

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Ex-civil surgeon grabs graveyard

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A human chain was formed at Baraigram yesterday alleging grabbing of graveyard land by a former civil surgeon (CS) at Banpara village. According to a complaint lodged with the UNO office the said retired civil surgeon occupied a portion of land of the hundred-year-old local graveyard in a bid to raise a mango garden and cultivate crops. Earlier, local municipality men tried to settle the matter mutually but failed.

University official arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police yesterday arrested the coordinator and director of the Mymensingh campus of South East University on charge of certificate forgery and misappropriation of money. Following a complaint lodged with Kotwali police Tuesday night by Abu Sayeed Mohammad Tofael Alam, an MBA student, police arrested Shah Mustafa Noor, 40, from his residence at Naha Road in the morning. In the complaint several allegations including killing of valuable time of students were brought against Shah Mustafa Noor, police said. The students of the first semester could not appear in their examination scheduled to be held on May 8 as the institution allegedly had no permission from the authority concerned.

Farmer electrocuted

A CORRESPONDENT, Narail

A farmer was electrocuted at village Kurulia under Narail Sadar upazila yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Kamal Samaddar, 45, son of Zitendranath Samaddar. Locals said, the incident occurred at about 9.00 am when Kamal climbed a mango tree and came in touch with electric wire. Kamal died instantly.

2 Jubo League leaders held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police yesterday detained two Jubo League leaders on charges of manipulating tender at UNO office under Biral upazila, police said. Abul Kalam Azad, 39, sports secretary of Dinajpur District Jubo League unit and Md Jasim, 25, member of Dinajpur Jubo League were jointly resisting other bidders from dropping schedules. It sparked scuffles with the bidders creating panic in the area. Although police detained the two leaders any case is yet to be filed till filing of the report in the afternoon.

Drug addicts clash again

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

At least 40 people were injured in a clash yesterday between two groups of drug addicts in Sirajganj town as a sequel to a previous feud. The clashing groups damaged and ransacked 20 houses and 10 shops in the area. Police and locals said that the clash took place at Railway colony, Mirpur and Mahmudpur. The rivals chased each other and hurled brickbats for three hours leaving 40 of both the groups injured. Police rushed to the spot and fired five rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the clashing groups.

Fake army man arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Police yesterday arrested a fake army man at Chambi Bazar under Lama upazila. Nurul Islam was taken to custody following a complaint lodged to Aziz Nagar police camp that he threatened a tea stall owner to extort money from him. Police also seized two photographs of Nurul Islam wearing army uniform and a fake identity card of Bangladesh Army from the arrestee's possession. Nurul will be produced in court today after preliminary quizzing, police said. Locals said Nurul married a local girl about three months ago by identifying himself as an army man.

4 outlaws held for extortion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Rapid Action Battalion-6 yesterday arrested four armed cadres of M-L faction of the outlawed BCP from Radhuni hotel at Moilapota Road under Sonadanga Police Station. Majumdar, 25, Shujon Sarker, 30, Ashutosh Bepari, 22, and Ujjal Basu, 28, were caught red-handed while receiving Tk 3,000 as illegal toll from businessman Makbul Hossain of village Diarha under Rupsha upazila, according to Rab-6 sources.

Festival of ganja addicts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Thousands of people including ganja (hemp) addicts from different districts of the country have gathered near the archaeological site of Mohasthangarh in Bogra district to participate in today's Ganja Sommelon, considered as a 'religion festival' in the area for long. The one-day festival is observed on the last Thursday of Bangla month Baishakh and a number of people from other countries including India, Pakistan and Nepal also come to join it, organisers said. Locals said the festival is observed to mark the arrival of Hazrat Shah Sultan Mahamud Balkhi Mahishawar who preached Islam in the area after wining a war against Hindu king Parshuram long ago. Around 2,00,000 kg of katkati (a kind of sweet) will be produced to meet the demand of participants at today's festival, said Md Rafiqul Islam, a katkati producer at Mohasthangarh market.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Participants trying to outdo opponents in the traditional horse race at Kanatala ground in Jessore Sadar upazila yesterday.

