

Plan to lease off shore oil blocks to foreign cos protested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Dinajpur district unit of National Oil, Gas, Minerals, Power and Port Protection Committee yesterday submitted a memorandum to Dinajpur Deputy Commissioner (DC) Md Nabiul Haque Mollah opposing a government decision to lease out nine offshore gas blocks to foreign business giants.

Its district convener Md Mosaddeque Hossain handed down the memorandum.

Phulbari unit of the committee also formed a human chain in front of Nilola Intersection on Phulbari-Bogra highway protesting the decision.

Hundreds of people from all walks of life participated braving inclement weather. They carried festoons, placards and banners with them.

Committee leaders urged the government to refrain from signing deal with any multinational businesses giant.

Phulbari unit convener Saiful Islam Jewel demanded rehabilitation of 5,00,000 people. The concerned company expressed intention to relocate 50,000 people only, he said.

Acid victim gets help

Noble gesture follows Daily Star report

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A generous woman has donated Tk 10,000 for an acid attack victim day labourer in Nandail upazila.

Rezina Naser Synthia, Managing Director of Universal Labels Ltd in Dhaka, donated the money through her representative M Nasir Uddin Khan, Managing Director of Tricom Foods Ltd in Mymensingh, at a simple ceremony at Mymensingh Press Club Saturday evening.

The noble gesture followed a Daily Star report on the October 1 acid attack incident.

Motiuir Rahman, a day labourer at village Rasulpur in Nandail upazila, became the victim for his failure to pay Tk 1400, which he owed to money-lenders.

Motiuir told this correspondent that the accused in the case filed for acid throwing are threatening him with dire consequences if the case is not withdrawn.

When contacted, Nandail Police Station officer-in-charge said they are trying to arrest the culprits.

Politicians, ward councillors among 36 terror-suspects in Rajshahi city

RMP gets list from police headquarters for vigilance and action to hold peaceful election

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police have prepared a list of 36 terror-suspects including some ward councillors and politicians in Rajshahi city as they might pose threats to holding of the upcoming Jatiya Sangsad elections peacefully.

The police headquarters prepared the list following field level intelligence reports and sent it to Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) for keeping vigilance on them, highly placed sources in RMP said.

According to the sources, the list includes names of six newly elected ward councillors of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC), three former ward councillors and five persons belonging to Awami League (AL) and BNP.

The listed persons might hamper the JS elections by abetting use of illegal arms, musclemen and money, the sources said quoting the intelligence reports and analysis of their previous criminal records.

The police headquarters have directed RMP authorities to take legal actions against the listed persons, a forwarding letter sent along with the list said.

The listed persons include incumbent RCC ward councillors

Shahadat Ali Sahu of ward number 17, Ansar Ali of ward number 28, Shahidul Islam Pintu of ward number 30, Sazzad Hossain of ward number 4, Rabiul Alam Milu of ward number 13 and Abdul Hamid Sarker Tekon of ward number 22.

Sahu, an AL adherent is facing trial in one land grabbing case. Blamed widely for abetting terrorists, he was released after nine month's police custody weeks before the August 4 RCC polls that won.

Pintu is accused in five criminal cases and Sazzad is in three cases, said the sources.

Abdul Hamid Sarker Tekon, an AL adherent claimed that he was arrested before over political bias. "I am not engaged in crimes any more", Tekon said.

Former RCC ward councillors among the listed are Rejaunabi Al Mamun of ward number 15, Moniruzzaman Sharif of ward number 19 and Tarikul Islam Palu of ward number 25.

Rejaunabi Al Mamun is an accused in several criminal cases including one for abduction. The cases were filed under Public Safety Act and Speedy Trial Act.

Moniruzzaman Sharif is accused in two cases including one

under Explosives Act. Sharif was arrested in January last by joint forces and released after two month's detention.

The listed political persons are Tarikul, Shahjahan, Alauddin and Nazmul of Vatapara; Rokonul Islam and Matu of Sheikhpara; Babul of Hosseniaganj; Shakil, Sumon of Rajarhata; Zakir of Chhoto Bongram; Babul Sarker of Talaimari; Raju, Alamgir of Hatimkhan; Mamun of Guripara; Kalu, Tajer, Milon and Malek of Meherchandil.

