



Boatmen form lines with boats on the River Karnaphuli in Chittagong yesterday demanding steps to save the river from pollution, siltation and illegal occupation.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Boat-chain in Ctg to save Karnaphuli

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Boatmen on the Karnaphuli River yesterday formed a boat-chain with a call to save the river from pollution and illegal encroachment.

Environmentalists at a rally on a boat during the programme at 11:30am urged the government to improve navigability of the river through capital dredging on which the premier seaport, the lifeline of the country, is located.

Lack of regular maintenance and dredging gave rise to chars (alluvial lands) where a section of people are setting up illegal structures, they said.

Karnaphuli River Boatmen Welfare Association Federation organized the programme on the river. Several boatmen associations took part in the protest rally.

Over three hundred boatmen formed the one-hour long boat-chain tethering their boats with each other covering around one kilometer waterway on the river stretching

from Firingbazar Bridgeghat to Avoymitra Ghat.

Former President of the Institutions of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB) Chittagong chapter Ali Ashraf, poet and journalist Omar Kaiser, Federation President SM Peyar Ali and General Secretary Shah Alam, among others, addressed the rally.

Speakers at the rally underscored the need for improving navigability of Karnaphuli for the sake of country's premier seaport.

They said at least fifteen chars have emerged within a three kilometers of area on the river stretching from Shah Amanat Bridge to Karnaphuli estuary hampering boat movement seriously.

Hundreds of tonnes of domestic and industrial wastes from the city are dumped into the river through different canals polluting the river seriously, they added.

They said the Avoymitra Ghat had remained useless for last three years as the river lost its navigability.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Robber killed in mob beating

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

A robber was killed and three were injured in mob beating in Gopalganj yesterday. Residents of Petkata in Kotalipara upazila caught them Sunday night. Police later admitted them to upazila health complex where Birodh alias Birat, 35, died at around 11 am. Earlier on Sunday night armed robbers looted the houses of Nani Baroi, Ashu Baroi and Makhon Bhakta in Domrashur village in Gopalganj Sadar. They seriously injured Kalu Bhakta, 17, Bijli Bhakta, 40, and Chaitonya Bala, 48, by beating and hitting them with sharp weapons. They also looted the house of Raj Bihari Baidya near Radhaganj bus stand under Kotalipara upazila and seriously injured Raj Bihari Baidya, 87, his son Albert Baidya, 32, daughter-in-law Sangita Roy, 22, and Albert's 8-month-old son Edison.

3 staffs of fake NGO held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Three staffs of an NGO were arrested yesterday on charges of collecting over Tk 5 lakh by cheating poor women. Sheikh Zillur Rahman, executive director and Gautam Kumar Das and Mita Akhtar, officials of so-called Health Project Kalyan Samity set up an office at Tala upazila and allegedly collected Tk 365 from each woman promising to arrange loans on easy terms. Locals caught them red-handed at Atarai village and handed them over to Tala police yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR

Lychee has started appearing at a market in Teknaf upazila under Cox's Bazar district but the delicious summer fruit is still too dear for common people.

Strike paralyses land port

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Export and import through Bibir Bazar land port remained suspended due to an indefinite strike enforced on Saturday by Clearing and Forwarding (C&F) agents demanding car passing facility on both sides of the port. Leaders of C&F agents called strike at the port which was inaugurated by Shipping Minister Dr Afsarul Amin barely four days ago.

4 of 'fake' NGO summoned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Following a case against the chairman of Science and Information Technology (SIT) Foundation and three others for cheating job seekers, Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Ziaur Rahman yesterday ordered issuing summons against the accused to appear before the court on May 14. Complainant Pijush Chandra Roy told the court that SIT Foundation Chairman Md Abdul Mannan Sarker, his son Executive Director ASM Rawshan Kabir, Regional Director Md Hafizur Rahman Zahangir and employee Md Mohsin Ali Sarker cheated him of Tk 60,000 by giving false assurance of providing a job. Pijush Chandra said he paid the money as security deposit in two instalments for a job advertised in local daily Karoota on October 16 last year. Several 'cheated' job seekers at a press conference at Bogra Press Cub a few days ago complained that NGO SIT Foundation received about Tk 12 crore from 4,000 people assuring them jobs during the last six months.

Imam held in rape case

A CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A 9-year girl was raped allegedly by her teacher who is an Imam of a mosque. The girl, daughter of a day labourer, is now fighting for life at Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital. A case was filed with Mithamorin police station alleging that Musan Mia, 25, Imam of the mosque raped the girl when she went to his place to learn Arabic on Saturday. Musan was arrested Sunday afternoon and sent to jail.

