



## Criminals destroy banana orchard

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Criminals cut down around 800 banana trees at an orchard in front of Dighalua Niribili Picnic Corner in Modhukhali upazila on Friday night.

Biswajit Das, 30, son of Amol Das of Aruakandi village under the upazila, leased 2 acres of land in front of the picnic spot from Zakir Hossain, chairman of Ropypur Union Parishad, six months ago and planted 190 banana trees on it.

When the trees grew up, the criminals felled them, causing a great harm to Biswajit.

Locals suspect the criminal act might have been done by the rivas who failed to take lease of the land.

Being informed on Saturday morning, Biswajit rushed to the orchard and fainted. "I wanted to be self reliant by cultivating banana, but they (criminals) have shattered my hope," Biswajit told this correspondent on Sunday.

Biswajit filed a case with Modhukhali Police Station on Sunday against Shahab Ali, 35, Lal Mia, 45, of the area.

No arrest was made as of filing of this report at 7:00pm yesterday.

## SNIPPETS

### Man jailed for killing cousin

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to life term imprisonment (RI) for killing his cousin. Convict Abdus Samad, 34, is son of Rafiqul Islam of village Kachua-Mirzapur under Birampur upazila. According to the prosecution story, Salam severely beat up his cousin Jahangir Alam resulting in his death at Rangpur Medical College and Hospital on September 11, 2004. Md Mofizuddin, father of Jahangir filed a case with Birampur police station the next day.

### Youth gets life in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Additional District and Sessions Judge in Magura Mohammad Nazir Ahmed yesterday awarded life-term rigorous imprisonment (RI) to a youth and fined Tk 20 thousand, in default, to suffer one year more RI in a case filed for raping a baby girl. According to the prosecution story, Belal Hossain, 24, son of Shawkat Molla of village Mojhi, kidnapped an eight-year-old girl of the same village on December 24, 2006. He raped her after taking the girl to a jungle at Tantipara in the town.

### 572 mandops in Nilphamari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

At least 572 mandops will be set up in the district for this year's Durga Puja, the largest religious festival of Hindu community. This will be the biggest number of mandops here since independence, a meeting of the district 'Puja Udzapan Committee' observed yesterday. Held at the conference room of the deputy commissioner (DC), the committee decided there will be 185 puja mandops in Sadar upazila, 75 in Domar, 65 in Dimal, 109 in Jaldhaka, 86 in Kishoreganj and 52 in Saidpur upazila. All preparations are on to make Durga Puja a success. This year, the government has allocated 266 kg of rice for each puja mandop in the district, sources said.

### Three guns seized in Lalmatia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Police yesterday seized three light guns (LG) at Miringa Hill, a tourist spot under Lalmatia upazila. Acting on a tip-off, a Lalmatia police team cordoned off the hilltop in the early morning. Sensing police presence, the gang members fled the scene but police found 3 abandoned guns. Locals suspect that a gang of robbers were preparing for highway robbery. But their attempt failed due to police raid, they said.

### Two get life for rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A Chapainawabganj court yesterday sentenced two people to life term imprisonment for raping a housewife in 2002. Judge Arup Kumar Goswami of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-2 handed down the verdict. The court also fined each of them Tk 1 lakh, in default, to suffer more one year in jail. The convicts are Abdus Salam and Sadekul Islam of village Dilar Dhaingar under Sadar upazila. According to the prosecution story, Nasrin Begum, wife of Tofazzal Hossain was going to neighbouring village Dhalipara from her Dilar Dhaingar house in the evening of May 26, 2002. A gang led by Salam of the same area abducted her from Dilar Dhaingar at gunpoint. They took her to the bank of the Mohananda River where Salam and his accomplices raped her by turn.

## TORTURE ON MAGURA ARMY MAN Arrest warrant against brutal policemen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

A Magura court yesterday issued warrant of arrest against Babukhali police camp in-charge assistant sub-inspector (ASI) Lutfur Rahman and constable Mohammad Murad Hossain following a case for torturing a retired army man at Babukhali village in Mohammadpur upazila of the district.

Victim's wife Mosammam Halima Khatun filed the petition case with the court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Manjurul Imam at around 1:15pm yesterday.

Earlier on Saturday, Lutfur Rahman was suspended on charge of torturing Tayebur at Babukhali police camp.

In the petition, plaintiff Halima Khatun stated that ASI Lutfur arrived at their house adjacent to the camp uncalled-for at around 8:30am on Friday and interfered to a quarrel between her and her husband Tayebur Rahman, a retired army personnel.

As her husband protested Lutfur's interference, the ASI returned to the camp threatening him of dire consequences.

After a while, Lutfur along with constable Mohammad Murad Hossain went to the house again and forcibly took Tayebur to the camp and beat him mercilessly, Halima said in the petition.

