

# Poppy field destroyed near Jhenidah border

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Members of the law enforcing agencies yesterday destroyed a poppy field at Nepa village under Moheshpur upazila in the district.

On a tip-off, Police, Rab, BDR and the officials of drug and narcotics control department raided the area and

destroyed the 'opium poppy' grown on five bighas in the village, 62 kilometre away from the district town.

Police said, an Indian citizen identifying himself Nur Mohammad, son of late Sariatullah under Bashbaria union of Chunir Ayet village, cultivated the poppy on the land taking lease from one

Harun-or-Rashid, son of late Abdul Kader of Nepa village.

During a visit to Nepa, villagers told this correspondent that Nur Mohammad took lease of five bighas for Tk 25,000 from Harun in September last and cultivated poppy on it.

Farmers Zahurul Islam, Moniruzzaman and Mominur

Rahman of Nepa village said they never had any idea about poppy although they worked just beside the poppy cultivated land.

"We did not know this was poppy, rather they told us that these are spices used with betel leaf," said Zahurul Islam quoting Nur Mohammad.

Lutfur Rahman, sub assistant director of Drug and Narcotics Control Department of Jhenidah said heroin, opium, pethidin, morphine and phensidyl are made from juice of poppy.

About 700gram to one kilogram juice of poppy is usually produced from each bigha which is worth around Tk 60-80 thousand, he added.

Moinul Islam, chairman of Nepa said, they have never heard of cultivating poppy. Indian citizen Nur Mohammad started this telling them that it is a kind of spice.

Hasan Hafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Moheshpur police station, said he got information a few days ago that an Indian citizen cultivated poppy on the field at Nepa and he informed it to the higher authorities.

Contacted, Superintendent of Police (SP) of Jhenidah said, they destroyed the poppy yesterday in presence of all and are trying to find out the culprits involved in its cultivation.



PHOTO: STAR

A poppy field near Jhenidah border before its destruction yesterday.

## Case against Biswas: 8 witnesses examined

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Eight witnesses of a sensational case lodged against Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdul Latif Biswas and others gave their statements before Judicial Magistrate Court here in three phases on February 16, 19 and 22.

District Election Officer-1 Nitish Chandra Dey filed the case on January 22 against Biswas, his daughter Soma Biswas and several Awami League (AL) leaders on charge of violating election code of conduct during last upazila election.

Judicial Magistrate Siraj Uddin Iqbal recorded their statements.

The eight witnesses are Deputy Commissioner Humayun Kabir, Superintendent of Police Alamgir Rahman, District Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer and Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Abdul Quayum, Assistant Returning Officer and Belkuchi Upazila Nirbahi Officer Nasir Uddin, Belkuchi Upazila Election Officer Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain, Presiding Officer Abul Hossain, Belkuchi Police Station Officer-in-Charge Arman Hossain and Presiding Officer Masud Karim.

However, their statements could not be known immediately.



PHOTO: GOLAM MOSTAFA JIBON

Curious villagers watch as fire burns with gas coming out from a tube-well at Madhyajotpara in Chowhali upazila in Sirajganj district. Locals believe there is a gas filed in the area as tube-well pipes installed for water at several points in the village released only gas.

## Cheating in novel way

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

'Bad luck' befell two senior students hired by a madrasa superintendent to appear in the ongoing Dakhil (equivalent to SSC) examinations as Jaldhaka upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) detained them from Chhit Mirganj Dakhil Madrasa examination centre yesterday.

The detainees, Siddukur Rahman (roll No 174430) and Nur-un-Nabi (roll No 174433) were appearing as students of Shimul Bari Kashem Bazaar Dakhil Madrasa in Jaldhaka upazila from where they passed the Dakhil examinations in 2007.

Siddukur Rahman is presently a second year student of Alhaz Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury Krishi College while Nur-un-Nabi is a Fazil (equivalent to HSC) student in Gar Dharmapal Fazil Madrasa, they told the UNO during interrogation.

