

Many Moulvibazar killing spots now hardly traceable

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Several dozen killing spots bearing the horrifying memories of 1971 massacre by occupation Pakistani forces are lying in utter negligence in the district as no memorial has been built there.

During the Liberation War, Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators brought hundreds of innocent people including freedom fighters from different areas and killed them at 56 spots in the district. The bodies were buried in mass graves.

The then government in 1999 selected eight of the 56 killing spots or mass graves for construction of monuments to preserve the history of war in the district but only one monument was built in 2003, local sources said.

Left uncared, the other killing fields are now hardly traceable, said office bearers of district Muktijoddha Sangsad.

The eight selected spots are Kamalpur and Noria villages in Sadar upazila, Panchgaon

village in Rajnagar upazila, bank of Hakat Dighi in Kulaura upazila, eastern side of rail track at Kulaura Railway Station, Saypur in Baralekh upazila, Shamsernagar airport in Kamalganj upazila and Varaura in Srimongal upazila. Of them, monument was built only at Shamsernagar airport in 2003.

"The Pakistani army's torture cell on Moulvibazar Primary Teachers' Training Institute premises is fading from the memory of local people as no memorial plaque has been set there," Dewan Abdul Khair Chowdhury, former district unit commander of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad, told The Daily Star.

Niharendu Hume Chowdhury Sajal, general secretary of Moulvibazar district unit of National Awami Party, said the government should take immediate steps to build monuments at every killing fields and mass graves in the district as well as other parts of the country for preserving the signs of Liberation War.



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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Mass grave in Nazipur Babur Bagan in Pabna Sadar upazila, killing spot inside Tebunia agriculture farm in Sadar upazila, a mass grave covered with bush, Bangshipara mass grave in Mazpara union of Atghoria upazila, Demra mass grave in Faridpur upazila where a martyrs' memorial was opened yesterday, memorial at Shahidnagar Dab Bagan in Bera upazila, Dhulauri mass grave in

Little attention to mass graves

Pabna finally opens a memorial on massacres

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Thirty-eight years after the Liberation War, most of the mass graves in Pabna district have remained neglected in absence of government initiative to preserve memory of the martyrs, who sacrificed their lives in 1971.

Against the backdrop of long-time demand of the local people and freedom fighters and newspaper reports on the matter, a memorial has been built there in memory of one of the worst massacres across the country during the Liberation War.

State minister for home, Shamsul Haq Tukia inaugurated the memorial at Demra yesterday.

Around 50 mass graves have so far been identified in the district while many others have remained unmarked.

The Pakistani army with the help of their local collaborators killed over 900 people including freedom fighters in Demra union, a Hindu-dominated area in Faridpur upazila, on May 14 in 1971.

They let loose a reign of terror through loot, arson, killing and rape in the area.

On May 22, Pak army killed over 156 innocent people at Hadal village in Faridpur upazila. They also raped women torched houses.

The barbaric army killed over 400 people at Sabtria village of Sujanagar upazila.

Over 27 freedom fighters borrowed martyrdom at Dhulauri on November 27.

A few years ago, villagers on their own initiative built a beam in memory of the martyrs at Dhulauri mass graveyard but there has been no initiative from the government to build a permanent memorial here.

On April 19 in 1971, the occupation army set fire to the houses and killed several hundred innocent people in Shahidnagar (also known as Dab Bagan) village in Santhia upazila of Pabna. At least 50 people were martyred at Nazipur village of Pabna Sadar upazila.

Handial mass grave in Chatmohar upazila also remains abandoned

although over 200 martyred people were buried there.

Work on a memorial at Atghoria Bangshipara mass grave started a few years ago but it stopped later due to unknown reasons.

The district administration built 'Durjoy Pabna', a Liberation War memorial in the town in 90s commemorating sacrifice of the valiant sons of the soil.

Local people and freedom fighters have been demanding preservation of the mass graves in the district to keep memories of the Liberation War alive for the next generation.

"During the Liberation War, a number of massacres occurred in the district. There are mass grave everywhere, of which only 40 to 50 have so far been identified," said Md Rabiul Islam Rabi, a freedom fighter and a writer.

"Proper steps should be taken to identify and preserve the mass graves," said Md Shariful Islam, secretary of Muktijoddha Bohumukhi Samabaya Samity in Pabna.

