

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Two children drown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Two children drowned in Pabna Sadar and Ishwardi upazilas in two days. Samia Akter, 3, daughter of Shawkat Hossain of Gangarampur in Pabna Sadar upazila fell down a pond near her residence Sunday afternoon. Tusher, 8, son of Akkas Ali of Ishwardi municipal area was playing with other children beside a pond near his residence Monday morning. Suddenly, he fell down the pond and drowned.

Lightning kills two

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Two persons were killed by lightning at Jahazpara under Gorjonia union of Ramu upazila on Sunday. Police and witnesses said, Khadiza Begum, 60, died on the spot when lightning struck her near Gorjonia Bazar at 8 pm while she was returning to Badar Mokam in the town after attending a wedding ceremony at Ramu. Saudi expatriate Noor Nabi was also killed in the same lightning. Nabi is a son of Syed Kasim of Cheinda village of Ramu upazila. He had come to his village home to enjoy holiday about a month ago.

Procession at Ruma

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

People of Ruma upazila yesterday brought out a procession demanding cancellation of acquisition of 9,560 acres of land in the upazila for security purpose. Hundreds joined the procession that started from Ruma Bazaar. The processionists paraded the streets and submitted a memorandum to the prime minister through the UNO, Ruma. According to the memorandum, the proposed lands are being acquired at Pantola, Galengya and Sengum mouzas. The move will affect more than 4,000 people of 800 indigenous families, it said.

Two get life for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Barisal court yesterday sentenced two persons to life imprisonment in the Azhar Gazi murder case. The court also fined each of them Tk50,000, in default, to suffer more one year in jail. The convicts are Delwar Hossain and Mamun Shikdar. According to prosecution story, businessman Azhar Gazi was shot dead in front of his house on March 7, 2000 by his business rivals. Brother of the victim lodged a murder case accusing five people the next day.



PHOTO: STAR

Corporate social responsibility manager of British American Tobacco Bangladesh Nasira Mansoor handing over clothes, as relief for the Aila victims to Satkhira district administration officials.

Criminals held with arms

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Members of Rab-6 arrested two notorious criminals with three firearms and eight bullets from Benapole under Sharsa upazila on Sunday. The arrestees are Amirul Islam, a convicted criminal and his brother Nuzrul Islam of village Kagojpur in the upazila. Rab arrested them at Kagojpur when they were returning home by a motorbike and a case was filed.

Yaba tablets seized

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

BDR jawans at Palongkhali BOP yesterday morning searched a Cox's Bazar bound bus from Teknaf and recovered 2,014 banned Yaba tablets worth Tk 10 lakh. However, none was arrested in this connection as the tablets were found abandoned at a corner of the bus. The seized tablets were handed over to Cox's Bazar Customs authorities.

SEVENTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Today is the 7th Death Anniversary of Late Mahabub Uddin Molla, an academic-turned-entrepreneur in the UK and Bangladesh, being the founding Chairman of Times Securities Ltd, founding Director of Standard Bank Ltd, Desh General Insurance Co Ltd and promoter of many other organisations. His family would request all those who knew him to pray for his departed soul.

-Barrister Moshfeque M. Rizvi on behalf of his Family

WOES OF AILA VICTIMS IN SATKHIRA

Leaving cyclone shelters to become shelterless

PORIMOL PALMA, back from Satkhira

Concern for a dwelling place grips most of the people who went to cyclone centres or safe places before the May 25 cyclone Aila hit the southern region, as the storm washed away their modest homes.

The Aila victims, who have started returning homes after several days of stay at the shelter centres, are frustrated to find nothing left for their use.

Meanwhile, diarrhoea has spread alarmingly in Satkhira district as the affected people are now compelled to drink polluted water.

Around 1.25 lakh people went to cyclone shelter centres before the cyclone.

"We were on the road for over a week. When we returned home four days ago, we found nothing left for use. We just put up a plastic shed on the yard to pass nights," said Naosher Ali, 35, of Bharrbharia village of Atulia, which is still reeling under water.

Ali, a landless day labourer, said now that all the shrimp enclosures are under water, there is no work and he has to depend fully on relief materials provided by the government or NGOs.

"But, what about my house? When there is rain, we have to run to others' houses for shelter. But there is rarely any liveable house nearby," he said.

During a visit to Mollapara and Bharrbharia villages in Atulia union of Shyamnagar upazila in Satkhira on Sunday, this correspondent saw people sitting beside their ruined houses.