Shahidul Islam, superintendent of Shimul Bari Kashem Bazaar Dakhil Madrasa, arranged their appearing from the madrasa this year to save government's Monthly Payment Order (MPO) for the institution, sources said.

There are 12 teachers in Shimul Bari Kashem Bazaar Dakhil Madrasa while the

number of Dakhil examinees is only eight this year.

Apprehending that the students would fail to pass the Dakhil examinations due to 'low quality teaching' provided at the madrasa, the superintendent hired his two ex-students, who would 'surely pass' and thus help to avoid suspension of MPO for the madrasa.

As per a directive by the Ministry of Education, there is provision for suspending MPO of an educational institution if none passes from there.

The superintendent has gone into hiding while the two arrested students were sent to jail.

There are allegations that the superintendent did similar malpractice earlier also.

In Shimul Bari union, there are five madrasas within short distances from each other as education ministry criteria for setting up a new madrasa were violated during their establishment.

During the last four-party alliance government, many educational institutions were granted MPO allegedly on political considerations although they failed to fulfil the official criteria to get MPO.

## IU TEACHERS, STUDENTS WARN Resolve VC issue or face agitation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The teachers association and different students organisations yesterday asked the Islamic University (IU) authorities to resolve the month-long stalemate over appointment of a vice-chancellor (VC) by today or face tougher agitation.

The university is running without VC since January 15.

At a press conference held at the university, the Islamic University Teachers Association (IUTA) warned that they would launch a tougher programme if their demand is not met within the deadline.

About a week ago, the IUTA gave a 7-day ultimatum

demanding appointment of a new VC which ends today.

IUTA urged Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who is also chancellor of the university to intervene and ensure early appointment of a new VC as the university is facing a virtual deadlock.

IUTA at a meeting yesterday discussed their next course of action which includes rally, memorandum to university chancellor and even class boycott in case the authorities rejected their demand.

The student organisations that staged agitation yesterday are Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) and Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree (BCM).

## Severe power crisis grips 16 dists

Industries, cultivation, shrimp farms affected

QUAZI AMANULLAH, Brahmanbaria

Sixteen districts under West Zone Power Distribution Company Limited (WZPDCL) have again been in grip of severe power crisis, hampering cultivation of Irri-Boro, production in mills and factories, works in export-oriented fish processing factories and other trade activities.

Water supply in Khulna city and industrial units surrounding the city has also been affected by power outages, said a reliable source in Khulna WASA.

Most of the areas outside Khulna are likely to face outages for at least 8 to 10 hours a

day. During the power outage, Md Kamrul Islam, executive engineer of Khulna Power Station, said the power crisis is about to bring economic activities to standstill.

Meanwhile, Khulna Power Station (KPS) is facing a dangerous situation due to acute shortage of carbon dioxide gas and fire extinguishing materials. Authorities concerned are yet to take any positive move to procure the important things despite getting allocation of fund seven months ago.

Crisis of carbon dioxide gas and fire extinguishing materials may result in enormous damages in case of any big fire, it is learnt.

Sources said government allocated only Tk 3 lakh in August last year for purchasing carbon dioxide gas and fire extinguishing tools. But these are yet to be purchased.

Abdur Rashid Mandol, acting chief engineer of Khulna Power Station, said Tk 3 lakh is quite insufficient to meet requirements for this purpose.

Due to technical glitch, a fire incident occurred at the 110 MW plant of Khulna Power Station on February 15. As a result, the plant went out of order. With this, three of the four plants of KPS are still out of order due to technical glitches.

The 110 MW plant has been limping with manifold technical problems since 1984. It has not been overhauled since July 2002 although a power plant requires overhauling every five year.

The 60MW plant installed in

the area was shut down for the last time in August 1999 has remained shut since July 2006 due to major technical faults. This plant sent to Belgrade in September 2006 for repair works is expected to resume power generation in June this year, executive engineer said.

The two 56MW barge mounted power plants of KPS were finally shut down in 2007 as they sustained severe damages caused by frequent fire incidents.

Presently, two private owned power plants—50 MW Khulna Power Company Limited (KPCL) and 40MW rental power plant—are in operation. PDB purchases electricity from the two plants at Tk 14.12 and Tk 15.27 per unit.