CID again fails to submit report on further probe into Kibria killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Sylhet

The Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal yesterday asked the CID to submit the report on further investigation on January 4, 2010 on the killing of former finance minister SAMS Kibria and others.

The date was rescheduled following a petition for time extension.

Earlier on November 15, the CID was asked to file the report by December 15. With deferment of the date yesterday, the CID has failed to file the report in over two and a half years.

The then investigation officer (IO) of the case, senior ASP of CID Munshi Atiqur Rahman, through a petition, informed the Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal on March 7, 2007 that a further probe into the case was necessary. As Munshi went into retirement a few months later, CID's ASP Md Rafiqul Islam was given the task.

Rafiqul, who took the 5 Huji men on remand in December last year, said on occasions that Huji chief Mufti Khan (now AL lawmaker from Habiganj), filed a Naraji petition against the charge sheet. The magistrate rejected it and fixed May 10 of the same year for hearing. However, before the start of hearing, the case was shifted to the Speedy Trial

accused in the supplementary charge sheet soon. But, till date there was no step in that direction, sources said.

Former finance minister SAMS Kibria, his nephew advocate Shah Manzurul Huda, local AL leaders--Abdur Rahim, Abul Hossain and Siddique Ali were killed in a grenade attack at a public meeting at Baidderbazar of Habiganj Sadar upazila in the night following January 27 of 2005. ASP Munshi Atiqur filed the charge sheet in the case on March 20 the same year against 10 people.

However, the HC order staying the trial process of the two cases--one under explosives act and the other for killing--was vacated in December last year.

Chief of Zia Gobeshona Parishad and vice-president of Habiganj district BNP Abdul Quaiyum was made the principal accused in the charge sheet. The other accused were Zainal Abedin, Jamir Ali, Momin Ali, Tajul Islam, Shahed Ali, Chhondu Miah, Selim Ahmed, Enayet Ali and Muhibur Rahman. Among them, eight including Abdul Quaiyum were released on bail after more than three years in the jail hajat.

Tribunal in Sylhet.

The then tribunal judge Biplob Goswami too rejected the complainant's Naraji petition in May 2006. Then the complainant went to the high court (HC) which stayed the case proceedings.

But the complainant, district AL organising secretary Advocate Abdul Majid Khan (now AL lawmaker from Habiganj), filed a Naraji petition against the charge sheet. The magistrate rejected it and fixed May 10 of the same year for hearing. However, before the start of hearing, the case was shifted to the Speedy Trial

Body of a Bangladeshi cattle trader, gunned down by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) on Hapania border of Sapahar upazila in Naogaon on Monday was returned to Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) yesterday. Earlier, a company commander level flag meeting between BDR and BSF was held near Hapania border area. The body of Mofizuddin, 40, son of Afzar Ali of Hapania village under Sapahar upazila was later handed over to his relatives. BSF of Pannapur camp opened fire on Mofizul when he was returning home along with cattle from India, killing him on the spot. They also took away the body.



PHOTO: BANGLA CHOKH

Local journalists bring out a procession in the city to celebrate 'Sylhet liberation day' yesterday.

Human chain in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Several hundred people formed a human chain and held a rally yesterday morning at Puccapole intersection in the town demanding arrest and punishment to the culprits who killed landless leader Saifullah Laskar. Speakers at the rally alleged that Saifullah was killed by land grabbers as he led agitations against them and fought for rights of landless people on government khas lands for long. Terming the murder pre-planned, they blamed police for not ensuring the security of the slain leader. Saifullah Laskar, 63, son of Samsuddin Laskar of Katia Laskarpura in the town, was killed by unidentified assailants at Katia Laskarpura in the town on December 5.

Villagers block road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Villagers blocked Dinajpur-Panchagarh highway Monday protesting death of a middle-aged man in a road accident in front of Dinajpur Power Development Board office. Md Mozammel Haque, 45, son of Abdul Karim of village Ramnagar under Dinajpur Sadar upazila died on the spot at about 10:30am. Villagers said, a Panchagarh bound passenger bus knocked down Mozammel from his bicycle and crashed him under its wheels near Dinajpur Government College intersection. Soon after the accident, people of nearby areas came out on the street and blocked the highway disrupting road communication for about an hour with Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Rangpur and Dhaka.