Sarwar's brother sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Mizanur Rahman Wahid, younger brother of BNP lawmaker and former mayor Majibor Rahman Sarwar, was sent to jail yesterday after he surrendered before the additional judicial magistrate's court. Earlier, Wahid submitted a bail prayer which was rejected by the court. Wahid was sentenced to eight years RI with six other accused for misappropriation of telephone revenue and defalcation of telephone bills worth about one core taka by taking 12 telephone connections and operating illegal VOIP in false names and addresses. He went into hiding following announcement of the verdict on July 23, 2007 by the speedy trial court of Barisal.

FREQUENT PIRATE ATTACKS

Fishermen stage protest, demand security at sea

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Wearing shrouds, fishermen yesterday staged a sit-in in front of the office of upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) at Patharghata under Barguna district demanding government steps to stop piracy and ensure their security during fishing in the sea.

Over 2,000 fishermen from Barguna, Pirojpur and Patuakhali joined the day-long programme at 10:00am protesting frequent pirates' attack on them in the sea, according to our correspondents from Patuakhali and Barisal.

The also urged the government to set up two navy outposts at the Kachikhali and Narikelbaria near the sea so that the pirates cannot come to the sea from Sundarbans

through the area.

Earlier, the agitating fishermen brought out a procession at the upazila headquarters in support of their demands. They also submitted a memorandum containing the demands to the home minister through UNO who immediately faxed it to the minister.

Receiving the fax message, Home Minister Advocate Sahara Khatun talked to Golam Mostafa Chowdhury, President of Barguna Fishing Trawlers Association, over cellphone and assured him of meeting the fishermen's demands.

On assurance of the minister, the fishermen withdrew their programme at around 2:00pm. During sit-in, the fishermen held a rally which was addressed, among others,

by Golam Mostafa Chowdhury, Patharghata Upazila Chairman Shawkat Hasanur Rahman Rimon, Vice-Chairman Zakir Hossain Sikder, President of fishermen Union Abdul Mannan and President of Patharghata Natun Bazar Committee Awal Hossain.

Addressing the rally, the speakers alleged the pirates are moving freely in the sea and looting fishes, fuel, nets from fishermen. They also kidnapped fishermen, took them to Sundarbans and demanded ransom from victims' families for their release, they alleged.

At least six fishermen, including Nur Alam, Mohammad Isha, Sahid Jomaddar and Amir Ali, were killed by the pirates in the last six months, the speakers said.



Fishermen wearing shrouds stage a sit-in on the premises of Patharghata upazila complex in Barguna district yesterday demanding action against pirates in the sea.

WAR CRIMES IN 1971

21 more sued in Magura, Natore

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Twenty-one more people have been sued for their alleged involvement in war crimes in Magura and Natore districts in 1971.

A petition case was filed with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Magura, yesterday against 11 alleged 'rajaks' for killing freedom fighter Abdur Rouf Molla at Alukdia rajakar camp in Madhukhali upazila on July 30, 1971, reports correspondent.

Md Delwar Hossain Molla, son of the martyred freedom fighter, filed the case, accusing Razzak Dafader, 65, and Wazed Dafader, 60, of Pukhuria village, Golam Sarwar, 60, Ismail Biswas, 61, and Neyamot, 72, of Baharbagh village, Golam Rasul, 70, of Alukdia village, Golam Rabbani, 60, of Sreerampur village, Akbar, 62, and Nendu

of Grihogram village, Sirajul Islam of Shyampur village and Aftab Molla of Sankochkhali village under the upazila.

In Natore, a petition case was filed with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday against 10 alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces for killing 85 Christian missionaries at Banpara on May 3, 1971, according to a correspondent.

