

Huge gasfield traced

Bapex hits oil-gas structure in Sunamganj-Netrokona, expects over 2 trillion cubic feet gas reserve; drilling next year to confirm discovery

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Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company (Bapex) has discovered a potentially large oil and gas structure in Sunamganj-Netrokona districts and is preparing to drill an exploratory well there.

According to Bapex Managing Director Mortuza Ahmad Faruque, while finding oil and gas there ultimately depended on luck, the geological structure determined through a survey was very much in favour of a gas field with two to three trillion cubic feet (tcf) reserve.

In such case, it would be the biggest find by the lone Bangladeshi exploration company that had over the years discovered 10 small to medium fields. The biggest field discovered by Bapex so far is in Shahbazpur in Bhola that has around 600 billion cubic feet (bcf) reserve.

"This is a high prospect zone. It is located in the Surma basin. The Bibiyana field is located in the eastern part of this basin while this zone is located in the western part. This zone has all the geological characteristics required for oil or gas deposit. The size of this structure can accommodate two to three tcf gas," said Mortuza.

The structure has been given the name "Sunetra" combining the names of Sunamganj and Netrokona as the structure spreads across both the districts.

Bapex is now preparing a high priority proposal for the government to drill one exploratory well in next March-April at a cost of Tk 80-90 crore in Fulor village in Sunamganj by the Monai river.

The proposal will be sent to the higher authorities for approval next month.

If the well strikes gas, the proposal keeps the provision of drilling three development wells and installing a gas processing plant. "We are making this proposal in such a way that we don't need to waste time seeking approval at each level of development of this potential field," said Mortuza.

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US Congress to honour Yunus

AFP, Washington

US lawmakers Friday approved a measure granting the Congressional Gold Medal to Nobel peace prize winner Muhammad Yunus, a pioneer of microcredit.

Along with the Medal of Freedom, which is awarded by US presidents, the Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian honour that can be awarded in the United States.

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PM tells UN of war crimes trial

UNB, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Friday formally raised the issue of trial of war criminals at the United Nations, saying the International Crimes Tribunal has been set up to try persons responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971.

"This action is in accordance with the rule of law as reflected in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), which we have ratified and which aims at bringing to justice the perpetrators of war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity," Hasina said in her speech at the world body.

She said, "I believe that only justice can heal the unforgivable deadly wrongs of the past."

The premier also recalled the evil act of terror on 15 August 1975 that took the life of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and 18 members of her family.

She mentioned that even she had been a target of a series of assassination attempts ever since her return home from exile in 1981, saying that the most horrendous period was when Awami League, a secular and democratic party, was in the opposition from 2001 to 2006.

Hasina alleged that at that time, thousands of her party workers, supporters and followers of the religious minority who voted for Awami

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Fake Mujibnagar govt staff managed lofty jobs

107 out of 190 were aged below 10 in 1971, reveals probe

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An enquiry conducted by the law ministry revealed massive anomalies in last year's appointment of 190 sub-registrars who forged documents to get the jobs as staff of the Mujibnagar government-in-exile.

Astonishingly, it found that 107 of 190 were below 10 years in 1971 and only one was above 18 then.

But all of them managed certificates to prove them staff of the Mujibnagar government and got the high-ranking jobs under the law ministry, according to the probe report. They all have even been posted around the country.

The probe body recommended taking legal action against 189 in connection with criminal offence. One of the 190 is now dead.

"On investigation, it was proved that none of them served at all as staff of the Mujibnagar government during the Liberation War," the probe report concluded examining all records.

On receiving the report, the parliamentary standing committee on law ministry yesterday at a meeting expressed surprise at the findings and observed that the 190 managed to get the jobs by bribing some government high officials Tk 20 to 25 lakh.

It alleged that an unholy alliance of a few high officials of the cabinet division and the establishment ministry worked to get them the jobs, meeting sources said.

The parliamentary body also alleged that suppressing facts about them, they managed to obtain a Supreme Court order in favour of them.

The government appointed them in line with the court's order.

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The vandalised bus at Farmgate in the capital yesterday after it had run over college student Arifur Rahman. PHOTO: STAR

Bus crushes student

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A student of Adamjee Cantonment College was crushed under the wheels of a bus in the city's busy Farmgate intersection yesterday afternoon.

It has not yet been ascertained whether the victim was trying to board the bus or was jaywalking as witnesses differ in their statements.

Deceased Arifur Rahman, 17, a first-year student of the college, lived at North Kafrul in the capital.

Sub-Inspector Sardar Nizamul Hoque of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station told The Daily Star, a bus of Shakalpa Paribahan hit Arifur when he was trying to board the bus at Farmgate intersection around 5:30pm. He was crushed under the rear wheels of the bus after he slipped and fell while trying to grab the handle of the door.

However, Abdul Mannan, a street vendor said he saw the victim crossing the road right before being hit by the bus.

Following the incident locals rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors declared him dead.

He was the only child of Sub-Inspector Nazrul Islam of Dhaka Special Branch of police. He got admitted to the college after securing GPA-5 in SSC from Kushtia Bheramara Pilot High School this year. He also got scholarships twice in talent pool category both in class V and VIII. His family moved to Dhaka to fulfil his dream of studying medicine.

At DMCH a heartrending scene occurred as the parents of Arifur fell unconscious at the sight of their child's lifeless body.

After regaining his senses, Arifur's father wailed "He would have made a great doctor, but what will happen now?"

His mother Sharmin Begum kept muttering, "I repeatedly

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Recruitment of doctors rocked

Discarded candidates abuse VC at Bangabandhu medical university

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A group of pro-Awami League doctors from Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad (SCP) and Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) yesterday allegedly assaulted the vice chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) after not being selected for the posts of medical officer.

They also had a meeting with the leaders of SCP and BMA at the academic council room of BSMMU which the authorities termed unwanted.

A total of 505 candidates appeared in the test for 70 medical officer posts of BSMMU on Friday and the authorities hanged the list of 207 selected candidates for interview yesterday morning.

Sources said 30 to 35 doctors were agitating in front of the Milton Hall demanding cancellation of the result of recruitment examination at around 12:15pm when an academic council meeting of BSMMU was going on.

Four to five unruly candidates reportedly grabbed the collar of Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Pran Gopal Datta when he was coming out of the meeting room, which he denied later.

"They [the agitating candidates] came to talk to the leaders of SCP and BMA, not with me", the VC said.

"Only four to five of those who created chaos were candidates and all the rest were the doctor leaders and activists of the ruling

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