

Action ordered against hill cutters in Khagrachhari
Move follows Daily Star report

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

State Minister for Environment and Forest Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman yesterday ordered the authorities concerned to take stern action against hill plunderers in Khagrachhari district.

The move followed yesterday's Daily Star report titled 'Hill cutting rampant again in Khagrachhari'.

Deputy Secretary of Environment and Forest Ministry Nazrul Islam Khan told The Daily Star correspondent through cell phone that the state minister for environment and forest instructed the concerned authorities including the secretary of environment ministry, director of Department of Environment (DoE), Chittagong Division, and Khagrachhari deputy commissioner to take stern action.

Admitting the matter, Nazmul Islam, director of Department of Environment, Chittagong, said he requested the deputy commissioner to take action in this regard.

Deputy Commissioner AKM Khairul Alam said he has already sent Matiranga upazila nirbahi officer to investigate the matter and take lawful action against hill plunderers.

Minister assures smooth power supply

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Uninterrupted supply of electricity will be ensured from 11.00pm to 6:00am for smooth irrigation during boro season.

Newly appointed Minister for Ministry of Water Resources Ramesh Chandra Sen said this while addressing a reception accorded to him yesterday at the training centre of Eco-Social Development Organisation (ESDO), a local NGO.

ESDO organised the reception ceremony which was chaired by Shafiqul Islam.

Smooth supply of power will be ensured to boost up paddy production in the current season, the minister said.

He said the government is pledge-bound to reduce prices of fertiliser and diesel. The government will ensure supply of fertiliser and other agricultural inputs, he assured. The government is committed to reduce prices of rice and essential commodities, he said.

Shibir showdown sparks tension at RU

Outsiders join meeting at central mosque on campus

RU CORRESPONDENT

Tension mounted on Rajshahi University (RU) campus yesterday evening as a large number of Islamic Chhatra Shibir activists held a meeting at the central mosque of the university, violating rules of the institution.

As Shibir activists from different educational institutions gathered on the campus, panic spread among the general students.

Following the meeting, Shibir men made a show-down on the campus and their central leaders instructed their activists for any movement, campus sources said.

During the meeting, Shibir central committee President Rezaul Karim, former president Nurul Islam Bulbul, office secretary Sheikh

Niamul Karim, former RU Shibir president Mahbulul Alam Salehi, former RU unit president Emaj Uddin Mondol, RU unit President Delwar Hossain Saidee and other unit leaders were present.

When contacted, RU Shibir President Delwar Hossain Saidee told this correspondent that they formed their university unit committee in the meeting.

Shibir did not take any permission for holding their political meeting at the university mosque, RU Proctor Enamul Haque said.

"No organisation can hold political meeting at the mosque. We will investigate the matter," he said.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and different student organisations at RU strongly criticised Shibir for

holding their political meeting at the university mosque.

BCL RU unit President Ibrahim Hossain Moon called on the university authorities and demanded steps to stop use of mosque for political purposes.

He also demanded punishment of the people responsible for holding political meeting at the mosque.

During the last few days, activists of Shibir and BCL involved in several clashes over dominion on Rajshahi University campus.

During the five years of past BNP-Jammat-led four-party alliance government, students belonging to progressive organisations faced the wrath of Shibir men who were out to maintenance at RU.

Bogra AL leader accused of grabbing house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Lawyer Tripti Rahman has brought allegation of illegally occupying her house against Bogra district Awami League Vice President Rafiqul Islam Bhuiyan, his son Mahfuzul Islam Romel and some other people.

In a written allegation submitted at Bogra Reporters Forum auditorium yesterday afternoon, Tripti, a member of Awami Ainjibi Parishad, said Romel and other criminals occupied her house at gun-point on Friday midnight.

The attackers beat up the residents of the house and forced them out of it, she said.

Tripti Rahman, who filed a case with Bogra Sadar Police Station yesterday, mentioned that she is the wife of Matiur Rahman Mintu, owner of the house.

Mahfuzul Islam Romel, however, denied Tripti Rahman's allegations and said they resisted Tripti and her associates' attempt to illegally occupy their house yesterday morning.

Steps on way to cut fertiliser prices
Khandaker says in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Planning Minister Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) AK Khandaker yesterday said the government has taken initiatives to reduce prices of diesel and fertiliser to boost agriculture sector.

He was addressing a reception accorded to him at Nagarbari in Bera upazila on Saturday. It was organised by Bera upazila Awami League.

Khandaker elected from Pabna-2 (Sujanagar-Bera upazila) constituency, visited the area for the first time after becoming minister.

Other speakers at the meeting placed several demands including resumption of Ishwardi-Nagarbari railway service, ensuring navigability in Padma in the area and steps for checking erosion by the river.

"I am committed to work sincerely for the people", Khandaker said.

