

12-yr-old girls on voter list!

Hossain Seraj, Magura

Two 12-year-old girls, studying in classes five and six, have been included as voters on the updated list in Mohammadpur upazila of Magura district.

The controversial voters are -- Mousumi Khatun, a class six student of Choubaria High School, and Latifa Khatun, a class five student of a primary school run by Brac at Kalomdhari village in Mohammadpur upazila.

According to school register, Mousumi Khatun, daughter of Zafar Munshi of Folshia village under Digha union of the upazila, was born on October 23, 1997. But she has been listed as a voter during the voter list updating in the upazila from July 15 to August 13. Her voter registration form No is 12381996, official record says.

The headmaster of Choubaria Government Primary School, Abdus

Sattar was the enumerator in the area under the supervision of Abul Khayer, the credit supervisor of Jubo Unnayan Directorate, official sources said.

When contacted, Abdus Sattar claimed that he had to list Mousumi due to pressure from an influential quarter. He however, declined to disclose their identity.

Another controversial voter, Latifa Khatun is the daughter of Abdur Razzak of Kalomdhari village under Rajapur union and a class five student of a Brac-run primary school at the village. According to school register, her date of birth is June 1, 1997.

During her inclusion on the voter list through the registration form No 12381383, fake name Merina Khatun was used although her father's name mentioned in the voter list was the same as that in the school register, official

records say.

Golam Kuddus, an assistant teacher of Kalomdhari Government Primary School, worked as enumerator in the area under the supervision of Rajganj Government Primary School Headmaster Krishnapada Majumdar.

When contacted, Krishnapada Majumdar said they listed Merina as a voter as they were not aware of the girl's studentship and her guardian gave wrong information about her age.

Mohammadpur Upazila Election Officer Md Kabiruddin on Tuesday served a notice to the enumerators and supervisors concerned, asking them to explain the incidents of listing the two underage children in the voter list.

"We are waiting for their written answer. Proper action will be taken against the responsible persons," he said.

Heavy rain in Netrakona triggers flash flood

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Heavy downpour and onrush of water from hills across the border have triggered flash flood in Netrakona district, leaving at least 20,000 people marooned.

The worst affected upazilas are Durgapur, Kalmakanda and Khaliyajuri.

According to Water Development Board sources, the Someswari and the Ubdakhali, two major rivers of the district, marked sharp rise yesterday and were flowing over the danger level.

Durgapur-Ranikong road, the only link road between Durgapur upazila headquarters and bordering villages of Durgapur upazila has gone underwater.

Flood also damaged Kalmakanda-Netrakona road at different points, snapping communications with the district headquarters.

Recently transplanted aman and vegetables in the affected upazilas have been damaged.



Rajshahi University (RU) students yesterday crossing the risky barbed wire fence that authorities erected at Tukitaki Chattar of RU campus to avert possible clashes between Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir.

Steps to stop erosion by Feni River demanded

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Hundreds of people of Sonagazi yesterday formed a human chain in the district town demanding steps to stop erosion by Feni River and restore its course.

They also submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner suggesting taking up a pilot channel project at the downstream of Muhuri regulator and its implementation.

Defying inclement weather and rain hundreds of men and women from different unions and villages of Sonagazi upazila gathered in the upazila town in the morning. From there they went to

Feni town by buses.

The human chain programme was held at the Trunk Road around 12:30 pm and continued for about one hour. Later, the participants staged a protest procession and submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner.

Sonagazi upazila parishad chairman ZM Kamrul Anam, Sonagazi municipal mayor Jamal Uddin Sentu, upazila Awami League general secretary Shamsul Arefin, upazila BNP president Joyal Abedin, Jamaat leader Md Kalim Ullah, leader of the River Erosion Prevention Committee Zahirul Alam spoke at the human chain

programme.

The speakers said when the Muhuri dam was built and regulator set up on the Feni River in 1984, the water flow of the main river changed direction due to the regulator. As the flow was not restored to previous state, the river continued to erode every year during the rainy season. In the process, the regulator moved about 8 km westward.