NGOs are now trying to reach remote areas like Padmapukur, Barapukur,



PHOTO: STAR

Aila victims receiving pure drinking water from a plastic tank set by Brac at Atulia village in Shyamnagar upazila under Satkhira district yesterday.

Pakkhimari, Kamalkathi that saw scanty relief materials so far.

Golam Mostafa, Satkhira District Manager of Brac's Health Programme, said they were providing food packets each containing 5 kg rice, one kg dal, half kg oil, half kg salt, one kg potato, matches, four oral saline packets to a family.

"We got inadequate relief materials. Above all, passing nights has become difficult for our five-member family," said Abdul Jalil, another homeless person at Mollapara village.

It is difficult for him to go out to collect relief as there is water all around, he said.

Thousands of landless and homeless people have similar

stories to tell.

According to preliminary official figure, around 2.5 lakh houses were fully damaged, around four lakh houses partially damaged and over 10 lakh livestock were killed by cyclone Aila, which hit hard Shyamnagar and Ashashuni in Satkhira, Koira and Dakope in Khulna, Charfashion and Monpara in Bhola and Galachipa and Kalapara upazilas in Patuakhali.

The Army and other government departments are working to repair the embankments, but intrusion of water during the high tide disturbs the work.

Our Satkhira Correspondent adds: Diarrhoea has broken out alarmingly in Aila-affected

areas of Shyamnagar, Assassini, Kaliganj and Tala upazilas in the district.

At least 12,315 people were attacked with the water-borne disease since the cyclone lashed the coastal upazilas on May 25, according to district health department sources.

The water borne disease has broken out as the affected people are compelled to drink infected waters, Civil Surgeon Dr Md Ebadullah said.

"Sixty-two medical teams are working round the clock to treat the diarrhoea patients at medical camps in the Aila-affected areas. We have sufficient medicines to tackle the disease," he said.

Traders agitate as extortionists at Feni stab 10

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

At least 10 people were stabbed as extortionists swooped on locals in the face of resistance at Station Road in Feni town yesterday.

Protesting the incident, shop owners kept their shutters down and blocked the road for three hours disrupting traffic. Police later arrested one Abul Khair in connection with the incident.

Police and local traders said some identified criminals of the area, led by Masud and Sumon, had been demanding illegal toll from shop owners for the last few days. As they refused, the gang attacked fish fry trader Abu Taher Miah at Station Road at around 9:30 pm on Sunday and took away Tk 25,200 and a mobile phone set from him.

When Taher tried to resist the criminals, they beat him up and stabbed. At that time, the employees of a nearby hotel and other people chased the criminals away.

Yesterday morning, 10 to 12 criminals ransacked the hotel and looted cash. They also stabbed at least 10 people, including traders and hotel employees, as they tried to resist the gang.

The extortionists, however, fled the scene as several hundred traders, employees and common people came out to resist them.

BARISAL RUPALI BANK LOAN SCAM

Nine face charges

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Barisal court has framed charges against nine accused including seven bank officials and two BNP leaders in a case for about Tk 22.71 crore loan scam of Rupali Bank.

After framing charges in presence of the accused on Wednesday, Barisal Divisional Special Judge AKM Zulfikar Ali ordered starting trial of the case.

The then deputy general manager Shahidul Huq on behalf of the Rupali Bank authorities lodged a case against Shamsur Rahman, manager, and Makbul Hossain, credit officer of Rupali Bank Nathullahad Bus terminal branch in the city on March 16, 2006.

In December 2007, the case

was transferred to the Anti-Corruption Commission and charge sheet was submitted against nine people on April 6, 2008.

Other than Shamsur Rahman and Makbul Hossain, the accused are loan receiver Jannatun Nesa Nayon, also secretary of Barisal city unit of Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha and managing director of Ambia Memorial Hospital and Diagnostic Limited (AMHDL), Nayon's husband and guarantor of the loan Syed Md Yunus, also a BNP leader and chairman of AMHDL, Abdul Khalek, former bank manager, Shamsul Azad, second officer of Sadar Road branch, Abdur Rob, principal officer, Biplob Ghosh and Habibur Rahman, officers of Rupali Bank Barisal regional office.

Rape in Rangpur sparks protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Socio-cultural organisations in Rangpur have demanded punishment of the criminals who raped a class eight student, also a dance artiste, at Alamnagar in Rangpur town.

Cultural activists expressed their deep concern as all the accused of the gang rape case are yet to be arrested.

