

Charge framing against 47 Jamaat, Shibir men deferred again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Charges against 47 Jamaat and Shibir men could not be framed here yesterday as police could not arrest most of the accused.

The Speedy Trial Tribunal here again deferred the charge framing date to August 1 as 24 charge sheeted accused are still at large, court sources said.

Earlier on July 19, the court fixed July 25 for framing charges against the accused after rejecting their bail prayers.

SI Monirul Islam of Khulna Sadar police station who investigated the case submitted the charge sheet to the

court of CMM on July 12 accusing 47 leaders and activists of Jamaat and Shibir of attacking law enforcers at Dakbunglow square during a demonstration on June 30 this year.

SI Rezaul Karim lodged an FIR with Khulna Sadar police station on June 30 as complainant naming 21 leaders and activists of Jamaat and Shibir as accused. The complaint included 26 other unidentified accused.

The FIR was later recorded as a regular case under sections 4 and 5 of the Speedy Trial Act. The 47 charge sheeted accused include Khulna city Ameer of Jamaat and former lawmaker Mian

Golam Parwar.

Police also arrested two top charge sheeted leaders of Chhatra Shibir from Dhaka and Bagerhat. They are Mian Mujahidul Islam, former president of Khulna city unit of Shibir. He was arrested on July 13 from Ibne Sina Welfare Hospital at Kalyanpur in the capital. He is younger brother of Mian Golam Parwar.

On the same day, police arrested another charge sheeted top leader of Chhatra Shibir Md Ariful Islam from his house at Kachua upazila of Bagerhat district. The arrestee is also chairman of governing body of Khulna Siddikia Kamil Madrassa.

CHANGE OF INTER-CITY ROUTE

Protesters in Lalmonirhat block rail tracks

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A large number of people under the banner of 'Lalmonirhat Swartha Sangrakkhan Committee' yesterday put up barricades on rail tracks at Lalmonirhat station protesting railway authorities' decision to run the intercity Lalmoni Express up to Rangpur instead of Lalmonirhat.

The agitating people also submitted a memo to the railway authorities through a railway official demanding

withdrawal of the decision within the next three days. Otherwise, they threatened to announce a tougher agitation programme in the district.

Addressing a rally at Lalmonirhat rail station, the speakers said the intercity Lalmoni Express has been running on Lalmonirhat-Dhaka route since June 23, 2003. But the railway authorities recently decided to run the intercity train up to Rangpur Station.

They demanded that the

authorities concerned withdraw the decision for the sake of the people of Lalmonirhat district. Captain (ret'd) Azizul Haque, journalists Gokul Roy and Belal Hossain, and advocate Nazrul Islam spoke.

The blockade disrupted rail communications between Lalmonirhat and other districts for three hours from 10:00 am.

Divisional Railway Traffic Superintendent Mostafizar Rahman received the memo and he faxed it to the authorities concerned.

Pirates injure fishermen in Meghna, loot fishes, nets

UNB, Chandpur

At least 10 fishermen were injured in attack by pirates in the mid-Meghna River at Jaliarchar under Haimchar upazila on Tuesday.

Of the injured, Jalil Sardar, 35, and Rubel, 25, of Char Bhairabi were admitted to Haimchar upazila health complex in critical condition.

Sources said Jalil along with nine other fishermen went to the Meghna River to catch fish in the morning.

At one stage, a gang of armed pirates numbering 20/25 attacked and stabbed them indiscriminately with sharp weapons, leaving them injured.

Later, the gang looted fishes, fishing nets and mobile phones from them and fled the scene by a boat.

Hearing their hue and cry, other fishermen rescued them and admitted Jalil and Rubel to the health complex.

The other injured - Motaleb, Yusuf, Taher, Najimuddin, Didar and three others - were given first aid.

Our Correspondent in Satkhira adds: A pirate group abducted a fisherman from Moradul Char in the Mamundo River in the Sundarbans Tuesday evening.

Victim Belal Gazi, 19, is now held hostage in the deep forest for a ransom of Tk

50,000, police quoting the victim's relatives said.

The pirates set a deadline for payment of the ransom failing which the fisherman will face 'dire consequences', said the fishermen who managed to escape attack, police said.

Six fishermen with a boat went to the Sundarbans on Friday.

While returning to house after fishing they were attacked by the gang at Moradul Char in the Mamundo River.

The pirates abducted fisherman Belal Gazi, son of Abdul Karim Gazi of village Kalinchi in Shyamnagar upazila for ransom.

THREE 'KILLERS' THREE 'MUGGERS' HELD IN CTG



1) Police arrest three people on charge of shooting dead a person as locals caught them after the incident at Uttar Rampura in Halishahar of Chittagong city, 2) a truck used by the alleged killers set on fire by locals, and 3) Three alleged muggers caught by people at Jamal Khan in the city, yesterday.