They said crores of taka is wasted every year in the name of preventing river erosion while the river could be straightened spending only Tk 1 crore.



As a boat procession inaugurated by Barisal City Corporation Mayor Shawkat Hossain Hiron starts an awareness campaign to recover occupied portions of Jail Canal yesterday, an earth-laden boat waits at a point, apparently to fill up the bank there.

Free water bodies from grabbers

Boat procession on Barisal Jail Canal demands

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A boat procession was brought out from Kalapatty point of Jail Canal in Barisal city yesterday demanding immediate measures to free the canal from encroachers and protect all water bodies in and around the city.

Barisal City Corporation (BCC) Mayor Shawkat Hossain Hiron inaugurated the procession at noon.

BCC councillors, representatives from different NGOs and socio-cultural

and professional bodies joined the procession organised by "Nadi Khal Bachao Andolan".

The participants urged the authorities concerned to take effective steps to stop encroachment on the canal, which is navigable during the rainy season.

They also demanded removal of illegal structures built on the Jail Canal and bring the encroachers to book.

Mayor Shawkat Hossain Hiron, in his speech, assured the participants of taking necessary measures to

free the canal from the grip of encroachers.

BCC Secretary Ranjit Kumar Das told The Daily Star that a committee, comprising representatives from city corporation, district council, water Development Board and district administration, was formed on August 16 to prepare a list of encroachers.

He further said demolition of illegal structures on the canal will start soon.

Election result declared null and void

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

An election tribunal on Tuesday declared null and void the nomination of the upazila vice-chairman candidate and annulled the election result as he was a bank defaulter.

The judge of the election tribunal also asked the Election Commission to cancel the result of the winning candidate and hold fresh election as per law.

Complainant S M Ataul Haque was defeated to the winning vice-chairman candidate Mohsin-Ul-Mulk in the January 22 election.

The complainant alleged that Mohsin submitted his nomination paper to the assistant returning officer (ARO) while he had a default loan of Tk 3, 63,000 with the Agrani Bank Shyamnagar branch.

ARO cancelled his nomination paper on December 17 during scrutiny but Mohsin submitted a prayer to the Returning Officer (RO) challenging the ARO's action, he said.

The RO accepted Mohsin's nomination paper on the plea that the candidate paid the defaulting loan after submission of the nomination paper.

After examining the witnesses and relevant documents, the election tribunal delivered the judgment.

Panchhari village tense as missing woman's body recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

A tense situation is prevailing between indigenous people and Bangali settlers after recovery of a missing Bangali woman's body at indigenous village Modonmohanpara under Panchhari upazila in Khagrachhari district on Tuesday night.

Demanding arrest and punishment of the killers, Parbatya Bangalee Chhatra Parishad yesterday brought out a procession and held a meeting in Bus Stand area of Panchhari upazila.

They have also called a day-

long hartal in the upazila, on Saturday.

Many indigenous people of the village left their houses after police recovered the body of Nasima Begum, wife of Mohammad Khokon Mia of Islampur village in Panchhari upazila, on Tuesday night while traders in Panchhari Bazar kept their shops and business offices closed yesterday, locals said.

Nasima, 21, went missing on Monday noon when she went to the jungle to collect firewood, police said.

As her body was found at neighbouring indigenous village Modonmohanpara, the

Bangali settlers blamed indigenous people for the killing.

Nasima's husband Khokon Mia said his wife was killed after rape and it happened following withdrawal of BDR camp from Chhoto Panchhari.

Additional Superintendent of Police Mohammad Ameer Zafar said they have deployed additional police to stave off untoward incident.

"Army has been deployed after the incident and security forces are jointly working to maintain peace in the area," said Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Abdullah.

Devendra College students stand outside classes for space shortage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Study of about 10 thousands students of Devendra College in Manikganj is being hampered due to various problems including acute shortage of teachers and classrooms.

Students of the government university college yesterday formed a human chain in front of the college demanding construction of a new academic building, appointment of sufficient teachers, adequate accommodation for resident students and teachers, college canteen and transport facilities.

For want of accommodation, a large numbers of students have to stand outside the classrooms during instruction by teachers, students said.

