

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

Residents of Majhigati village on the outskirts of Gopalganj town rescue three 10 to 15 days old cubs of a fishing cat yesterday morning after dogs had chased away the mother and bitten another cub dead.

Lightning kills three

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Lightning killed three people and injured another in two upazilas under Bhola district yesterday. Jahangir Hossain, 35, of Ramdaspur under Rajapur union of Bhola Sadar, Jasim, 30, and his nephew Monir, 17, of Uttar Aicha under Rasulpur union of Charfasson upazila died on the spot while injured Rahima Begum, 23, wife of Jahangir was admitted to Bhola Sadar Hospital. Police and villagers said Jahangir and Rahima were struck by lightning while working in the field during thunderstorm. Jasim and Monir, two small restaurant owners were hit while going to their restaurant from home with cooked food items.

50 hurt in AL-BNP clash

A CORRESPONDENT, Meherpur

At least 50 people were injured in a clash between the supporters of ruling AL and opposition BNP yesterday at village Noorpur under Sadar upazila. Police and witnesses said the clash ensued when a group of people led by AL leaders went to collect bamboo from a cluster for a local graveyard but the BNP supporters opposed the move. Both the groups used lethal and sharp weapons. A number of injured were admitted to Meherpur General Hospital while six were referred to Kushtia General Hospital for better treatment.

Memo to PM to save rivers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), Moulvibazar district unit, yesterday submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister through the Deputy Commissioner (DC) urging the government to take steps to protect the rivers of Sylhet region from the impact of Tipaimukh barrage in India. In the memo, BSD expressed the concern that on completion of work of Tipaimukh, Sylhet region may turn into desert. The memo called upon the government to ensure rights of the country under the international river law.

Mob kills robber

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A robber was killed by a mob yesterday at village Domuria in Agoljipara upazila. Kamrul Islam Mridha, 28, son of Moksed Mridha of Miarhat village under Kalkini upazila of Madaripur district was beaten to death when he along with his gang entered the house of one Nur Uddin Bepari by breaking open the door at around 2:30am. As the family members cried for help, neighbours rushed to the spot and chased the robbers. Locals caught two of the gang members and mercilessly beat up Kamrul who died on way to hospital. Injured Bashir Mridha claimed that he was a student of class ten. Looted gold and cash were recovered from the robbers.



PHOTO: STAR

Local people including women rendering voluntary service to repair the Aila-ravaged flood control embankment at Balakathi village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila.

Domestic help tortured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A college teacher was sued in Sirajganj yesterday on charge of torturing a domestic help. According to the case statement, Shima Rani Nandi, 23, a domestic help at the house of Pronob Ghosh, lecturer of Belkuchi Degree College at Koylapatti on S S Road in the town was often tortured over trifling matters. Pronob last Sunday allegedly beat her up mercilessly and broke her teeth. Hearing her screaming, locals rushed to the spot, rescued Shima and admitted her to a local clinic. Shima later lodged a case.

2 CU students expelled

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University (CU) authority yesterday expelled two students, one year each, on charge of manhandling proctors during an agitation on the university campus on Sunday. Doyal Chandra Devnath, an MA class student of Chemistry and Zahidur Rahman, a third year student of History were punished following an investigation and their confessional statements. The students threw shoes and manhandled the on-duty proctors in front of Vice Chancellor's Office during an agitation demanding expulsion of a student for assaulting a female student, sources said.

Wife killed for dowry

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A pregnant housewife was killed yesterday allegedly by her husband and his family members for dowry at village Sidhakhal under Singra upazila. Police and villagers said, Uzzal Pramanik and his family members used to torture Tithi Rani Sarker, 20, to bring money as dowry from her father. As Tithi refused again yesterday, Uzzal and his mother Jogmaya Devi allegedly beat her up and pushed poison into her mouth. Locals rescued Tithi in a critical condition but she died on way to the hospital. Tithi's father Sudarshan went to file a murder case with Singra Police Station but police refused to record it, locals said.

HUMAN CHAINS IN MYMENSINGH, BARISAL

Bring river grabbers to book, stop pollution

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Environmentalists, journalists, non-governmental organisations, students and people from different professional bodies yesterday joined human chains in Mymensingh and Barisal demanding immediate measures to stop grabbing and pollution of Brahmaputra and Kirtankhola rivers.

In Mymensingh, local unit of the Institute for Environment and Development (IED) organised a human chain programme at Shaheed Firoz-

Jahangir Square at the district headquarters in the afternoon demanding immediate actions of the authorities concerned to save the Brahmaputra from the clutches of the grabbers and mindless polluters, according to our correspondent.

A rally was also held at the venue. Mymensingh Reporters' Unity President Sultan Uddin Khan, Advocate Nazrul Islam Chunnur of Nagorik Andolan, Khandaker Faruq Ahmed of ADAB, Advocate Emdadul Haque Millat, Monira Sultana of IED,

and Ferdous Ara Mahmuda Helen of Mahila Parishad addressed the rally among others.