They even uprooted nails of his two toes with forceps, leaving him critically injured, she added.

As the news spread, angry people of Babukhali village laid siege to the police camp and demanded release of Tayebur.

They withdrew the siege at around 11:00am after Magura Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Mihir Kumar Das rushed to Babukhali police camp and assured proper action against the responsible police officer.

The ASP sent Tayebur to Magura Sadar Hospital where he is undergoing treatment in a critical condition.

Authorities on Saturday formed a one-member investigation committee comprising ASP Mihir Kumar Das to probe the incident of torture on Tayebur but the body did not submit its findings as of filing this report yesterday afternoon.

## ARRESTS AT SYLHET SOCIAL MEET IN 2007

## 23 AL men acquitted of sedition charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday acquitted 23 Awami League men of sedition charges brought against them after their arrest at a social gathering by the joint forces during the caretaker rule in 2007.

District and Sessions Judge Sylhet Md Monim Ullah passed the order as no 'substantial evidence' in support of the allegation brought against the accused was found in the final report submitted by the police on June 30 this year.

The army-led joint forces detained 40 Awami League men, including some expatriate AL leaders and the city AL general secretary, at a house in Bateshwar area on the outskirts of the city on May 14, 2007 on charge of holding a political meeting there, violating the Emergency Powers Rules.

The arrestees included AL UK unit Joint Secretary Shafigur Rahman Chowdhury (now lawmaker from Sylhet-2), City AL General Secretary Advocate Misbah Uddin Siraj (now PP, Sylhet) Organising Secretary Abdul Khalique, City Juba League President Syed Shamim, district BCL President Jaglu Chowdhury, AL Canada unit chief Sarwar Hossain, Juba League UK unit Joint Secretary

Mojahid Ali Sohel, AL UK unit leaders Abu Saeed Chowdhury, Md Faruque Chowdhury, Abul Quasem, Haji MA Rahim and Syed Sajedur Rahman Faruque, AL Canada unit leader Md Yahiya Ahmed, City Juba League Joint Secretary Asaduzzaman, expatriates Ajoy Dev and Arun Uday Paul, city BCL Convenor Habibur Rahman Selim and AL leaders Nasir Uddin Khan, Sadruzzaman Prince, M Youssif Ali, Shamsul Islam and Saiful Alam.

Police filed a case against the arrestees the same day on charge of violation of Emergency Power Rules. After a few weeks, the arrestees were granted bail by the High Court. But, before their release, the home ministry issued detention order against them.

On 26 August 2007, Sub-Inspector Abdul Hamid of Sylhet Kotwali Police Station filed a sedition case against 23 out of 40 AL men. They all, however, were released on bail in September 2007.

Shiplu, nephew of Shafiqur Rahman Chowdhury (Now lawmaker), bought the house in the Bateshwar area in early 2007.

Shafiqur Rahman Chowdhury hosted a lunch at the house on the occasion of May 14 where most of the local Awami League leaders and several leaders of the party's UK and Canada units were present.



Hill Women's Federation brings out a procession in Khagrachhari town yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the culprit who raped indigenous girl Nomer Bala Tripura.

## Another Khagrachhari rape triggers fresh protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Leaders of Hill Women's Federation (HWF) yesterday demanded immediate arrest of the culprit who allegedly raped indigenous girl Nomer Bala Tripura at Murapara under Guimara upazila in Khagrachhari district.

In a protest meeting in front of Muktamanchi in Khagrachhari town, the speakers said Mohammad Alamgir, 20, of Muslimpara village under Guimara upazila, raped Nomer Bala Tripura, 19, of Monajoy Karbaripara in the same upazila, when she was returning home on Sunday noon.

They alleged that some police officials gave shelter to the accused in exchange of bribes. They also criticised Sindukhali Union Parishad Chairman Suiuni Prue Chowdhury for trying to 'resolve the matters socially'.

Referring to rape and murder of another

indigenous woman Panay Mala Tripura on September 3 at her Craijongpara jhum field under Mohalchhari upazila in Khagrachhari, they said settlers repressed indigenous women as part of their blueprint.

Among others, HWF District Unit President Rina Dewan and Pahari Chhata Parishad district unit Secretary Aprushni Marma spoke at the meeting presided over by Hill Women Federation central committee Secretary Konika Dewan.

Earlier, a protest procession organised by HWF paraded the main roads of Khagrachhari town, where hundreds of indigenous people participated.

When asked about the incident, the officer-in-charge of Guimara Police Station said, 'A case was filed on Sunday night accusing Alamgir. Police is investigating the matter and the accused will be arrested if the allegation is found true.'

## Clash over site for UP bldg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

At least 30 people were injured in a three-hour-long clash between villagers and police near Palasbari Bazar in Nilphamari Sadar upazila yesterday.

