

2 held for '71 killing on police remand

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Rajshahi

Daud Hossain and Nur-e-Anwar, arrested on Friday, in a case filed in connection with killing of 15 people during the Liberation War in 1971, were yesterday taken on a two-day remand.

Police produced the two in Rajshahi Judicial Magistrate's Court, seeking a five-day remand. But the court granted two days' remand for them.

Police arrested Daud and Anwar at their homes in Bamundighi Berabari village under Mohanpur upazila at dawn. Daud is an activist of Jamaat-e-Islami while Anwar belongs to BNP.

During the day-long interrogation by Mohanpur police on Friday, Daud and Anwar admitted that they were 'Razakars' during the Liberation War, but denied their involvement in the killing of 15 people.

Terming the statements of the accused false, relatives of the 15 martyrs and villagers demanded speedy trial of the 'killers'. "I joined Razakar Bahini under the leadership of Daud. I took part in different operations after Pakistani

soldiers trained us at Rajshahi Madrasa field", a police source quoted Anwar as saying.

Talking to The Daily Star, Rajshahi Superintendent of Police M Shahabuddin Khan said police arrested the two after primary investigations found the allegations against them to be true.

"They are accused of murder under Section 302/34 of Bangladesh Penal Code. They committed the crime during the Liberation War", said the district police chief replying to



Two accused in a case for '71 killings being taken to jail after a Rajshahi court placed them on a two-day remand yesterday.

a question.

Merajul Islam Sheikh, son of Basir Uddin Sheikh, one of the 15 martyrs of Birsol in Shahmakhdom, lodged the case with a Rajshahi court against 19 people on June 22 last year. Police recorded the case on September 13.

The complainant said the accused picked up 15 people, who were helping the freedom fighters at Bogpara Mugroli of Mohonpur on November 30, 1971, and killed them the following day.

ROW OVER APPOINTMENT Pro-AL staff at RU assault dy, asst registrars

RU CORRESPONDENT

Pro-Awami League officials and employees of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday assaulted Deputy Registrar Gyanendra Narayan Roy and Assistant Registrar Zakirul Islam and forced them to leave their offices as they appointed a fourth class employee at steward section under 'political consideration'.

Campus sources said Gyanendra Narayan Roy and Zakirul Islam, chief and deputy chief of the university steward section, appointed Jamal Uddin, reportedly a BNP supporter, at the section on verbal order of Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Mammunul Keramat on Tuesday.

As the news spread on the campus yesterday, around one hundred officers and employees, led by pro-AL Officers and Employees Association General Secretary Ayub Ali and member Rabbel Hossain, went to the steward section, assaulted the

two officials and forced them to leave their office rooms.

They also locked the rooms and cut off telephone and power connections.

The agitating staff later staged a demonstration in front of the pro-VC's office and gave him a 24 hours' deadline to cancel the appointment of Jamal Uddin. Otherwise, they threatened to launch a tougher movement.

They also asked the pro-VC to stop fresh recruitment and refrain himself from taking important decisions relating to the university.

At a press conference on the campus, the agitating officers and employees alleged that the pro-VC has secretly taken an initiative to recruit some teachers, officers and employees under political consideration.

They demanded his resignation and urged the government to immediately appoint a full-fledged vice chancellor at the university.



Fishing boats lie idle on the Padma as scanty fish due to lack of flow in the once mighty river has thrown thousands of fishermen out of job.

Padma water level falls threatening irrigation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Water level of 'mighty Padma' is falling fast threatening irrigation projects in the southern and northern districts.

Most of the rivers' tributaries of this zone are drying up affecting irrigation under the 'Ganga-Kobadak (GK) project, sources said.

Navigation is becoming difficult, fishes depleting throwing thousands of fishermen out of job.

The quantity of water down from the Farakka point has decreased alarmingly due to unilateral withdrawal of the Ganges water by upper riparian India, unofficial sources informed. But the officials claim that Bangladesh gets the promised share of water.

Bangladesh is supposed to get 50 percent of water in each 10 days cycle alternatively from January 4 to May 31 every year as per the

water sharing agreement. In that case, Bangladesh should get 66 to 70 thousand cusec water. But in fact, only 50 to 55 thousand cusec water have been released in each cycle of January this year, sources said.

"Bangladesh gets the appropriate proportion of water as promised in the water sharing agreement. The agreement says the share of water would be calculated on the basis of the water level at Farakka point. So if the water level at Farakka point goes high, then Bangladesh will get more water but if the water level is low, then the country will get less." Md Daulat Uz Zaman, a high official of Pabna Hydrology Department told this correspondent.

There are three main pumps and 12 sub-pumps under the project, he said, adding minimum 4 (3.93) metre water level in Padma would be needed to keep the pumps operative.

