

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR
Physically challenged people form a human chain in Rajshahi city yesterday demanding increased budgetary allocation.

Human chain at Rajshahi

RU CORRESPONDENT

Physically challenged people yesterday formed a human chain at Shaheeb Bazar and submitted memorandums to Rajshahi deputy commissioner (DC) and local lawmaker demanding increase in allocation for their welfare in the upcoming budget. They demanded at least 20 percent allocation in the budget to ensure rights of around 1.40 crore of their kind in the country. Badhan Protibandhi Sangstha and Jatiya Trinomul Protibandhi Sangstha jointly organised the human chain backed by Action on Disability and Development (ADD) of Rajshahi unit. The human chain was followed by a rally where the participants urged the authorities to fulfill their 12-point demand.

Three to die for gang rape

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal awarded death penalty yesterday to three young men for rape and murder of a teenage girl. The convicts are Sayed Ahmed Sayem, Ruhul Amin and Atique, all aged below 25 and hailing from village Khalopar in Golapganj upazila. According to the prosecution story, police recovered the body of 13-year girl Rima Begum, daughter of poor villager Abdur Rahman of Sherpur from a bush at village Nalua on November 17, 2006. Police on March 20, 2007 filed charge sheet against the three accused who kidnapped the victim from her house and killed her after gang rape. Sayem and Ruhul Amin are in jail while Atique is still at large.

Yaba tablets seized in Teknaf

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Police seized 200 pieces of banned Yaba tablets in Damdamia under Teknaf upazila on Tuesday and arrested two persons in this connection. Omar Faruk Bappi, 28, son of Abu Taher of Bazar Para and Farzana Akter Runa, 24, wife of Feroz Ahmed of Kharangkhal village were produced in court yesterday and the judge ordered to send them to jail.

Myanmar criminals held

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

BDR jawans of 15 Rifles Battalion at Bandarban Naikkhongchhori Sadar in a raid on Goyalmaria village in Tirer Dibba under Lama upazila on Tuesday arrested two Myanmar criminals and recovered arms from their possession. Sources said, a BDR patrol team arrested Shoi Moi Marma, 38, and Apele Khumi, 28, with a German made pistol and a sawed off gun. The arrestees are residents of Mondou and Buchidong areas in Myanmar's Arakan province.

7 Satkhira robbers arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Police yesterday arrested seven robbers and recovered a firearm bullets from their possession at village Keragachhi in Kalaroa upazila. The robbers are Alam Hawladar, Abdus Salam, Mani Sarkar, Shahidul Islam, Abdus Selim, Rafiqul Islam and Shariful Islam. Police raided the house of Alam at village Keragachhi in the early morning and rounded up the robbers while they were asleep. A pipegun, eight cartridges and some sharp weapons were recovered from the house. During interrogation the arrestees told police that they committed robberies in 11 houses at village Kanerdangi on May 16 and in a house of a Kuwait expatriate at village Aruakhali in Sadar upazila on May 17.

Robberies in Comilla

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Armed robbers looted goods and valuables from four houses and seriously injured one middle-aged man at village Chotukhil and Chatiani under Choudhagram upazila Tuesday night. About 20 armed men wearing mask entered the house of Ali Akkas by breaking open the door and tortured the house owner, Yakub Miah, before looting goods and valuables worth about Tk 3 lakh, villagers said. The same night robberies were also committed in the houses of Monir Shodagor and Noor Hossain, police said.

UNREST ON CAMPUSES

Khulna police make list of troublemakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) has finalised a list of 32 students of three academic institutions, identifying them as troublemakers on the campuses. Of them, ten are from Khulna Medical College, 12 from Daulatpur Government BL University College, and the rest from Khulna Polytechnic institute.

KMP Deputy Commissioner Mostafa Kamal said process is on to identify more students who are vitiating peaceful atmosphere at the educational institutions. The second phase of such list will be completed in a week, he added.

He said no troublemaker will be spared and appropriate legal action will be taken against them.

According to a source in the Special Branch of KMP, the troublemakers

belonging to Chatra League, Chhatra Dal and Chhatra Shibir are also on the list.

The list has been prepared very carefully in consultation with general students, said Assistant Police Commissioner of City SB Md Moniruzzaman.

Apart from these three educational institutions, a separate list of students, who recently created unrest on the Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet) campus, will be made, KMP sources said.

Similar list of teachers, who helped the troublemakers on the campuses under political influence and instigate violence, will also be made, said DC Shahadat Hossain.

The lists will be sent to the police stations concerned for maintaining official record, he said.

When contacted, principal of Khulna

Medical College Hospital and registrar of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology said they are not aware of preparation of such list by the law enforcers.

The law enforcers are doing their duties for maintaining peaceful atmosphere in cooperation with the authorities of these academic institutions where violence erupted recently, they said.

