

## KILLINGS DURING '71 WAR OF LIBERATION

## Series of cases in five districts, 19 sued

## STAR NATIONAL DESK

Nineteen alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces have been sued for killing six people, including two freedom fighters, in Rajshahi, Netrakona, Dinajpur, Comilla and Faridpur in 1971.

In Rajshahi, two cases were filed with two separate courts here yesterday, accusing eight collaborators of killing two people in Binodpur area of Rajshahi city and another in Charchat upazila during Liberation War in 1971, according to our staff correspondent.

Abdul Mannan Khalifa lodged a case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court against two people for killing his father Jasim Uddin Khalifa in the city's Binodpur area on November 1, 1971.

The accused are Abul Hossain and Shamsul Haque. Another case was filed

against six people with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court by Golam Hossain, son of slain Rawshan Ali of Kaluhati village under Charchat upazila.

In the case, the complainant accused Mofizuddin, Siddikur Rahman, Khetab Uddin, Khabir Uddin, Choyen Uddin and Shahinur Rahman of Raihati village in the upazila of killing his father on May 19, 1971.

Accepting the case, both the courts asked the officers-in-charge of the police station concerned to take legal steps after proper investigation into the cases.

Our Netrakona correspondent reported that a case was filed with Judicial Magistrate's Court-I here yesterday, accusing four people of killing a person.

At Batua village under Kalmakanda upazila during Liberation War in 1971.

The accused are Ruhul Amin, 72, Majibur Rahaman, 68, Billal Hossain, 65, and Osman Gani, 60. They all hail from Batua village.

The complainant, Shamsul Haque, stated in the case statement that the accused picked up his brother-in-law Abdul Kadir from their house on September 8, 1971 killed him.

The court accepted the case and asked police station concerned to take legal steps against the accused after investigation.

A case was filed with Biral Police Station of Dinajpur district yesterday against three collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces for killing a woman at Daikatbari village in 1971, reports our correspondent.

The complainant, Mohammad Khatir Muhammad filed the case, accusing Kefar Ali, Shamser Ali

and Anwar Hossain of killing his mother Meher Nargis at their house on November 1, 1971.

In Comilla, an alleged 'rajakar' commander has been sued for killing a freedom fighter in Sadar upazila on October 21, 1971.

Kazi Ibrahim of South Rajapur village filed the case with Chief Judicial Magistrate's court, Comilla, yesterday, says our correspondent.

The complainant stated that 'rajakar' commander Montaz uddin, 67, picked up freedom fighter Mujibor Rahman Khan from his house at South Rajapur village and took him to their camp at the village. Montaz and others rajakars tortured Mujibor at the camp and then killed him.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Zahir Uddin sent the case to Comilla Sadar Police Station to take necessary legal steps.

Our Faridpur correspondent adds: A case was lodged with Faridpur Judicial Magistrate Court yesterday against three alleged war criminals.

The accused are Munshi Abdur Razzak, 59, Jamir Uddin Sheikh, 62, Malek Mollah, 63.

Md Torap Ali, son of martyred freedom fighter Rahamat Ali of Boalmari upazila, filed the case with the Judicial Magistrate's Court.

According to case, the complainant said the accused attacked their house during the War of Independence on 26 Bhadra 1377 (Bangla).

He further said the accused looted valuables and killed his father.

The court asked the officer-in-charge (OC) of Boalmari Police Station to investigate the case.

## Minor girl violated, 2 teenagers gang-raped

## STAR NATIONAL DESK

Three girls including a six-year-old one have been violated in Panchagarh, Rajshahi and Jessore districts.

A teenaged girl, abducted from a village in Tentulia upazila on March 14 and confined for 20 days in Panchagarh, was gang-raped by the abductors, reports our Thakurgaon correspondent.

As the girl was returning from her friend's house at Mazipara village under Tentulia upazila on March 14, Swapon, Delowar, Kamruzzaman alias Kamu, Shah Alam and Fazlu.

After her medical test at Panchagarh Sadar Hospital, she gave a statement to a magistrate under Section 164 yesterday.

A teenaged girl was gang-raped inside Rajshahi University of Engineering Technology (Ruet) campus on Tuesday night, reports our staff correspondent from Rajshahi.

Locals caught two of the rapists -- Rocky, a peon at the office of the councillor of ward No 26 of Rajshahi City Corporation, and Sujon, a resident of Bhadra area in the city -- and handed them over to police yesterday.