He also stressed the need for expanding pipeline supply of gas to help set up industries in the district.

AK Khandaker also addressed in a view-exchange meeting held at Sujanagar upazila auditorium yesterday afternoon, organised by the local administration.

Lawmakers Samsul Haque Tuku from Pabna-1 and Md. Mokbul Hossain from of Pabna-3, and AL leaders Dr. Mokbar Rahman and Jahangir Kabir Rana also spoke.

MAGURA UZ POLL
Nine out of 37 runners face cases

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Nine out of 37 runners for four posts of upazila chairmen in Magura district face cases while at least three others concealed their earlier criminal records in their affidavits submitted to the election office (EO), official records say.

Those still facing cases are Abdul Majid Biswas, Mian Mahmudul Gani, Sayed Ali Karim, Ohidur Rahman Tipu, Md. Ali Akbar, Abu Nasir Bablu, Md. Altaf Hossain, Abdul Mannan and Md. Harun-ar-Rashid.

The four others who concealed criminal records include Muktadir Ali Biswas and Mohammad Nazimuddin.

Of the 37 runners, eight had LLB examination, seven are Master Degree holders and 10 are graduates.

Of the chairman candidates, 23 belong to Awami League, nine BNP adherents and five are independent runners. Another one is a leader of Jamaat-e-Islami.



Workers unloading fertiliser from a barge at Nagarbari as Baghabari port is virtually inaccessible for vessels due to navigability problem in the Jamuna.

Fertiliser carrying cost rises as Baghabari port idle

Poor navigability in Jamuna keeps vessels away

GOLAM MOSTAFA JIBON, back from Nagorbarighat

Baghabari port has been virtually lying idle for weeks as cargo vessels and barges with huge quantity of fertiliser, rice and fuel are not arriving there due to problem of navigability and dispute between lease-

holders and the owners of cargo vessels and barges over charges.

Now the vessels are being unloaded at Nagorbarighat.

Consequently, transportation of the goods is being hampered and the concerned authorities are being deprived of huge amount of revenue

while transportation of the goods is consuming more time and expenditure. Farmers in the region are apprehending that farming and irrigation will be hampered during the peak season due to the interruption in supply of fertiliser and fuel.

Due to the navigability problem, vessels have to stay at the port for longer periods and the leaseholders demand extra charges but it often leads to disagreement with vessel owners, they added.

In the dry season, the river channel has also become unfit for movement of cargo vessels and barges in absence of proper dredging.

Due to the situation, owners of the cargo vessels and barges refrained from going to Baghabari port through the Jamuna channel and took decision to anchor their vessels at Nagorbarighat and unload the goods from there.

During a visit to Nagorbarighat yesterday, The Daily Star correspondent found around 80 cargo vessels and barges anchored there. The goods including fertilizer were being unloaded from most of the vessels there while many others were waiting to be unloaded. The unloaded fertilizer bags are transported to different destinations of the northern region by trucks.

"Due to the problem, we are being deprived of huge amount of revenue," Abdur Razzak, in-charge of Baghabari river port said.

"We have an adequate stock of fuel. But if the navigation problem continues, a crisis is likely during the irrigation," Rabul Alam, the in-charge of Jamuna Oil Depot, said.



Schoolchildren bring out a procession at Gabgasi village in Sujanagar in Pabna yesterday demanding punishment of the rapists and killers of Ridi.

Try war criminals, execute Bangabandhu murder verdict

Human chains, rallies held on RU campus and in Chapainawabganj



Amra Muktijoddhar Santan forms a human chain in front of Chapainawabganj Government College yesterday demanding early execution of Bangabandhu murder case verdict and trial of war criminals.

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Amra Muktijoddhar Santan, a platform of freedom fighters' children, yesterday formed human chains and organised rallies at Chapainawabganj town and on Rajshahi University (RU) campus demanding trial of war criminals and immediate execution of the verdict of Bangabandhu murder case.

Freedom fighters' children formed a human chain in front of Chapainawabganj Government College in the morning, reports our Chapainawabganj correspondent.

This was followed by a rally where speakers demanded trial of war criminals for the sake of establishing justice, consolidating democracy and upholding the spirit of liberation war.

War criminals and anti-liberation force are involved in a deep-rooted conspiracy against the country and freedom fighters, they said.

The Speakers also demanded immediate implementation of the ver-

dict of Bangabandhu murder case.

Another human chain was formed in front of the central library of Rajshahi University (RU) under the same banner, reports our RU correspondent.

About 100 participants including freedom fighters joined the human chain.

They carried various banners and placards with them demanding punishment of war criminals.

After the human chain, a rally was held where speakers demanded trial of war criminals.

They called upon the newly-installed government of Awami League-led grand alliance to table a bill for trial of war criminals at the first session of Jatiya Sangsad.