A series of clashes occurred at Palashbari Bazar recently after Palashbari UP Chairman Mahtazul Islam selected the site for construction of new UP building at his own village Balapara, said locals and police.

In the past the regular activities of the UP was conducted from Palashbari bazaar, which is almost at the middle of the union. The inhabitants of Balapara village hailed the chairman's decision but most of the locals opposed it.

Several clashes between the two groups followed and the people opposing the chairman's decision put road blockade, disrupting road communications on Saturday.

After the chairman's eldest son assaulted UP member Bimal Chandra, thousands of aggrieved people of the union yesterday proceeded towards the chairman's house.

A big contingent of police rushed to the spot and tried to calm the people but the mob attacked them.

Failing to control the situation by firing tear gas shells, police started firing rubber bullets.

## Domestic help sues forester, 11 others on rape charge

Moni Begum flees her master's house after a two-year ordeal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A domestic help on Sunday filed a case with Mongla police station in Bagerhat accusing her employer and 11 others of raping her at Choraputia forest office under Chandpur range of east wing of Sundarban forest division.

Moni Begum, who escaped from the house of forest officer Nuruzzaman Molla, 42, on September 2 with the help of a boatman was earlier rescued at Mongla town by the activists of Khulna chapter of Bangladesh Human Rights Implementation Committee (BHRIC).

She was treated at the Khulna Medical College and Hospital.

The 28-year-old woman stated in her case that while serving as domestic help for two years she was raped not only by the forest officer but also by his employees and notorious Sundarbans pirate Zulfiqur Ali Zulu.

Daughter of farmer Gahor Ali of village Garhukumarpur under Shyamnagar upazila in Satkhira district, Moni said she was employed at the house of Nuruzzaman in 2007.

She alleged that the forest officer never allowed her to go out of his house.

"I made several attempts to flee his house but failed as some forest guards kept watch on me round-the-clock. These forest guards also raped me several times", she said in her case.

When contacted, DFO (east) Mihir Kumar said he had ordered ACF Md Shahabuddin to initiate a thorough enquiry into the allegations.

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Memo No.:01/PGCB/Sec(Procurement-RPP)/2009/3579

Date: 13/09/2009

**INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR 230kV and 132kV GRID SUBSTATION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR EXTENSION OF EXISTING GRID SUBSTATION FOR EVACUATION OF POWER FROM RENTAL POWER PLANTS (RPP) AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.**

Contract No. PGC/PROC-RPP/2009/01

The Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.(PGCB) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for procurement of various 230kV & 132kV substation equipment such as circuit breaker, isolator, CT, PT etc. from its own finance:

Details of the scope of work are specified in the bidding document.

1. Bidders criteria: The Bidders must have successfully completed supply & delivery work of at least 3 (three) contracts within the last 10 (ten) years.

2. The equipment under this Contract shall be procured from an ISO9001/ISO9002 or equivalent certified manufacturer who has designed, manufactured, type tested and supplied respective equipment of similar or higher specifications required by this bid for the last ten (10) years. The said equipment shall be in satisfactory service for a minimum of three (3) years on the date of bid opening.

3. The minimum Liquid Assets & Annual Turnover for the Bidder (or Joint Venture) shall not be less than the following:

(a) Liquid Assets (average of last 3 years): US\$ 1.0 million

(b) Annual Turnover (average of last 3 years): US\$ 2.0 million

The partner in charge in case of Joint Venture shall meet not less than 50% and each partner of the joint venture shall meet not less than 25% of the minimum criteria given above item 3(a) & 3(b).

4. The supply and delivery under this contract shall be completed within 6 (six) months from the signing of the Contract.

5. Bidders may obtain further information, inspect and purchase the bidding documents from Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. The Institution of Engineers Bangladesh Bhaban (4th floor), Ramna, Dhaka-1000. Tel: 9550514, 9550504, 9553663, 7169709, 9560064. Fax: 880-2-7171833

6. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the Company Secretary, PGCB at the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 7,000.00 (Taka seven thousand only) in the form of Pay Order/ Bank Draft in favour of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. The bidding document shall be available from 17/09/2009 to 01/11/2009 up to 16.00 hrs.

7. A single-envelope two-stage bidding procedure will be adopted. Bidders are to submit one sealed envelope, containing each of technical proposal and price proposal separately sealed.

8. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of BDT 50,00,000 (Bangladesh Taka fifty lacs only) with the technical bid.

9. Bids must be submitted to the Company Secretary, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd., The Institution of Engineers Bangladesh Bhaban (4th floor), IEB, Ramna, Dhaka-1000 at or before 11:30am Bangladesh Standard Time on 2nd November, 2009 at the above address in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

11. In the comparison of bids, the Employer (PGCB) will grant a margin of preference to eligible goods manufactured in the Employer's