



Students of Agriculture Training Institute (ATI), Sylhet started hunger strike at Sylhet Central Shaheed Minar Saturday morning to press their 8-point demand. At least 22 students were admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Hospital till yesterday as they fell sick during the programme. The demands of the student include access to higher education on completion of diploma, appointment of teachers to the vacant posts, stipend for the meritorious students and adequate supply of lab equipments for practical classes.



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Bithar murder case transferred to DB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Shahid Iqbal Bithar murder case was transferred to the Detective Branch of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) for fair investigation Saturday evening.

KMP commissioner has ordered DB to investigate the case as Sub-Inspector (SI) Shajahan Siraj of Khulna Sadar Police Station, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, could not make any headway though six days have elapsed since filing of the FIR on July 13, said AC Nesar Ahmed.

Inspector Monir Ahmed of DB has been made new IO of the case. Bithar, ward councillor of Khulna City Corporation (KCC), was gunned down near his residence at Musalmanpara on the night of July 11.

Police claimed that Medicine trader Mokhesur Rahman Pintu, arrested on July 15 as suspect, has confessed to financing the killers. He also admitted to his close link with underground parties.

Pintu made this confession during interrogation by police. He was on a three-day



Shahid Iqbal Bithar

remand that ended yesterday.

KCC Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque once again held a vested interest group responsible for the murder. The group killed Bithar to hamper the ongoing drive against encroachers of 22 canals, said the mayor while addressing a press conference yesterday.

Khulna Awami League and its front organisations brought out a mourning procession in the city yesterday and later submitted memorandums to the DC and the KMP commissioner demanding arrest of the 'real' killers of Bithar, 'also a central leader of Juba League.

RCC mayor unveils multipurpose plan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton on Saturday announced a 10-year multipurpose plan 'Vision 2018' to make the city a modern and tourist-friendly one and suitable for living by different income group people.

Fighting corruption, ensuring better utility services, bringing transparency in implementing projects and reducing gap between the rich and the poor are some of the challenges they would face to see a prosperous city on the Padma River by 2018, the mayor said at a view exchange meeting with journalists at RCC conference room.

The RCC mayor outlined

different plans including initiative to dredge the Padma River, opening an industrial information centre for entrepreneurs, setting up two maternities, 10 health centres, agriculture and medical universities and several standard educational institutions including a women's cadet college in the city.

The RCC has already started data entry works for implementing e-governance, he said.

The authorities concerned will begin the project for setting up 280km gas pipelines in the city by November and start supplying natural gas to households by July next year.

The work for setting up a 125MW coal-fired power plant at Katakhal is going on while a sweater factory will be

opened in the city next month, said the mayor.

Housing projects have been designed at Hatimkhan for Harijans, at Sreerampur and Barakuthi for slum people and in other areas for low-income and disabled people and rootless women.

Construction of international standard hotels in the city, setting up of recreation spots on the Padma riverbank, children's playground and park, and community centre, industrial park, garments village and silk village are also in the plan.

In honour of the martyrs of the Liberation War, the RCC will construct memorials on the mass graves at Bablatala and Talaimari.

The government has allocated Tk 121 crore for development of the city this fiscal year, the mayor said.

BOGRA TOWN SECOND BYPASS ROAD

5-year project not finished in decade

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

Roads and Highways Department (RHD) of Bogra Division has already spent about Tk 21.57 crore as the five-year project for construction of 'Bogra Town Second Bypass Road' has not completed in 10 years.

The project that started in 2000 at an estimated cost of Tk 27.96 crore has seen time extension several times and consequently the cost has gone up, said Bogra Division RHD Executive Engineer Md Abul Hossain Pramanik.

The RHD will need another Tk 3.51 crore in 2009-2010 financial year to complete the project, he said.

When the RHD Bogra Division started work to construct 15.80 kilometre road from Bonani to Matidali Moar under 'Bogra Town Second Bypass Project' in 2000, the cost of per kilometre road construction was estimated at Tk 1.77 crore, RHD sources said.

But the authorities extended period of the five-year project up to 2007 and it led to the rise of per km road construction cost to Tk 2.91 crore.

As the project period saw further extension up to 2009-2010 financial year, the construction cost increased to Tk 3.13 crore per km, RHD sources said.

The department also spent Tk 80 lakh for maintenance

work of 7.50 km road under a special programme a few months ago.

According to the RDH Bogra division office, RHD has already spent Tk 49.53 crore against the earlier estimate of Tk 27.96 crore for construction of the 15.80 km road.

A huge amount of money has been misused during construction work under the ongoing project, a senior RHD official said, adding that a bridge was unnecessarily constructed at Suzabad during the project period.

