

Mindless sand lifting on from Kuakata beach

Protest goes unheeded

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Patuakhali

A key area of Kuakata sea beach is now under threat as a contractor is lifting sand illegally from the beach for several days to repair a nearby rest house cum biogas-plant owned by Local Government Engineering Department (LGED).

During a visit to the area yesterday morning, this correspondent saw large holes as over 20 labourers were engaged in lifting sand from the beach.

LGED has issued a Tk 22 lakh work order to a contractor to repair the rest house cum biogas plant, which became uninhabitable after being seriously damaged by super cyclone Sidr on November 15 night in 2007.

The contractor, who began the repair work in last week, started lifting sand from the beach within about 200 yards.

Sand lifting will make the rest house more vulnerable as the beach is frequently hit by tidal waves from the Bay, said Shahjahan Akon, a local businessman in Kuakata.

"Water will stagnate in the holes created by large scale sand lifting at the key point on the beach. It will cause sufferings for visitors at the tourist spots," said a resident of Kuakata.

There are allegations that the contractor has continued illegal sand lifting from the beach through managing the authorities concerned.

LGED Executive Engineer SM Salam, however, said, "I have already asked the contractor to stop sand lifting from the beach."

When contacted, Kalapara

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Ranjit Kumar said, "I heard the matter. I will take steps to stop lifting sand from the beach."

In January last year, another construction firm started sand lifting from the beach in the same way but the district administration later stopped the work.

On December 6, Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (BAPA) organised a human chain on the beach to save it from erosion, green house effect.



Sand lifting on Kuakata sea beach, being done to repair an LGED rest house nearby, makes the area vulnerable to erosion by waves.

Tendons of BNP activist severed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Khulna

Tendons of legs of a BNP activist were cut allegedly by Awami League (AL) activists in Prottyasha residential area here yesterday.

The victim is Sohail Rana, 26, son of Nurul Islam Sarder of Gallamari Darga Road in Batiaghata Police Station. Witnesses said AL activists Milon, Kanchan and Uzzal picked up Rana from Nirala residential area in Khulna Sadar Police Station at about 10-30am. They took him to Prottyasha residential area and cut tendons of his legs. Later, he was admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital from where his father shifted him to a clinic for security reason.

Confirming the incident, police said none was arrested in this connection.

ERSHAD'S VACATED JS SEAT IN KURIGRAM

JP, AL leaders lobby for party ticket

RAFIQUE SARKER, back from Kurigram

Several leaders of Jatiya Party (JP) and Awami League (AL) have started lobbying with the party high ups for nomination for contesting the by-election to Kurigram-2 constituency vacated by JP Chairman HM Ershad.

Ershad, who won three parliamentary seats in the December 29 elections, had retained Dhaka-17 constituency and vacated Kurigram-2 and Rangpur-3 before taking oath as member of the parliament.

Three former JP lawmakers, Golam Habib Dulal, Lily Choudhury, Karim Uddin Vorasha, and Maj (ret'd) Abdus

Salam and Md Shamsul Hoque are making frantic efforts to get JP nomination for contesting the by poll from Kurigram-2 constituency.

Golam Habib Dulal got defeated in Kurigram-4 while Karim Uddin Vorasha in Rangpur-4 constituencies in the December 29 elections. Lily Choudhury was JP MP from reserved seats in the eighth parliament.

A leader of JP district unit requesting anonymity said most of the party leaders and activists won't accept any outsider as JP candidate for this parliamentary seat.

He said Karim Uddin Vorasha and Golam Habib Dulal are not residents of this

constituency and chance of their winning in the by-poll is bleak.

Dulal is from Chilmari upazila of Kurigram while Vorasha from Kounia upazila in Rangpur.

Awami League district unit president Maj Gen (ret'd) AMSA Ameen and secretary Zafar Ali are also lobbying with the party high ups for nomination to contest the election to Kurigram-2 constituency.

Before December 29 election, AL nominated Zafar Ali as its candidate for the constituency. Later, he was withdrawn in favour of grand alliance candidate HM Ershad.

VILLAGE ARBITRATION 7 of a family 'outcast' for a month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Rajshahi

Declared 'social outcast' by a village arbitration one month ago, seven members of a family at Ghratikanchon village in Kolma union of Tanore upazila are still facing the ordeal.

At a village arbitration, Moslem Uddin's family has been prohibited from talking to neighbours, exchanging goods with them, taking bath in ponds and even saying prayers at the local mosque.

Moslem lodged a complaint with local police more than two weeks ago, but to no effect.

