

JOURNALIST FOTEH OSMANI MURDER CASE

Police yet to press charges against accused

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Police are yet to press charges against the accused in the case for murder of noted journalist Foteh Osmani in Sylhet.

Osmani was stabbed in the city on the night of April 18 this year and succumbed to his injuries on April 28 in the capital.

The police, however, claimed that investigation of the case is already finished and the charge sheet is being approved for submission to the courts.

Monitoring cell of the Ministry of Home Affairs last week considered the case as one of the seven most important cases currently under investigation from all over the country.



Foteh Osmani

The Investigation Officer (IO) Sub-Inspector Abdur Rahim said that the charge sheet is being scrutinised for submission to court and they are conducting raids to arrest another person suspected to be involved in the murder.

Osmani, Sylhet regional

correspondent of the Saptahik 2000, was suddenly attacked by a gang near Doldoli Tea Garden in Shahi Eidgah area in the city on his way home around midnight on April 18. The gang intercepted Osmani, snatched his moneybag, mobile phone and the motorbike before stabbing him and his companion MA Malek.

Osmani's younger brother MA Matin filed a case with the Kotwali police accusing Saddam Hossain alias Tiger Saddam, Kashem Ali and others. Both the accused have long criminal records. Days after the incident locals handed over Saddam to the police while Kashem, Sumon, Swapon and Russel were

arrested later. Among them, Kashem and Sumon gave confessional statements in court and narrated the incident while police claimed all the five were involved with the murder.

Rab arrested businessman Moududul Haque and the deceased's companion MA Malek suspecting their complicity with the murder. However, the police took a different stand and the two got bail from the magistrate court.

Lyricist and poet Foteh Osmani had previously worked for news agency UNB, local dailies Jugabheri, Dainik Jalalabad and Daily Sobuj Sylhet. He had visited the UK and wrote two books on expatriates.

Outlaw arrested with gun in Chuadanga

Bombs, firearms seized in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Law enforcers arrested an outlawed party leader with a gun in Alamdanga upazila of Chuadanga district early yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, detectives raided Alhera High School premises at Darshana in the upazila where the cadres of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML) were holding a meeting at around 12:30am. They arrested PBCP leader Halim along with one shutter gun and two bullets on the spot while his accomplices managed to flee.

Halim was wanted in different cases including

two for murders, said police, adding that he has recently organised a gang locally known as Halim Bahini.

The PBCP leader was taken to Alamdanga Police Station for interrogation. In Kushtia, a team from Amla police camp in Mirpur upazila recovered four bombs at Khamarbari village at around 10:00pm on Tuesday. They also recovered a light gun and two bullets from a bush at the village.

Biswajit Saha, assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of the police camp, said they raided the village after an anonymous caller informed them about the locations of firearms and bombs.

3 drug peddlers held in Benapole, Gazipur

Phensidyl, yaba tablets seized

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Three drug peddlers were arrested with phensidyl and yaba tablets in Benapole and Gazipur yesterday.

In Benapole, BDR personnel arrested a drug peddler with 720 bottles of phensidyl syrup, 55 bottles of liquor and Tk 50,000 in Amrakhali area under Benapole Police Station, according to a correspondent.

The arrestee is Kamrul Islam, 30, son of Abdul Jalil of North Kagoj Pukur village.

Being tipped off that a drug peddler was carrying Indian liquor and phensidyl in a private car from Benapole to Dhaka, BDR men chased the car at Boropota Bazar.

But the car met an accident as it was trying to break a barricade put up by BDR at

Amrakhali.

BDR members then arrested Kamrul and recovered drugs, liquor and cash from his possession. They also seized the car. A case was filed with Benapole Police Station.

In Gazipur, law enforcers arrested two drug peddlers with phensidyl and yaba tablets at Keranirtek slum, Amtali and Alam market at Duttapara under Tongi Municipality early yesterday, reports UNB.

The arrestees are Sumon, 25, son of Suruj Ali and Monir alias Yaba Monir, 26, son of Taru Miah.

Police said they raided the areas at around 2:30am and arrested the two drug peddlers with phensidyl and 150 pieces of yaba tablet.

Two separate cases were filed with Tongi Model Police Station in this connection.

Abducted fisherman buys freedom

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A fisherman, abducted by pirates from Baikarer Harintana area in the Sundarbans on September 22, was released yesterday on payment of Tk 20,000.

The released fisherman is Hasan Sardar, 30, son of Abdul Sardar of Jyotindranagar village under Shyamnagar upazila.

Four fishermen Hasan Sardar, Jabbar Sardar, Abdul Mazid and Montaz Molla of Jyotindranagar village went to the Sundarbans on September 20, taking pass from the Kaikhali Forest Office.

While they were catching fish in the River Mamunda on September 22, a gang of pirates attacked them. The gang looted cash and other valuables and abducted Hasan while the rest three managed to escape.

