

# Loan sharks active in Aila-hit areas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

When a large number of cyclones Aila and Sidr affected people are still homeless and trying hard to recover from losses, a section of loan sharks have started pressing them for repayment.

There are allegations that field level officials of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are chasing the people in the Aila affected areas to realise loans with interests.

During a visit to the areas, this correspondent found that day labourer Nurul Islam, 48, of Rayenda Bazar under Sharankhola upazila of Bagerhat district was shattered by both the cyclonic storms -- Sidr of November 15

of 2007 and Aila of May 25 this year. The homeless day labourer had no other way but to sell a pitcher made of brass for repaying the loan installment.

Fisherman Shahin Sheikh, 40, of Southkhali said he was compelled by field workers of a big NGO to repay weekly loan installment a day after Aila ravaged his homestead. "I took Tk 13,000 as loan from them", Shahin said.

Similar allegations were made by Yusuf and Belal of Southkhali union who were pressed by another NGO to repay loan instalments though they were badly hit by Aila.

"They are doing it in defiance of government directive to money lending NGOs for a

respite in the Aila-hit areas", said Koira upazila Chairman Mohsin Reza.

Aila shattered all the six unions of Koira upazila rendering thousands of people homeless. Most of them are still out of jobs and passing their days almost without food and amid severe crisis of drinking water.

Although many of these homeless and jobless people did not get relief or financial support after the storm they now cry for relief from loan sharks.

The non-governmental organisations running micro-credit programmes in the coastal belts of Khulna and Bagerhat districts are yet to halt their loan recovery campaigns, it is learnt from several sources.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Workers dismantle a large bamboo enclosure in the Padma in Shibchar upazila yesterday as Fisheries Department started drive to remove all enclosures and nets set to catch egg laying fishes illegally. Madaripur administration also announced a 3-day deadline for owners to remove all such 'fish traps'.

## Double tragedy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Another tragedy followed recovery of drowned college student Real's body from Madhabkunda waterfall in Baralekha upazila of Moulvibazar on Sunday as a local youth, who had helped fire brigade divers to find it, died of heart attack after seeing the body.

Khandaker Rahimul Islam Real, 19, a student of Uttara Anwara Model Degree College in Dhaka, drowned in the ditch of Madhabkunda waterfall when he was swimming there along with a few companions on Saturday afternoon.

After local Fire Brigade divers failed to find his body, a team of Fire Brigade divers from Dhaka went to Madhabkunda and recovered the body.

As Real's body was brought out of the ditch, Fayed Ahmed, 28, died of heart attack when he saw Real's body.

He had helped the fire brigade divers during their recovery drive.

Son of Nur Miah of Kholagaon village under Baralekha upazila, Fayed had a small shop near Madhabkunda waterfall.

Real's body was brought to Baralekha Police Station and later handed over to his father and uncle, said officials and witnesses.

On Saturday, Real, son of Khandakar Md Shafique of Samajpur village under Kustia upazila of Kustia district, went to Madhabkunda waterfall as member of a group of 12 students of different educational institutions in Dhaka, said police and administrative officials.

## Mother of Sarbahara Dal leader arrested

Pistol, bullets seized

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Police yesterday noon arrested a woman, allegedly a member of the outlawed Sarbahara Dal, from Bandar area under Nilokhi union of Shibchar upazila.

Shibchar police station's officer-in-charge (OC) Abdul Jalil said, following a tip-off that the members of Sarbahara Dal were holding a secret meeting in Bandar area, a police team led by ASI Abdullah and ASI Mobarak raided the house of Sarbahara leader Delwar Hossain.

Sensing police presence, Sarbahara Dal members including its gang leader Delwar managed to flee. But police arrested Delwar's mother Anwara Begum and recovered a 9 mm pistol and five bullets from her. Later, searching the house, police also found two more bullets.

## Probe unrest at RU during emergency

Teachers, students demand

RU CORRESPONDENT

Teachers of Rajshahi University and different student bodies, including Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) RU unit, have urged the government to investigate the violence on the university campus on August 22, 2007.

They also demanded proper investigation into the matter as the caretaker government filed 'false' cases against Prof Saidur Rahman Khan, Prof Abdus Sobhan, Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan Sajal, Prof Golam Sabbir Sattar Tapu, Prof Moly Bhoumik, Associate Prof Dulal Chandra Biswas, Associate Prof Sayed Selim Reza Newton and Assistant Prof Abdullah Al Mamun of Rajshahi University.

