

Children used for smuggling as BDR, BSF watchful about adults

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Smugglers active in Sadar, Aditmari, Kaliganj, Hatibandha and Patgram upazilas under Lalmonirhat district are using children as carriers as adults now prefer to keep away due to increased vigilance by Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF).

Using children for smuggling has increased recently as some 10 smugglers' syndicates active in Lalmonirhat district now find the strategy convenient to dodge BDR and BSF who have taken special steps to check cross border movement through 22 routes in Lalmonirhat district.

Smuggling syndicates recruit children to smuggle goods from India, as border guards are not allowing Bangladeshi adults to come closer to the border even during daytime.

The BSF that has reinforced its strength at their outposts, is also using searchlight at night to check cross border illegal movement, sources said.

During a recent visit to some border areas of Sadar, Aditmari, Kaliganj, Hatibandha and Patgram upazilas in Lalmonirhat, this correspondent found children aged between 10 to 15 years carrying smuggled goods. Most

of them are from poor families. "Our parents are poor. My father earlier worked in the field but now he is sick and has to stay at home. My mother works at a neighbour's house as maidservant. Neighbour Dohar Ali gives us Tk 90 regu-

larly for carrying his goods twice a day to and from India," said Belal, 11, and Rasul, 9, sons of Minhazul at Gobda village near Durgapur border.

They said they do not go far inside India. They remain within only one kilometre

from the border.

"My father ordered me to carry these goods to India. He gives me Tk 10 per day," said 13-year-old Jasim, a resident of a bordering village near Durgapur.

"We the poor guardians at

border villages have not enough earning sources to maintain family. The adult people cannot move easily in border areas as border guards of both the countries are vigilant. So our children are engaged to carry goods," Jalal Uddin of Durgapur border village said.

Another person of the same village said smugglers instigate poor guardians to engage their children for carrying smuggled goods in border areas. For carrying goods one time in a day, a child gets Tk 50 to 80 from smugglers, he said.

A few BDR officials told this correspondent that smuggling has reduced and children are now carrying small quantities by dodging border guards.

A BDR jawan at Durgapur border said, "We hardly suspect children moving around or playing at bordering villages. But smugglers are recruiting children to carry smuggled goods to and from India."

"Using children for smuggling is not new. But it has increased sharply in recent times as adults are now kept under watch. We sometimes try to make the guardians aware of the bad effects of using children for smuggling but many guardians, mostly poor, cannot resist the temptation," Bhuttu Miah, member of Mogholhat Union Parishad, said.



Two children carrying goods for smuggling to India across Durgapur border under Aditmari upazila in Lalmonirhat as using kids for the illegal act sees rise recently.



With good yield of Boro this season, farmers carrying home reaped paddy from a field in Gazipur yesterday.

RU Press Club sealed to free it from Shibir

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University (RU) authorities yesterday locked RU Press Club as a step to free it from the control of Shibir men.

After the incident, pro-Shibir journalists staged a big showdown along with outsider Shibir cadres, creating a tense situation on the campus.

Earlier, RU authorities took initiative to identify real and fake journalists on the campus.

Following the initiatives, a group of pro-Shibir journalists of RU on April 13 verbally abused university Proctor Prof Zakaria and threatened to paralyse the institution if he

takes any initiative for reform in the RU Press Club.

Campus sources said, on Friday morning,

University proctorial body members led by Prof Zakaria locked and sealed the RU Press Club in presence of RU teachers, high officials and working journalists at the university.

"Only the real journalists can sit at the press club. It is not a political organisation," RU Proctor Prof Zakaria said when asked about the initiative.

Earlier on March 1, working journalists at RU submitted separate memorandum to the university vice chancellor, pro-vice chancellor, treasurer, registrar, student adviser and

proctor demanding immediate steps to free RU Press Club from the grip of Jamaat-Shibir men.

Meanwhile, on April 18, RU Public Relation Office and proctor's office jointly took an initiative to reform the university press club.