They gave a seven-day deadline for payment of the ransom. Otherwise, they threatened to kill Hasan, said Jabbar Sardar, one of the victims who managed to escape.

As Hasan's family paid Tk 20,000 to the pirates, they released him at Balirkhal in the Sundarbans.

Lightning kills 2 in Barisal

UNB, Barisal

Lightning killed a mother and her son and injured another member of the family at Uttar Baliakhali village in Muladi upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Jahanara Begum, 45, wife of Yusuf.

Khandaker and their son Lokman Hossain, 12. The injured is Bithi Begum, 18, daughter-in-law of Yusuf.

The three were struck by a thunderbolt while working in the courtyard of their house in the afternoon.

Injured Bithi is now undergoing treatment at the upazila health complex.



Debris lies at Prince Ice Industry in Bagerhat town after an ammonia gas cylinder explosion that also caused death of a woman and ailment to three others due to inhaling of poisonous gas yesterday.

DEATH THREAT OVER PHONE

Thakurgaon civil surgeon files GD against Jubo League leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Civil Surgeon of Thakurgaon Dr Lokman Ali has filed a general diary (GD) with Thakurgaon Police Station against Pirganj Upazila Jubo League President Mohammad Shajahan for giving him death threat over cell phone.

"Upazila Jubo League President Mohammad Shajahan made a call from mobile No 01718617589 at

about 1:30pm on September 23 when I was in a meeting at IEDCR at Mohakhali in Dhaka. Shajahan rebuked me and threatened to kill me," Dr Lokman Ali said in his complaint filed on Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday CS reached at Thakurgaon from Dhaka after official works and filed a GD with Thakurgaon Police Station, CS said.

When contacted over cell phone, upazila Jubo League

President Mohammad Shajahan denied the matter and told this correspondent, "I made a call for establishing a community clinic at my village. The allegation against me is a conspiracy to tarnish my image."

"We have already started investigation into the matter," Officer in Charge of Thakurgaon Police Station Gopal Chakrabarti told this correspondent over cell phone.

Request for Expression of interest (Firm)

For Consultancy Services for Selection of Human Resources (HR) firms for selection of candidates for recruitment in Nutun Jibon Project (IDA Credit no. 4450-BD)

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the Nutun Jibon Project will be implemented as part of the this ongoing Social Investment Program Project (SIPP) in the selected districts of northern & southern part of Bangladesh, and will focus on short-term to medium term employment generation through infrastructure investment, sustainable livelihoods, and the empowerment of poor communities.

2. Social Development Foundation (SDF) is a not-for-profit agency that promotes socio-economic development activities. It was established as a fully autonomous organization by the GOB in 2000 and registered under the Companies Act of 1994 on 28 June 2001. SDF's programs focus particularly on enabling poor, disadvantaged, and marginalized people and communities in Bangladesh to improve their access to basic social, economic, and environmental services and to pursue gainful livelihoods.

3. Social Development Foundation (SDF) decided to engage 2 (two) separate Human Resources (HR) firms (national) which would undertake recruitment of staff at Regional, District & Cluster levels for its Projects under two contract packages. The HR firms will assist SDF in selecting the staffs for around i) 3 regional teams (each team consisting of 22 persons), ii) 125 Cluster Facilitation Teams (each Cluster team consisting of around 9 persons) and iii) 15 district teams (each District team consisting of around 15 person).

4. The 2 (Two) Human Resources (HR) firms are:

a) Human Resources (Screening & testing)

Will be responsible for initial screening of the applications already received and conducting first round of selection tests of short listed candidates. Besides, they may be required to make fresh advertisement for positions not covered by the applications already received and or regional level positions etc.

b) Human Resources (Design & methodology)

Will be responsible for designing & fixing the methodology of whole process of selection of relevant staffs and conducting second round of relevant selection tests e.g. psycho and socio-metric test to assess suitability for the position of short listed candidates and finally conducting induction program of recruited staffs.

5. Social Development Foundation (SDF) now invites eligible consultants to indicate Expressions of Interest (EOIs) in providing the services mentioned above. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the assignment. The consultant organization should be experienced and reputed in the similar field having considerable experience in similar kind of assignment particularly with development Organizations. Interested firms should submit the following information in sufficient detail including brochures, description of experience in similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, summaries of firms' technical and managerial organization, availability of appropriate skills among key staffs with short biographies, availability of resources and snapshots of relevant transactional experience etc.

The EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following:

- Registration of firm (at least 5 years);
- Availability of key professionals (CVs with signature & date and their confirmation letter)
- Availability of resources (If you are submitting EOI for both assignments, please indicate separately firm's available resources as appropriate for the two assignments)
- Experience of the firm(s) in similar task (Please indicate separately for each assignment)
- Support services of the firm(s)

6. This notice for EOI is for short-listing of two HR firms. On preliminary selection, Request for Proposal will be issued to the selected short-listed firms for submission of technical and financial offer. Proposals will be evaluated QBS basis following World Bank Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants (issued August 2004 and revised October 2006 and May 2010) and Public Procurement Rules 2008.

