

TR rice returns for tug of war over project proposals

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

About 310 tonne of rice sanctioned for rural infrastructure development in Rangpur Sadar upazila under the government's Test Relief (TR) programme for the fiscal year 2009-2010 has returned back due to tug of war between the upazila parishad chairman and union parishad chairmen.

Upazila parishad Chairman Mostafizur Rahman said delay in submission of the project proposals by most of the union parishad chairmen under the upazila is responsible for the situation.

Chairmen of six of the eight union parishads in the upazila, on the other hand, blamed the upazila chairman for failure to use the food grains for development programme.

Deadline for submitting project proposal was June 27.

"Two union parishad chairmen submitted project proposal before the deadline but six others submitted it on June 30.

And so, it could not be approved and the food grain returned back," said Mostafizur Rahman.

The union parishad chairmen, on the other hand, said they submitted their project proposals in time but the upazila chairman did not approve it as they did not comply with his 'unwanted requested'.

"The upazila chairman asked the UP chairmen to leave 40 percent of the food grain for projects taken by him and the two vice chairmen," Tapadhan union parishad Chairman Ferdous Alam Saju said.

"There is no provision for submission of projects by upazila parishad chairman and vice chairmen. Therefore, the UP chairmen refused to comply with the request of the upazila chairman. As per government circular, the upazila parishad chairman, who is the president of the TR committee, is to approve the project proposals prepared by UP chairmen," he said.

When asked, the upazila chairman said, "I and two vice chairmen requested the union parishad chairmen to leave 40 percent food grain for the projects taken by us. We are also public representatives and we made commitment to the people about development programme in the areas. That is why we requested them to leave 40 percent food grain. As the UP chairmen did not comply with our request, we did not accept the project proposals that were submitted late."

Every year the government undertakes rural infrastructure development projects under Test Relief and Food for Work Programme in lean period in the northern region. These programmes for repairing roads, drains, culverts, educational institutions, religious centres, and graveyards provide temporary employment opportunity for a large number of ultra poor people in the rural areas when there is no job in farmlands.



Building materials occupy part of the road at Nabab Bari in Bogra town, much as a nuisance to pedestrians. Despite occasional steps by the administration, the town dwellers do not see any permanent solution to the problem.



PHOTO: STAR

Virtually useless, this 33-foot-long bridge built across a three-foot-wide dead canal at Pantapara village in Jhenidah Sadar upazila also occupies part of villager Sanjer Ali's homestead.

33-foot-long bridge over 3-foot dead canal!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Jhenidah Sadar upazila project implementation office has constricted a 33-foot-long bridge across a three-foot-wide dead canal at Pantapara village in the upazila, much to the surprise of locals.

With hardly any utilitarian value, the bridge built at a cost of Tk 18 lakh four thousand has gone up to a villager's compound, causing damage to it.

Visiting the spot recently, this correspondent saw a plaque dated February 18, 2010 heralding inauguration by Sadar upazila Chairman

Kanak Kanti Das. Due to the construction work, large cracks have developed on both sides of the bridge from the non-metalled road from Saduhati to Harinakundo.

Now the authorities concerned have started excavation to widen the canal apparently to befool the people although there is no water in the dead canal.

"The bridge, which is much bigger than the breadth of the canal, has come up to my house," said villager Farid.

"Ruling party men profit from construction of such unnecessary bridge," said an elderly villager wishing ano-

nymity. Jhenidah Sadar upazila Project Implementation Officer Ahadi Hossain said, "A proposal for construction of a bridge across the canal at Pantapara village reached my office from upazila development committee. Accordingly, this 33-foot bridge has been built at a cost of Tk 18,03,955 under the bridge and culvert construction programme of relief and rehabilitation department."

Asked whether the bridge was necessary at the place, he said political leaders' opinion is preferred in case of site selection.

Rivals kill notorious criminal

UNB, Benapole

A notorious criminal was killed by his rivals at Shioraha Bazaar in Jhikargachha upazila on Sunday night.

The dead was identified as Arab Ali alias Kosai Arab, son of Rakam Ali of Laksmanpur village of nearby frontier Sharsha upazila.

Police quoting villagers said Arab Ali was hiding at a village in Jhikargachha after murdering Jubo League leader Ratan of Sharsha upazila.

Locals said his rivals caught him from the bazaar at about 12:00 midnight and stabbed him to death. On information police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy.

Officer-in-charge of Sharsha police station Enamul Haque said, Arab Ali was wanted in a number of murder and other criminal cases.

Another report from Magura adds: Police recovered the body of a listed criminal at Molladangi village in Sripur upazila on Sunday.

The deceased was identified as Subrata Sarkar, 23, son of Bimal Sarkar, of the same village. Police said he was wanted in a number of criminal cases.

Police said his rivals strangled him and dumped the body in a nearby jute field on Saturday night.

Police sent the body to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy early Sunday morning.

Teachers move door to door to collect students for colleges

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Amid serious shortage of admission seekers, teachers of non-government colleges in the district are moving door to door to persuade students to get admission to their colleges.