Others in the list are Kamal of Daspukur; Arman of Panchabati; Ekram and Nazmul of Budhpara; Tarikul, Shahjahan, Alauddin and Nazmul of Vatapara; Rokonul Islam and Matu of Sheikhpara; Babul of Hosseniaganj; Shakil, Sumon of Rajarhata; Zakir of Chhoto Bongram; Babul Sarker of Talaimari; Raju, Alamgir of Hatimkhan; Mamun of Guripara; Kalu, Tajer, Milon and Malek of Meherchandil.

Asked about the list, RMP Deputy Commissioner Sajjad Hossain told newsmen that preparing list of terror-suspects ahead of elections is not uncommon.

"Action will be taken only if anyone is found to be involved in breaching the law and order", he said.

BNP factions clash in Sirajganj: 20 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

At least 20 BNP men including Sirajganj Poursabha mayor Nur-e-Alam were injured in a clash between supporters of orthodox and reformists at a party meeting held at Bhasani auditorium here Sunday night, party sources said.

The clash erupted as Raiganj upazila BNP president Nur Sayeed, also a loyalist of Khaleda Zia criticized the reformists.

BNP leaders from Bogra and Pabna districts were present at the meeting chaired by former lawmaker Abdul Mannan Talukder, elected from Sirajganj-3 constituency (Raiganj-Tarash) who is also president of district BNP and a follower of reformists.

Instantly, Talukder's followers protested Sayeed's remarks triggering the clash. Attackers broke furniture of the auditorium. During the clash, many party leaders were physically assaulted. Ultimately, the party meeting ended in fiasco.

On information, police rushed to the spot and controlled the situation.

The injured were admitted to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital and local clinics in the town.

Involve people in uplift plan

Rangamati workshop told

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Speakers at a workshop on Active Participation by Different Stakeholders in ICDP Project held at CHT Development Board conference room yesterday stressed on people's participation in uplift programmes to accelerate the pace of development in the hilly region.

Supported by GoB and Unicef, CHT Development Board organised the workshop chaired by Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP) director Tapan Kanti Ghosh. Sheikh Ataf Ali, secretary of CHT Affairs Ministry addressed as chief guest while it was attended by Md Asrafur Islam, vice-chairman of CHTDB and ADC (revenue) Biswajit Bhattacharya as special guests.

They also stressed on proper coordination of development organisations.

Some 150 participants including UNOs of different upazilas, heads of government departments, UP chairmen, NGOs representatives and journalists took part.



Birshrestha Hamidur Rahman's 37th death anniversary will be observed at the memorial complex in Hamid Nagar in Moheshpur upazila in Jhenidah today.

Birshrestha Hamidur Rahman's death anniversary today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

The 37th death anniversary of Birshrestha Hamidur Rahman will be observed today at the memorial complex built in honour of the great hero.

Teachers of Hamidur Rahman Degree College and employees of Bir Shrestha Sipahi Hamidur Rahman Smriti Jadughar and Pathagar at Hamid Nagar have taken all preparations to observe the day in a befitting way.

The programme beginning with placing of wreaths at his portrait at 10 am will include Qurankhwani, Milad Mahfil, Discussion meeting and destitute feeding, said

Shajahan Ali, convener of celebration committee.

Jhenidah Deputy Commissioner AKM Rafikul Islam will be present as chief guest while Police Superintendent Jahangir Hossain Matabbar, Lt.

Col. (Retd.) Sazzad Ali (Bir Pratik) and chief of joint forces in the district will attend as special guests. Lt. Col. (retd) Sazzad fought along with Hamidur during the Liberation War.

The discussion meeting will be chaired by Moheshpur Upazila Nirbahi officer (UNO) Ozur Rahman.

Teachers, students, freedom fighters and people from all walks

of life will attend the programmes.

Hamidur Rahman, while serving in the then East Bengal Regiment in 1971, joined the Liberation War. He embraced martyrdom while fighting the Pakistani occupation forces at Dhali frontier in Sreemongal in Sylhet on October 28.

Hamidur Rahman was born in 1954 at Khordakhalishpur village in Moheshpur upazila Jhenidah. He was the second among his brothers and sisters. The village has been renamed Hamidnagar after the great hero.

Bir Shrestha Sipahi Hamidur Rahman Smriti Jadughar and Pathagar was established in 2007.



Rajshahi University Bhaskarya Rakha Mancha organises a cultural programme on the premises of central library yesterday demanding reinstallation of Lalou sculpture near Zia International Airport in the capital.