Executive Engineer Kamrul Islam said if overhauled properly then both 60 and 110 megawatts plants can have the capacity to produce at least 58 and 95 megawatts of electricity for the next six or seven years.

He said Tk 200 crore is needed to make the 100MW and 60 MW plants fully fit for normal power generation after properly overhauling them.

When asked, acting Chief Engineer Abdur Rashid Mandol blamed the caretaker government for cancelling a proposal for overhauling these two important power plants.

He said a huge amount of money can be saved if the two power plants are put into operation after overhauling instead of buying electricity at much higher price from private owned power plants.

## Oath of UZ chairmen of 3 dists Feb 26

STAR REPORT

The newly elected upazila chairmen and vice-chairmen of Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira districts will take oath on February 26.

Khulna Divisional Commissioner Md Yunusur Rahman will administer oath to 24 chairmen and 48 vice-chairmen elected from 24 upazilas of the three districts in the conference room of his office, according to our staff correspondent from Khulna.

As pre electoral code of conduct, the upazila chairmen must resign from the party he or she belongs to and submit statements of their assets to the respective deputy commissioners before taking oath.

"They are to submit their wealth reports by February 23," said Khulna District Election Officer Md Mujibar Rahman.

There are nine upazilas in

Khulna, nine in Bagerhat and six in Satkhira district.


Awami League has captured 48 out of 59 posts of Chairman in ten districts of Khulna division while BNP, Jamaat and Jatiya Party have won 4, 5 and 2 posts in the recently held upazila elections.

SYLHET

Our Staff Correspondent from Sylhet adds: Chairmen and vice-chairmen of 12 upazilas under Sylhet district yesterday took oath.

Zafar Ahmed, divisional commissioner of Sylhet, administered oath to upazila chairmen and vice-chairmen at a simple ceremony held at zila parishad auditorium.

Director of the Local Government Department—Fazlul karim Chowdhury conducted the function. Deputy Commissioner—Sazzadul Hasan and other officials were present.



**Rajshahi City Corporation**  
Engineering Dept., Water Supply Section, Rajshahi


**Invitation for Tenders (IFT) (2<sup>nd</sup> Call)**

1	Invitation for	Tender for supply of submersible pump motor set & hand tube-well, pipe line accessories.
2	Invitation Ref. No. & date	RCC/Engr. (Water)/09/2700, 12/02/2009.
3	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
4	Budget and source of funds	Annual Development Fund of the procuring entity (block allocation).
5	Tender package No.	GD-1 & GD-2
6	Tender package name	GD-1: Supply of Submersible Pump Motor Set. GD-2: Supply of Hand Tube-well, Pipe Line Accessories & Tools.
7	Tender publication date	15/02/2009
8	Tender last selling date	01/03/2009 up to 5:00pm.
9	Tender closing date and time	02/03/2009 up to 12:00 noon.
10	Tender opening date and time	02/03/2009 at 12:30pm.
11	Name & address of the office(s)	-Selling tender document (principal) Accounts Department, Rajshahi City Corporation. -Selling tender document (others) (i) Sonali Bank, Court Branch, Rajshahi. (ii) Uttara Bank Ltd, Shaheb Bazar Branch, Rajshahi. Receiving tender document (i) Office of the Police Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, Rajshahi. (ii) Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Rajshahi City Corporation. -Opening tender document Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Rajshahi City Corporation.
12	Eligibility of tenderer	The invitation for tenders (IFT) is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below. (i) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (three) years of specific experience in the supply of pump motor (for Package No: GD-1) and water related goods (for Package No: GD-2). (ii) The tenderer shall have satisfactorily completed supply of similar goods of at least a value of Tk. 12.00 (twelve) lac (for Package No: GD-1) and Tk. 9.00 (nine) lac (for Package No: GD-2) in a single contract during the last five years. (k) The tender shall have the availability of minimum liquid assets or working capital or credit from a bank of Tk. 18.00 (eighteen) lac (for Package No: GD-1) and Tk. 12.00 (twelve) lac (for Package No: GD-2). (l) Other detailed eligibility and terms & conditions mentioned in the TDS of tender document (for both package).
13	Brief description of works	Package GD-1: Supply of 3(three) Nos Submersible Pump Motor Set. Package GD-2: Supply of Hand Tube-well, Pipe Line Accessories and Tools.
14	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Package GD-1: 750.00 (seven hundred fifty) (non-refundable). Package GD-2: 500.00 (five hundred) (non-refundable).
15	Package No.	Identification of package Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in days
	GD-1	Supply of 3 (three) Nos Submersible Pump Motor Set Store, Nagar Bhaban of RCC 36,000.00 20 (twenty) days
	GD-2	Supply of Hand Tube-well, Pipe Line Accessories and Tools Store, Nagar Bhaban of RCC 27,000.00 20 (twenty) days
16	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Parvez Mamud.
17	Designation of official inviting tender	Asstt. Engineer.
18	Address of official inviting tender	Nagar Bhaban, Kadirganj, Rajshahi City Corporation.
19	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. (Off) # 0721-776374, Fax # 0721-772140