The principal of Daulatpur Government BL University College and the Principal of Khulna Polytechnic Institute could not be reached over phone despite several attempts for their comment.

Meanwhile, KMP will soon launch a drive against the criminals. The updated list of criminals has been made recently checking and rechecking their backgrounds, sources said.



PHOTO: STAR
Barisal city dwellers form a human chain in front of Ashwini Kumar Hall yesterday demanding steps to complete Taltali Bridge that would ease the city's communication with Muladi, Hizla and Mehendiganj upazilas.

Poll goes, pledge forgotten
Taltali bridge lies unfinished for years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

People in Barisal city yesterday formed a human chain and handed over memorandum to the prime minister through the district administration, demanding immediate steps for completion of Taltali Bridge.

The bridge over Taltali River has remained incomplete for over twelve years although the matter was in the election pledges of three former lawmakers, speakers said at the programme organised by Taltali Bridge Implementation Committee in front of Ashwini Kumar Hall.

Some 80 per cent bills of the original project were paid but less than 40 per cent work of the bridge and 10 per cent of the related road construction work have been completed, sources said.

Former president Abdur

Rahman Biswas, his son Nasim Biswas and former Barisal city mayor Majibor Rahman Sarwar, who were elected lawmakers from the area in the past, had promised construction of the bridge that would help establish a direct road link from Muladi, Hizla and Mehendiganj upazilas to Barisal city.

Former president Abdur Rahman Biswas laid foundation of the project on February 5, 1995 and a construction firm on April 8 in 1996 got Tk 1.83 crore work order to finish its construction within 15 months.

But the firm left the project after drawing Tk 1.33 crore in October 1999 when less than 35 per cent work of the bridge and 90 per cent of related road construction work remained unfinished.

Fresh tender was called on February 2 in 2002 to com-

plete the project at an estimated cost of Tk 1.19 crore but Roads and Highways Department (RHD) stopped the procedure through a letter on February 28, 2002.

The then BCC mayor Majibor Rahman Sarwar inaugurated resumption of the bridge construction on October 16, 2006 by extending the project cost from Tk 1.8 crore to Tk 4.7 crore. But the process again stopped in July this year.

Shahabuddin Khan, executive engineer of Barisal RHD, said the authorities stopped the construction work after faults were found in the design and structure of the bridge.

The present government has taken an initiative to complete the under construction bridges all over the country and Taltali Bridge is also included in the list, he said.

Shibir backed by outsiders flexes muscles at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

Activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir accompanied by outsiders yesterday flexed muscles on Rajshahi University campus, creating panic among students, teachers and employees.

Although RU proctor's office earlier imposed restriction on processions, rallies, meetings and gatherings on the campus for indefinite period, the university authorities and a large number of police present on the campus did not take any action during yesterday's incident.

Shibir Bangabandhu Hall unit President Shah Newaz Sachho and its Suhrawardi Hall unit President Tafsir Ahmed led the Shibir show off in presence of police in the morning, witnesses said.

The Shibir men searched for BCL leaders and activists on the campus.

At around 12.30pm, a group of Shibir activists led by Sachho took position at a place conventionally used by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) RU unit

men. Shibir leaders and activists kept on occupying the place for two hours.

BCL activists informed police and the university proctor about Shibir's provocative acts but to no effect.

"Shibir tried to create panic among general students and instigate BCL men for fresh clash on the campus," BCL RU leader Ershad told newsmen.

Several teachers of RU have demanded that the university authorities and police administration take immediate action against the Shibir activists who are trying to create panic among teachers and students before reopening of the university.

Asked about yesterday's incident, RU Proctor Prof Zakaria told this correspondent that he was not aware of 'Shibir showdown'.

Earlier on April 23, RU proctor's office formed a 15-point action policy including indefinite ban on rallies and processions to keep RU campus violence-free.

NATIONAL BUDGET
Khulna demands fund for 17 dev projects

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Greater Khulna Development Action Committee (GKDAC) has demanded allocation of necessary fund in the upcoming national budget for implementation of 17 projects for economic development of Khulna region.

The demand was made at a press conference held at the National Press Club in the capital on Tuesday.

The press conference was addressed by president of Greater Khulna Development Action Committee Alhaj Liaquat Ali, chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communications Ministry engineer Mujibar Rahman,

lawmakers MA Jabbar and H M Golam Reza, and president of the Dhaka unit of Khulna Association Md Fakhruddin Ahmed.

The 17-point demand includes ensuring immediate gas supply through pipeline, modernisation of Mongla Port, reopening of all closed mills and industries including Khulna Newsprint Mill, re-excavation of all silted rivers, building of an eco-friendly tourism infrastructure to protect the Sundarbans and modernisation of Bhomra land port.

The president of GKDAC, Liaquat Ali, in his written statement read out at the press conference hoped that the government would meet all the demands and make necessary budgetary allocation.

Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
IMPORT SECTION
TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

**INVITATION FOR QUOTATION (INTERNATIONAL)
OF EDIBLE REFINED PALM OLEIN/ SOYABEAN OIL**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Senior Executive (Import), TCB, Dhaka
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5	Invitation for	Edible Refined Palm Olein/Soya bean Oil
6	Invitation Ref No.	TCB/IMP-827/ Super palm/Soyabean Oil /2009
7	Date	18-05-2009

KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement Method	Request for Quotation Method (International)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budget and Source of Funds	TCB's Own Fund
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10	Tender Package Name	Edible Refined Palm Olein/ Soya bean Oil.	
		Date	Time
11	Tender Last Selling Date	24-05-2009	11:00 p.m.
12	Tender Closing Date and Time	24-05-2009	01:00 p.m.
13	Tender Opening & Evaluation Date and Time	24-05-2009	02:15 p.m.
14	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address:-	
	- Distribution of Quotation Documents:	Separate Quotation Documents can be collected from the Import Section, TCB, TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.	
	- Receiving Tender Document	(a) TCB Board Room, TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.	
	- Opening Tender Document	TCB Board Room, TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.	

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15	Eligibility of Bidder	All eligible Bidders from Bangladesh and all countries except Israel.
16	Brief Description of Goods	Import of 12,500 M.Tons Edible Refined Palm Olein/ Soybean Oil against payment under Cash. No part quantity offer is allowed. Out of 12,500 M.Tons Edible Refined Palm Olein/ Soybean Oil 2,500 M.Tons shall have to be supplied in 2 litre & 5 Litre container and 10,000 M.Tons in up to 195 kg drum. The number of 2 litre and 5 litre container has to be fixed in consultation with the TCB authority. Bidder should quote both FOB price and freight separately. Prices shall have to be quoted on CFR(C) Chittagong liner term basis. Successful bidder has to submit 02% (Two percent) Performance Security within two days from the date of acceptance of the offer. Decision of the acceptance will be communicated on the same day of evaluation. Bidder or his representative should keep in touch with the authority on the day Other terms and conditions are given in the Quotation Form. Offers should be strictly in accordance with the Quotation terms and conditions as mentioned in the tender documents. If the offer is best comfortable, repeated offer may be awarded.

17	Price of Quotation Document	Not applicable
	Lot No.	Identification of Lot
	Location	Completion Time in Weeks / Months
	Quotation Security Amount (Tk)	

18	1	Edible Refined Palm Olein/ Soybean Oil	CFR(C) Chittagong	Not Applicable	Entire quantity of Quoted Edible Refined Palm Olein/ Soybean Oil is to be shipped within 20(Twenty) days from the date of signing the contract. Quotation will remain valid for minimum 20 (twenty) days from the day of Evaluation.
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

19	Name of Official Inviting Tender	ABUL BASHAR KHAN
20	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Senior Executive (Import), TCB Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
21	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB), 1 No. Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
22	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel. No. 02-8120031 Fax No. 880-2-8113582 tcb@bdonline.com

23 Special Instructions: a) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all / any Quotation.

GD-2616 Senior Executive (Import)
Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
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Bus strike withdrawn

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Pabna District Motor Sramik Union withdrew their strike yesterday hours after the union enforced it demanding release of its leader Shamsur Rahman Swapan who was arrested on Tuesday on charge of making fake driving licences.

Bus services to and from Pabna came to a halt for several hours causing immense sufferings to the passengers.

Earlier, Rab arrested Shamsur Rahman Swapan, vice president of Pabna district unit motor sramik union, also a Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal leader from his residence. The arrest followed a case filed by assistant director of Pabna BRTA Md Wahiduzzaman with Pabna Police Station.

Agitated transport workers brought out a procession in the district headquarters Tuesday night demanding release of their leader but Swapan was sent to jail yesterday, police said. The strike was withdrawn after the local lawmaker of Pabna-5 assured the union leaders of resolving the issue.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

United Commercial Bank Limited is one of the first generation private commercial banks of Bangladesh with a present network of 84 branches countrywide. In order to implement the Electronic Cheque Clearing System as initiated by Bangladesh Bank under its Bangladesh Automated Cheque Processing System (BACPS) project, the bank intends to purchase the related hardware (HSM, MICR scanner, Cheque sorter, etc.), software (Image Processing) and related facility.

The tender schedule will be available from the United Commercial Bank Limited, IT Division, SARA TOWER, 16th floor, 11/A Toyonbee Circular Road, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 from May 21, 2009 to May 24, 2009 within 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on working days including May 23, 2009 within 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The offer will be received till 4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2009 and the tender box will be opened at 4:00 p.m. on the same day. All other terms and conditions are available in the Tender Documents. The Bank authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all, in part or full offers without assigning any reason.

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