The speakers urged the government to launch an eviction drive against illegal structures on the Brahmaputra and bring the grabbers to book. They also demanded removal of earth illegally dumped in the river by the encroachers.

The country has already lost many of its rivers and if this trend continues for the years ahead, Bangladesh will lose its geographical identity,

they cautioned.

They also urged the people to unite against the grabbers and polluters of rivers.

Our Barisal correspondent reported that local unit of the Institute for Environment and Development (IED), Caritas and Barisal Social Advancement Society (BSAS) organised a human chain programme in front of Aswani Kumar Hall in the city yesterday demanding steps to stop encroachment on the Kirtankhola and keep the river free from pollution.

Addressing a rally at the venue, the speakers alleged that the Kirtankhola, which was more than two kilometre in width 30 years ago, has now been reduced to a half kilometre at many points due to encroachments.

Besides, wastes from cement factories, pharmaceutical industries, and ship building dockyards are polluting the river everyday, they said.

They sought immediate actions of the authorities concerned to stop encroachment on the river and make it pollution-free.

Child organiser Jibon Krishna Dey, environmentalists Bandana Nath and

Khorshed Alam addressed the rally among others.

PHOTO: STAR

People and members of different bodies in Barisal join a human chain in the city yesterday demanding steps to save Kirtankhola River from encroachment and pollution.

Rain adds to sufferings of Aila survivors

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Rain yesterday added to the sufferings of the cyclone Aila survivors who took shelter on embankments in different areas under Shyamnagar and Assassuni upazilas.

Moreover, the cyclone victims in the remotest areas are still not getting adequate relief allegedly for lack of co-ordination among the relevant authorities.

On the other hand, diarrhoea is spreading fast in these worst Aila-hit upazilas as at least 6,324 people were attacked with the disease till yesterday since the storm on May 25.

Cyclone victim Sultan Gazi, 40, son of Gahar Ali Gazi of village 10 No Sora died of diarrhoea yesterday. More than 250 patients were admitted to hospitals and other local health camps, according to district health department.

Meanwhile, Health and family planning minister Dr AFM Ruhul Haque yesterday visited different cyclone affected areas of the two upazilas and distributed relief materials among the victims.

While addressing people at Abadchandipur in Shyamnagar upazila and at Chakla in Assassuni upazilas, he said the government has taken a decision to rebuild the breached embankments by June to mitigate sufferings of the victims.

The re-construction work of the breached embankments, led by Army, would start from June 4, he said.

Distribution of relief materials and healthcare services would continue till rehabilitation of the cyclone survivors and no one would die of starvation or for lack of medicine, he said.

Bail prayers of 6 BDR men rejected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Rajshahi, yesterday rejected bail prayers of six BDR soldiers in the sedition case filed against them.

The BDR men—Layek Ali Mondol, Ashraf Ali, Morshed Alam, Azizur Rahman, Mominul Islam, and Khalilur Rahman—are among the 93 paramilitary troops who are facing sedition charges for staging mutiny at their respective stations following Pilkhana revolt.

All the 93 BDR rebels, who were arrested on May 18, were produced before the court yesterday amid tight security.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Unaware of health hazards, a worker spraying pesticides on mangoes at an orchard in Kansat upazila of Chapainawabganj.

Rampant spray of pesticides on mango, trees

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Most mango growers in Chapainawabganj and Rajshahi districts are using pesticides and other chemicals at least 20 times for 'protection and better yield' against experts' suggestion for three times safe use.

Mindless use of the toxic chemicals in the country's mango zone is posing serious threat to public health as well as to environment and wildlife, thanks to the authorities' lax monitoring and lack of awareness campaign.

"We suggest using pesticides only three times after flowering, when fruits take the size of grams and then at its marble-size," Mohammad Mofazzal Hossain, horticulturist of Kalyanpur Horticulture Centre in Chapainawabganj, said.

If pesticides are applied on fruits, it must not be consumed within 15 days, he said.

During visits to Chapainawabganj, this correspondent saw rampant spraying of pesticides on mango trees.

Several growers said they spray pesticides, fungicides and 'vitamins' over 20 times for protection and making the fruits look colourful.

More chemicals are used when pest attacks are frequent.

Different local brands like Noin, Carbendazime, Aimcozim, Cartap Hydrochloride and even Overmethrin containing Cypermethrin were seen in use.

The highly toxic items, also used as ant and cockroach killers, adds to groundwater contamination.

"We spray these first before flowering for washing the trees, again when fruit appears and then once in every week till harvest," said Shahidul Islam of Sankarmaria in Kansat.

"As per suggestion from pesticide traders, we spray even the day before plucking fruits for marketing," he said.

Mango traders again use chemicals before selling. Sprayers seldom take any protective measures while handling the poisons.

Liton and Milon, who were seen spraying chemicals at a mango orchard in Sankarmaria with bare hands and legs, said they sometimes feel irritations on skin and eyes.