12 missing as three trawlers capsize in Bagerhat, Rajshahi

STAR NATIONAL DESK

At least 12 people went missing as three trawlers capsized yesterday and the day before in two separate incidents in Bagerhat and Rajshahi.

At least 10 fishermen went missing on Saturday as two trawlers capsized in the Bay near Kachikhali of Swarankhola upazila of Bagerhat.

Survivors said two trawlers with 24 fishermen sank in the rough sea in the afternoon. Fourteen of them were rescued by other trawlers while 10 remained missing, reports UNB.

One of the sunken trawlers came from Swarankhola and the other one from Bhandaria for fishing in the Bay, they said.

In Rajshahi, two people went missing as a boat carrying passengers and cattle capsized in the river Padma at Majardiar under Paba upazila yesterday, reports our staff correspondent.

The missing people are seven-year-old Noor Banu,

daughter of Minarul Islam of Thakurmara village of Haragram of Rajshahi city and Enamul Haque, 40, son of Ekram of Majardiar.

Rescue teams of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and locals could not find the two persons as of filing of this report at 4:00 pm yesterday.

Selim Mahmudul Hasan, upazila nirbahi officer and BDR men said, the boat carrying around 40 passengers and 31 cows started for Rajshahi Police Line terminal from Char Majardiar at around 8:00 in the morning.

As the boat reached mid-river, it capsized due to strong current.

Most of the passengers swam ashore while a few were rescued. Out of 31 cows, 16 were rescued, 12 died and three went missing.

BDR men from Shahapur border outpost in Charghat upazila later recovered the boat with six dead cows at Tangon point, about 15km away from the place of occurrence.

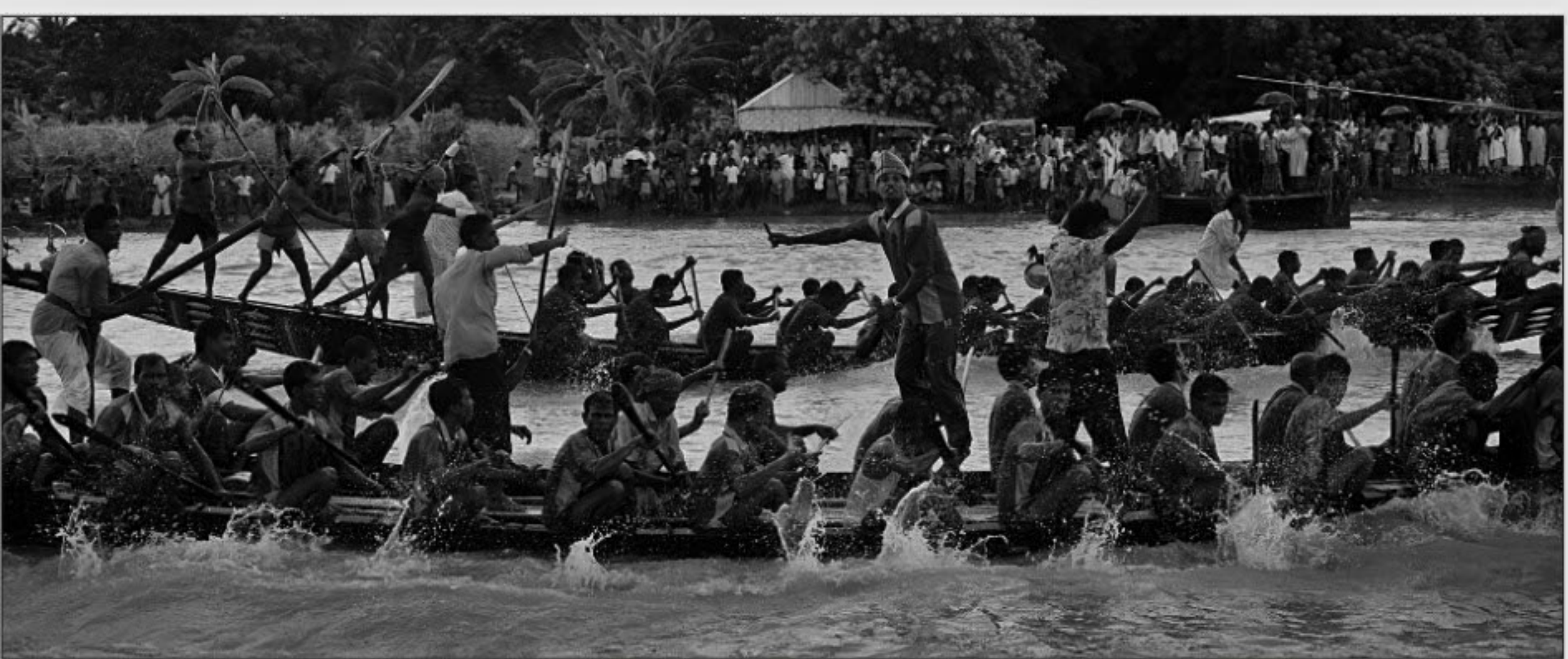


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Enthusiastic locals watch from the bank as racing boats vie for winning at the contest from the confluence of Modhumati and Nabaganga rivers to Arunima-Modhumati ferryghat at Panipara in Kalia upazila of Narail district on Saturday.