Rajshahi City Corporation reserves the right to accept any tender and reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Md. Parvez Mamud**  
Asstt. Engineer (Water)  
Rajshahi City Corporation

RCC/PR/87 (2008-2009)  
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**Office of the CMES (Army) Chittagong**  
Chittagong Cantonment, Chittagong

**Notice for Invitation of Tender**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence.		
2	Agency	Military Engineer Services.		
3	Procuring entity name	CMES (Army) Chittagong.		
4	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.		
5	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).		
6	Budget and source of funds	Revenue budget and Govt. of Bangladesh (GOB).		
7	Tender invitation Ref No. & date	4012/82/E-4 Date 10-2-2009		
8	Tender publication date	25-2-2009		
9	Tender last selling date	11-3-2009		
10	Tender closing date and time	12-3-2009 at 12.00 hrs.		
11	Tender opening date and time	12-3-2009 at 12.30 hrs.		
12	Name & address of the office for selling, receiving and opening tender documents	CMES (Army) Chittagong, Chittagong Cantonment.		
13	Eligibility of tenderer	MES enlisted 'D' & 'E' class contractors and enlisted with other govt/semi-govt/other organization having security clearance from DGFI.		
14	Brief description of goods or works	As per SI/No-17 (a), (b), (c) & (d).		
15	Brief description of related services	NA		
16	Price of tender document (Tk)	As shown in SI/No-17 (a), (b), (c) & (d).		
17	Name of work & location	Tender security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of CMES (Army) Ctg Cantt (Tk)	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Completion time in weeks/months
a.	Repair/replacement/removal/re-fixing of internal electric supply system (North & South Zone Area) for SDO E/M-1 Sub-division of GE (Army) Comilla Cantt (Yearly)	19,000.00	500.00	01 (one) year
b.	Repair/replacement/removal/re-fixing of internal electric supply system (Centre Zone Area) for SDO E/M-1 Sub-division of GE (Army) Comilla Cantt (Yearly)	19,000.00	500.00	01 (one) year
c.	Repair/Maint and cleaning of septic tank different building, camps etc occupied by Bangladesh Army under SDO E/M-II Sub-division of GE (Army) Comilla Cantt (Yearly)	19,000.00	500.00	01 (one) year
d.	Repair/removal/replacement/re-fixing of domestic low pressure gas line with fitting/fixtures for SDO E/M-II Sub-division under GE (Army) Comilla Cantt (Yearly)	8800.00	300.00	01 (one) year
18	Name of official inviting tender	CMES (Army) Chittagong.		
19	Designation of official inviting tender	Superintendent Engineer.		
20	Address of official inviting tender	Chittagong Cantonment, Chittagong.		
21	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel Mil No.	NA	NA
		3046		
22	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
23	If the date of selling, submission and opening is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstance, next working day at same time and same place will be applicable for the same respectively.			

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Chittagong