

## DISPUTES, CASES PILE UP IN CHT

## Land Commission fails to get green light in 11 yrs

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Full implementation of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord remains uncertain as the Land Commission formed to resolve land disputes in CHT is yet to be made functional 11 years after its inception.

As per the peace deal signed in 1998, the then Awami League government formed a five-member CHT Land Commission for resolving the land related disputes in CHT.

A former chief justice serves as chairman of the commission while chairman of the CHT Regional Council or his representative and an additional commissioner work as its members.

Depending on the area the commission works, one of the three circle chiefs (Chakma Circle, Bomang Circle and Moung Circle) and one of the chairmen of the three hill district councils work as members of the commission.

As the successive governments failed to take proper steps to make the commission functional, land settlement process in CHT faces serious hindrance and a

large number of applications from both Bangali and indigenous people have remained piled up at the offices of concerned circle chiefs and deputy commissioners, sources said.

With thousands of land related cases in the courts of three hill districts remaining unresolved, land dispute has become a most complicated issue in the CHT, they said.

Steps should be taken to make the Land Commission functional to resolve land disputes in CHT and it is a must for full execution of the peace accord, political analysts observe.

Meanwhile the posts of chairman, secretary and registrar of the commission are currently lying vacant.

During past BNP-led four-party alliance rule, the Land Ministry issued a directive to the upazila nirbahi officers in CHT for preparation of necessary documents to give indigenous people ownership of the land that they have been cultivating for long. But it was later cancelled through an order from the CHT Affairs Ministry, sources said.

Former Land Commission secretary Dipen Dewan, who was also a joint dis-

trict judge, said he had completed preparations to recruit manpower for the commission but it could not be done due to what he said non-cooperation of the then chairman of the commission.

There is scope for abuse of power as the commission chairman has been given absolute power in taking any decision, said Dipen Dewan.

He suggested appointing a working justice as chairman of the commission to make it functional.

CHT Regional Council member Ushatun Talukder, who is also a top leader of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), said, "We submitted a proposal to the government for bringing reforms into the Land Commission to make it functional but to no effect."

A few PCJSS leaders also suggested bringing reforms into the Peace Accord Implementation Committee to make it 'effective'.

Replying to a query, State Minister for CHT Affairs Ministry Dipankar Talukder said the government is aware of the problems and the steps to resolve issues are 'under process'.

## Tidal surge hits Cox's Bazar

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

At least 2,000 dwelling houses at 22 villages in Teknaf, Moheshkhali, Kutubdia, Pekua and Sadar upazilas of Cox's Bazar have been inundated by tidal surge of the Bay of Bengal.

Seawater entering through the breaches in the coastal embankments has submerged dwellings of hundreds of people who also face serious crisis of drinking water.

Many people have taken refuge at local cyclone shelters and on coastal embankments.

Local met office sources said the sea has become rough under the impact of the depression formed in the Bay of Bengal. Tidal water has risen four to five feet above the normal and is hitting the coasts. Storm may hit the area.

Cox's Bazar seacoast has been advised to hoist cautionary signal number 3. All fishing boats have been asked to stay near the coast until further order.

President of Cox's Bazar Boat Owners Association Mujibur Rahman said at least 5,000 trawlers that went to fish



Tidal surge floods Saraitail village under Moheshkhali upazila in Cox's Bazar yesterday due to a depression over the Bay.

in the deep sea have returned to ghats as the sea has become rough. 1,000 more trawlers will reach the ghats by this morning (Monday), he added.

Hamidur Rahman, chairman of Sabrang Union Parishad under Teknaf upazila, said more than 100 dwelling houses of Jallipara,

Gholapara, Dakkhin Para, Paschim Para, Majhar Para under Shah Parir Dwip have gone under water due to the tidal surge.

More than 500 people of these villages have taken shelter at different educational institutions and cyclone shelters.

Chairman of Dhalghata

Union Parishad under Moheshkhali upazila Moqbul Ahmed said cyclone Aila has washed away about two kilometre of flood embankment in the union. About 900 dwelling houses in five unions have been inundated as tidal water entered through the breaches of the embankment.

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKHI

A fisherman poses for photograph with a porpoise netted from Bhairab River at Gunighat in Jessore yesterday.

## Ceiling fan falls on student

CU CORRESPONDENT

A student was severely injured when a ceiling fan fell on him at the school yesterday. Ahmed Itmam Azam is a class six student of Islahani Public School and College, Sources said, 'the ceiling fan suddenly fell on the head of Itmam when he went to class to collect khatas from a teacher. He needed nine stitches in head and doctors asked to keep Itmam under observation, said his father Irfanul Azam.

## Burglary at Ctg apartment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Thieves took away gold ornaments, cash and valuables from an apartment in the port city yesterday. Sources said, the thieves broke into the house of one Haider Ali on the first floor of a five-storied building at Akbar Shah Mazar Lane under Khulshi Police Station on Saturday night and decamped with more than 40 tolas of gold ornaments, Tk 70 thousand and other valuable items.