People are often seen drying paddy on the completed portions of the road as it is yet to be opened for transport.



PHOTO: STAR

A woman drying paddy at Banahi Matidali Moar on Bogra Town Second Bypass Road as the road is yet to be opened for vehicles five years after expiry of the original project period.

SNIPPETS

6 Myanmar citizens held

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Bangladesh Rifles arrested six Myanmar citizens at Shah Pari Island of Teknaf upazila yesterday on charge of intrusion. They are Ali Akbar, 38, Md Hamid, 28, Yaar Muhammad, 22, Md Selim, 27, Md Yasin, 25, and Doulat Hussain, 55. Acting officer-in-charge at Teknaf police station Jamal Ahmed Chowdhury said the six are residents of Jalia Para under Akiyab of Myanmar. A case has been filed against them, he said. Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Teknaf Md Tofayel Islam said, "Earlier we pushed back the Myanmar citizens several times. As it did not work, we have now decided to file cases against them."

Cases against 2 journalists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Tujarpur union council chairman Sohorab Bhuiyan filed an extortion case against two journalists of Bhanga on Saturday night. The accused are Ajoy Das and Abdul Mannan, correspondent of two national dailies. Officer-in-charge of Bhanga police station Md Mohiuddin confirmed filing of the case but refused to give any details. The two dailies carried a news team on July 17 on gouging out eyes of a boy by his father at Bhodrasan village under Tujarpur union of Bhanga upazila. But later it was found that the boy received injury in his right eye.

JCD activists beaten up

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Juba League activists beat up two Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists on Daulatpur Motilal Degree College campus in Manikganj yesterday. The injured JCD men-- Rajib and Momin-- were admitted to Daulatpur Upazila Health Complex. Sources said a group of outsider Juba League leaders and activists, including Saiful, Ayub, Sanu, Bulbul and Pintu Molla, entered the campus at around 11:30am and beat up Rajib and Momin severely. Later, BCL activists of the college unit with the help of outsider Juba League men ousted the JCD leaders and activists from the campus and took control of it, the sources added.

Muggers kill college teacher

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Muggers killed a college teacher and injured two others at Sreekhandi village under Baraigram upazila on Saturday night. Victim Arifur Rahman, 32, was son of Aftab Uddin of village Banpara Bazar and a teacher of Haibatpur College. Police and locals said, muggers attacked Arif when he was returning at Banpara Bazar from Ramagari village on a motorcycle with two of his friends. They hit them several times with sharp weapons and snatched the motorcycle immediately. Locals rescued them but Arif was died on way to hospital.

Two kidnapped for ransom

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Criminals abducted a farmer's son in Daulatpur upazila on Saturday night and demanded Tk 2 lakh as ransom from his father. According to police, a masked gang entered the house of farmer Hekmat Ali at Madhugari village about 11:30pm and demanded Tk 1 lakh as toll. As Hekmat refused to pay the amount they picked up his son Tikka, 30, at gunpoint. In Khoksa, a gang way laid village doctor Bipul Biswas at Machpara bridge when he was returning home from Pangsha bazar Wednesday night. The gang picked him up and demanded Tk 3 lakh as ransom from his family. Bipul is yet to be freed as none lodged any case.



PHOTO: STAR

JMB militant Hasanuzzaman Hasan after his arrest in Satkhira by Detective Branch of police on Friday.

JMB MAN REMANDED IN SATKHIRA

Hasan had links with Obaidullah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Arrested Jama'atul Mujahidin Bangladesh (JMB) militant Hasanuzzaman Hasan who was arrested by Detective Branch (DB) police from a house at Rasulpur Friday was placed on a ten-day remand yesterday.

Investigation officer (IO) sub-inspector (SI) Amar Roy said police hope to gather more important information from him about JMB activities in the country.

Hasanuzzaman Hasan, 32, son of Mahfuzur Rahman of village Tengra Bhabanipur in Sadar upazila was arrested

from house of one Arifur Rahman at Rasulpur.

Sources said Hasan, a listed JMB activist, went into hiding soon after the August 17, 2005 series bomb blasts in the town but recently returned to the area.

A source in the DB police said Hasan had regular contact with Mufi Obaidullah, the most wanted Laskar-e-Taiyeba leader, who was arrested last week by DB police in Dhaka.

Quoting Hasan, the DB police said he came in contact with Obaidullah while he and Obaidullah were teachers of a madrasa at Machhna village in Manirampur upazila of Jessore.