Raja, 20, Apple, 21, Rasha, 20, Sumon, 22, and Mamun, 21, allegedly gang-raped the girl, a student of Aziznagar High School in Rangpur town, on Saturday night.

The criminals kidnapped her when she was going to buy goods from a nearby grocery immediately after evening, the victim alleged.

They took her behind the food depot at Alamnagar, raped her and left her unconscious. When she regained sense, she went to a nearby house, she said.

Informed, the victim's father Tapan Miah took her home and arranged her treatment. In the morning, he lodged a case with Kotwali Police Station.

Police arrested Raja, one of the alleged rapists, from Alamnagar on Saturday.

Rangpur units of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, Mohila Parishad and Nari Odhikar Sangathan on Sunday submitted a memorandum to the superintendent of police demanding arrest of all the rapists.

Bribery case against OC

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A case was lodged with the district and session judge's court in Barisal on Sunday against the officer-in-charge (OC) of Hizla Police Station accusing him of demanding bribe.

Abdul Jalil, chairman of Dhulkhola Union Parishad filed the case against OC Abdul Aziz. The judge ordered to register the case and fixed the hearing date on June 21.

The complainant alleged that there was a dispute between Kali Mohan and Abdur Razzak of village Budhua of the union over ownership of 25 acres of land. Both the parties kept 1,200 maunds of paddy harvested from that land under the custody of police and sat three times at Hizla Police Station in presence of the UP chairman and OC but failed to resolve the dispute.

Meantime, the OC allegedly demanded Tk3 lakh from Razzak and told him to take the paddy and possession of the land on payment of the amount.

As Razzak refused to pay the money to the OC, a general diary was filed against him and his four associates. They were later sent to jail allegedly under a false case last week.

When the UP chairman protested the interference of OC in local government affairs and raised the issue of bribery, the OC allegedly misbehaved with him and threatened him to put behind bar.

Contacted, OC Abdul Aziz denied all the allegations.

UPDF kidnaps 2 PCJSS activists at gunpoint

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Two activists of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) were abducted allegedly by the armed cadres of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) from Dhalyachhari under Jibital Union of Rangamati Sadar upazila on Sunday.

The abducted PCJSS men are Sunirmal Dewan, 28, president of Jibital unit of Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP), a student front of PCJSS, and local PCJSS activist Bijimoni Chakma.

Meanwhile, Security personnel yesterday arrested four UPDF men with arms and ammunition at Dullatali under Laxmichhari upazila of Khagrachhari district.

Police quoted local people as saying that a group of 12 UPDF activists, led by Tapan Kumar Chakma, raided the office of local timber traders at Dhalyachhari at around 4:30

pm and picked up the two PCJSS men at gun point, reports our correspondent.

Padma Lochan Chakma, PCP district unit president, yesterday confirmed the incident. He blamed the armed UPDF activists for kidnapping the PCJSS men.

In Khagrachhari, army personnel raided Dullatali area early yesterday and arrested four UPDF cadres with one pistol and four bullets, according to our correspondent.

The arrestees are Mongchinu Marma, 38, commander of UPDF Rangamati unit, and the front's Laxmichhari upazila unit members Jiten Chakma, 25, Nidonda Chakma 43 and Nikon Chakma, 35.

They were later handed over Laxmichhari police.

UPDF Laxmichhari unit leader Rina Dewan said the arrestees are not the members of their organisation.

10 sued in Feni on charge of killing during '71 war

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A case was filed with the Judicial Magistrate Court, Feni, on Sunday against 10 'rajaks' for killing a man at Mandari village under Sonagazi upazila of the district on November 28, 1971.

The accused are former chairman of Char Majlishpur Union Parishad and the then rajakar commander Obaidul Haque, Abdul Quader of Gazaria village, Maulana Jalal of Durgapur village, Mahbulul Haq, Abul Kashem, Abu Bakar Siddique of Paikpara village, Tajul Islam and Safiullah of Gunak village, Sheikh Ahmed of Mandari village and Abdul Mannan of Brahmani village.

Ruhul Amin, son of slain Abdul Jabbar of Mandari village, filed the case.

Magistrate Emdad Ullah asked the officer-in-charge of Sonagazi Police Station to take necessary legal steps in this regard.

The complainant in his case statement said the accused led by commander Obaidul Haque of Bishnupur High School razakar camp caught his father at Kuthirhat Bazar on November 28, 1971. They beat him up for campaigning in favour of Awami League candidate Taleb Ali during parliamentary election in December 1970 and took him to the camp, the complainant alleged.