'Don't allow war criminals in election'

Protest against Lalou sculpture demolition continues on RU campus

RU Correspondent

Several hundreds students and cultural activists under banner of Sculpture Protection Forum yesterday staged a one hour sit-in demonstration on Rajshahi University (RU) campus demanding immediate re-installation of Baul sculptures at the airport roundabout in Dhaka.

The sit-in was staged as part of the forum's three-day programme announced earlier.

Later, they formed a human chain and held a protest rally in front of the central library. Speakers urged teachers, officers, employees and progressive people to launch a tougher agitation movement against the anti-liberation forces.

Speakers said communal forces are involved in a deep-rooted conspiracy to

destroy the culture of the country and achievement of the Liberation War.

They also criticised the government for holding a meeting with Jamaat-e-Islami secretary general Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid who was shown absconding by police. They criticised the government for not taking action against the fundamentalist forces who were involved in removal of the sculptures.

Fundamentalist forces are making a fresh blueprint to kill freedom fighters and destroy the Bengali culture, tradition and heritage, they said.

They urged political parties not to nominate war criminals for contesting general election and demanded of the government trial of war criminals through speedy trial tribunal.

This was followed by a cultural function.

UNDP to build 4,500 more houses for Sidr victims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

UNDP has taken a plan to construct 4500 more disaster-resilient houses for badly affected people in eleven Sidr-hit districts in the south-western region by December 31 this year.

DFID of UK, Swiss Development Corporation and UNDP, Bangladesh provided Tk 170 crore fund for implementation of relief and rehabilitation programme in the area, said a press release issued by UNDP's local field team leader Md Asaduzzaman yesterday.

UNDP as part of emergency response programme provided food and non-food assistance for 89,145 families in the badly affected districts.

UNDP also supported construction of 9,145 cyclone-resilient houses for most needy and vulnerable families and completed community restoration (cash-for-work) programme that generated work opportunity for 80,000 affected families.

At a daylong workshop on implementation of Sidr response and recovery programme organised by UNDP at a local hotel yesterday, speakers stressed the need for courage to combat disasters and ability of partner NGOs, local administration

and stakeholders to respond quickly to relief and recovery operations.

Additional Commissioner of Khulna division M Abbas Samad was present as chief guest at the workshop presided over by Khulna Deputy Commissioner Ziaul Alam.

INCLEMENT WEATHER, FRESH FLOOD

Food, water crisis aggravates in Kabodak basin areas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The inclement weather came as a severe blow to over two lakh people in Kabodak basin areas, as rains and waters from the swelled river aggravated the flood and inundated more areas.

Several thousand people who too shelter on roads and high places earlier are now virtually passing miserable days under the open sky.

At least 124 villages in 15 unions in Tala and Kalaroa upazilas in Satkhira are worst affected as more water from the swelled river the areas overflowing the banks of silted Kabodak.

The areas are already water-logged for about two months as waters from the river remained stagnant.

The villagers are passing days half-fed for lack of works as croplands are now under water. There is also acute crisis of fodder and poultry birds are also dying, locals said.

Most of the areas are under two to three feet water now. The villagers are almost isolated from other areas because boat is the only means of communication.

Over 25000 homeless families have taken shelter in at least 42 make shift centers built on high lands in the affected areas.

There is a crisis of food and drinking water in those places. Most of the tube wells are under water.

There is no trace of any crop on about 70,000 acres and at least 85 shrimp enclosures have been inundated, causing a loss of about Tk one crore, farmers said.

Flooding recurs every year, keeping crop lands under water for over six months silted Kabodak is dying.

Water-logging in the areas is taking serious turn year after year affecting livelihood, Deara Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Anowarul Islam in Kalaroa upazila said. This is a problem since the 80s, he added.

Satkhira Deputy Commissioner

Mizanur Rahman visited the affected areas and said the administration will take steps to mitigate the sufferings of the affected people.

Storm kills one in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

An elderly night guard of Brahmanbaria Chamber of Commerce and Industries died here yesterday as he fell from the roof of his office during storm.

Noor Mia, 70, went to the roof of his office to check water supply line when a cyclonic storm was sweeping over the area. As he came to the edge of the roof, he fell down.

He was rushed to Brahmanbaria where Sadar Hospital doctors declared him dead.