The standing committee at a meeting on Sunday decided to investigate the DU violence that broke out on August 20, 2007. The student unrest later swept through other educational institutions including RU.

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Following the violence, the caretaker government arrested the teachers and tortured them at Joint Interrogation Cell, they alleged in the statement.

On August 23, 2007, RU acting registrar Prof Muhammad Shafi filed a case against RU BCL General Secretary Ayeen Uddin and 500 other unnamed students for their alleged involvement in the campus violence on August 22.

The BCL RU unit and other student bodies also demanded proper investigation into the campus violence.

## PBCP against pullout of army from hill tracts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Leaders of Parbatyia Bangali Chhatra Parishad (PBCP) at a protest meeting yesterday urged the government to change its decision to withdraw one army brigade and 35 temporary army camps from several places in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) by September.

They also threatened to paralyse life in the hill districts if their demand is not fulfilled.

The meeting was held at Mukhtamanchha and presided by PBCP Khagrachhari unit president Mohammad Abdullah Al Masud. Central committee president Mohammad Alamgir Kabir was present as chief guest.

Citing the incidents of killing, abduction, attacks, toll collection and other offences in CHT, the leaders warned that the law and order situation will deteriorate in the area making it a den of both national and international terrorists.

Before the meeting, they brought out a procession which paraded the main roads of the hill town. They also submitted a 8-point memorandum to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina through additional deputy commissioner Mohammad Khalilur Rahman.

## SNIPPETS

### Teacher stops early marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenaidah

Marriage of a student of class three was stopped by a teacher yesterday. The 9-year-old bride was Sheuli, 9, daughter of Golam Mostafa of Kabirpur village under Shaikhpura upazila. Sheuli is a student of Kabirpur Government Primary School. Sources said, Sheuli was all set to be wedded with motor mechanic Rubel, son of Ghandha Biswas of village Bhandalpara on Monday. Teacher Bulbul Ahmed of her school on hearing her early marriage informed it to the UNO of Shaikhpura upazila. Officer-in-charge (OC) Anwar Hossain of Shaikhpura police station went to the spot and stopped the illegal marriage.

### Four get life in Faridpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, FARIDPUR

Two Faridpur courts yesterday sentenced four people to life imprisonment in two separate cases of murder and rape. In the murder case, Ali Akbar and his son Halim Fakir of village Char Chanda Ashapur under Modhukhali upazila were punished for killing one Rahima Begum on July 16, 2006. They were also fined Tk 10,000 each, in default, to suffer six months more in jail. In the rape case, Shyamol Chandra Biswas and his friend Sanjoy of Char Gojarta of Sadar upazila were punished for rape of a female student of class eight on September 7, 2008.

### 80 hurt in Magura clashes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Around 80 people including four policemen were injured in clashes at Mohishadanga village in Magura Sadar upazila yesterday morning and Sunday evening. Rival groups led by Tofazzal Hossain and Shawkat Ali Biswas engaged in a clash following a local grocery shop owner's demanding due bills from a customer. The clash left 13 people including four policemen injured, police and locals said. In a sequel to the incident, the two groups involved in another clash at around 6:30am yesterday. At least 67 people were injured as both the groups used lethal weapons during the clash that lasted for about five hours. On information, police rushed to the spot and arrested 33 people including 15 women from the village.

### Sundarbans pirates clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two rival groups of pirates traded gun fires for over an hour on Sunday afternoon at Dadhmukhi canal under Sharankhola upazila of Bagerhat district. Unconfirmed sources said seven people were killed as Raju Bahini and Zulfikar Bahini clashed in the Sundarbans. They said the gunfight took place at Dudhmukhi canal. Officials of the east wing of Sundarbans Forest Division admitted to the hour-long battle but could not confirm if the gunfight left anyone dead or injured. Sharankhola police said coastguards rescued 26 fishermen on Sunday evening from Lathimara canal of the Sundarbans. Two engine trawlers and six fishing boats were also recovered from there.