About 7,000 students passed this year's SSC examinations from seven upazilas of the district while 14,250 students are needed to fill up seats in 57 colleges, including two government and 55 non-government ones, in the district, said sources concerned.

The situation has arisen as many of the colleges were set up violating rules and criteria, only on political consideration.

According to the rules of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE), at least 250 students

have to be admitted to a college in each academic year.

To fulfil the condition, teachers of the non-government colleges are moving door to door, trying to lure students to join their institutions.

Promising various facilities including free admission, free books and tuition waiver, they are requesting guardians to send their wards to their colleges.

Jibon Das, headmaster of Makhon Sukul High School in Patuakhali Sadar upazila, said teachers from different colleges come to the school every day and request him to motivate his students who passed the SSC to get admission to their colleges.

"Teachers from three colleges have already come to my house and requested me to send my daughter to their colleges. They offered admission, books and study

for free," said Abdul Mannan of Auliapur village under Sadar upazila.

"We face crisis of students as there are much more colleges than required," said principal of a non-government college in Sadar upazila.

"As per rules, a college should be set up in a 10 square mile area with 75,000 people. At best 23 colleges can be set up for about 17 lakh people in the district but there are already 57 colleges. I have nothing to do in this regard as the DSHE directly controls everything about colleges," District Education Officer Anwar Hossain said.

Of the non-government colleges in the district, 15 are in Sadar upazila, 10 each in Baufal and Galachipa, seven in Dumki, six in Mirzaganj, five in Kalapara and two in Dashmina upazila.

18 WAR CRIME CASES IN KHULNA Only one accused out of 160 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Only one out of 160 FIR-named accused in 18 war crime cases under Khulna district has so far been arrested.

The arrested is Gaffar Golder of Batiaghata village in Batiaghata upazila. He is one of the nine accused in the case filed with Batiaghata

Police Station on April 1 this year by Abdullah Galdar of the village.

The rest of the accused in the 18 war crime cases are still at large as police are yet to start investigation into the cases.

When asked, most of the investigation officers told this correspondent that they did not get any specific guideline from the higher authorities on

how to proceed with investigation.

"It is too difficult for investigation officers to get evidence in support of allegations made against the accused after long 38 years of liberation war," Police Superintendent Tanvirul Haider Chowdhury said.

Of the cases, 11 were recorded with the Batiaghata Police Station, two with

Dumuria Police Station, two with Digholia Police Station and the remaining three with Rupsha, Phultala and Dakope police stations.

The officers-in-charge of the police stations recorded the cases as per order of the court as the complainants filed petition cases with the court seeking legal action against the accused who killed freedom fighters in 1971.

SNIPPETS

Two bodies recovered

A CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police yesterday recovered two bodies from Gabtoli and Shibganj upazilas of the district. One of the victims was Aminul Islam Ranju, 38, of Atbaria village under Gabtoli upazila of the district while the other could not be identified immediately. Police said Ranju's body was recovered from a paddy field near his residence. His younger brother Tarajul Islam, former vice-president of district Chhatra League filed a case with Gabtoli police station in this connection. Police recovered the body of the other person from Mahasthan Mazar area under Shibganj upazila.

Mongla mayor removed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Mongla mayor Molla Abdul Jalil has been removed on charge of corruption. He received an official letter in this regard from Ministry of LGRD on July 3. Ward councillor Shafiqur Rahman has been asked to take over as acting mayor. Molla Jalil was elected mayor of Mongla pourasava on May 5 in 2004 on BNP ticket. He is still senior vice president of Mongla municipality unit of BNP. The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed four separate cases against him in November and December of 2008 with Mongla police station accusing him of misappropriation of fund and other malpractices.

Tiger kills fisherman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

A tiger killed a fisherman at Dhanghara in the Sundarbans yesterday. Victim Azibar Rahman Sana, 35, hailed from Datnekhali under Shyamnagar upazila. Police said he and four others went to Terokati canal for fishing on Sunday after taking permit from the Buriganga forest station. At around 9:30am, a big cat swooped on Azibar and dragged him into deep forest. Locals recovered the body from the forest at 3:00pm.

Anti-stalking campaign

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police have launched a campaign to build anti-stalking awareness among the students in Bera upazila of the district. As part of the programme, police officials will regularly go to schools and colleges in the upazila and talk to the students. Sheikh Zillur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Bera Police Station, opened the campaign at Bera Monzur Quader Women College on Sunday. Giving his mobile phone number to the students, the OC said police need their help for making the special drive a success.



PHOTO: STAR

Rangpur Nagorik Committee forms a human chain in front of Rangpur Press Club yesterday demanding introduction of Rangpur-Dhaka intercity train, construction of a railway bridge across the Jamuna River at Balashi Point and improvement of rail communications from Kaunia to Burimari and Chilmari.

Human chain demanding direct train link

UNB, Rangpur

Nagorik Committee of Rangpur yesterday formed a human chain in the town demanding direct train link with the capital Dhaka.

Presently, two inter-city trains are operating between Lalmonirhat and Dhaka and Dinajpur and Dhaka bypassing Rangpur.

