

Many Moulvibazar killing spots now hardly traceable

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Moulvibazar

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 Muktiyoddha Sangsad.

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

village in Rajnagar upazila, bank of Hakatir Dighi in Kulaura upazila, eastern side of rail track at Kulaura Railway Station, Saypur in Baralekha upazila, Shamsnagar airport in Kamalganj upazila and Varaura in Srimongal upazila. Of them, monument was built only at Shamsnagar 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 Abul Khair Chowdhury, former district unit commander of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, told The Daily Star.

Niharendu Home 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 Santhia upazila, memorial at Bangshipara.

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 Tuku 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 Satbaria 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.

Handal 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 Muktiyoddha Bohumukhi Samabay 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 refixed 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 Abdul Hannan, his brother Mofizur Rahman alias Muhibullah alias Ovi, Sharif Shahed Alam Bipul, Delwar Hossain Ripon, Badrul Alam Mizan, Hafez Nayeem and others would be made

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 Baiderbazar of Habiganj Sadar upazila in the night following January 27 of 2005. ASP Munshi Atique filed the charge sheet in the case on March 20 the same year against 10 people.

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

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.

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, Chhondur 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 hayat.



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Lawmaker Syed Mohsin Ali inaugurates a function on Monday as freedom fighters and local people have taken initiative to preserve a mass grave on the south bank of Beri Lake in Moulvibazar town, above, a brick-built wall, constructed by locals at Panchgaon village marks the spot in Rajnagar upazila where Pakistani army killed 59 villagers on May 7 in 1971.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Department of Archaeology
Regional Office, Rajshahi Division
Tetultala, Bogra

Memo No: আ/রা/অ-১২/২০০৯-২০১০/১০৭ Date: 08.12.2009

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 entity code	: 3431			
5. Procuring entity 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	Description and location of works	Tender security money (Tk)	Time for completion (days)	Price of tender documents (Tk)
1.	Construction work of internal pathway and sitting branch at Tajhat Zamindar Bari, Rangpur	30,500.00	45	1000.00
2.	Repair work at Tajhat Zamindar Bari, Rangpur	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, Tetultala 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) বিপাত ৩ বছরের কাজের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ (নামকৃত একজন সিনিয়র নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী কর্তৃক প্রত্যয়নকৃত) অত্র দপ্তরের দাপ্তরিক কার্য পর সিভিল ট্রা করাতে পারবেন। দাপ্তরিক অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ জাল/ভুল প্রমাণিত হলে সর্বশেষ প্রকৌশলী/প্রকৌশলী প্রতিষ্ঠানের বিপক্ষে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা নেয়া 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 under 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, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	03.01.2010 (Sunday)	12.00 Noon	

FCPS Part-I Examinations

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
Anaesthesiology, Dental Surgery, Dermatology & V.D, Family Medicine, Obst. & Gynae, Otolaryngology, Paediatrics, & Transfusion Medicine	Paper - I	04.01.2010 (Monday)	9.00 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	05.01.2010 (Tuesday)	10.40 A.M.	
	Paper - III	06.01.2010 (Wednesday)	10.40 A.M.	

Noon

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
Biochemistry, Haematology, Histopathology, Medicine, Microbiology, Ophthalmology, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Psychiatry, Radiology and Imaging, Radiotherapy & Surgery	Paper - I	04.01.2010 (Monday)	12.00 Noon	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	05.01.2010 (Tuesday)	1.40 P.M.	
	Paper - III	06.01.2010 (Wednesday)	1.40 P.M.	

Program for clinical, practical & oral examinations (for FCPS Part II, Preliminary FCPS Part-II, FCPS and MCPS) will be notified in the Notice Board of BCPS well in advance.

The Admit Card for the said Examinations will be issued between 26 to 31st December 2009.

Professor Abdul Kader Khan
Controller of Examinations

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Bogra memorial opens today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Babur Pukur Liberation War Memorial built at Shahjahanpur upazila will be inaugurated today. Bogra Zilla Parishad built the memorial at a cost of Tk 33 lakh at Babur Pukur village beside Bogra-Natore road. Moloy Kumar Roy, secretary, Bogra Zilla Parishad told journalists that the construction work of the memorial started in January this year. It was designed by Shaha Md Shams-E- Reza, a teacher of Bogra Art College. Pakistani occupation forces and their collaborators killed 14 people including a woman and a freedom fighter at Babur Pukur during liberation war.

Outlaw held in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Monday night arrested a member of outlawed 'Bahini faction' from village Peerpur under Ataikula police station. The arrestee is Ashraf Ali alias 'Koshai' Ashraf, son of Joyen Uddin of village Dakhin Raghobpur in Pabna Sadar upazila. Rab also recovered a shutter gun from his possession. A Rab team raided Peerpur village where the outlaws were holding a secret meeting. Sensing presence of law enforcers the criminals tried to escape. But Rab arrested Ashraf from the spot and recovered the gun from him.

BSF returns Bangladeshi's body

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

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 Afsar 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: BANGLAR 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 Nazir Hossain, supporters of 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.