Experts forecast that the water level will recede alarmingly in March and April, seriously affecting the irrigation project.

For want of textbook in mother tongue

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

Want of textbooks in mother languages and lack of teachers from the communities hamper schooling of indigenous children in the district.

Most of the indigenous children of different villages in Chapainawabganj Sadar, Gomostapur and Nachole upazila in the district have hardly any scope to speak their mother tongue outside their community. At school, they learn Bangla and English but not their mother language. Language barrier affects not only their learning but also relationship between Bangalee and indigenous students.

Krishna Baski, Palboti Murmu and Ratan Tudu, class two students of Bill Bailtha Adibasi Adarsha Primary School, are lucky enough as their teachers belonging to indigenous Kole community speak the mother tongue. However, they are far from getting a smooth learning atmosphere as textbooks are in Bangla and English.

Condition of most other indigenous learners in the district is worse as they have to get instruction from Bangla speaking teachers.

According to indigenous leaders in Chapainawabganj, at

least 25,000 indigenous people belonging to Santal, Oraon, Mahato, Kole, Rajbangshi, and a few other small indigenous communities live in the district. The Santals are the largest community among them.

"Indigenous children are deprived as there is lack of textbooks in mother languages.

Our Santali language is being used in Roman alphabet," said Markus Murmu, a teacher of Bill Bailtha Adibasi Adarsha Primary School of Bill Bailtha village under Jhilim union in Sadar upazila.

"Dropout rate among the indigenous children is very alarming. They lose interest in learning as the medium of early education is not mother language," said Dr Mazharul Islam Toru, a researcher and associate professor of Bangla department of Chapainawabganj Government College.

Bangladesh is a signatory to the United Nations charter that gives all communities of the world the right to receive education in their mother language.

A bill ratifying the charter was passed in parliament in 1997, but the law is yet to see implementation in case of indigenous people.

Youth stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Moulvibazar

A young man was stabbed to death in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar district on Friday night.

The victim, Farhad Chowdhury Sohad of Singrauli village in Kamalganj upazila under the district, came to Purbo Monsur village in Kulaura upazila to join the wedding ceremony of his cousin Shamsuddoha on Friday.

At about 7:30pm, Farhad came out from the house as Ahmed Ishtehad Abbas Ruso, also a cousin of bridegroom Shamsuddoha, called him.

As Ruso stabbed Farhad, he died on the spot while the killer managed to escape, police said.

Gaibandha awaits bumper potato

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Gaibandha

Despite some problems due to chilly and foggy weather, potato farmers in Gaibandha district are expecting high

yield in the current crop season.

Farmers in the district have already started reaping early variety of the winter vegetable.

Cultivation target in this season was met as potato was

cultivated on 10,225 hectares of land in seven upazilas of Gaibandha district, deputy director of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in the district said.

To achieve production

target of one lakh tonne of potato, DAE provided potato growers with all sorts of help, including supply of high yielding variety seeds, fertilizer and pesticide. Bank loans were also given for its smooth cultivation.

This time potato growers are widely using natural fertilizer and herbal pesticides to get more production.

During a visit to Tarapur union in Sundarganj upazila, this correspondent saw farmers spraying pesticide to check worm and diseases in vast areas of potato field.

"We are getting good result of using herbal pesticide," said labourers working in a crop field at Tarapur.

The farmers of Sundarganj, Sadullapur and Gobindaganj upazilas have expressed optimism about good yield this season.

"I expect over hundred maunds of potato production per bigha in this crop season," said Azizur of village Chachia Mirganj in Sundarganj upazila.

"Pests and diseases, not foggy weather, are major problem for potato cultivation. This time measures have been taken to check the two enemies of potato," said Sadullapur Upazila Agriculture Officer Obaidur Rahman.

Sundarbans Day observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira.

People of Satkhira yesterday took out a procession, formed a human chain and held a discussion in the district town in observance of the Sundarbans Day.

The world's discussion on the largest mangrove forest was held at Satkhira Pourasava auditorium with its joint convenor Mostafizur Rahman Ujjal in the chair.

Speakers urged the government to observe the Sundarbans Day at state level to create awareness among the people to protect the forest.

They said the Sundarbans is not only a source of revenue earning but also as a shield to protect south-western region from onslaught of natural disasters.

They urged the government to take necessary steps to save the Sundarbans from looters, poachers, criminals and corrupt officials.



PHOTO: STAR

Farmers spraying pesticide in a potato field at Tarapur in Sundarganj upazila.



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Sub:- Suspension of BPDB's Tender Invited for Emergency Procurement of Materials & Equipment for Renovation & Augmentation of Distribution Lines and Sub-Stations Project under Distribution Zone, Chittagong

The following tenders invited by the office of the undersigned for procurement of different materials is hereby suspended due to unavoidable circumstances.