As only 25 classrooms of the college are too inadequate, honours and master's classes remain suspended for three months every year during the intermediate and degree examinations, they said.

The existing classrooms need urgent repair while at least 35 more classrooms are required, college sources said.

There are only 78 teachers in the university college against the requirement of 181 teachers, said college Principal Abu Bakar Siddik.

As English department is run with only four teachers, the college authorities often hire English teachers from



Failing to enter the already crowded classrooms, students of Devendra College roam about on the corridor yesterday.

conduct classes. Of the three dormitories of the college, the one for females can accommodate only 150 students.

Monjurul Alam Hall, made of corrugated iron sheets, is the only working dormitory for male students while dilapidated Alimul Haque Hall has become unusable.

There is no dormitory for the teachers, said a few lecturers of the college.

"Three thousand students qualified for honours course this year, but only 1500 of

them were admitted as there is shortage of classrooms and accommodation problem," said Prof Urmila Roy, chairperson of Bangla Department.

"I wrote to the Ministry of Education several times to solve manifold problems of the college but no positive initiative is yet in sight. There are enough land on the college compound for constructing an academic building," said the principal. The students have sought

intervention of the prime minister and the education minister to solve the problems of the college.

Philanthropist Ranada Prasad Saha founded the college on 24 acres of land in Manikganj town in 1942 with intermediate and degree classes.

Now the college runs honours courses in 15 subjects and master's courses in eight subjects in addition to degree and intermediate courses.



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Invitation for Local Tender

1 Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC)			
2 Procuring Entity Name	Deputy General Manager, Contracts & Procurements Circle, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).			
3 Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.			
4 Invitation for	Procurement of 33 kv & 11 kv Gang Isolator.			
5 Invitation Ref. no.	DPDC/DGM(CP&S)/09-10/688			
6 Date	17-8-2009			
Key Information:				
7 Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (Single -Stage- two - envelope)			
Funding Information				
8 Budget & source of Funds	DPDC's own fund.			
Particular Information:				
9 Tender Name	Procurement of 33 kv & 11 kv Gang Isolator.			
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
	05-10-09	06-10-09	12:00 noon	12:30 pm
11 Name & Address of the office for selling, receiving and opening of Tender Document.	Selling		Receiving & Opening	
	Deputy General Manager, Contracts & Procurements Circle, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC), Biddut Bhaban (3 rd Floor), 1 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka - 1000.		Deputy General Manager, Contracts & Procurements Circle, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC), Biddut Bhaban (3 rd Floor), 1 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka - 1000.	
Information for Tenderer:				
12 Eligibility of Tenderer	a) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of (5) years of overall experience in supply of Electrical goods. b) The Tenderer or the manufacturer of goods shall have experience in supply of minimum 20(Twenty) Set of 33 kv/11 kv Isolators in at least 02(Two) contracts within last 03(Three) years. c) The manufacturer shall have a minimum production capacity of 300(Three Hundred) Sets of 33 kv/11 kv Isolators per annum. d) The satisfactory completion of supply of goods value not less than Taka 15 Lac in a single contract within last 03(three) years. e) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is: 10 (Ten) Lac.			
13 Price of Tender Document (Taka)	Taka 2,000/- (Taka Two Thousand) only payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Deputy General Manager, Contracts & Procurements Circle, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).			
14 Item	Tender Security Amount (Taka)		Location of Delivery	
	Procurement of 33 kv & 11 kv Gang Isolator.		Taka 80,000.00 (Eighty Thousand) only. CSD (Revenue), DPDC, Tongi.	
15 Completion Time	120 days from the date of signing of contract			
Procuring Entity Details:				
16 Name of official Inviting Tender	Md. Shamsul Alam			
17 Designation of official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager, Contracts & Procurements Circle, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).			
18 Address of official Inviting Tender	Biddut Bhaban (3 rd Floor), 1 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka - 1000.			
19 Contact Details of official Inviting Tender	Telephone: 9567258	Fax: 9568349	E-mail: dgmcp@dpdc.org	
20 The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.				

(Md. Shamsul Alam)
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