As part of arrangement to hold an election to the press club soon, they also published a voter list of real journalists on the campus, sources said.

A large number of police were deployed on the campus to avoid further incident.

Following BNP-Jamaat government's coming to power in 2001, a group of journalists loyal to Shibir captured the RU Press Club.

Woman held with bomb materials

A CORRESPONDENT, Meherpur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a woman with bomb making materials at village Shawratola under Gangni upazila of the district yesterday morning.

Acting on a tip, Rab men arrested Shaheda Khatun, 28, wife of Naharul Islam of the village, and seized 500 grams of gunpowder and 400 grams of other explosives, said Rab official ASP Zahid.

The arrestee was handed over to Gangni Police Station.

Police on Thursday arrested listed criminal Khabiruddin, 35, of village Haravanga under Gangni upazila.

He was wanted in one and half a dozen cases for murder, robbery, bomb blast, abduction and snatching, said Gangni police.

21 sued for '71 war crimes in Gaibandha, Satkhira

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Twenty-two alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces have been sued for war crimes, including murder, rape and looting, in Gaibandha and Satkhira in 1971.

In Gaibandha, a case was filed with the chief Judicial Magistrate's Court on Thursday, accusing five alleged rajakars of killing six freedom fighters, torturing villagers and looting their houses at Nandina village under Gaibandha Sadar upazila during Liberation War in 1971.

The accused are Abdul Jobber, Joshijar Rahman, Abdul Wahed, Momtaz Ali Bepari of Nandiana village, and Asgar Ali of Bishnupur village.

In the case statement, the complainant Nurul Islam stated that on the night of October 18,

1971, the accused with the help of Pakistani occupation forces attacked Nandina village, raped women and looted their gold ornaments and set some houses afire.

He further said the accused in collaboration with the Pak occupation army later killed six freedom fighters.

Accepting the case, the court asked Gaibandha Sadar Police Station to investigate the case and submit a report by July 16.

Our Satkhira correspondent reported that 17 alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces were sued on Thursday for war crimes in Shyamnagar upazila in 1971.

The complainant, Abdus Sattar Gazi, son of Surman Ali Gazi of Munshiganj village in Shyamnagar upazila, filed the case with Judicial Magistrate's

Court here against the accused for killing innocent people, looting their houses and setting them on fire at Munshiganj village on July 25, 1971.

The accused are Shyamnagar upazila vice-chairman Mahsin-Ul-Mulk, Mahi Uddin Gazi, Israfil Mollah and Quddus Mollah of Munshiganj village, Abdul Mazid Gazi and Ahad Ali Kha of Iswaripur village, Surat Ali Gazi, Ahmad Ali Sheikh and Hayet Ali Gazi of Dhumghat village, Mohammad Ali Gazi, Habibullah Mollah, Ansar Ali Mollah, Mohammad Ali Gazi and Majibar Rahman Gazi of Sreefalkati village, Abul Hossain of Abadchandiur, Rajat Ali Gazi of Banshipur village and Abdul Aziz of Taraniou village.

RMC reopens April 28

RU CORRESPONDENT

Classes and scheduled examinations of Rajshahi Medical College (RMC) will resume on April 28 as the institution reopens after a closure since March 13.

The residential hostels will be open for students on April 27.

RMC authorities at an academic council meeting on Thursday night took the decision.

The academic council meeting with RMC Principal Prof Dr ABM Abdul Hannan in the chair also imposed restrictions on rallies, processions and political activities of student organisations on the campus for an indefinite period.

On March 13, RMC was closed since die following a clash between Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir on Rajshahi University (RU) campus.

Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Invitation Reference Memo. No. CVASU/10/ED/DP/IFT/02		Date: 20/04/2009													
1	Name of Ministry	Ministry of Education.													
2	Agency & procuring entity name	Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU).													
3	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.													
4	Invitation for	Works.													
5	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (NCB).													
6	Budget & fund source	GOB (Development).													
7	Programme name	Development of Public Universities (CVASU Component).													
8	Tender package No.	PVW-2													
9	Tender publication date	20-04-2009.													
10	Tender last selling date	11-05-2009 up to 4:00 pm.													
11	Last date & time for submission of tender	12-05-2009 up to 12:00 noon.													
12	Tender opening date and time	12-05-2009 at 3:30 pm.													
13	Name and address of the offices selling tender documents	Principal: Office of the Chief Engineer, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Pahartali, Chittagong-4202. Other: Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong.													
14	Receiving tender document	(i) Office of the Chief Engineer, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Pahartali, Chittagong-4202. (ii) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong.													
15	Place of tender opening	Conference Room, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Pahartali, Chittagong-4202.													
16	Brief description of works	PVW-2: Compacted Bituminous Carpeting Work of Internal Road at CVASU.													
17	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderers enlisted in any government, semi-government or autonomous organisation having similar work experience of at least Taka twenty five lac.													
18	Name, description, location and price etc. of tender document	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Package No.</th> <th>Name of work</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Price of tender document in Taka</th> <th>Tender security in Taka</th> <th>Completion time (days)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PVW-2</td> <td>Compacted Bituminous Carpeting Work of Internal Road at CVASU</td> <td>Pahartali, Chittagong</td> <td>1500/00</td> <td>66000/00</td> <td>30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Package No.	Name of work	Location	Price of tender document in Taka	Tender security in Taka	Completion time (days)	PVW-2	Compacted Bituminous Carpeting Work of Internal Road at CVASU	Pahartali, Chittagong	1500/00	66000/00	30
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19	Name, designation and address of the official inviting tender	Shah Md. Zillur Rahman, Chief Engineer (In-charge), Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Chittagong-4201. Phone No. 659093, 659492 Ext-114, Fax No. 031-659620.													
20	Tender security is to be submitted in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee (Form W-3) of any scheduled bank in favour of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University.														
21	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.														
GD-2075		Chief Engineer (In-charge)													

Khapra Ward killing day observed in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The historic Khapra Ward Day was observed at Rajshahi Central Jail and in the city yesterday with a vow to continue movement to ensure trial of the war criminals of 1971.

On this day in 1950, prison guards following order of a jailer opened fire on communist prisoners who were fasting in protest against torture and sub-standard food in the jail. Seven communist leaders were killed in the firing.

The slain communist leaders are Sukhendu Bhattacharya of Mymensingh, Baloram Singh of Dinajpur, Sudhin Dhar of Nawabganj, Delwar Hossain and Hanif Sheikh of Kushtia, Bijon Sen and Anwar Hossain of Khulna.

Physician sued for violating patient

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A case was filed with Women and Children Repression Prevention Court, Satkhira, on Thursday against four people, including a physician, for allegedly violating a patient at Langaljhara health and family planning centre under Kalaroa upazila on April 21.

Judge SM Rezanur Rahman asked the Kalaroa upazila women affairs officer to investigate the matter and place a report before the court on or before April 28, court sources said.

The accused are Dr Joynal Abedin, health worker Sajeda Khatun, and MA Kalam and

Taking permission from the home ministry, some 31 people belonging to Communist Party of Bangladesh, National Awami Party (NAP) and Workers Party visited Khapra ward inside Rajshahi Central Jail yesterday.

They placed wreaths at the Shaheed Minar built in front of the ward and held a memorial meeting there. NAP's district unit President Fazul Haque, General Secretary Mustafizur Rahman Khan Alam and CPB's city unit President Abul Kalam Azad spoke.

NAP, CPB and Chhatra Union jointly brought out a procession in the city and then held a discussion on the day.

In 1972, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Comrade Moni Sing visited the Khapra Ward.

Asgar Ali of Langaljhara village.

The complainant, Nazrul Islam of the village, alleged that his wife Abeda Khatun went to the centre on April 21 for treatment. After check-up, Dr Joynal Abedin of the centre took her to a room and violated her.