Sl. No.	Tender Enquiry No. & date	Description of materials/equipment	Tender Advertisement date	Tender closing/receiving date
1.	Pur-134/ERADP/Ctg/2008 dt. 31/12/2008 (Lot-2 only)	Guy with fittings	31/12/2008	12/02/2009
2.	Pur-137/ERADP/Ctg/2008 dt. 31/12/2008	Transformer Platform	31/12/2008	16/02/2009
3.	Pur-140/ERADP/Ctg/2008 dt. 31/12/2008	MCCB (200 Amps & 100 Amps), 11KV DOFC with Fuse Link & 11 KV, Lightning Arrester	31/12/2008	18/02/2009
4.	Pur-146/ERADP/Ctg/2008 dt. 31/12/2008	Preformed for WASP & ANT	31/12/2008	26/02/2009
5.	Pur-158/ERADP/Ctg/2008 dt. 12/01/2009	Angle Rack, 5-Spool & Channel Rack, 5-Spool	12/01/2009	23/02/2009

As such all further activities of those tender will remain stopped until further order.

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SADHARAN BIMA CORPORATION (SBC)
REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT, HEAD OFFICE
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INVITATION FOR TWO STAGE TENDER (IFT) (RE-TENDER)

Sadharan Bima Corporation invites sealed tenders from interested eligible local contractor (Firm or JVCA) to submit tender for detailed architectural, electrical, sanitary, plumbing, design and drawings to modernize the Interior decoration of the 9th floor, 5th floor (North side) and ground floor as business strategy of Sadharan Bima Bhaban, 33, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.

At the first stage, un-priced technical proposal should be submitted in sealed cover on the basis of tender document outlining a conceptual architectural design and/or a stipulated performance specification. In response to the invitation, tenderer shall submit tender with their proposed design describing the technical performance, quality and other characteristics of the works & related services, which they best suited to meet the needs of procuring entity.

Tender dropping, opening and other informations are as per (IFT). The technical proposals received, will subsequently be evaluated on the basis of the evaluation criteria shown in the tender documents. responsive tenderer in the first-stage shall be invited to submit their priced "best and final" tender, including tender security in the second stage.

- Tender Name** : To modernize the Interior decoration of the 9th floor, 5th floor (North side) and ground floor as business strategy of Sadharan Bima Bhaban, 33, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. (On turn-key basis)
- Source of Funds** : Sadharan Bima Corporation's own fund.
- Tender Package No.** : O.T.M-03
- Invitation for Tenders No. & Date** : SBC/RE/HO/RENO/BHABAN-1/03/2009, Dated : 11/02/2009.
- Time for Completion of the work** : 90 (Ninety) days.
- Eligibility of Tenderers** : i) The tenderer must have experience in last 3-years in satisfactory completion of Interior decoration of building, costing minimum Tk. 30 (Thirty) lac in a single work order in any Govt. / semi. Govt. / Autonomous body / NGO / Private (Experience certificate must be enclosed with tender)
ii) Having valid trade license, up-to-date Income Tax clearance certificate and VAT registration certificate.
iii) Financially solvent and must enjoy credit facilities from Bank.
- Price of Tender Document** : Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka One thousand) only in cash. (Non-refundable)
- Amount of Tender Security** : TK. 2,00,000.00 (Two lac) only in favour of Sadharan Bima Corporation in the form of Bank Draft/Pay order/Bank Guarantee etc.
- Name and address of the office(s) selling tender document** : a) Accounts Department of Sadharan Bima Corporation 33, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.
- Name and address of the office(s) Receiving Tender** : a) Asstt. General Manager (Real Estate Department) Sadharan Bima Corporation, 33, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.
- Name and address of the office Opening Tender** : a) General Manager (Real Estate Department) Sadharan Bima Corporation 33, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.
- Last date and time for selling Tender Documents** : Up to 18/03/2009 during office hours.
- Last Date and time for Tender submission.** : Up to 2.00 Noon on 19/03/2009
- Date and time for Tender Opening** : At 3.00 PM on 19/03/2009 before the tender opening committee in the conference room of G.M. (R/E), Sadharan Bima Corporation (Tenderer's authorized representative are allowed to attend)
- Place of Pre-Tender meeting (Optional)** : Not Applicable
- Date and Time of Pre-Tender meeting (Optional)** : Not Applicable
- Special Instructions** : a) Sadharan Bima Corporation reserves the right to reject all tenders prior to acceptance.
b) The provision laid down in the "The Public Procurement Regulations 2008" shall be in strict compliance.
- Brief description of works and Related Services** : To modernize the Interior decoration of the 9th floor, 5th floor (North side) and ground floor as business strategy of Sadharan Bima Bhaban, 33, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. (On turn-key basis)

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