

Madhabkunda deaths fail to raise alarm

Lessee unconcerned about tourists' safety

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Moulvibazar

As many of 20 people drowned in the ditch of Madhabkunda waterfall in Baralekha upazila under Moulvibazar district during the last several years, but authorities are yet to take adequate safety measures at the scenic tourist spot.

Attracted by the picturesque hills and the country's biggest natural waterfall, a large number of tourists throng the area every year but they are hardly aware of the dangers, especially while bathing in the deep ditch of the waterfall and climbing the steep hill.

There the tourism period begins with the onset of rains when the waterfall assumes a more attractive look, said locals and forest officials.

Tourists, desiring to have the thrill of bathing and swimming in the water down the hills, often go to the deep 'dan-

ger area' of the ditch, they said. Defying risk, many tourists also climb the 200 feet hill.

On August 1, Rahimul Islam Real, 19, a student of Uttara Anwara Model Degree College in Dhaka, drowned in the ditch of the waterfall. Real went there with 12 other students.

Another tragedy followed as local shopkeeper Faye Ahmed, 28, who had helped the fire brigade divers in finding Real's body the next day, died of heart attack after seeing the body.

On August 29 in 2007, Al Fateh Shahi, a student of Stamford University of Dhaka, drowned in the ditch of Madhabkunda waterfall. On May 25 the same year, Anisur Rahman, a fourth year BBA student of South-East University, borrowed the same fate.

Two students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet died as they slipped off from 200 feet

height of the hill, locals said.

Seven people including five students drowned in the ditch of the waterfall between 2004 and 2007.

A lessee of Moulvibazar Zila Parishad looks after the waterfall area. Local people said Madhabkunda should be handed over to the tourism or forest department for maintenance and safety.

"There are warning signboards in the waterfall area and forest guards are posted there. But tourists often overlook the signboards and ignore the guards," Sylhet Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Delwar Hussain told the reporters.

Twenty people died in Madhabkunda waterfall, he said.

A project has been taken up to construct a wall in the 'danger area' of the ditch, the DFO said, adding that the LGED will implement the project in the current financial year at a cost of Tk 20 lakh.



Tourists relishing in the water of Madhabkunda waterfall during the current tourism season as the rains bring added attraction to the scenic tourist spot.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TODAY

Fresh call to protect rights

STAR NATIONAL DESK

On the eve of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People yesterday, leaders of the indigenous communities in the country reiterated the call for protecting their rights for a harmonious society.

To observe the day today, indigenous communities and different socio-cultural organisations have taken up various programmes including rallies, discussions, and cultural functions in the capital as well as in different districts.

At a press conference at Sylhet Press Club yesterday

the leaders of the communities placed a 12-point demand including the indigenous people's participation in all government safety net programmes, reports our staff correspondent from Sylhet.

They also demanded arrangement of pre-primary and primary education in their mother tongue and appointment of teachers from their communities.

Others demands include allotment of khas land among the poor adivasis, special arrangement at district level for settling land related complexities of the community members, special stipend for

their poor children, quota for adivasi students in public universities and colleges and launching special income generation programme for poor youngsters.

Ethnic Community Development Organisation Executive Director Lakshmi-kanta Sinha, also member secretary of the Sylhet chapter of Biswa Adivasi Dibash Ujjapon Committee-2009, read out a written statement while Patro Kalyan Parishad President Gouranga Patro, also convener of the said committee, spoke, among others.

The committee has arranged day-long programme

including discussion, cultural function and procession in Sylhet today.

Our Mymensingh correspondent adds: A day-long programme was held at Zila Shilpakala Academy yesterday marking the day.

Mymensingh Additional Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Mohsin inaugurated the programme.

Regional Director of CARITAS Theofil Norek, Prof Tahmina Parveen, Brother Gueum, Kazi Azad Jahan Shaheen, Dilip Hagidak and Dr Bilum Animesh Sangma spoke as special guests at the inaugural session presided by Tushar Daring, convener of International Indigenous Day celebration committee.

The rights of the indigenous people in Bangladesh as well as in the world should be protected for a harmonious society, speakers said at the inaugural function.

At a discussion titled 'Establishing social, cultural and land rights with constitutional reorganisation', at the same venue, Bangladesh Agricultural University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr MA Sattar Mandal addressed as chief guest.

Greener Marak presented the key-note paper at the discussion presided over by Subash Jengsum, president of international indigenous day celebration committee, in the chair.

As citizens of the country, indigenous people deserve all kinds of rights but their social, cultural and land rights are yet to be reflected in the constitution, the speakers said.

They demanded a separate land commission to establish the indigenous people's rights on land and mitigate their sufferings caused by land grabbers.