25 hurt in AL-BNP clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

At least 25 people were injured and eight houses destroyed during a clash between the supporters of Awami League (AL) and BNP at village Daribila in Sreepur upazila in the early hours of Sunday. Police and locals said, there was a long-standing rivalry between joint secretary of Sreekol union AL in Sreepur upazila Golam Rasul Master and BNP's organising secretary Nazir Hossain of the locality. On Saturday evening, supporters of Golam Rasul Master and Nazir Hossain locked in an altercation over a trifling matter which turned into a violent clash at around 3:00am on Sunday leaving at least 25 people injured. Both the groups used lethal weapons during the clash that continued for about four hours, locals said. At one stage, supporters of each side swooped on the houses of their rivals. Eight houses were destroyed in the attacks and counterattacks.

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Memo No: আরক্ষ/এ-১২/২০০৯-২০১০/1097

Invitation for Tender 02/(2009-2010)

1. Employer	Ministry of Cultural Affairs.		
2. Agency	Dept of Archaeology.		
3. Procuring entity name	Regional Director, Rajshahi Division, Bogra.		
4. Procuring entry code	3431		
5. Procuring entry district	Bogra.		
6. Invitation for	Procurement of works and goods as stated on SI No. 19.		
7. Invitation reference No.	Tender No. 02/2009-2010.		
8. Date	08.12.09		
9. Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).		
10. Budget & source of fund	GOB.		
11. Development partnership applicable	Not applicable.		
12. Tender package no.	02/2009-2010.		
13. Tender package name	Procurement of works and goods as stated on SI. No. 19.		
14. Tender last selling date	Up to office hours of 29.12.2009.		
15. Tender closing date and time	Up to 12:00 noon of 30.12.2009.		
16. Tender opening date & time	On 30.12.2009 at 12:15pm.		
17. a) Name and address of the selling tender document (principal)	Office of the undersigned		
b) Selling tender document (others)	Office of the undersigned & Mahasthan Museum.		
c) Receiving tender document	Office of the undersigned & Mahasthan Museum.		
d) Opening tender document	Office of the undersigned.		
18. Eligibility of tenderer	The invitation for tender is open for contractors of other govt/semi-govt/autonomous body who have the experience in similar type of works.		
19. Brief description of goods and works			
Lot No	Tender security money (Tk)	Time for completion (days)	Price of tender documents (Tk)
1.	30,500.00	45	1000.00
2.	11,300.00	45	500.00
20. Name of official inviting tender	Md. Badrul Alam.		
21. Designation of official inviting tender	Regional Director (CC), Rajshahi Division, Bogra.		
22. Address of official inviting tender	Regional Director, Dept. of Archaeology, Rajshahi, Division, Tetulia Sherpur Road, Bogra.		
23. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel No: 05166527		
24.	(i) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.		
(ii) Each tender must be accompanied by the tender security money as specified above (SI No. 19) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order obtained from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.			
(iii) বিদ্যুৎ ও বহরের কার্যের আভিজ্ঞান সমন্বয় নির্বাচিত হচ্ছে কর্তৃপক্ষ অর্থ বিভাগের মাধ্যমে। দায়িত্বপ্রাপ্ত অভিজ্ঞান সমন্বয় আলো/হৃষা অ্যাপ্লিকেশন হলে সহজেই প্রিকার্নের প্রতিশ্রুতি দেওয়া হবে।			
(iv) For procurement of works/goods, PPR-2009 and Archaeological works code must be followed and which shall remain binding upon the contractor.			
25.	In any unavoidable circumstances tender documents selling, receiving & opening disturbed, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.		

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Schedule for FCPS Part-I, FCPS Part-II, Preliminary FCPS Part-II and MCPS written Examinations to be held in January 2010.

FCPS Part-II, Preliminary FCPS Part-II, FCPS and MCPS Examinations.

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
All	Paper - I	02.01.2010 (Saturday)	9.00 A.M.	BCPS,
	Paper - II	03.01.2010 (Sunday)	to 12.00 Noon	Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

FCPS Part-I Examinations Morning

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
Anaesthesia, Dental Surgery, Dermatology & V.D, Family Medicine, Obst. & Gynae	Paper - I	04.01.2010 (Monday)	9.00 A.M.	BCPS,
Otolaryngology, Paediatrics, & Transfusion Medicine	Paper - II	05.01.2010 (