Freedom fighter Moslem Uddin of Banpara village under Baraigram upazila filed the case. The accused are former civil surgeon Dr Saber Hossain, Abdul Mannan, Andur Rahman, Abdul Jabbar, Wahed Ali, Abdul Latif, Abdur Rashid, Habibur Rahman, Montu and Amin.

He further said the accused picked up six women from the area and raped them at Natore army camp.

Tender scam: 8 hurt as pro-AL, BNP contractors clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Eight people were injured in a clash yesterday between pro-BNP and pro-Awami League (AL) contractors over dropping tenders at Dalia office of the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) in the district.

Contractors said the BWDB invited tender quotations on April 13 for leasing out Teesta barrage toll collection from vehicles.

A total of 114 schedules were sold for bidding.

Yesterday was the last date for dropping tenders but so far only seven were dropped finally. Sources said most of the contractors abstained from participating as there was a negotiation

on tender with most of them on May 12.

Pro-BNP contractors who were not involved in the negotiation were obstructed by the group belonging to Awami League.

At one stage a fierce clash erupted between the two contractor groups. Eventually, Awami League supported contractor Sirajul Islam of Lalmonirhat district became the highest bidder among only seven bidders.

Some contractors alleged that several upazila Awami League leaders of Hati-bandha upazila of the district were present at the time of tender dropping.

A tense situation was prevailing and police were deployed in the area to avoid further clash.

Indefinite ban on procession, rally at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University (RU) Syndicate has imposed restrictions on rallies, processions and activities of the student bodies on the campus for an indefinite period.

The syndicate took the decision at an emergency meeting on Tuesday night with Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan in the chair.

The meeting also approved the decision of the academic council, taken on April 28, to reopen the university on June 1 and dormitories on May 30.

The syndicate sought police help in maintaining law and order on the campus and called for judicial investigation into March 13 incident.

The authorities closed the university indefinitely following a clash between Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) on the campus on March 13. Shibir RU unit Secretary Sharifuzzaman Noman was killed and 100 others were injured in the clash.

Six get life for murder in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday awarded life term imprisonment to six people in connection with murder of one Abdus Sattar in Satkania upazila in 1996.

The convicts are Nurun Nabi, Abdul Motlab, Abu Islam, Sirajul Islam, Jasim Uddin and Shamsul Haque. Of them, Jasim and Shamsul are still absconding.

The court also fined each Tk 10 thousand, in default, to suffer imprisonment for three years more and acquitted one Abu Bakkar of the charges.

According to the deposition of the case, the convicts stabbed Abdus Sattar severely following a dispute over distribution of fish at village West Ghatia Danga under Satkania on February 1, 1996.

Sattar was rushed to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where the on-duty doctors declared him dead.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Truck owners and workers bring out a procession in Barisal city yesterday demanding an end to extortion by traffic police.

Stop extortion by traffic police, demand truckers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Truck owners and workers in the city yesterday blocked Barisal-Dhaka highway and brought out a procession wielding shoes and brooms protesting harassment and extortion by traffic police.

After handing over a memorandum to district civil and police administrations demanding immediate withdrawal of traffic police Inspector Abdul Jalil from duty and stoppage of illegal toll collection, the agitators brought out a truck procession with shoes and brooms.

Nathullabad entrance point of Barisal-Dhaka highway remained blocked during the programmes jointly organised by Truck Sramik Union and Truck Malik Samity, associations of truck labourers and owners.

Inspector Abdul Jalil on Tuesday allegedly harassed Md Yusuf, member of both the associations, as he became 'defaulter' in paying illegal tolls.

Leaders of the two associations said extortion by traffic police is going on unabated even after informing the higher authorities of the matter and publication of several reports in the media.

They said traffic police make target of harassment the truck owners who fail to meet the demand for Tk 4000 as monthly toll per truck.

Asked about the allegation of harassing Md Yusuf, Inspector Abdul Jalil said Yusuf became agitated when a case was lodged against him for not having valid documents for transport and driving.

