ জাতীয় কাজ করার অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পর্ন প্রামাণ্য কাগজপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। ২) রেপ্লিকা ও পদক নির্ধারিত মান সম্পন্ন হতে হবে এবং উপর্যুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃব এসিড টেস্টে অক্ষত থাকতে হবে।
		৩) দরপত্রের সাথে জমাকৃত পদক ও রেপ্লিকার নমুনা বিশেষজ্ঞ কর্তৃক পরীক্ষায় সর্পের ইলেকট্রোপ্লেটিং এসিড টেস্টে অক্ষত থাকলে ও স্বর্ণের পরিমাণ সম্মেষজনকভাবে প্রমাণিত হলে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে।

সম্ভোষজনকভাবে প্রমাণিত হলে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে। মালামাল সংগ্রহ ও কাজের সংক্ষিপ্ত বর্ণনা জাতীয় চলচ্চিত্র পুরস্কার এবং বিশেষ পুরস্কার প্রদানের নিমিত্তে রেপ্লিকা ও পদক তৈরিপূর্বক সরবরাহ এবং পূর্বেকার নির্মিত রেপ্লিকা ও পদকের ঔজ্জ্বলতা আনায়ন প্রতিসেট সিডিউলের মূল্য ৫০০/-(পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য 721 টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি সংগ্রহতব্য মালামাল/কাজের বর্ণনা সরবরাহের 186 সময় (দিন) (টাকা) নমুনা অনুযায়ী ২ কাঠের ব্যাসের উপর ১ ৩0,000/-(विश ३० (मण) मिन প্রশাসন-১ শাখা, উচ্চতাসম্পন ব্রোঞ্জের তৈরি রেপ্লিকার উপর ভবন নং-৪, হালার) মাত্র সচিব,তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের and her husband Mahbubur ০৮(আট) আনা পরিমান ১৮ ক্যারেট সোনায় গোল্ড ১ম তলা, প্রেটিং এবং পুরস্কার প্রাপকদের নাম, বিষয়, সন কক্ষ নং-৮২৮, অনুকৃলে তফ্সিলভুক মুদ্রণ করে রেপ্রিকা সরবরাহ করতে হবে। রেপ্রিকার তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়, ব্যাংকের পে-অর্ডার/ বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ব্যাংক ড্রাফ্ট আকারে সংখ্যা মোট ৫৭টি। (প্রয়োজনে সংখ্যা কম বেশী হতে পারে) দাখিল করতে হবে। ৩০মিলি মিটার ভায়া ব্রোঞ্জের তৈরি পদকের উপর ০৩(তিন) রতি পরিমান ১৮ ক্যারেট সোনায় গোভ প্লেটিং ভাবল সাইভের পদক(রিবনসহ) সরবরাহ করতে হবে। রেপ্লিকার সংখ্যা মোট ৫৭টি। (প্রয়োজনে সংখ্যা কম বেশী হতে পারে)।

২০০২ ও ২০০৩ সনে নির্মিত ৩২টি রেপ্লিকা ও ৩২টি পদকের ঔচ্জ্বলতা আনায়ন এবং সার্ভিসিং। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম, মোঃ মাসুদ করিম, সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব, প্রশাসম-১ শাখা, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, जिका । रकान १ १५७४०४२, काञ्ज- १५७१२७७। পদবী, ঠিকানা ও ফোন/ফ্যাক্স নমর। ২১। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের অধিকার কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে।

(মোঃ মাসুদ করিম) সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব (सान १३७ ६० ४२।

false murder case He lodged a murder case with OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal Muladi Police Station on February 26

Sub-inspector Akhteruddin as bribe to save her from further Khan, IO of the false murder case, Selim Howladar, complainant of the case, Nasima Begum who was mentioned as 'murdered' in the false case, and Shamsu Howlader, Babul Howladar, Alamgir Howladar, Shahabuddin, Hanif Sardar, Joynul Chowkidar and Tahmina, witnesses of the false murder case, have been

Sobeda Begum. Sobeda Begum alleged that January 21, 2008.

this year against father-in-law, mother-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law of Nasima and others. 10 Akhtaruddin Khan demanded Tk 5 lakh as bribe from

the accused in the false murder case and arrested Nasima's mother-inlaw Sobeda Begum, on February 27 following their failure to meet the demand, Sobeda alleged in the case. The IO tortured Sobeda when she was under four days' remand

torture, she added. Later on May 10, 'murdered' Nasima was found alive at Aila Patakata village under Keorabunia union of Barguna district and Barguna police sent Nasima to Muladi Police Station and the court sent her to

Rahman had to pay Tk 70 thousand

safe custody in Barisal jail. Then the investigation officer made accused in the case filed by had to give final report and the court acquitted Sobeda Begum from the charges on June 25 and released her from the jail, Sobeda said, adding that the IO did not take any action against complainant of the false murder case.

Khan Md Sayeed Hassan, deputy inspector general of police in charge Nasima had an extra-marital of Barisal Range, and Toufiq Mahbub Chowdhury, Barisal dis-Later dead body of an unknown trict superintendent of police, said legal action will be taken against complainant of the false murder case and responsible police offi-

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IO sued by victim of

A victim of 'harassment and torture' after being arrested in a false murder case has lodged a case with a Barisal court against 10 people including the complainant and investigation officer (IO) of the false

Following the case filed by Sobeda Begum on Tuesday, Judge Md Shahidullah Barisal District and Sessions Judge's Court yesterday ordered the chief judicial magistrate of Barisal to investigate the allega-

Nasima Begum, wife of Sobeda's son expatriate Shamim Munshi, and Nasima's brother Shamsu Howlader fled from the house in Muladi upazila on the night of

affair, Sobeda said. woman was found in Arial Kha River and Nasima's brother Selim Howladar said it was the body of

Nasima.