Complainant Ruhul Amin further said the accused killed his father and threw the body into a nearby river.

Relatives later recovered Jabbar's body from the river and buried it at the family graveyard.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh			
Headquarter, Kurmitola, Dhaka			
Tender Notice			
01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism.	
02	Agency	Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.	
03	Procuring entity name	Chief Engineer, Headquarters, CAAB, Dhaka.	
04	Invitation for	Providing Supply of Runway Distance Marker Light.	
05	Invitation Ref No.	CAAB/W-478(E/M)(Cap. Exp) (Part-I)K/2309.	
06	Date	10-05-2009.	
KEY INFORMATION			
07	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
08	Budget and source of fund	CAAB own fund Code No.100 (Investment of Fixed Asset).	
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION			
09	Tender package No.	02/2008-2009 (Jessore).	
10	Tender package name	Providing & Installation of Light, Transformer U/G power cable of Runway Distance Marker Light of East Side of Runway at Jessore Airport (S.H.- Providing/supply of Runway Distance Marker Light (RDML).	
11	Tender last selling date	22-06-2009.	
12	Tender closing date and time	24-06-2009 at 12:00 hrs.	
13	Tender opening date and time	24-06-2009 at 12:30 hrs.	
14	Name & address of the office(s)	Chief Engineer, Headquarters, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.	
	- Selling tender document (principal)	a. Superintending Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, CAAB, Dhaka.	
	- Selling tender document (others)	b. Executive Engineer, E/M Division-3, CAAB, Dhaka.	
		c. Airport Manager, Jessore Airport.	
		d. PA to Member (Ops/Plans), CAAB Headquarters, Dhaka.	
		e. PA to Director, ZIA, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.	
		f. Cash Section, CAAB Headquarters, Dhaka.	
	- Receiving tender document	Chief Engineer, Headquarters, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.	
	- Opening tender document	Chief Engineer, Headquarters, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
15	Eligibility of tenderer	CAAB enlisted "A" special and above class (E/M) contractor or local agent or runway lighting system 5 (five) years experience as a contractor/supplier and having experience of E/M works amounting to Tk. 10 (ten) lac in a single work order within last 5 (five) years supported by completion certificate issued not below the rank of Executive Engineer from any govt./semi-govt./autonomous department.	
16	Brief description of goods or works	i. Runway distance marker sign complete set 1200mmx1200mmx6.6A.120Wx3 ICAO/FAA standard foreign made isolating transformer earth connector-300Wx1/6.6A ICAO/FAA standard Foreign made. Primary connector Kit-Kt-03/5000V/25A 8 SQx09.1-10 ICAO/FAA standard foreign made secondary connection kit FAAL-823 Style-512 (0125) 2 core foreign made.	
17	Price of tender document	Tk 1,000.00 (one thousand) only. (non-refundable).	
18	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location
	1	Providing Supply of Runway Distance Marker Light	Jessore Airport
			Tender security amount in Taka
			Time for completion in weeks/ months/days
			30 (thirty) days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
19	Name of official inviting tender	Harunur Rashid Bhuiyan.	
20	Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Engineer.	
21	Address of official inviting tender	Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.	
22	Contact details of official tender	Tel. No. 8961477.	
23	a) Tenderers shall have to produce the original work completion certificate at the time of purchasing the tender document.		
	b) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender(s) without assigning any reason.		
CAAB/PR-88/2009/842			
Date: 3-6-2009			
GD-2903			
Harunur Rashid Bhuiyan			
Chief Engineer			
Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh			



Proshika founder Dr. Qazi Faruque Ahmed re-elected as Chairman

The 35th AGM of Proshika was held on June 6, 2009 where a 9-member governing body (Advocate Imtiaz, Dr. Nawshad un nabi, Advocate Seikh Rafiqul, Mr. S.M. Shah Alom, Mr. Hamid Fakir, Ms. Nargis Jahan, Ms. Rokeya Islam and Mr. Rafi Ahmed) has been elected for the next one year and Proshika founder Dr. Qazi Faruque Ahmed has been re-elected as Chairman. In the first meeting called by the newly elected governing body, Mr. Kazi Khaze Alam was appointed as CEO and immediate after the AGM, an EGM was called. In that meeting, as per clause 27(d) of Proshika's constitution, Abdul Wadud, Mahbulul Karim, Abdul Matin, Masrurul Islam, Sheikh Sultan Ahmed, Renuka Biswas, Shahjahan Howlader and Golapi Begum have been unanimously removed from Proshika for their anti-Proshika activities.