### Housewife 'commits suicide'

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

A housewife allegedly committed suicide at village Krisnapur in Chandina upazila yesterday. Khorsheda Begum, 20, daughter of Abul Kashem of village Bosantapur was found hanging from ceiling of her bedroom with a scarf around her neck. The family members broke open the door in the morning after they saw Khorsheda's hanging body through the widow. Chandina police recovered the body at around 10:00am and sent it to Comilla Medical College and Hospital morgue for autopsy. In another incident, police recovered body of a youth from a ditch at village Krisnapur in Sadar upazila yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Tipu Sultan, 19, son of Zahidul Islam of village Paththubi. Tipu was a student of Bamail Degree College. Police said, there were several marks of stab injuries in the victim's body.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Communications  
Dhaka Transport Co-ordination Board  
Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka-1000

No: DTCB/AED(P)/267/2009- Date: 27/07/2009

### Sub: Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

**Approval status-** Dhaka Transport Co-ordination Board (DTCB), Ministry of Communications has been allocated Tk 182.73 lac only by the Government of Bangladesh towards the cost of implementing an approved project named "Study for Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Enhancement of Transport related agencies in Dhaka city as identified in STP" and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this fund to payments for consultancy of one senior and two junior local consultants for this project. Salary of the consultants will be finalised as per provision of PPR-2008/through negotiation.

**Brief description of works-** Review all earlier transport development studies of Dhaka city including STP and identify shortcomings of the reports and recommend essential changes for the related agencies for modernisation of urban transportation. Detail investigation of the capacity of the key agencies i.e. DCC, DTCB, BRTA, RAJUK and DMP will be carried out. Agencies like BR, BIWTC, BRTC, RHD, LGED and DOE will also be investigated with a view to upgrade their capacity on urban transport system. Examining existing management structure of the agencies and recommend necessary measures for a revised and new management structure with a view to enhance transport management capacity of the agencies. Defining and vitalising future role of the agencies concerned in terms of strategic transport development. Investigating existing service rules, organograms etc of the agencies and recommend measures for improvement. Making specific recommendations for strengthening related institutions. Recommend appropriate measures for unification of land use planning and transport planning in Dhaka city under one authority. Recommend measures for legal bindings and enactment of rules, if needed for co-operation and co-ordination among related agencies. Recommend measures on equipping all related agencies with necessary logistics and modern equipments. Recommend measures for necessary training.

**Qualification and Experiences-** The qualification and experiences required for senior consultant are Masters in Economics/Transport Economics/Transport Engineering or equivalent degree from a recognized university with 15 years experiences in the field of development/transport development including at least 5 years experience in urban transport development. The qualification and experiences required for junior consultants are Masters in Economics, Transport Economics/Transport Engineering or equivalent degree from a recognized university with at least 5 years experiences in the field of development/transport development including 3 years experience in transport development in urban area. Experience, qualification and age of local senior and junior consultants may be relaxed in case of exceptionally experienced candidate.

**Request for submission of EOI and last date of submission-** Dhaka Transport Co-ordination Board now invite eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants are requested to forward EOI along with a copy of complete CV to the undersigned by 16/08/2009 (office hour) in sealed envelope clearly marked "Expression of Interest for selection of Sr consultant/Jr consultant". Departmental candidates are eligible to apply. They must apply through proper channel.

**Methodology-** Consultants will be selected in accordance with Public Procurement Regulations and Public Procurement Procedures of GOB through open tendering.

**Period of Consultancy-** Duration of the consultancy is 15 (fifteen) months only. Additional information may be obtained through application to the undersigned.

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Dhaka Transport Co-ordination Board  
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PHOTO: STAR

Doctors and medical staff bring out a procession in Jessore town yesterday demanding punishment to the killers of Dr Shafiqul Islam.

## Doctor's death sparks protest at Jessore

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Dr Shafiqul Islam, joint secretary of Jessore Swadhinata Chikitsashok Parishad, also one of the owners of Jess Clinic, who was attacked by some local criminals, died yesterday after fighting for life for the last six days at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Hospital in the capital.

At about 2:00 pm yesterday, BSMMU doctors removed the life support and declared Dr

Shafiqul dead.

On hearing the news, doctors and medical staff working in the town burst in agitation. They brought out processions protesting the killing and demanding arrest and punishment to the killers.

Police and relatives of the victim said, some unknown criminals stormed Dr Shafiqul's clinic and attacked him with sharp weapons and iron rod on the night of July 29. They hit him on the head and hacked several times leaving him seriously injured.