Contacted, Jamir Uddin, Senior Scientific officer of Regional Horticulture and Research Station, said, "Traders lure growers to overuse pesticides by providing them on credit and it overpowers our limited outreach efforts."

Dr M Rezaul Karim, a biochemistry teacher of Rajshahi University, said eating chemically treated foods can lead to deadly diseases like cancer, hypertension and birth defects.

মাইক্রোক্রেডিট রেগুলেটরী অথরিটি

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মাইক্রোক্রেডিট রেগুলেটরী অথরিটিতে সহকারী পরিচালক, সিনিয়র সহকারী পরিচালক ও উপপরিচালক নিয়োগের জন্য MCQ Test ও লিখিত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ এবং ফলাফল প্রদানের জন্য দরপত্র।

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১।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর ও তারিখ	:	৬/২০০৯, তারিখ-০১/০৬/২০০৯
২।	দরপত্রের শিরোনাম	:	মাইক্রোক্রেডিট রেগুলেটরী অথরিটিতে সহকারী পরিচালক, সিনিয়র সহকারী পরিচালক ও উপপরিচালক নিয়োগের জন্য MCQ Test ও লিখিত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ এবং ফলাফল প্রদান।
৩।	দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা	:	সরকার কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের কোন বিভাগ/বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধীনস্থ ইনস্টিটিউট যাদের বিগত ৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের মধ্যে (তেঁতার দাখিলের তারিখ হতে) এক বা একাধিক কার্যদেশ/চুক্তির আওতায় একক আয়োজনে সরকারি/আধা-সরকারী/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সংস্থায় কমপক্ষে ১০,০০০ (দশ হাজার) জন প্রার্থীর ভর্তি/নিয়োগ পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ ও ফলাফল তৈরির অভিজ্ঞতা রয়েছে।
৪।	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	:	৳ ২০০.০০ (দুইশত) মাত্র।
৫।	দরপত্র দলিল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	:	মাইক্রোক্রেডিট রেগুলেটরী অথরিটি, ৬২/৩, পুরানা পল্টন, এনএসসি টাওয়ার (১২তলা), ঢাকা।
৬।	দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান	:	-ঐ-
৭।	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	:	-ঐ-
৮।	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	২২/০৬/২০০৯ অফিস চলাকালীন পর্যন্ত।
৯।	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	২৩/০৬/২০০৯ বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১০।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	:	২৩/০৬/২০০৯ বেলা ১২:১৫ ঘটিকা (ইচ্ছুক দরপত্রদাতা অথবা তাদের অনুমোদিত প্রতিনিধি দরপত্র খোলার সময় উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন)।
১১।	কাজের পরিমাণ	:	৯০০০ জন প্রার্থীর MCQ Test লিখিত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ (প্রার্থী সংখ্যা ১-৫% কম/বেশী হতে পারে।)
১২।	কাজের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	:	মাইক্রোক্রেডিট রেগুলেটরী অথরিটিতে সহকারী পরিচালক, সিনিয়র সহকারী পরিচালক ও উপপরিচালক নিয়োগের জন্য ১ ঘণ্টা ব্যাপী MCQ Test ও ২ ঘণ্টা ব্যাপী লিখিত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ, মেধাক্রম ও রোল নম্বর অনুযায়ী ফলাফল (হার্ড কপি ও সফট কপি) প্রণয়ন ও প্রদান।

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2. Tender Name	Tender Document for the Procurement of Storage Solution, Application Servers, Communication Devices, Software and Related Services for Data Center (DC) and Disaster Recovery (DR) Center of Pubali Bank Limited
3. Time for completion of the work	16 (Sixteen) weeks.
4. Eligibility of Tenderers	i) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 4 years of overall experience in the supply of goods and services. ii) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 years of specific experience in the supply of computer, server, switch related goods and related services. iii) Having valid trade license, up to date Income Tax Clearance Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate. iv) The minimum supply value of goods under a single contract in the last five years is Tk. 100 Lakh v) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is Tk. 100 Lakh
5. Price of Tender Document	Tk. 5,000.00 (Taka five thousand) only (non-refundable)
6. Amount of Tender Security	Tk. 6,00,000.00 (Taka six lakh) in the form of Payment Order/Bank Guarantee favoring Pubali Bank Limited, Head office, Dhaka.
7. Name and address of the office from where tender documents to be obtained.	Pubali Bank Limited, Information Technology Division, 10 th floor, 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka -1000
8. Name and address of the office where tender documents to be submitted.	Pubali Bank Limited, Establishment Division (12 th floor), 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka -1000
9. Last date & time for selling tender documents.	Up to 10:00 AM (BST), 21/06/2009
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11. Date and time for tender opening	At 11:15 AM (BST), 21/06/2009 in presence of bidder (if any).
12. Special Instructions	Pubali Bank Limited reserves the right to reject any/all tender(s) prior to acceptance. Tenderers must produce necessary papers along with tender.

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