Kazi Mortaz Ahmed, deputy commissioner of Barisal Metropolitan Police, said he will investigate the allegations.

Fresh probe into BNP MP's wealth ordered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The deputy commissioner (DC) of Barisal yesterday ordered reinvestigation of assets of a BNP lawmaker elected from Barisal-4 constituency.

The DC ordered it following a complaint lodged against Mezbahuddin Farhad by Maidul Islam, a defeated Awami League (AL) candidate, district returning officer Mashur Rahman said. In the complaint, the AL leader alleged that the BNP leader had concealed facts about his assets while submitting his wealth statement before polls, he said.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER				
1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.			
2. Agency	Comilla University, Comilla.			
3. Procuring Entity Name	Comilla University, Comilla.			
4. Procuring Entity District	Comilla.			
5. Invitation for tender	Supply and installation of Computer with accessories (Desktop Computer with LCD Monitor, Laser Printer, UPS, Local Area Network (LAN) with server), Computer Table & Chair.			
6. Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method.			
7. Budget & Source of fund.	GOB			
8. Last date for selling of Tender document	01/06/2009 during office hour (8:30 am - 4:30 pm.)			
9. Tender closing date & time	02/06/2009 at 2:00 pm.			
10. Tender opening date & time	02/06/2009 at 2:30 pm.			
11. Name & address of office for selling Tender documents	i) Project for Establishment of Comilla University-1 st phase (Revised), 69/B, Siddeshwari Road (3 rd Floor), Dhaka. ii) Planning Division, Administrative Building (2 nd floor), Comilla University, Comilla.			
12. Name & address of office for Receiving Tender Documents	Engineering & Planning Office, Administrative Building (2nd Floor), Comilla University, Comilla.			
Name & Address of office for Opening Tender Documents	Office of the Treasurer, Administrative Building, Room No. -109.			
13. Price of Tender document	Tk. 500/- (Five hundred) each Lot of work (Non refundable).			
14. Details of Earnest money	Bank draft/Pay order for Earnest money (Refundable) from any schedule Bank in favour of "Project Director" Establishment of Comilla University			
15. Eligibility of Tenderer	i) Any Bonafide Contractors/Firms having experience in successful completion of similar nature of goods in a single contract amounting to Tk. 10 (Ten) lakh to any Govt./semi Govt./Autonomous organization of Bangladesh during last 3 (Three) years and completion certificate of the said work must be enclosed with the tender. Submitted completion certificate shall have to be issued by the officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer/Deputy Director. The submitted work certificate will be verified by the concerned officer of Comilla University. ii) Tenderers must have minimum required liquid asset free fund credit facilities Tk. 5 (Five) lakh any date in between selling tender document & opening date. Bank solvency certificate with statement for the said amount from the concerned Bank shall be submitted with the tender. iii) Tenderers must have up to date trade license, up to date income tax clearance certificate with TIN, VAT registration certificate and original money receipt of purchasing tender document must be enclosed.			
16. Brief description of goods	Lot No.	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)
	1.	Supply and installation of Computer with accessories (Desktop Computer with LCD Monitor, Laser Printer, UPS, Local Area Network (LAN) with server), Computer Table & Chair.	Comilla University	2.5% of the quoted amount
	2.	Local Area Network (LAN).	Comilla University	60
	3.	Supply of Computer Table & Chair.	Comilla University	60
17. Name of official inviting Tender	Sukumar Chandra Shaha			
18. Designation of official inviting Tender	Executive Engineer			
19. Contact details of official inviting Tender	01556426446 (Mobile)			
20. Special instructions	(i) A Tenderer will be able to participate more than one Lot of work. (ii) Any other information will be available from the office inviting tender during office hour up to last selling date (iii) Other terms & conditions as mentioned in the Tender document. (iv) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reasons whatsoever. (v) If the office of the tender will be received & opened on next office working day on the same time.			

Executive Engineer
Comilla University, Comilla.

Deputy Director (Additional Charge)
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