### SYLHET GRENADE ATTACK CASE

## Charge framing now on August 30

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

District and Sessions Judge of Sylhet yesterday deferred charge framing in the case involving the incident of grenade attack on AL men at Gulshan Centre on August 7, 2004.

The judge refixed August 30 for the charge framing as the accused could not be produced in court. On July 21 last, the date was deferred till yesterday.

Sylhet city AL publicity secretary Mohammad Ibrahim Ali was killed while 50 others sustained injuries in the grenade attack minutes after a meeting of the city AL.

Police and witnesses said, it was aimed at killing the Sylhet City Corporation mayor Badar

Uddin Kamran.

The then CID inspector Md Zobayer Ahmed filed separate charge sheets on September 20, 2008 against six people. They are Hujji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan, his brother Mufti Muhibullah alias Muhibur Rahman Ovi, Mufti Main Uddin Sheikh alias Abu Zandal, Sharif Shahedul Alam Bipul, Delwar Hossain Ripon and Humayun Kabir Himu. One of the cases was filed under Special Powers Act while the other for killing of AL man.

Among the accused, Himu is absconding since the incident, the investigation officer said. Police could not produce the accused yesterday as they were in the capital in connection with other cases, court sources said.



## ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD

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Memo No. DGM (Tech.)/NOCS/N.Gonj/DPDC/Tender/2009/34/02

Date: 02/08/09

### TENDER NOTICE

1	Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC)			
2	Procuring Entity Name	Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayangonj, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited			
3	Procuring Entity District	Narayangonj			
4	Invitation for	Invitation of sealed bid for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Server, Computer, Line Matrix Printer, UPS& Air Cooler			
5	Invitation Ref. No	DGM (Tech./NOCS/N Gonj/DPDC/Tender/2009/34/02			
6	Date	02/08/2009			
<b>Key Information</b>					
7	Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (Single Stage - Single Envelop)			
<b>Funding Information</b>					
8	Budget &Source of Funds	DPDC's own fund (Revenue Budget)			
<b>Particular Information:</b>					
9	Tender Name	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Server, Computer, Line Matrix Printer, UPS & Air Cooler			
10	Last Selling Date of Tender, with Bid Submission and Bid Opening Date, Time	Last Selling Date	Bid Submission & Bid Opening Date	Bid Submission Deadline	Bid Opening Time
		30/08/2009	31/08/2009	12.00 noon	12 30 pm
11	Name & Address of the office for selling, receiving and opening of Tender Document	Selling		Receiving & Opening	
		01 General Manager (Technical), South, DPDC, 12/1/B, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 Telephone 7123133		Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayangonj, DPDC 33, Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayangonj Telephone: 7634087	
		02 Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayangonj, DPDC 33, Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayangonj Telephone: 7634087			
<b>Information for Tender:</b>					
12	Eligibility of Tender	Tenderer should be Bonafide Authorized distributor / dealer/supplier and 3 (three) Years specific experience for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Server, Computer, Line Matrix Printer & UPS			
13	Price of Tender Document for each Lot (Taka)	Taka 2000/- (Two thousand) only, non-refundable in the form of Pay order/Bank draft issued by any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favor of Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayangonj, DPDC			
14	Item	Tender Security Amount (Taka)		Location of Delivery	
		Taka 1,00,000/- (one lakh) only in the form of Pay order/Bank draft issued from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favor of Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayangonj, DPDC, 33, Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayangonj Telephone 7634087		01. Manager (Technical), NOCS, Narayangonj (East), DPDC, 33 Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayangonj 02. Manager (Technical) NOCS, Narayangonj (West), DPDC, 33 Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayangonj 03. Manager (Technical), NOCS, Demra, DPDC, Simrail, Chittagong Road, Siddirgonj, Narayangonj 04. Manager (Technical), NOCS, Siddirgonj, DPDC, Simrail, Chittagong Road, Siddirgonj, Narayangonj	
<b>Procuring Entity Details:</b>					
15	Name of official Inviting Tender	Md Anwarul Islam			
16	Designation of official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayangonj, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC)			
17	Address of official Inviting Tender	33, Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayangonj			
18	Contact Details of official Inviting Tender	Telephone: 7634087			
19	a. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Tender (s) without assigning any reason thereof b. Date of Selling & Submission of tender document may be changed due to any unavoidable circumstance c. Details of terms and conditions are given in the tender document, which is complied with PPA-2008				
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