Hearing scream, Sajeda and two other accused went to the room and threatened Abeda with dire consequences if she disclosed the matter to the villagers, he alleged.

On contacted, Kalaroa upazila women affairs officer Nasrin Zahan said she will submit a report to the court after investigation.

Directorate of Planning and Development
Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

No. P&D/LP(16)/08-09/02(P-4)DR-567(2) Date: 22.4.09

Invitation for Re-Tender/Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.	
2	Agency	Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)/JUGC.	
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) represented by Director, P&D.	
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.	
5	Invitation for	Mentioned in identification of packages (SI. No.-17).	
6	Invitation Ref. No.	P&D/LP(16)/08-09/02(P-4)	Date: 27.10.08
7	Procurement method	Open tendering method.	
8	Budget and source of funds	Revenue budget of BUET.	
9	Tender package No.	Mentioned in SI. No. 17.	
10	Tender publication date	27.04.09.	
11	Tender last selling date	11.05.09 (during office hours).	
12	Tender closing date and time	12.05.09 at 12:00 noon (BST).	
13	Tender opening date and time	12.05.09 at 12:30pm (BST). Tender shall be opened in presence of tenderers/tenderer's authorised representative (if any).	
14	Name & address of the office(s) selling and opening tender document	Directorate of Planning and Development (P&D), BUET.	
15	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer must have experience in supply of similar goods and related services as specified in the tender documents. Tenderer will have legal, financial, professional and technical capacity to deliver the requirements of this tender and have fulfilled the obligations of all tax requirements.	
16	Price of tender document (Tk)	GD-01: Civil Engineering [CE/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-2/LP/S-2]	Tk. 200/-
		GD-02: Chemical Engineering [CHE/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-6/LP/S-2]	Tk. 200/-
		GD-03: Industrial and Production Engineering [IPE/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-1/LP/S-2]	Tk. 200/-
		GD-04: Civil Engineering [CE/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-1/LP/S-2]	Tk. 200/-
17	Package No.	Identification of package(s)	Location
		Supply, installation/testing and commissioning of scientific instrument, apparatus, materials/chemicals and office equipments for the Department of Civil Engineering, BUET, Dhaka.	BUET
		Supply, installation/testing and commissioning of scientific instrument, apparatus, materials/chemicals and office equipments for the Department of Chemical Engineering, BUET, Dhaka.	BUET
		Supply, installation/testing and commissioning of scientific instrument, apparatus, materials/chemicals and office equipments for the Department of Industrial and Production Engineering, BUET, Dhaka.	BUET
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18	Brief description of goods	GD-01: (i) Laser Printer-Heavy Duty & (ii) Photocopier [for the Department of Civil Engineering] GD-02: (i) Chromium Total, (ii) Cyanide, (iii) Hardness, (iv) Silver, (v) Alkalinity & (vi) Desktop Computer [for the Department of Chemical Engineering] GD-03: Air Compressor [for the Department of Industrial and Production Engineering, BUET, Dhaka] GD-04: (i) Multimedia Projector [for the Department of Civil Engineering]	
19	Name of official inviting tender	Prof Dr Md Zoyunul Abedin	
20	Designation of official inviting tender	Director.	
21	Address of official inviting tender	The Directorate of Planning and Development (P&D), BUET.	
22	Contact details of official inviting tender	Director, P&D, BUET, Dhaka. Tel: 9665630, 9665650-80, Ext. 7350	
23	Validity of tender	90 days from the date of Tender Opening.	
24	Place/date/time of pre-tendering meeting	N/A	
25	Special instructions	(i) Intending participants shall have to apply for purchasing tender documents to the undersigned. The bidder should have valid trade licence, bank solvency certificate and income tax certificate, VAT registration and experience certificate. Each tender must be accompanied by a Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee issued from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh located in Dhaka city amounting to abovementioned tender security money in favour of "Comptroller, BUET" without which no tender will be considered for evaluation. (ii) The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender, to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award.	

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