1 killed, 7 hurt as rival AL men clash

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

One person was killed and seven others were injured in a clash between two factions of local Awami League at Parikhupi village under Sharsa upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Shafiu Rahman, 35, son of Noor Mohammed of the village.

Police and locals said the two factions--one led by Abdus Salam and the other by Shamsur Rahman--clashed over establishing supremacy in the area at around 10:00am.

They used lethal weapons and hurled bombs at each other during the clash, leaving eight people from both sides injured.

Seriously injured Shafiu of Salam group was rushed to Sharsa Upazila Health Complex where he succumbed to his injuries soon after admission. Mafizul, Nazrul and Abdul Wahab of Shamsur Rahman group were admitted to Jessore General Hospital. Later, Wahab was sent to Dhaka as his condition deteriorated.

The four other injured are undergoing treatment at Sharsa health complex. Salam group filed a murder case with Sharsa Police Station. No case was filed by Shamsur Rahman group as of filing of this report at 7:00pm yesterday.

Cheated job seekers agitate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A large number of cheated job seekers yesterday formed a human chain at Satmatha in Bogra town demanding removal of the Bogra deputy commissioner (DC) for submission of a 'false enquiry report' in favour of Md Abdul Mannan Sarker, former chairman of Science and Information Technology (SIT) Foundation.

Talking to this correspondent over cell phone yesterday, Bogra DC Md Iftekharul Islam Khan, however, said a magistrate prepared the enquiry report on the basis of proper documents and investigations. Md Abdul Mannan Sarker,

also a suspended director of National Academy for Computer Training and Research (NACTAR) under the Ministry of Education, faces at least 13 criminal cases, cheated job seekers said.

According to case documents, Mannan Sarker, his son Rawshan Kamal Shahin and their accomplices cheated about 4,000 people after taking Tk 12 crore as deposit money assuring them jobs in the NGO in last year.

Md Mushtaq Zamil, convenor of the Association of Cheated Officials and Employees of SIT Foundation, Bogra, alleged that many documents against Md Abdul Mannan Sarker, which were shown before the investigation

team, were not included in the reports.

"I gave Tk 1.25,000 as deposit money to the SIT Foundation officials for the post of program organiser," one Rina Parveen told local journalists.

"Like other employees, I gave Tk 10,000 as deposit money for the post of field officer. The money was deposited in the NGO office through Md Abdus Samad, joint director of Bangladesh Bank's Bogra branch," said Rezina Akter, a woman employee of the NGO.

General manager of the branch said he informed higher authorities of Bangladesh Bank of the matter after receiving a complaint from Rezina Akter a few months ago.

Invitation for Bids (IFB)



SONALI BANK LIMITED

Bangladesh

Enterprise Growth and Bank Modernization Project

IDA Credit No. 3917-BD Package No. G-8.2 (SB)

Procurement of Diesel Engine Generators for 143 Branches of Sonali Bank Limited.

IFB No. 2009/72

Date : 08.07.2009

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in *Development Business*, issue no. 615 of September 30, 2003.
- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Enterprise Growth and Bank Modernization Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the Contract for Procurement of Diesel Engine Generators for 143 branches of Sonali Bank Limited.
- Sonali Bank Limited now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply, installation and commissioning of Diesel Engine Generators.
- Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the address below and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address and address given below from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Qualifications requirements include:

Criteria	Minimum threshold to meet
Total experience in business in years	5 Years in related area.
Experience in years in the supply of the item for which this bid is invited	2 years.
Number of contracts successfully completed in immediate last 3 years of the similar items	3
Technical	1. The Bidders must undertake to have a track record of having successfully completion of supply and installation of Diesel Engine Generators. 2. Bidders must undertake to have country wide well equipped after sales service bureau / centre(s) / office(s) for Diesel Engine Generators in Bangladesh manned by adequately qualified personnel.
Financial	Annual Average Turnover of the Bidder for last three years must have BDT 20 (Twenty) million or equivalent in any major currency for Lot-A and BDT 30 (Thirty) million or equivalent in any major currency for Lot-B in similar Projects.

- A complete set of Bidding Document may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidder on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Taka 2,000 (Taka Two Thousand) only during 09:00- 16:00 hours on all working days from 26.07.2009 to 07.09.2009. The Bidding Documents will be delivered to the authorized representative of the Applicant in person only.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 15:30 hours 09.09.2009. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at 15:45 hours 09.09.2009. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of BDT 4,00,000 (Four Hundred Thousand) or equivalent in any freely convertible currency for Lot-A, BDT 8,00,000 (Eight Hundred Thousand) or equivalent in any freely convertible currency for Lot-B.
- The address (es) referred to above is (are):

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