Apart from direct train link,

the committee demanded a multipurpose bridge over the Jamuna at Balashighat in Gaibandha for improving communication facilities between greater Rangpur and Dhaka, setting up rail communications from Burimari landport to Kaunia and Chilmari to Kaunia.

Rangpur people spontaneously participated in the human chain that lasted for

about one and a half hours from 11:00am. A brief rally was also held in front of the press club.

The rally was addressed by central Ganotantri Party president Mohammad Afzal, academician Banamali Paul, freedom fighter Muzaffar Hossain Chand, Dr Mofizul Islam Montu and local leaders of different political parties and student organisations.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার					
চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর					
১১২, সার্কিট হাউজ রোড, ঢাকা					
দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি					
১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়।			
২	এজেন্সী	চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা।			
৩	সম্প্রদায়িক সত্তা	মহাপরিচালক, চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা।			
৪	সম্প্রদায়িক সত্তার কোড নং	ব্যবহার হয়ে না।			
৫	সম্প্রদায়িক সত্তার জেলা	ঢাকা।			
৬	দরপত্র আবেদনের বিষয়	২০১০-২০১১ অর্থবছরে ক্রোড়পত্র সংক্রান্ত প্রি-প্রিন্টিং কাজের দরপত্র।			
৭	দরপত্র নং	ডিএফপি-১৪৪/১/২০০২/বিজ্ঞাপন(খত-৫)/৩২/০৫।			
৮	তারিখ	০৪-০৭-২০১০খ্রি।			
মূল তথ্য					
৯	দরপত্র আবেদনের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে।			
অর্থের উৎস					
১০	বাজেট এবং ফন্ডের উৎস	রাজস্ব, বাংলাদেশ সরকার।			
১১	উন্নয়ন সহযোগী (প্রযোজ্য ক্ষেত্রে)	প্রযোজ্য নয়।			
বিস্তারিত তথ্য					
১২	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের সংখ্যা	১ (এক)।			
১৩	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের নাম	২০১০-২০১১ অর্থবছরে ক্রোড়পত্র সংক্রান্ত প্রি-প্রিন্টিং কাজের দরপত্র।			
১৪	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	০৫-০৭-২০১০খ্রি।			
১৫	দরপত্র বিক্রির শেষ তারিখ	১৮-০৭-২০১০খ্রি (অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত)।			
	তারিখ	সময়			
১৬	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৮-০৭-২০১০খ্রি	বেলা ১১.০০টা		
১৭	দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলার শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৮-০৭-২০১০খ্রি	বেলা ১১.০৫মিনিট		
১৮	দস্তুরের নাম ও ঠিকানা				
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	-দরপত্র গ্রহণ	চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর, ১১২, সার্কিট হাউজ রোড, ঢাকার প্রশাসনিক ভবনের উপ-পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) এর কক্ষ।			
	-দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলার স্থান	চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর, ১১২, সার্কিট হাউজ রোড, ঢাকার প্রশাসনিক ভবনের উপ-পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) এর কক্ষ।			
দরপত্রদাতার তথ্য					
১৯	দরপত্রদাতার যোগাযোগ	৫টি গ্রাফিক্স ডিজাইন করার উপযোগী কম্পিউটার ডাবল ডিমাউ সাইজ পজিটিভ তৈরির জন্য অটো প্রসেস ইমেজ সেটের, হাই রেজুলেশন ড্রাম স্ক্যানার/হাই ইন্ড স্ক্যানার, উচ্চ ক্ষমতাসম্পন্ন জেনারেটর/আইপিএস থাকতে হবে। এছাড়া প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ ট্রুড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন ও আয়কর সনদ থাকতে হবে।			
২০	সরবরাহ বা কাজের স্বীকৃতি/বিবরণ	২০১০-২০১১ অর্থবছরে বিভিন্ন গুরুত্বপূর্ণ দিবসসমূহে পত্রিকায় ক্রোড়পত্র প্রকাশের জন্য এক কালার ও চার কালার পজিটিভ (সাইজ ১৫"x২১") এবং এক কালার ও চার কালার মাস্টহেড তৈরি।			
২১	অন্যান্য যোগাযোগ	প্রয়োজ্য নয়।			
২২	দরপত্রের মূল্য (টাকা)	৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা মাত্র।			
ক্রম নং	লট নং	লটার বিবরণ	স্থান	টেজার সিকিউরিটি	কার্যের সময়সীমা
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২৫	দরপত্র আবেদনকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	উপ-পরিচালক (বিজ্ঞাপন ও নিরীক্ষা)।			
২৬	দরপত্র আবেদনকারী দপ্তরের ঠিকানা	চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর, ১১২, সার্কিট হাউজ রোড, ঢাকা।			
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২৮	সম্প্রদায়িক সত্তা যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সরক্ষণ করেন।	রোকসানা আক্তার উপ-পরিচালক (বিজ্ঞাপন ও নিরীক্ষা) ফোন: ৯৩৩০৩৬			