IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS CALL OFF STRIKE

Work at Teknaf land port resumes

A CORRESPONDENT, *Cox's Bazar*

Activities at Teknaf land port in Cox's Bazar resumed yesterday after withdrawal of an indefinite strike enforced by the businessmen.

Activities at the port came to a halt on December 31 following a scuffle between a businessman and a port manager over clearance of a truck carrying excess of imported dried fish from Myanmar.

The government incurred a loss of about Tk 2 crore in revenue due to the strike, port sources said.

A meeting between the businessmen and port authorities was held at Teknaf upazila nirbahi officer's office at 11:00am yesterday. As the port authorities at the meeting announced to withdraw two officials, reportedly responsible for the incident, the businessmen called off their strike.

UNO Nazimuddin said the businessmen withdrew their strike after the meeting decided to withdraw port officials Jasim Uddin and Salah Uddin in the next three days and meeting other demands of the businessmen.

Supply of different imported commodities including perishable goods like fish to Dhaka, Chittagong and other parts of the country started at 3:00pm yesterday.

Mahmudul Hasan, president of Exporters, Importers and businessmen's Association said the government and the port authorities incurred a huge loss due to strike.

Sources concerned said the incident occurred at the land port on the night of December 31 as Businessman Abdul Amin of Teknaf was trying to obtain a gate pass for his dried fish-laden truck without paying tax to the port authorities.

The exporters and importers and truckers brought out a procession inside the port and later held a rally on Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway the following day demanding gate pass for the dried fish-laden truck and removal of the two port officials whom they held responsible for assaulting a trucker and a helper.

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- Proposed Methodology
- Organizational Profiles/ Resumes of resource person(s) with highlights of relevant experience
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Interested individuals can collect the "Terms of Reference (ToR)" from website of CARE Bangladesh, www.carebangladesh.org or from the reception of CARE's office in working days (Sunday to Thursday from 9:00 am. to 5:00 pm.). Proposals must be submitted (three hard copies) within **January 21, 2010** addressing the **Procurement Department, CARE-Bangladesh, Pragati RPR Center (9th Floor), 20-21 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.** *Please write the topic at the top right hand corner of the envelope.* CARE-Bangladesh and Save the Children-USA reserve the right to ignore any proposal without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Invitation for Tenders

1	Agency	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)			
2	Procuring Entity Name	Office of the Manager (Procurement & Contract Management), DESCO			
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
4	Invitation for	Procurement of Meter Box			
5	Tender No.	ICB 25/2009			
6	Invitation Ref No.	DESCO/Procurement/ICB/2010/06			
7	Date	07/01/2010			
KEY INFORMATION					
8	Procurement Method	International Competitive Bidding (ICB) following Single Stage Two Envelope procedure.			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
9	Budget and Source of Funds	DESCO's own fund			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
10	Tender Name	Procurement of Meter Box			
11	Tender Last Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date and Time	Last Selling Date	Closing & Opening Date	Closing Time	Opening Time
		04/02/2010	07/02/2010	12.00 Noon	12.30 PM
12	Name & Address of the office for selling Tender Document, receiving & opening tender	**Selling**		**Receiving & Opening**	
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
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SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

PHOTO: STAR

A large procession led by Khulna City Corporation (KCC) Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque parades main streets of the city yesterday demanding punishment to the killers of KCC councillor Shahid Iqbal Bithar.

Jasim Palli Mela opens today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Faridpur*

A fortnight-fair titled, 'Jasim Palli Mela' opens here today marking the 107th birth anniversary of poet Jasimuddin. Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khondker Mosharraf Hossain will inaugurate the fair as chief guest at the poet's house beside the Kumar River. Energy Adviser to Prime Minister Dr Towfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury will attend the function as special guest. About 207 stalls have been set up at the fair venue. Handicrafts, everyday items used by the rural folk, agricultural tools and items will be on display. Other attractions are puppet show, circus, 'Jatra', merry-go- round, cultural function and recitation from famous poems of the poet.

RU female student found dead

A RU CORRESPONDENT

A female student of Rajshahi University (RU) was found dead near a pond of Taposi Rabeya Hall on Wednesday evening. The victim, Urmy Talukder, a third year student of political science department and a resident of the hall, got frightened while catching fish at a pond and fell unconscious, police said. She was immediately rushed to university medical centre and them shifted to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital where doctors declared her dead. Contacted, RU Proctor Prof Chowdhury Zakaria confirmed the incident, saying he will investigate the cause of her death.

Fake fertiliser factory unearthed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Jhenidah*

Police on Wednesday unearthed a fake fertiliser factory and arrested three people from Shailokupa upazila. On a tip-off, a police team led by Shailokupa UNO Azmul Haq raided two godowns of Sabuj Bangla Agro-chemical Ltd at Hazi market in the upazila town and unearthed the factory. They also recovered spurious fertiliser, insecticide and fertiliser manufacturing materials from there and arrested Manik, Liton and Milon, all of Shatgachia village under Shailokupa Poura area. Contacted, upazila agriculture official Haribul Sarkar confirmed the incident saying Azad Rahman, owner of Shailokupa Sabuj Bangla Agro-chemical Ltd is also involved with the crime. But police could not arrest him as he fled away earlier sensing their presence.

Free plastic surgery camp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Faridpur*

A 12-day camp of free plastic surgery will be held at Faridpur General Hospital from January 18. Faridpur Welfare Foundation, Swadhinata Chikishok Parishad and Faridpur Health Department have jointly organised the camp. Noted plastic surgeons from Holland Dr PHM Spauwen and Dr CA Spronk will operate upon the needy patients for free, hospital sources said. Registration of patients began yesterday which will continue till January 17. Patient may also contact the surgery department of the hospital or through mobile phone: 01726961176 and 01556523669.

Criminals hijack microbus

UNB, *Manikganj*

Criminals on Monday night hijacked a rented microbus, killing its driver at Teti Kusharia in Ghatail upazila. The victim is Shafi Uddin, 28, of Ghior upazila in Manikganj district. Sources in Manikganj Rent-a-Car Owners' Association said four people hired the microbus the same night. Shafi informed them over phone that he would take the four people to Ghatail upazila. Since then he could not be contacted. Later, his body was recovered from Teti Kusharia area. The body bore marks of stab injury. Police recovered the body and sent to Tangail General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Nine shops gutted in Jamalpur

UNB, *Jamalpur*

At least nine shops were gutted in a devastating fire at Bhatara Bazaar in Sarishabari upazila on Wednesday afternoon. Fire brigade sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop at about 4:00pm and soon engulfed the adjoining shops. On information, fire fighters from Sadar and Sarishabari fire stations rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze with the help of locals after two hours of frantic efforts.

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For further details of the Job Description and an application form, please go to www.caritasbd.org or www.cafod.org.uk/jobs. All applications should be returned applications@cafod.org.uk.

Closing date is 24 January 2010

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For detailed job profile and requirements, please visit our website: **www.icddrb.org**. Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should submit an **online application** by **January 16, 2010**.

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