

Mindless tourism puts St Martin's at risk

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Overcrowding of people in St Martin's Island and mindless tourism are posing threat to environment of the coral island in Teknaf upazila.

Six ships have been ferrying around 7,000 tourists a day from Teknaf to St Martin's Island for the last several weeks while 1500 more come by trawlers. The heavy rush is seriously disturbing the natural entity of the island, said an official at the local

office of the Department of Environment (DoE).

Failing to get accommodation in any of 23 hotels, motels and bungalows on the island, many tourists spend nights in the union parishad building and educational institutions, said St Martin's union parishad Chairman Feroz Ahmed Khan.

"Presence of a large number of tourists is adding to the crisis of underground water and garbage management and sewerage disposal problems. Bio-diversity and their habitat

are also under threat," Aminul Haque, environment official at Teknaf, said.

He said at least four of the six ships carrying tourists do not have bins and there is no proper system to remove garbage littered up by these ships after their departure. Tourists and ship staff often throw away huge amount of garbage into the sea and Naf River, polluting the water.

The government should intervene to control the number of ships and tourists, he said.

Some tourists take away items from the coast, adding to the vulnerability of the island, said an official.

DoE sources said Teknaf upazila authorities earlier sent several letters to the authorities of St Martin's bound ships requesting them to ensure proper management of garbage but to no effect.

Teknaf Upazila Nirbahi Officer Tofael Ahmed told this correspondent that different steps are being taken to protect bio-diversity and very existence of the island. Drives will be conducted to control movement of tourists on the beach at night, stop making loud noise and prevent carrying excess tourists by the ships.

As the ships carry much more passengers than capacity many have to stand on the roof, deck or railing risking life, said several tourists.

Three of the ships even do not carry life jackets for safety, they alleged.

From December last year six ships -- Keari Sindabad, St Kutubdia, Eagle, Sea Truck, Rangabali and Riggs Cross -- are plying the route. Last year per head fare for about 30-kilometre sea journey from Teknaf to St Martin's was Tk 300 to 420 but it has been raised by 20 to 23 per cent this year.

Manager of St Kutubdia, Russel Ahmed, however, said, "We are running the ships following rules. We do not do anything that damages environment. We have adequate number of life jackets and litter bins in our ship. Publicity is conducted on board the ship to make tourists aware about risks and environment."



Tourists getting relished in St Martin's watery beach. Onrush of merrymakers is posing a big threat to the coral island.



Wildfire wreaking havoc on Telmachara forest beat in Chunarughat of Habiganj district yesterday. Although it was brought under control, the fire gutted about 30,000 trees and different valuable species of plantation.

Stray bullet kills cop

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A police sub-inspector (SI) was killed when a bullet accidentally came out of a loaded pistol of his colleague and hit him in Chudanga yesterday.

The dead is Anisur Rahman, sub-inspector of Chudanga Sadar Police Station.

According to police, a team of law enforcers led by SI Anisur Rahman went to raid Muslimpara area of the town at about 9:00am to nab criminals. Liton, assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of the same police station, also accompanied Anisur.

After the operation, both were returning to the police station in a rickshaw. As Anisur took the pistol from Liton, suddenly a bullet went off and hit Anisur on the forehead.

Anisur fell to the ground and died on way to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

JCD activist held for stabbing RU BCL leader

RU CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested an activist of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Rajshahi University unit for his alleged involvement in stabbing a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on the university campus on Thursday last.

The arrestee is Asish Mahmud, a third year student of marketing department.

A group of youths stabbed BCL RU unit Zaman Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Motihar Police Station, near Kajla gate while he was returning to the campus riding a motorbike at around 7:00pm. Roni was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

After his release from the hospital yesterday morning, Roni filed a case with Motihar Police station against 12 JCD activists including Asish, Rajib, Tusher and Sajib.

Police launched a raid on the campus at around 12:30pm and arrested Asish in front of his department. Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Motihar Police Station, said they arrested Asish as he is an accused in the case.