According to the complaint, Moslem's son Sazzad Hossain recently quarreled with Warish Ali, a neighbour over a disputed land. Warish later sought 'justice' from mator (village leader) Mofiz Uddin.

The arbitration held on January 3 fined Sazzad Tk 1,000 which he refused to pay terming it 'unilateral and unjust'.

In another arbitration held two days later, Sazzad was again fined, this time Tk 10,000 for rejecting previous judgement.

The arbitration also ruled for expelling Sazzad and his family members from society until he pays off the fine.

Tk 8cr low quality fertiliser seized at Nagarbari

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Pabna

Agriculture officials yesterday seized substandard fertiliser worth about Tk 8 crore from five vessels at Nagarbari ghat, official sources said.

The vessels carried about 2,660 tonnes of substandard TSP fertiliser from Chittagong. A godown containing 5,620 bags of fertiliser was sealed off at the ghat, said Bera upazila agriculture officer Md Jalal Uddin.

"When the fertiliser was being loaded at Chittagong port, departmental officials ordered to seize the same at Nagarbari because of its inferiority", he said.

'Desh Trading' imported it from China, officials said.

Bera police is now on alert at Nagarbari, police said.

Nagarbari is one of the largest fertiliser markets in the northern region. Most of fertilisers are supplied to northern districts through this port.



Students of Pabna Edward College agitating in front of the deputy commissioner's office protesting stabbing of a fellow by criminals yesterday.

Stabbing of student sparks violent protest in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Pabna

Students of Pabna Edward College went on the rampage yesterday after a student was stabbed by a gang of criminals on the campus on Tuesday night.

They damaged vehicles including a BRTC bus, two minibuses and a three-wheeler on Pabna bypass road and ransacked at least 25 shops in the town.

Later, the agitating stu-

dents went to the deputy commissioner's office in a procession and staged a demonstration demanding punishment to the culprits responsible for stabbing a fellow.

They also submitted a seven-point demand to the college authorities. The demands include appointment of permanent gatekeepers at all college gates and keeping campus free from criminal activities.

College authorities held an

urgent meeting at noon and assured the students of fulfilling their demands.

Campus sources said Abdus Salam, a second year student of mathematics department, was stabbed by a gang of criminals on the college campus at about 9:00pm on Monday.

Hearing scream, some students rushed to the spot, rescued Salam and took him to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Outlaw killed in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Jhenidah

An outlaw was killed in a 'shootout' with law enforcers at Kotchandpur bus stand in Jhenidah yesterday.

He was identified as Shamsul alias Ali Robin, 32, a regional leader of Biplobi Communist Party.

Earlier, the outlaw demanded Tk 5 lakh from a trader and asked him to come at Kotchandpur bus stand with the amount, at around 11:00am on Tuesday.

Being informed by the trader, plainclothes police personnel took position at the bus stand.

As soon as the trader reached there, Robin came to him to take the money. When the police personnel encircled Robin, he opened fire, prompting the law enforcers to retaliate.

Police sources said Robin received bullets during shootout and died on the spot. They said Robin was wanted in 19 cases including five for murder.

Police recovered two shutter guns, two bombs and three bullets from the spot.

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০৪	সমগ্র পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (পিপিএ-২০০৮ এবং পিপিআর-২০০৮) মোতাবেক।	
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০৬	দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ	প্রজ্ঞাপনা নং।	
০৭	দরপত্র ও সিডিউল বিজ্ঞপ্তির স্থান ও তারিখ	১) কার্যালয়, পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, শহীদ জিয়াউর রহমান মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতাল, বতড়া। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচারের তারিখের পর হইতে ০১-০৩-২০০৯ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রত্যেক কর্ম দিবস সকাল ৮.০০ ঘটিকা হতে দুপুর ২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত বিক্রয় করা হইবে।	
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১২	কার্যের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	সিডিউলের বর্ণনা মোতাবেক।	
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১৬	সরবরাহের সময়সীমা	কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্তির ১৫ কর্মদিবসের মধ্যে।	
১৭	বিশেষ নির্দেশিকা	দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন/ক্রয় কমিটির সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলিয়া বিবেচ্য হইবে। যে কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা আর্নেস্টমনির দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হইবে। দরপত্রের সর্বশেষ সিডিউল বিজ্ঞপ্তি বর্ণিত থাকিবে।	
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অনিবার্য কারণবশত দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন/যোগ্যতার দিন অথবা বন্ধ থাকিলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই স্থানে ও একই সময় স্বপক্ষে গ্রহণ ও খোলা হইবে।