Two other culprits, Manuf and Sabiu went into hiding, police quoted the two arrestees assaying.

The girl, who came to Rajshahi from Dhaka on Tuesday evening, went to the councillor's office for filing a complaint against a person about non-payment of her dues, police said.

As the girl tried to meet the councillor, the four youths assured her of recovery of the money and took her to a lonely place near the banana garden

on north-east corner inside Ruet campus.

There they raped her and left her fainted there.

Yesterday morning, locals rescued the girl and took her to the councillor's office. The victim told the councillor that she could recognise Rocky, one of the rapists.

Following instruction from the councillor, aggrieved locals searched the nearby areas and caught Rocky and Sujon from their houses.

The two were handed over to police and the girl lodged a case with Motihar Police station accusing the four youths.

The victim was sent to hospital for medical test and police is looking for the two other accused, Motihar Police Station Officer-in-Charge M Habibur Rahman said.

In Benapole, a six-year-old girl was raped at Gavipara village yesterday evening, reports a correspondent from Benapole.

Tempting the girl by promising to give her chocolates, Adam Ali, a resident of Gavipara village, took her to a nearby paddy field and raped her, police said.

Hearing her scream, people working in the field rushed there, caught Adam Ali and handed him over to police.

## Land grabber assaults CDA engineer

## CU CORRESPONDENT

An engineer of Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) was injured in an attack allegedly by a land grabber and his men in the city's Colonel Hat area yesterday.

The injured, Nirmal Kumar Dutta, sub-assistant engineer of the CDA, is undergoing treatment at Metropolitan Hospital in the port city.

CDA sources said Magistrate Mohammad Osman Gani recovered a CDA land from the illegal occupant in Colonel Hat Residential Area on April 5.

When a team comprising CDA engineers and labourers went to the spot to construct a boundary wall at around 9:30am, Gazi Abdur Rahman and his men swooped on the team, injuring Nirmal and a labourer.

CDA Assistant Engineer AHM Mizbah Uddin claimed that the attackers used sticks and hurled brickbats at the CDA team. The injured labourer was given first aid.

## UPDF man held for extortion

## OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Army arrested a United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) man while he was collecting toll for party from the traders of a market under Laxmichhari upazila yesterday.

The arrestee, Sujal Chakma, 30, son of Welsh Chakma, hails from Barmachhari in the upazila.

Laxmichhari police said, acting on a tip off a patrol team arrested Sujal at about 2 pm with subscription books. After interrogation army handed him over to police.

Contacted over cell phone, a Laxmichhari upazila unit UPDF leader said their men do not collect tolls from business centres. Sujal was probably collecting donation for Baishabi festival to celebrate the first day of Bangla New Year, he said.

## Potato price doubles in N dists in two weeks

## OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Potato price is galloping in the northern districts as the production faced a setback in the region this year.

A kilogram of potato is now selling in the retail markets at a rate double its price two weeks ago.

Regional Agriculture Office sources said potato production in Rangpur, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat and Nilphamari districts fell short of target this year by 25 per cent as 22.5 lakh metric tons (MT) of potato have been produced in 1.68 lakh hectares of land in place of an expected 29.5 lakh MT.

Mamunur Rashid, a potato trader at Khaliganj Bazar of Kurigram district, said he is selling potato at around Tk 22 per kg. He said the local Bogra variety now sells at Tk 24 per kg. But their prices were Tk 10 and Tk 12 respectively just two weeks ago.

Due to rise in potato price, prices of other vegetables are also going up every day. In local markets, brinjal is now selling at Tk 20 which was Tk 18 a week ago. Similarly one kg tomato sells at Tk 12 instead of Tk 10. Prices of other vegetables including papaya, gourd and beans have also shot up.

Potato farmer Musa Khan of Panchpir village in Panchagora said he could not apply sufficient fertiliser in the sowing season due to high price. "This



PHOTO: STAR

Traders at a Nilphamari market putting potato into sacks as preparation to send them to different areas of the country. With shortfall of potato production in northern districts this year, its price has shot up.

has caused poor yield of potato," he added.

Mizanur Rahman Moju of Itakhola under Nilphamari Sadar upazila said he missed half of the production as his fields were attacked with leaf blight, a deadly fungal disease, due to dense fog.