Prof Bari new RU registrar

RU CORRESPONDENT

Prof MA Bari of Islamic history and culture department has been appointed registrar of Rajshahi University (RU).

Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan, who was appointed by the chancellor of the university on February 24, made Prof Bari registrar of the university yesterday.

On Sunday, RU acting registrar Prof Muhammad Shafi having alleged links with BNP-Jamaat resigned.

Earlier, different student organisations at RU demanded Prof Shafi's resignation as he filed cases against several hundred general students in connection with the August 22, 2008 violence on the campus.

KHULNA JOURNOS DEMAND ON HARUN'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY Revive case, punish masterminds

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Journalists here yesterday demanded punishment to the masterminds and financiers behind murder of local journalist Haroon-or-Rashid Khokon.

Yesterday was the seventh death anniversary of the crime reporter of Dainik Purbanchal who was gunned down by

criminals on March 2, 2002 at Mujgunni in the city. Khulna Press Club and Khulna Union of Journalists (KUJ) yesterday separately observed the anniversary and raised the demand.

In Harun's memory, the journalists laid wreaths at the victim's memorial at 10:00am, held discussion meeting at press club VIP lounge and

milad mehfil at noon. Presided by Press Club President AK Hiral, the discussion meeting organised by the Press Club was addressed by Sheikh Abu Hasan, Khulna bureau chief of Dainik Prothom Alo, Makbul Hossain Mintu of Dainik Jangar, Kanak Rahman of Dainik Samakal, Shubir Roy and Mohammad Shaheb Ali of Dainik Purbanchal, and Shahabuddin Ahmed of The Independent.

Speakers highlighted different aspects of Harun's career as journalist and praised his bold reports against terrorists and profes-

sional commitment. They alleged that the masterminds and financiers of the murder were left out of the charge sheet by the investigation officer of the case.

Besides, the three charge-sheeted accused Baby, Kala Amjad and Shaheen were acquitted by court because of lack of proper evidences due to laxity of the investigation officer, they said.

Verdict of the case was delivered on February 7 in 2006.

Speakers at the discussion demanded revival of the case and reinvestigation in order to ensure justice and punishment to real culprits.

36 houses, 34 shops gutted in 2 districts

STAR NATIONAL DESK

At least 36 houses and 34 shops were gutted in separate incidents of fire in two districts on Sunday night.

At Velazan village under Thakurgaon Sadar upazil, fire damaged 36 houses belonging to nine families at around 11:30pm.

In Pirojpur, at least 34 shops were gutted in a fire at Bhagirathpur Bazar under Mathbaria upazila the same night, according to our Barisal correspondent.

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS

1	Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2	Agency	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
3	Procuring Entity name	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A.
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Goods (Double Lot)
7	Invitation Ref. No.	391-EGCB/2009
8	Date	01-03-2009
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	ICT (Open Tendering Method.)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (EGCB's Own fund)
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A.
13	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A.
14	Tender Package No.	N/A.
15	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Different Types of Acid Proof and Rubberized Valves for Water Treatment Plant of Siddhirganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
16	Tender Publication Date	03-03-2009
17	Tender Last Selling Date	19-04-2009 up to 15:00 Hr (BST)
18	Tender Submission Date & Time	20-04-2009 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)
19	Tender Opening Date & Time	20-04-2009 on 12:30 Hrs (BST) (Tenderer's or their authorized representatives, if any, are allowed to attend).
20	Name and Address of the office(s) - Selling Tender Document - Receiving Tender Document - Opening Tender Document	Company Secretary, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhahan (8 th Floor), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Company Secretary, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhahan (8 th Floor), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Company Secretary, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhahan (8 th Floor), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre Tender Meeting	N/A.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	The Manufacturer/Tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (three) years of specific experience in the Production / supply of similar goods.
23	Brief Description of Goods	Procurement of Different Types of Acid Proof and Rubberized Valves for Water Treatment Plant of Siddhirganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
24	Brief Description of Related services	N/A.
25	Price of Tender Document (TK)	TK 2100/= (Two thousand one hundred) or US \$ 30/= (Thirty) to be paid in the form of Bank Draft / Pay order in favor of Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
26	Lot No.	Identification of Lot
	Location	Tender Security Amount
	Completion Time	
Lot-1	Different Types of Acid Proof and Rubberized Pinch Valves for Water Treatment Plant	Siddhirganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station Store, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
Lot-2	Different Types of Acid Proof and Rubberized Butterfly Valves for Water Treatment Plant	Siddhirganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station Store, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
27	Name of Official Inviting the Tender	Kazi Nazrul Islam
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Company Secretary
29	Address of Official Inviting the Tender	EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhahan (8 th Floor), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
30	Contact details of Official Inviting the Tender:	Tel: +88-02-9116382, Fax: +88-02-9118346.
31	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders.	

বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড
Bangladesh Power Development Board
Office of the Manager (Maintenance), 1-4 Unit
Ghorasal Power Station
BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3	Procuring entry name	Executive Engineer, Generator, Switchgear & Protection, 1-4 Unit, Ghorasal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Narsingdi.
6	Invitation for	Supplying of different types of materials for maintenance of Generator Division, 1-4 Unit, Ghorasal Power Station, PDB, Palash, Narsingdi.
7	Invitation Ref No.	Memo No: GPS/Maint. 1-4 Unit/04.001/2009/1492.
8	Date	17-02-2009.
9	Procurement method	NCT Open tendering method.
10	Budget & source of funds	Revenue Budget of 1-4 Unit, Ghorasal Power Station GOB
11	Tender package no.	N/A.
12	Tender package name	Supplying of different types of materials for maintenance of Generator Division, 1-4 Unit, Ghorasal Power Station, PDB, Palash, Narsingdi.
13	Tender publication date	-
14	Tender last selling date	Date: 16/03/2009, Time: During office hrs.
15	Tender submission date & time	Date: 17/03/2009, Time: 12:00 hrs.
16	Tender opening date and time	Date: 17/03/2009, Time: 12:30 hrs.
17	Name & address of the office(s)	
a)	Selling tender document (principal)	Manager, Janata Bank, Palash Br, Narsingdi with the prior permission from the undersigned.
b)	Selling tender document (others)	Office of the Chief Engineer (Generation), Wapda Building, Motijheel C/A, PDB, Dhaka.
	Receiving tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer, Generator, Switchgear & Protection, 1-4 Unit, Ghorasal Power Station, PDB, Palash, Narsingdi.
	Opening tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer (GSP), 1-4 Unit, GPS, Palash, Narsingdi. Office of the undersigned will be opened at 12:30 hrs on 17/03/2009 in presence of tender opening committee & the tenderers or their authorized representatives (if any).
18	Eligibility of tenderer	a) Real importer/contractor enlisted in PDB/real supplier. b) Having valid trade licence, up-to-date Income Tax clearance certificate and VAT registration certificate.
19	Brief description of goods	Supplying of different types of materials for maintenance of Generator Division, 1-4 Unit, Ghorasal Power Station, PDB, Palash, Narsingdi.
20	Price of tender document	Tk. 500/- (five hundred) only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft (non-refundable) in favour of Deputy Director, RAO, Ghorasal, PDB, Palash, Narsingdi.
21	Amount of tender security	Tk. 9,000/- (nine thousand) only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft (refundable) in favour of Deputy Director, RAO, Ghorasal, PDB, Palash, Narsingdi.
22	Completion time	30 days (from the date of signing the contract).
23	Name of the official inviting tender	Md Zakir Hossain.
24	Designation of the official inviting tender	Executive Engineer, Generator, Switchgear & Protection, 1-4 Unit.
25	Address of the official inviting tender	Ghorasal Power Station, PDB, Palash, Narsingdi.
26	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 02-9335308, 0628-74499, Fax: 02-9335308 E-mail: ceppsdb@bdmail.net
27	(a) All rules, regulations, terms & conditions of the tender should be followed as per PPA-2008 (b) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. In under any unavoidable circumstances, tender documents selling, receiving and opening disturbed, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.	

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