Speakers reminded the government that people had given their verdict for trial of war criminals. They expressed their determination to continue the agitation until war criminals are tried and punished.

Among others, freedom fighters Abul Kalam Azad, Arshed Ali, Amra Muktijoddhar Santan con-

vener Zinnah al-Mamun and its activists Mithu, Nasir-ul-Islam, Sohel, Faruk and Kabir addressed.

Upazila poll runners vow to curb corruption

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Candidates in Rangpur Sadar upazila election yesterday vowed to make the upazila administration corruption free, if elected.

They also pledged to run the upazila parishad administration on the basis of public representatives and ensure transparency.

Four contestants for the post of upazila chairman and six for the post of vice-chairman took part in the 'meet to the people' programme organised by Transparency International (TI) and Sushasaner Jonney Nagorik (Sujan).

They include chairmen candidates Mostafizur Rahman, Ataur Zaman Babu, Abdul Gofur and Julfiqar Ali Bhutto; and vice-chairman candidates Dilshad Hosen Mukul, Ratish Chandra Bhoumic, Masud Karim Munna, Monwara Begum, Nasima Zaman and Dulali Begum.

BPDB's International Tender Notice

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3	Procuring entity name	The Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Chain Pulley (5-ton & 3-ton capacity) and Wire Grip.
7	Invitation for tenders Ref. No.	Pur-214/2008-09/Rev. (CF).
8	Date	04/01/2009.
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method (as per PPR-2008).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	BPDB's Revenue Budget (Cash Foreign Exchange).
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Tender package No.	GDF-07(FY 2008-2009).
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Chain Pulley (5-ton & 3-ton capacity) and Wire Grip.
16	Tender publication date	04/01/2009.
17	Tender selling date	07/01/2009 to 22/02/2009.
18	Tender closing date and time	23/02/2009 at 11.00 am.
19	Tender opening date and time	23/02/2009 at 11.30am.
20	Name & address of the office	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.
Selling tender document (Principal)		
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
Selling tender document (Other)		
Not applicable.		
Receiving tender document		
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
Opening tender document		
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	N/A.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	Renowned manufacturer/supplier/tenderer.
23	Brief description of goods or works	Supply of Chain Pulley (5-ton & 3-ton capacity) and Wire Grip.
24	Brief description of related services	N/A.
25	Price of tender document (BDT)	Tk. 500.00 (five hundred) only as Pay-Order (non-refundable) from any schedule bank in Bangladesh in favour of The Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
26	Lot	Identification of lot
Lot-1	a) Chain Pulley-10 Nos. (5-ton capacity)	BPDB's Central store, Tongi, Gazipur
	b) Chain Pulley-10 Nos. (3-ton capacity)	
Lot-2	Wire Grip-100 Nos.	
Tender security amount		
BD Tk. 20,000.00 or US\$ 300.00		
or BDT 10,000.00 or US\$ 150.00		
Completion time in weeks/months		
6 months from the date of LC opening		
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
27	Name of official inviting tender	Md Abduhu Ruhullah.
28	Designation of official inviting tender	The Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
29	Address of official inviting tender	WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
30	Contact details of official inviting	Tel:+88-02-9550532, 7120089, Fax: +88 02 7126151.
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all tenders.	

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BPDB, Dhaka

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3	Procuring entity name	The Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
6	Invitation for	Procurement of MCCB (100Amps. & 200Amps).
7	Invitation for tenders Ref. No	Pur-215/2008-09/Rev. (CF)
8	Date	04/01/2009
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method. (As per PPR-2008).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	BPDB'S Revenue Budget (Cash Foreign Exchange)
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (If applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (If applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Tender package No	GDF-11 (FY: 2008-2009)
15	Tender package name	Procurement of MCCB (100Amps. & 200Amps).
16	Tender publication date	04/01/2009
17	Tender selling date	07/01/2009 to 24/02/2009
18	Tender closing date and time	25/02/2009 at 11.00 AM
19	Tender opening date and time	25/02/2009 at 11.30 AM
20	Name & address of the office	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.
Selling tender document (Principal)		
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
Selling tender document (Other)		
Not applicable.		
Receiving tender document		
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
Opening tender document		
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	N/A.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
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23	Brief description of goods or works	Supply of MCCB (100Amps. & 200Amps).
24	Brief description of related services	N/A
25	Price of tender document (BDT)	Tk 1,000.00 (one thousand) only as Pay-Order (non-refundable) from any schedule bank in Bangladesh in favour of the Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
26	Lot	Identification of Lot
a)	MCCB(100Amps)-300Nos	BPDB's Central Store, Tongi, Gazipur
	MCCB(200Amps)-300Nos	
Tender security amount		
BDTk. 20,000.00 or US\$ 3,000.00		
Completion time in weeks/months		
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