## Schoolboy drowns in river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A schoolboy drowned in the River Mohananda near Sornokor Potti Ghat in Chapainawabganj town yesterday morning. Victim Nayem Ahmed Osmani, 14, is the son of Zafar Ahmed Osmani of Islampur village and a student of class nine. Police and family sources said, the incident happened when Nayem along with friends went to the river for swimming in the morning.



PHOTO: STAR

Transport workers form a human chain at Lalmonirhat demanding an end to extortion by a section of so-called unionists.

## Extortion protested

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Transport workers yesterday formed a human chain at Mission More intersection protesting illegal toll collection by gang men in the name of workers' union. They also demanded expulsion of some non-workers from the union body. Union leaders alleged some ruling party backed people hired a good number of outsiders to collect toll from the truck, bus, mini bus, tank lorry drivers and helpers at different points of the district in the name of workers' welfare fund.

## Show cause on physicians

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The health department authorities on Saturday formed a three-member committee to probe why a number of physicians at Satkhira Sadar Hospital skipped duty on June 4. The authorities also issued show cause notices on 19 physicians at the directive of the health and family planning minister who visited the hospital and found them absent on the day.

## Newsmen deprived of land

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Journalists in Bandarban yesterday formed a human chain on the office premises of the Deputy Commissioner protesting 'secret' move to deprive the newsmen of land allotted to them through their local association. The journalists alleged that an official order was issued 'secretly' on April 13 this year 'to correct' the ownership record through which ownership of the 5-acre land allotted to the Bandarban District Sangbadik Samity in 1986 was 'transferred' to 15 non-journalists.

## SYLHET BDR MUTINEERS Charges to be framed against 34 on June 17

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A court here yesterday fixed June 17 to frame sedition charges against 34 BDR personnel under Sylhet Sector Headquarters.

The BDR men, accused of staging mutiny at their respective battalions on February 26, were produced in the Court of District and Sessions Judge Md Momin Ullah who fixed the date.

On May 31, Chief Judicial Magistrate ATM Musa sent the case records to the District

## Punish attackers of Halim Demand Habiganj journalists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Habiganj newsmen at a meeting Saturday night demanded immediate arrest and punishment to a local Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader and his cohorts who attacked ATN Bangla Correspondent MA Halim.

Habiganj Press Club president Shamim Ahsan chaired the meeting.

Sources said, a group of cadres led by Mohibur Rahman Mamun, organising secretary of the district BCL attacked Abdul Halim with iron rod and other lethal weapons on May 9 near the Post Office area.

Halim was attacked as he covered some reports against their activities.

and Sessions Judge's Court to start trial process of the sedition case.

Two other sedition cases filed against 108 BDR men in Sylhet were earlier sent to the District and Sessions Judge's Court that fixed June 9 and June 10 for framing Charges against the accused.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Kotwali Police Station Syeduzzaman filed the three cases with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court on May 17 accusing the BDR men of staging mutiny at their respective battalions, following the 'Pilkhana' revolt. Of them, 51 are from 21 Battalion, 57 from 38 Battalion and 34 from Sylhet sector headquarters.

On February 26, the mutineers took control of Sylhet Sector Headquarters and two battalion headquarters in the city's Akhalia area on the Sylhet-Sunamganj highway.

They also fired at least 200 blank shots, set fire to five vehicles in front of the battalion headquarters and put up barricades on the road in front of the 21 Battalion headquarters.

## PhD Degree Awarded



The Academic Council and the syndicate of Rajshahi University conferred IBS Research Fellow Mohammad Saifur Rahman with PhD degree for his research work on 'Information System and Services in Educational Institutions of Bangladesh: Study of Selected Teachers' Training College Libraries'. His research work was supervised by Prof Dr Md Mahabub Rahman, a renowned architect and professor of History and the Director of IBS, Rajshahi University and Prof Dr S M Mannan, a senior professor of the Dept of Information Science and Library Management, Dhaka University. Besides, Prof Dr Ratna Banerji of Kolkata University and Prof Dr Md Nasir Uddin Munshi of Dhaka University were his external and internal examiners, respectively. Dr Saif is son of Mr M A Kashem and Mrs Mahmuda Kashem of Purbia Para, Magura Town, Magura and younger brother of Advocate Samsur Rahman, a professional lawyer of both the courts in Dhaka. Dr Mohd Saifur Rahman is a BCS Ansar cadre officer, currently working as DG's staff officer.

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## Corrigendum

This is notified that the following amendments have been made in the tender document of Lot-2 (a) procurement of two (02) Nos. 5 ton Forklift Truck for handling empty containers up to two high. b) Procurement of four (04) Nos. 3 ton Low Mast Forklift Truck;

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All other terms & conditions and technical specification for this re-tender will remain unchanged.

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