Earlier, a colourful rally paraded the main thoroughfares of the town.

A friendly football match was also held marking the occasion in the afternoon.

15 hurt in clash over disputed land in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Thakurgaon

Two groups of villagers clashed over a disputed land at Athkhana village under Haripur upazila of the district yesterday morning, leaving 15 people injured.

Sources said Israil and Abdul Latif of the same village had an altercation over the ownership of a 45-decimal land at around 10:00am.

After a few minutes, the supporters of the two equipped with lethal weapons attacked each other, leaving 15 people from both sides injured.

Of the injured, Saifuddin, Khokan, Ruby, Humayun, Amirul, Ainul and Saleha were admitted to Haripur Upazila Health Complex.

Later, Saifuddin, Khokan and Ruby were shifted to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated.

No case was filed with the police Station concerned as of filing of this report at 7:30pm yesterday.

MM College closed for three days as Shibir, BCL clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Sylhet

The authorities of Madan Mohan College yesterday closed the institution for three days from today following a clash between the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) on the campus.

Ten BCL men, including college unit President Arun Debnath Sagar, were injured in the clash. Of them, five were admitted to MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital while the rest given first aid.

Shibir claimed that five of its activists were also injured during the clash.

Campus sources said a group of Shibir activists beat up Hasan, a second year student who had left Shibir four months ago and joined BCL, on the campus at around 12:30pm. Some

teachers immediately settled the matter taking a bond from Shibir men.

At around 1:00pm, Shibir activists swooped on a BCL meeting, leading to a clash between the two sides.

The clashing groups used hockey sticks, iron rods and daggers during the clash that continued for an hour. Some classrooms were also vandalised during the clash.

On information, police and Rab personnel went to the campus in the city's Rikabibazar area, dispersed the Shibir and BCL activists and brought situation under control at about 2:00.

The authorities in an emergency meeting in the afternoon decided to close the college for three days from today to avert further incident.

Police have been deployed on the college campus.

SNIPPETS

Muggers kill fish trader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A fish trader was killed by muggers at Shashiganj launch terminal under Borhanuddin upazila of Bhola district yesterday. Victim Sagor, 28, was son of Kalu Mia at Batamara under Baro Manikka union of the upazila. Belayet Hossain, officer-in-charge of Borhanuddin police station said, Sagor was returning home from Dhaka by launch after selling fish in the capital. As he reached the terminal, a group of muggers strangled him and looted the money.

Young man murdered

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Body of a young man was recovered from a pond at village South Binoy in Laksam upazila yesterday morning with marks of stab injuries. Police quoting family members of victim Shah Alam, 25, son of Tofayel Ahmed of village Chitisi in Chandpur district said Alam was missing since Friday morning. Meanwhile, a minor boy drowned in a pond at village Burirpar under Devidwar upazila yesterday morning. Ripon, 4, was son of Babul Mia of the upazila. Family sources said Ripon went to the pond to take bath and at one stage drowned. Locals rescued him and but he died at the upazila health complex. Ripon came to visit his grand father's house a few days ago.

Warrant against jail official

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Moulvibazar district Judge on Thursday issued an arrest warrant against the jail superintendent of Moulvibazar, Mukammel Hussain. Earlier, Lobi Miah, a sweeper of Moulvibazar district Jail filed a rape case against him on June 15. Lobi alleged that his teenage daughter was violated on May 15. On hearing the charges, the district judge issued the arrest warrant. Mukammel told this correspondent that sweeper Lobi Miah was facing charge of smuggling drugs into the jail. He said, as he recently issued a notice in this connection, Lobi filed a rape case with the district judge against him (jail super).

Human chain in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna unit of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) formed a human chain yesterday near the Picture Palace cinema. The programme was observed to protest recent claim by two neighbouring countries that they have the right to use Bangladesh territorial waters. The human chain was followed by a rally at the same place with coordinator of Khulna unit of Bapa Feroz Ahmed in the chair. Speakers at the rally demanded of the government to build up a stronger naval force and establish a separate ministry with a view to safeguarding Bangladesh territorial waters and maritime zones.

Couple electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A couple was electrocuted at village Ramanthpur in Khoksa upazila yesterday. Two sons of the couple were also injured as they tried to save their parents. Khatun, 40, came in touch of live wire when she put some wet clothes on a pole near her house, police said. As she screamed, her husband Golam Ali, 50, went to rescue her. But both died on the spot. In another incident, an alleged thief was slaughtered at village Darpara in Daulatpur upazila early yesterday, police said. Nayan alias Fager, 35, son of late Roisuddin went out of his home on Friday evening. His slaughtered body was found at Darpara field yesterday morning. Police sent the body to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy.