Boy killed, 18 houses gutted

A CORRESPONDENT, Narail

A boy was killed in a fire that gutted 18 houses at Tarashi village under Narail Sadar upazila yesterday. Ten-year-old Ismail Hossain was son of Bashir Mollah. The fire allegedly originated from the kitchen of one Bashir and soon engulfed the adjoining houses, locals said.

Shibir threatens to shut RMC again

RU CORRESPONDENT

Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) Rajshahi Medical College (RMC) unit has threatened to paralyse the college if the authorities take any move to rearrange seats at Shibir-controlled hostels.

Campus sources said a group of Shibir men, led by college unit President Abu Talha and General Secretary Anwarul Haque, met RMC Principal Prof ABM Abdul Hannan at his office yesterday and asked him not to rearrange seats at Shaheed Pinku and Shaheed Kazi Nurunnabi hostels.

They Shibir men said they will shut the college if the authorities do not pay heed to their demand, sources added.

Earlier on the day, the RMC

authorities rearranged seats at the two hostels and hung lists of fresh allottees at the entrance of the Shibir-controlled hostels.

The resident students have started returning to their respective hostels as the medical college is scheduled to reopen today.

As per decision of the academic council taken at a meeting on April 24, the college authorities reopened the male and female hostels yesterday.

The meeting also imposed restrictions on rallies, processions and activities of the student organisations on the campus for an indefinite period.

The authorities asked all the students to carry identity cards with them while their stay on the campus and at

dormitories. Hostel authorities are checking identity cards of the resident students at the entrance.

A large number of police have been deployed on the campus to avert any further incident.

When contacted, Principal Prof Abdul Hannan said the authorities have rearranged seats at the two hostel as per decision of the academic council.

"We informed the divisional commissioner and police commissioner about Shibir's threat", he said.

RMC was closed sine die on March 13 following a clash between BCL and Shibir on Rajshahi University (RU) campus that left Shibir leader Nomani killed and 100 others from both sides injured.

WAR CRIMES IN 1971 25 more sued in four districts

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Twenty-five alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces have been sued for war crimes, including killing, looting and arson, in Satkhira, Kishoreganj, Magura and Khagrachhari in 1971.

Our Satkhira correspondent reported that Chandana Rani Mondal, wife of late Brojendra Nath Mondal of Badghata village in Shyamnagar upazila, filed a case with Judicial Magistrate's Court here yesterday, accusing 12 alleged collaborators for killing her father Surendra Nath Mondal during Liberation War in 1971.

The accused are Mahsin-Ul-Mulk, Monsur Ali Sardar, Abu Bakkar Sardar, Abdul Hamid Sardar, Fajar Ali Gazi, Korban Ali Gazi, Yusuf Ali Gazi and Nawab Aziz of Munshiganj village, Israfil Mollah and Quddus Mollah of Iswaripur village, Abdul Jalil Gazi of Sreefalkati village, and Abul Hossain Gazi of Abadchandipur village under Shyamnagar upazila.

In the case statement, the complainant said the accused killed her father Surendra Nath Mondal in Kadamtala sluice gate area in Shyamnagar upazila.

On October 4, 1971, she further alleged that the accused set her father's house afire the same day and took away Tk 4,40,000 and gold ornaments.

Judge Humayun Kabir accepted the case and asked the officer-in-charge (OC) of Shyamnagar Police Station to record the case after proper investigation.

In Kishoreganj, a case was filed with Judicial Magistrate's Court, yesterday against 10 alleged rajakars for setting eight houses afire at Sachail village in Tarail upazila on September 17, 1971, according to a correspondent.

Nuru Mia of Harua area of Kishoreganj town

filed the case. Karam Ali, 60, of the area and nine other unidentified collaborators have been sued in the case.

Judge Abu Sayed accepted the case and asked the officer-in-charge (OC) of Tarail Police Station to take legal steps after investigation.

Our Magura correspondent adds: Md Nizamuddin of Kumrul village under Mohammadpur upazila yesterday filed a petition case with Judicial Magistrate's Court, Magura, against two alleged rajakars for killing his brother during Liberation War in 1971.

The accused are Abdur Razzak, 65, of Awnara village, and Dabir Molla, 64, of Ghullia village in Mohammadpur upazila.