7. The expected duration of the consultancy service will be initially around 2 (two) years. Individual consultants are not eligible for this assignment.

8. The consulting firm(s) may associate to enhance their qualifications, but should mention whether the Association is in the form of either "Joint-Venture" or "Sub-Consultancy". In the case of an association, all members of such 'association' should have real and well defined inputs to the assignment and it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including their associates to maximum of four.

9. Special Instructions:

- Incomplete/partial EOIs will be rejected.
- Interested firm(s) must provide focused information demonstrating that they are qualified to perform the services.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOI, or annul the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s).

10. Interested Organizations may obtain further information, if any, from the head office address during 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on all working days and/or SDF website address given below:

11. Expressions of Interest must be delivered (through e-mail or paper copies) to the address below by 4:00 p.m. on 14th October, 2010. The firm must mark the EOI for the assignment(s) i.e. "EOI for Human Resources (Screening & testing) Firm" and / or "Human Resources (Design & methodology) Firm".

Short listed firms may be asked to make a presentation of their work at the SDF office on an appointed date.

Office address:

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House # 4, Road # 21, Sector # 4, Uttara Model Town,

Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh.

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Social Development Foundation (SDF)

Flood Restoration and Recovery Assistance Program

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Invitation for Tenders

(Goods-Single Lot)

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance.
2	Agency	Social Development Foundation (SDF).
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Flood Project, SDF
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh
6	Invitation for	Supply and Installation of different Goods of 3 nos. of individual packages: i) Supply and Installation of Desktop Computer, Printer, UPS and Accessories [Package No. G. 6.0 (F)] ii) Digital Photocopier [Package No. G. 8.0 (F) and iii) Air Conditioner & Freeze [Package No. G.9.0 (F)] with all accessories for Flood Project to be Implemented by Flood Project, Dhaka office, under Social Development Foundation (SDF), Dhaka, during the year of 2010- 2011
7	Invitation Ref No	IFT No.: PD/Flood/SDF/PS-9(1)/2010
8	Date	21/09/2010
9	Procurement Method	NCT(Open Tendering Method-OTM)
10	Budget and Source of Funds	IDA Credit # H. 349-BD
11	Development Partners	IDA
12	Tender Package No.	G. 6.0 (F), G.8.0 (F) and G.9.0 (F)
13	Tender Package Name	As stated in sl no. 6
14	Tender Publication Date	30/09/2010
15	Tender Last Selling Date	13/10/2010

	Date	Time
16	Tender Closing Date and Time	14/10/2010 2:00 PM
17	Tender Opening Date and Time	14/10/2010 2:30 PM

18	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address
	- Selling Tender Document	(i) Social Development Foundation (SDF), House # 4, Road # 21, Sector # 4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230. (ii) Flood Project office, (SDF), House # 4, Road # 21, Sector # 4, Uttara, Dhaka.
	- Receiving Tender Document	Flood Project office, Social Development Foundation (SDF), House # 4, Road # 21, Sector # 4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230.
	- Opening Tender Document	Flood Project office, Social Development Foundation (SDF), House # 4, Road # 21, Sector # 4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230.

19	Place/Date/Time for Pre-Tender meeting	N/A
20	Eligibility of Tenderer	All Countries except Israel and IDA non-eligible countries
21	Brief Description of Goods or Works	As stated in sl no. 6
21	Brief Description of Related Services	Needs after sales services with genuine spare parts including limited warranty (for each package)
22	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	500.00 (for each package)

Package No.	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks / Months
G.6.0 (F)	1	Supply and Installation of Desktop Computer, Printer, UPS and Accessories for Flood Project, SDF.	50,000.00	6 Weeks
G.8.0 (F)	1	Supply and Installation of Digital Photocopier with all accessories for Flood Project, SDF.	25,000.00	6 Weeks
G.9.0 (F)	1	Supply and Installation of Split Type Air-Conditioner & Freeze with all accessories for Flood Project, SDF, Dhaka office	12,000.00	6 Weeks

24	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Golam Faruque.
25	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director
26	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Social Development Foundation (SDF) House # 4, Road # 21, Sector # 4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230.
27	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Ph.: 880-02-8963946, 8959581, 8959368. Ext- 207 FAX: 880-02-8961096
28	Special Instructions:	1. Tender Security money must be submitted along with the respective tender through Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee in favor of the Project Director, Flood Project. 2. Manufacturer's Authorization must be submitted along with the tender. 3. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without any reason thereof prior to acceptance. 4. This tender shall be governed by the PPR 2008.

(Md. Golam Faruque)
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