Habibullah Mia, a promi-

nent potato trader of Nilphamari who usually preserves around 2,000 bags of potato every year in different cold storages, said he could keep only 700 bags this year. He said he is not getting potatoes suitable for preservation this year as the farmers harvested diseased potato.

Deputy Director of the Regional Office of Agriculture Extension Department Noor Mohammad admitted that potato production has been hampered this year. He held adverse weather, low quality seeds and high price of fertiliser during sowing period responsible for the poor yield.

## 'Fugitive' Rajshahi BNP leader sued for ill-gotten wealth

## STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has pressed charges against 'fugitive' district BNP general secretary Shish Mohammad for amassing wealth worth over 89 lakh allegedly from sources beyond his legal income.

Abdul Karim, deputy director of Rajshahi ACC yesterday submitted the charge sheet with the chief judicial magistrate court.

In the charges pressed under Section 27 (1) of the ACC Act of 2004, Abdul Karim alleged that Shish owns wealth worth Tk 95 lakh. But his actual income from

known sources since 1997 should not exceed Tk six lakh including his remuneration of Tk 1.16 lakh as mayor of Mundumala municipality from January 2003 to June 2007.

Following allegations against Shish Mohammad, the ACC sent him notice to submit his statement of wealth in February 2008. A Rajshahi court later jailed him for three years as he was sued for not submitting the statement.

The ACC then investigated the case and found that he amassed Tk 89,47,607 from known sources of income. Apart from landed property, he possesses a petrol pump and a four-

storied commercial building in Tanore upazila.

He also booked a flat in Dhaka before he went into hiding in January, 2007.

A close aide to former BNP minister Barrister Aminul Haque, Shish went into hiding after the state of emergency. Haque and Shish were later convicted in a case for abetting militancy and sentenced for life.

Another ACC case against Shish for allegedly misappropriating Tk 5 lakh lease money of Mundumala Hat (rural market) is under trial, said the Rajshahi ACC chief.

## Bus service stops due to workers' feud

## OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Direct road communication from Sirajganj to Bogra suspended from yesterday following a dispute between bus workers of the two districts, causing untold sufferings to commuters.

Sirajganj Bus Workers' Association suspended bus service to Bogra from yesterday morning, as a few local bus workers assaulted their worker on Tuesday.

Bogra bus workers also suspended plying of their vehicles to Sirajganj.

## 'No' to saline-water based shrimp farming

## QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna

Farmers in Khulna and Bagerhat districts are now firm to resist saline water-based shrimp cultivation while women workers in shrimp processing plants in the districts have vowed to stop exploitation by the owners by depriving them of due wages and facility.

Several thousands farmers of Khulna and Bagerhat districts recently staged protests against saline water based shrimp cultivation.

Saline water causes extensive damage to fertility of cropland especially of paddy. It

also harms vegetables and fruit-bearing trees.

Paddy is more important than shrimp for survival of the people in general, leaders of agitating farmers told newsmen.

The agitations in most of the upazilas of Khulna and Bagerhat are getting intensified as people have joined hands with farmers to resist the harmful method of shrimp cultivation.

Three cases were recorded recently under section 15 (1) of Special Powers act, 1974 with Dakop Police Station of Khulna district accusing a few owners of damaging fertility of paddy fields by using saline water.

According to police, the situation is taking an alarming turn in many places of Khulna as pro-agitation groups and the workers of shrimp firms clashed over the issue of shrimp cultivation.

"This shrimp cultivation method has adverse impact not only on crop land, fruit-bearing trees and green vegetables but also on overall environment, said convenor of Khulna Nagorik Parishad Mahanada Sarker.

He demanded urgent government steps to ensure environment-friendly shrimp cultivation to stop further damage to the farmlands.

Meanwhile, women workers in 33 shrimp processing plants in the two districts have demanded minimum wages and urged the government to take measures to stop repression on them by the owners.

Over 30,000 women, now working in these shrimp processing plants, alleged that they do not get proper pay although they work for over 12 hours a day.

"We are not issued any appointment letters and even identity cards," alleged Rina Begum who works at Gemini Sea Foods Ltd in Khulna.

She further said that women workers at shrimp processing

plants also do not get due medicare services.

The member-secretary of Khulna Citizens' Group Feroze Ahmed demanded declaration of minimum wages for women workers and threatened tougher agitation if this demand is not met without further delay.