The plaintiff alleged that his brother Tayebur Rahman was shot dead by the accused while taking bath at a canal adjacent to Ghullia Bazar on September 11, 1971.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Manjurul Imam asked the officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station to accept the petition case and submit a report after investigation.

In Khagrachhari, a freedom fighter filed a case against an alleged war criminal with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court here yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The accused is Abdur Rahim, 65, son of Late Osman Gani of Panchhari Bazar.

The complainant, Ali Ahammed, alleged that 'rajar' Abdur Rahim in collaboration with Pakistani occupation army was involved in war crimes, including killing, looting and arson in Panchhari area during Liberation War in 1971.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Abul Bashar Munshi asked the officer-in-charge of Panchhari Police Station to submit a report before the court after proper investigation into the case.



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Cracks have developed at the newly constructed three-storey hostel building for female students of Government Victoria College at Narail.

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Office of the Executive Engineer

PWD Maintenance Division

35, Panchlaish Residential Area, Chittagong

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender document for the under listed work, terms and conditions stated below:

1.	Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, PWD Maintenance Division, Chittagong.	
2.	Tender reference & date	MD/Est-330 Dated: 21-4-2009.	
3.	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).	
4.	Eligibility of tenderer	This invitation for tender is open to all tenderers as mentioned below: PWD enlisted special class contractor, combined class building contractor for all class I/II/III, PWD Zone/Circle & PWD Maintenance Circle, Dhaka/Chittagong. Tenderers must have up-to-date trade licence, TIN certificate (2008-2009), VAT and attested by PWD 1st class gazetted officer are enclosed along with the tender. b) Other required eligibility and conditions of the tenderer are shown in tender data sheet of tender documents.	
5.	Price of tender documents	Tk. 500/- (five hundred) only each non-refundable.	
6.	Name and address of the office selling tender documents	Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Maintenance Division, Chittagong.	
7.	Name and address of the office for receiving tenders	Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Maintenance Division, Chittagong.	
8.	Name and address of the office for opening tender	Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Maintenance Division, Chittagong.	
9.	Last date and time for selling tender document	10/05/2009 up to office hour.	
10.	Last date and time for submission of tender document	11/05/2009 up to 12.00 noon.	
11.	Date and time for opening tenders	Tender will be opened on 11/05/2009 at 1.00 pm in the Executive Engineer, PWD Maintenance Division, Chittagong. Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives may like to remain present during opening of tenders.	
12.	Identification of lot	Tender security	
13.	Special instruction	Completion time	
01	Special Repair to the Govt House No. 11/B-2, Khulshi, Chittagong	8000/- (eight thousand) only	45 (forty five) days
02	Special Repair to the Govt House No. 38, Katalong, Chittagong	3100/- (three thousand one hundred) only	45 (forty five) days
03	Special Repair to the Govt House No. 4, CDA Agrabad, Chittagong	6500/- (six thousand five hundred) only	45 (forty five) days
04	Special Repair to the Govt House No. 19/20, Nandan Kanan, Chittagong	4300 (four thousand three hundred) only	45 (forty five) days
05	Special Repair to the Govt House No. 718, Chatterway Road, Chittagong	2100/- (two thousand one hundred) only	30 (thirty) days
06	Special Repair to the Govt House No. 262, CDA Agrabad, Chittagong	2000/- (two thousand) only	30 (thirty) days
07	Special Repair to the Govt House No. 102/113, JC Guha Road, Chittagong	2000/- (two thousand) only	30 (thirty) days
08	Special Repair to the Govt House No. 84, Panchlaish R/A, Chittagong	4200/- (four thousand two hundred) only	45 (forty five) days
09	Special Repair to the Govt House No. 89, Panchlaish R/A, Chittagong	2200/- (two thousand two hundred) only	30 (thirty) days
10	Special repair to the Govt House No. 223/60, Mojaffar House, Lalkhan Bazar, Ctg	3000/- (three thousand) only	30 (thirty) days
13.	Special instruction	a) All the terms and conditions mentioned in ITT (Instruction to Tenderers) and GCC (general condition of contract) issued by CPTU (central procurement technical unit) shall be binding upon the successful tenderers from the office of the undersigned. b) If the tenderer submits any false, incorrect or forged certificate the tender security may be forfeited. c) Due to unavoidable circumstance if banking transaction is closed of govt holiday is declared in the last date of receiving tender will be receiving just next working day, opening of tenders will be changed accordingly. d) This tender notice is brief and the details of the tender document can be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours. e) The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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