A colourful procession brought out on the eve of International Day of the World's Indigenous People parades the streets of Mymensingh town yesterday.



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Tender No & Date	Description of Item	Quantity	Earnest Money (Refundable)	Price of Tender Schedule (Non-Refundable)	Closing & opening date & time of Tender
ABL/Pur (Generator)/ 235/09 dated- 06-08-09	200 KVA Diesel Generating Set. Only prime movers and alternators made in USA, UK, France and Japan will be accepted.	1 (One) Unit	50,000/- (Fifty Thousand)	2,000/- (Two Thousand)	Closing: On 27-08-09 At 12:00 Opening: On the same day At 12:15 P.M

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- Interested bidders may obtain the Tender Schedule containing terms & condition on cash payment from the Accounts Division. Bangladesh Steel & Engg. Corporation, BSEC Bhaban, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and Accounts Department, Atlas Bangladesh Ltd, Tongi-Gazipur.
- No Tender Schedule will be sold on the date of opening of the tender.
- Tenders will be received in the Tender Box kept in this office and Purchase Division. Bangladesh Steel & Engg. Corporation, BSEC Bhaban, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka.
- No tender will be accepted without earnest money.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited

(A Company of Petrobangla)

Invitation for Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1.	Ministry/Division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division.	
2.	Agency	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited (BCMCL) (A Company of Petrobangla).	
3.	Procuring entity name	Deputy General Manager (Purchase).	
4.	Procuring entity code	None.	
5.	Procuring entity district	Dinajpur.	
6.	Invitation for	Goods.	
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	BCMCL/10/1/42(Mining/Mech/Elec)/375.	
8.	Date	05 August 2009.	
9.	Procurement method	Open tendering method.	
10.	Budget and source of funds	Company revenue budget.	
11.	Project/programme code	Not applicable.	
12.	Project/programme name	Not applicable.	
13.	Tender package No.	UG-SUR-42-2009-2010.	
14.	Tender publication date	05 August 2009.	
15.	Tender last selling date	26 August 2009.	
		Date	Time
16.	Tender receiving last date and time	27 August 2009	11:30am
17.	Tender opening date and time	27 August 2009	11:45am
18.	Selling tender document	Tender documents are available in the following offices during office hours: 1. Accounts Division, Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur. 2. Accounts Division, Petrobangla, 3, Kawan Bazar C/A, Dhaka.	
	Receiving & opening tender documents	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Liaison Office, 75/3, Indira Road, Dhaka-1205.	
19.	Eligibility of tenderer	1. Having a valid trade licence for the fiscal year 2009-10. 2. Income Tax Return Certificate for the fiscal year 2006-07 or Tax Year 2007-08/2008-09 3. Valid VAT registration certificate. 4. Other qualification as described in TDS.	
20.	Brief description of goods	Group-1: Mining item-arduct glue, water barrier, water trough holder, brick, sand etc. Group-2: Mechanical item. Lot-1: Hardware-brake lining, asbestos board, bolt, nut, axis uses the circlip, valve, drill, die, wrench, pin etc. Lot-2: Bearings & seals-bearing, O ring O sealing strip, reinforced seal, YX seal ring, seal ring. Lot-3: Hoses & fitting-high pressure hoses, attaching connector, air compressor hose, tee joint, hose joint, etc. Lot-4: Steel rope & metal-steel rope, rig shackle, steel rope clip, flat steel, round steel. Group-3: Electrical item. Lot-1: Cables & wires - cab tyres flexible wire, super enameled wire. Lot-2: Materials and accessories - battery, circuit breaker, electric iron (soldering iron) etc.	
21.	Price of tender document	Tk 500 (five hundred) for Group-1&3. Tk. 1000.00 (one thousand) for Group-3.	
	Identification of goods	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
22.	Mentioned above: Group-1	BCMCL Store, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur	Tk. 20,000.00 (twenty thousand)
	Mentioned above: Group-2	BCMCL Store, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur	Tk. 2,00,000.00 for Lot-1 (two lac) Tk. 1,50,000.00 for Lot-2 (one lac fifty thousand) Tk. 7,00,000.00 for Lot-3 (seven lac) Tk. 2,60,000.00 for Lot-4 (two lac sixty thousand)
	Mentioned above: Group-3	BCMCL Store, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur	Tk. 16,000.00 for Lot-1 (sixteen thousand) Tk. 17,000.00 for Lot-2 (seventeen thousand)
23.	Name of the official inviting tender	ABM Kamruzzaman.	
24.	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (Purchase).	
25.	Address of official inviting tender	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur.	
26.	Contact details of official inviting tender	01713077906.	
27.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.		

ABM Kamruzzaman

Deputy General Manager (Purchase)

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