Thousands watch boat race in Narail

A CORRESPONDENT, Narail

A traditional boat race was held in Kalia upazila of Narail district on Saturday.

Organised by Arunima Country Side and Golf Resort, six boats participated in the race that began from the confluence of the Modhumati and Nabaganga at 4:00pm and ended at Arunima-Modhumati ferry ghat in Panipara.

Thousands of people gathered on the riverbank to witness the event. Delegates from BBC and local Journalists covered the event and also took snaps of the race.

Khabir Uddin Ahmed, president of TRIAB, Khan Shamimur Rahman, Kalia upazilla chairman, Md Adnan Hossain of Tiger Tours Ltd and local elite were among the guests.

Tim Steel from the United Kingdom, who is working to promote tourism in Bangladesh, said this kind of colourful event is one of the major tourist attractions.

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE Invitation for Prequalification

The People's Republic of Bangladesh Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project - Contract No.PMB/AR/01 Janjira Approach Road and Selected Bridge End Facilities

This invitation for prequalification follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business on-line and DG Market on 09 December 2009.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the contract for the approach roads, bridges and bridge end facilities on the south bank of the Padma River. The Bangladesh Bridge Authority intends to prequalify contractors for Contract No.PMB/AR/01 - Janjira Approach Road and Selected Bridge End Facilities.

The Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project comprises a new fixed crossing of the Padma River in Bangladesh. It will consist of a new bridge approximately 6.15km long across the Padma River; approach viaducts; major river training works; approximately 13.6km of approach roads; and bridge end facilities, including toll plazas, service areas and offices. The main bridge is to carry a 4-lane highway, single-track rail and other facilities including gas, power transmission lines and telecommunication services.

This project will be jointly financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Bank, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Islamic Development Bank (IDB).

The Project will be divided into three or more separate construction contracts, subject to funding constraints and the wishes of the Government of Bangladesh, and will together comprise:

- the main bridge - river spans structure;
- the main bridge - Mawa & Janjira viaducts (road & rail "stubs");
- the approach road bridge structures;
- the approach road embankments;
- the approach roadworks to existing grade on the Northern approach;
- the approach roadworks to connect into the existing N8 Highway on the Southern approach;
- bridge end facilities on the north (Mawa) side including the toll plaza and toll collection facilities for southbound traffic and service area facilities for future operation and maintenance staff;
- bridge end facilities on the south (Janjira) side including the toll plaza and toll collection facilities for northbound traffic and service area facilities for future operation and maintenance staff; and
- river training works upstream and through the bridge site.

This prequalification is for the construction contract for the southern approach roads to connect the main bridge into the existing N8 Highway including the approach road bridge structures; the approach road embankments; the approach roadworks; the toll plaza, toll office building and toll collection facilities for northbound traffic; a Police Post, an Emergency Response Building and various buildings and civil works for Service Area No.3.

It is expected that invitations to bid will be made in October 2010. Prequalification will be conducted through prequalification procedures specified in the Guidelines for Procurement of Goods and Works under Islamic Development Bank Financing - May 2009 and is open to bidders from all countries other than Israel.

Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the prequalification document at the Bangladesh Bridge Authority (address below) from 10-00 to 16-00, Sunday to Thursday. A complete set of the prequalification document in English may be purchased by interested applicants on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of BDT 10,000 or USD 150. The method of payment will be cash or cashier's cheque. The prequalification documents may be obtained at the address below or will upon request be sent by courier for an additional fee of US\$ 50. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.

A pre-qualification conference will be held on 6 September 2010 at 10-30 at the following address: Bangladesh Bridge Authority Conference Room, 2nd Floor Setu Bhaban New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212

Applications for prequalification should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the address below by 29 September 2010 up to 16.00 hrs and be clearly marked "Application to Prequalify for Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project, Janjira Approach Road and Selected Bridge End Facilities, Contract No.PMB/AR/01"

(Signature)
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Amendment of Tender Notice

1. The advertisement published in the Dailies regarding the following items is amended as under:

| Tender No. & Dt. | Name of Items | Subject of Ammendments | For | Read |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4401/261/4856 dt. 09-05-2010 | Propellant (60 Ton) | Last date of selling tender form Date of dropping & opening Tender | 26 July-2010 27 July-2010 | 09 August-2010 10 August-2010 |

2. Other terms & conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

Manager Purchase
For Commandant