Director of Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters' Association Md Humayun Kabir said a minimum wage board for women workers at shrimp plants would be declared very soon.

He said a high level committee is already working to fix their minimum wages.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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## Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

01.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Environment and Forest.			
02.	Agency	:	Bangladesh Forest Research Institute (BFRI), Chittagong.			
03.	Procuring entity name	:	Divisional Office, Administration and Project Manager, Forestry Technology Development and Dissemination Project, Bangladesh Forest Research Institute (BFRI), Chittagong.			
04.	Procuring entry district	:	Chittagong.			
05.	Invitation for	:	Package No. 04.			
06.	Invitation Ref No.	:	BFRI/FTDD/Civil Work-11/2008-2009.			
07.	Date	:	02.04.2009.			
08.	Procurement method	:	OTM.			
09.	Budget and source of fund	:	Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) under FTDD Project.			
10.	Package No.	:	04			
11.	Tender package name	:	Construction of Green House under Forestry Technology Development and Dissemination Project at Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, Headquarter, Chittagong.			
12.	Tender publication date	:	12.04.2009.			
13.	Tender last selling date	:	27.04.2009.			
14.	Tender closing date and time	:	28.04.2009 at 12 noon.			
15.	Tender opening date and time	:	28.04.2009 at 12.30pm.			
16.	Name & address of the office(s)	:				
	a. Selling tender document (principal)	:	Cash Section, Administration Division, BFRI, Chittagong.			
	b. Selling tender document (others)	:	Do.			
	c. Selling tender document (others)	:	Do.			
	d. Receiving tender document	:	Divisional Officer, Administration and Project Manager, Forestry Technology Development and Dissemination Project, Bangladesh Forest Research Institute (BFRI), Chittagong.			
	e. Opening tender document	:	Do.			
17.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	:	N/A.			
18.	Eligibility of tenderer	:	i) Manufacturer/principal and/or sole agent/sole distributor duly authorised for the work by the manufacturer/principal of the specified work. ii) Must have professional & technical personnel of the qualification and experience as mentioned below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Civil Engineer-BSc Engg. (Civil)-5 years experience in similar nature of works.</li><li>• Electrical &amp; Electronics Engineer-BSc Engr-3 years experience in similar nature of works.</li><li>• Trained Technician-5 years experience in similar nature of works.</li></ul> iii) Equipment & other suitable physical facilities to provide backup service during and after warranty period. iv) Workshop facilities to provide after sale service. v) Certificate regarding satisfactory completion from govt./semi-govt. or autonomous body of at least one number similar nature of works within last 5 years (minimum single work order Tk. 100 lac) from the concerned engineer/officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer. The offers submitted by the firm without experience certificate shall liable to be non-responsive. vi) Bank solvency certificate related to sanctioned credit line facilities of at least Tk. 150 lac. vii) The tenderer will have to abide by the rules and regulations of "The Public Procurement Act-2008".			
19.	Brief description of related services	:	Installation, testing, commissioning of the supplied goods and equipment as well as training of operators after commissioning.			
20.	Brief description of works	:				
Sl. No.	Package No.	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document	Tender security amount	Completion time
01.	04	Construction of Green House under Forestry Technology Development and Dissemination Project at Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, Headquarter, Chittagong	Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, Sholoshahar, Chittagong	2000/-	3 (three) lac as Pay-Order, Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of Project Director (FTDDP), Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, Chittagong from any scheduled bank from Bangladesh.	4 (four) months
21.	Name of official inviting tender	:	Dr Quazi Nazrul Islam.			
22.	Designation of official inviting tender	:	Divisional Officer, Administration and Project Manager, Forestry Technology Development and Dissemination Project, BFRI, Chittagong.			
23.	Address of official inviting tender	:	Divisional Officer, Administration and Project Manager, Forestry Technology Development and Dissemination Project, BFRI, Chittagong.			
24.	Contact details of official inviting	:	Divisional Officer, Administration and Project Manager, Forestry Technology Development and Dissemination Project, Bangladesh Forest Research Institute (BFRI), Chittagong. Tel: 031-681575, Fax: 031-681566.			
25.	Number and name of the package should be written on the envelope.					
26.	Payment will be made on availability of fund.					
27.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.					
Divisional Officer (Admin) and Project Manager Forestry Technology Development and Dissemination Project Bangladesh Forest Research Institute Chittagong						

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