পরিচালক

শহীদ জিয়াউর রহমান মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতাল

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Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Head Quarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka

Invitation for Tender

1.	Name of the work	Construction of public toilet/watch tower, guard room, relocation of welfare market & development, extension of high school at Osmani International Airport, Sylhet (SH:- Construction of public toilet).			
2.	Source of fund	Capital expenditure (Investment of Fixed Asset) Code No. 100.			
3.	Tender package No.	07/2008-09 (Osmani).			
4.	Invitation for tenders ref. No. & date	CAAB/W-16(A)/Part-26(Ka)/982 dated: 28-12-2008.			
5.	Eligibility of tenderers	CAAB enlisted A-Class (Civil) or above class contractor/contractor having licence of equivalent or above class in any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization and who have experience in successful completion of civil work valued Tk. 16 (sixteen) lac in a single work order during last 5 (five) years in any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization can apply for purchasing tender document.			
6.	Name and address of the offices selling tender document	a) Superintending Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b) Executive Engineer, Civil Division-3, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. c) Accounts Officer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. d) PA to Member (Ops. & Pns.), CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. e) PA to Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. f) Airport Manager, Osmani Int'l. Airport, Sylhet.			
7.	Name and address of the office receiving tender	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka.			
8.	Name and address of the office opening tender	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka in presence of the contractor or their representative (if any).			
9.	Last date and time for selling tender document	24-02-2009 during office hours.			
10.	Last date and time for submission of tenders	26-02-2009 up to 12.00 hours.			
11.	Date and time for opening of tenders	26-02-2009 at 12.30 hours.			
12.	Special instructions	At the time of purchasing tender schedule, attested copy of affidavit/articles of memorandum/joint venture agreement/ partnership agreement to be enclosed along with the application.			
13.	Brief description of goods and services (works and service)				
Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document in Taka	Tender security in Taka (refundable)	Time for completion in days/weeks/ months.
	Construction of public toilet (as per description of schedule attached with the tender document)	Osmani Int'l. Airport, Sylhet	Tk. 1000/= (one thousand) only (non-refundable)	Tk. 78,200/= (seventy eight thousand two hundred) only to be furnished in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay-Order/ Irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Superintending Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.	60 (sixty) days
14.	Special conditions	The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.			

Harunur Rashid Bhuiyan

Chief Engineer (CC)

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

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Strawberry, the juicy red money-spinner

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT,
back from Panchagarh

Strawberry, usually a fruit of the winter countries, has been successfully cultivated in Panchagarh district, thanks to the initiative of Jessore Golden Seed Farm.

Inspired by Dr Manzur Hossain, Professor of Botany Department of Rajshahi University, the farm set a strawberry nursery at Haldharjot village on 2.7 acres of land in Omarkhana union under Panchagarh Sadar upazila and started planting saplings on July 10 last year.

The farm that formally opened commercial marketing of the juicy red fruit yesterday, earlier signed agreement with Agora and Nondon in Dhaka to supply strawberry at Tk 650 per kg. The two mega shops sell the fruit at Tk 850 per kg.

Strawberry, which is usually eaten raw as fruit, is also used in preparing ice cream, jam, jelly, chocolate, biscuit and other foods.

"In the current season 1.5 tonnes of strawberry may be produced on one bigha of land. The market price would be Tk 8/10 lakh. We hope that local farmers will collect saplings from the nursery within a short time," Hafizur Rahman, director of Jessore Golden Seed, said at a function on the nursery premises yesterday.



Strawberry picked from the orchard raised by Jessore Golden Seed Farm at Haldharjot village in Panchagarh Sadar upazila.

Thakurgaon Additional Deputy Commissioner Monzur Hasan Bhuiyan attended the function as chief guest and Professor Dr Manzur Hossain of Rajshahi University Botany Department as special guest.

"The nursery has been set up here to spread strawberry cultivation among the farmers. The weather of the district is favourable for its cultivation as the winter stays here longer than many other areas of the country," Dr Manzur Hossain said at the function.

"Strawberry usually grows in the countries where winter prevails for long period. Through tissue culture, we developed the varieties that

can be grown in our climate," he said.

For better yield, strawberry is to be planted in November and December.

The plants start flowering within one month of plantation and fruits start ripening after 45 days. The fruiting continues up to four months.

Each plant bears around 250 to 300 grams of fruits and some 6,000 plants can be grown on a bigha of land, Dr Monjur said.

Locally produced strawberry bears a bright prospect for export to different countries including Europe where strawberry is not grown in winter, he said.