A Short Training Course on Tobacco Economics

Unnayan Shamannay

WHAT IS THE COURSE?
With a view to create a group of skilled personnel on various economic dimensions of tobacco economics Unnayan Shamannay, a non-profit organisation with support from Tobacco Free Kids (TFK), is going to arrange a short training course. The course will provide a deeper understanding on the issues of tobacco economics with a special focus on 'tobacco taxation as a tool to reduce tobacco consumption'.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?
Junior and mid level development professionals working in organisations associated with anti-tobacco advocacy and movement, reporters and contributors of print and electronic media, interested students and other relevant persons interested in tobacco economics. Women are especially encouraged to apply.

Teaching Technique: Classroom lectures complemented by participatory approach with problem-solving exercises and group works.

Duration: 10-12 three-hour sessions over two months

No course fee is required.
Interested persons are requested to e-mail their CV to info@tobaccoeconomicsbd.org, or send to Unnayan Shamannay, 2/E/1-B, Mymensingh Road, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000 within 10 November 2008. Please mention in e-mail subject line or print on envelop: 'Training Course on Tobacco Economics'.

Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU)

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Invitation Reference Memo No. CVASU-08/ED/IFT/05 Date: 21-10-2008

1	Name of ministry	: Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock & Ministry of Education				
2	Agency & procuring entity name	: Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU).				
3	Procuring entity district	: Chittagong				
4	Invitation for	: Works				
5	Procurement method	: Open Tendering Method (NCB).				
6	Budget & fund source	: Danida & GoB				
7	Project code	: Not applicable				
8	Programme name	: Support for the Poultry Research and Training Centre (PRTC) at CVASU through Regional Fisheries and Livestock Development Component (RFLDC) under Agriculture Sector Programme Support (ASPS-II).				
9	Tender package No.	: PRG-1 and PRG-2 (Lot-1 & Lot-2).				
10	Tender publication date	: 21-10-2008.				
11	Tender last selling date	: 16-11-2008 up to 4:00pm.				
12	Last date & time for submission of tender	: 17-11-2008 up to 12:30pm.				
13	Tender opening date and time	: 17-11-2008 at 3:30 pm.				
14	Name and address of the offices selling tender documents	: i) Principal: Office of the Superintending Engineer, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Pahartali, Chittagong-4202. ii) Others: Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong.				
15	Receiving tender document	: i) Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong, ii) Superintending Engineer, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Pahartali, Chittagong-4202.				
16	Place of tender opening	: Office of the Superintending Engineer, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Pahartali, Chittagong-4202.				
17	Brief description of works	: PRG-1: Office furniture (wooden/steel framed); PRG-2, Lot-1: Computer, Printers etc. & Lot-2: Refrigerator, deep freezer, audio visual equipment, overhead projector, photocopier etc.				
18	Eligibility of tenderer	: Tenderers enlisted in any government, semi-government or autonomous organisation and have similar supply experience of Taka twenty lac for PRG-1, for PRG-2, Lot-1: The required similar experience needed is Taka twenty five lac & for Lot-2 is Taka twelve lac in a single work order during last five years.				
19	Name, description, location and price etc. of tender document					
	Package No.	Name of work	Location	Price of tender document in Taka	Tender security in Taka	Completion time in days
	PRG-1	Supply of Furniture for PRTC under CVASU	Pahartali, Chittagong	1500/00	48,000/-	45
	PRG-2 (lot-1)	Supply of Computer, Printer etc. for PRTC under CVASU	Pahartali, Chittagong	1500/00	55,000/00	50
	PRG-2 (Lot-2)	Supply of office equipment for PRTC under CVASU	Pahartali, Chittagong	1000/00	30,000/00	50
20	Name, designation and address of the official inviting tender	Shah Md. Zillur Rahman, Superintending Engineer, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Chittagong-4202. Phone No. 659093, 659492 Ext-114, Fax No. 031-659620.				
21	Tender security is to be submitted in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee (Form W-3) of any scheduled bank in favour of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University.					
22	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.					

Superintending Engineer
Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

PROMOTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING IN THE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS (CHT)

The Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility (CHTDF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh, seeks proposals from interested and well qualified organizations to Arrange Logistics for the Indigenous Cultural Festival.

The solicitation documents and submission details can be downloaded from the UNDP website http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php

The deadline for submission of RFPs is **11th November 2008 05:00 pm** (Bangladesh Time)