



One of the participants ends token hunger strike by taking juice, right, women at the programme held at Shaheed Abdur Razzak Park in Satkhira town yesterday to press the demand for dredging Kobadak River.



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'Dredge Kobadak to mitigate sufferings of 14 lakh people'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Several hundred people staged 'token' hunger strike and held a rally in the town yesterday demanding immediate steps for dredging silted up Kobadak River to solve the perennial waterlogging problem to mitigate sufferings of 14 lakh affected people in Satkhira, Khulna and Jessore districts.

The Kobadak River Khanan Bastobayan Committee, a body floated by local people to press home the demand for dredging the silted up river, organised

programmes at Shaheed Abdur Razzak Park. Women and children also joined the hunger strike that continued for three and a half hours from 11:00am.

Later, the committee held a rally on the Shaheed Minar premises with its president Principal Safiqul Islam in the chair. Awami League (AL) lawmaker and chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on communications ministry Engineer Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Satkhira district AL General Secretary Nazrul Islam, advocate Abdur Rahim, Satkhira Press Club President Abu

Ahmed, Public Prosecutor (PP) Mostafa Lutfullah, advocate Abul Klam Azad, freedom fighter Morol Abdus Salam, and Principal Enamul Haque addressed the rally, among others.

The speaker said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a rally at Shyamnagar upazila headquarters on July 24 last year assured the people that her government would take steps to solve the waterlogging problems in Kobadak basin by re-excavating the river, but no step has been taken yet.

Waterlogging due to massive

deposition of Kobadak River is causing damage to crops and dwellings, much to the suffering of people in vast areas of the three districts, the speakers said.

They said encroachers have built houses, shops, clubs, factories and fish farms on thousands of acres of newly emerged lands on the banks of the river while so-called fish farmers often set up bamboo barriers there, hastening death of the river.

The speakers urged the government to take immediate steps to dredge the river and free it from the illegal encroachers.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

Students and teachers accompanied by a large number of locals form a human chain on Abdul Hamid Road in Pabna town yesterday demanding punishment to the criminals who raped and killed SSC examinee Swarna at her Diar Baghail village in Ishwarganj upazila under the district on January 23.

Human trafficker held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Police arrested an alleged human trafficker from village Jhapaghat in Kalaroa upazila Saturday night. Arrestee Abdus Samad, 32, is son of Matiar Rahman of village Jhapaghat. Quoting locals police said, the accused abducted Poly Akhtar, daughter of Md Kamruzzaman of the same village while returning home from school on December 28 last. Later he took her to India and sold her to a brothel there. Victim's father filed a case with Kalaroa PS. Poly later managed to escape from the brothel with the help of another Bangladeshi and returned home on Thursday.

Smugglers held with CDs

UNB, Benapole

Seventeen smugglers along with 2,400 pieces of CD were arrested at Gotipara border here yesterday morning. Acting on secret information, a team of police raided the area and held 17 people along with the CDs worth about Tk four lakh. The CDs were being smuggled out to India, said police. The arrestees were identified as Rehena Khatun, 20, Fatema Khatun, 18, Abdur Rahim, 21, Younus Ali, 23, Bhutto, 20, Milon Rahman, 24, Badar Uddin, 21, Monir Hossain, 26, Abu Jafar, 25, Masud Hossain, 22, Jahangir Hossain, 28, Russel Hossain, 20, Humayun Kabir, 30, Shakil Ahmed, 27, Bulbul Ahmed, 30, Nayon, 27, and Sujit Kumar, 20. All of them hailed from different areas in Benapole.

Boy killed in wall collapse

UNB, Sherpur

A two-year-old boy was killed as a wall collapsed on him at his house at Karnajhora village in Sribordi upazila Saturday. The deceased was identified as Masum Miah, son of tea stall owner Abdul Motaleb. Police said when Masum was playing in his house a wall of the house fell on him in the afternoon, leaving him dead on the spot.

Woman held with fake notes

UNB, Narayanganj

A woman was arrested along with fake currency notes from a shop at Kanchpur industrial area on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Sonargaon upazila Saturday afternoon. The arrestee was identified as Fatema Akhter, 30, daughter of late Abdul Kader of Samondi area in the upazila. Police said Fatema gave a Tk 1,000 note to a shopkeeper after purchasing cloths at about 4:30pm. Suspecting the note as fake he informed the highway police. Later, police recovered three more fake notes of the same denomination searching her body.

Robbers kill one, loot 12 houses in 4 districts

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Robbers killed one person and looted at least a dozen houses in Pabna, Munshiganj, Narayanganj and Barisal districts yesterday and the day before.

A woman was stabbed to death and her husband and three in-laws were injured by robbers in Santhia upazila of Pabna early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Officer-in-charge AKM Rezaul Islam of Santhia police station said a gang of robbers, numbering 15 to 20, entered the house of Sunil Kumar Sarkar at Jorgachha in the upazila at about 1:00am.

They attacked Sunil with sharp weapon as he tried to resist them.

The gang also stabbed Sunil's wife Ela Rani Sarkar, brothers Shushil and Shudhir and nephew Anup when they tried to save Sunil.

The robbers took away gold ornaments and three mobile sets and left the house. Ela, 45, succumbed to her injuries at Santhia upazila health complex at about 8:00am. The other injured were shifted to Pabna General Hospital.

In Munshiganj, armed robbers looted valuables from five houses at Majidpur Dayahata village under Sreenagar upazila early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The robbers looted valuables worth about Tk 3 lakh including cash and gold ornaments. They also took away documents of land property.

The gang of 14 to 15 looted the houses for more than an hour from 2:30 am, locals said.

The robbers first attacked the house of Swapon Chowdhury and then swooped on the house of Ashru Chowdhury which was under lock and key.

Swapon Chowdhury was injured as the robbers hit him with a machete.

Later the robbers looted valuables from three houses near the house of former president Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury. Three school teachers and their families lived in the three houses. The robbers tied the house members with ropes and continued looting.

When people of nearby houses rushed to the spot the robbers fled away.

In Narayanganj, robbers looted gold ornaments, cash and other valuables from two houses in Sadar and Sonargaon upazilas early Saturday, reports UNB.

Local people said, breaking open the door a gang of armed robbers numbering 10/12 entered the house of Japan expatriate Bhasan Dewan at Ganjkumaria village in Sadar upazila at about 3:00am.

Later, the gang looted 30 tolas of gold ornaments, Tk 3 lakh in cash and other valuables keeping the house members hostage at gunpoint.

In another incident, a gang of robbers numbering 25/30 stormed into the house of Saudi Arabia expatriate Nobi Hossain at Borabo village in Sonargaon upazila at about 2:00 am.

Later, the gang took the house members hostage at gun point and looted Tk 7.55 lakh in cash, 18.5 tolas of gold ornaments, four mobile phone sets and other valuables.

In yet another robbery, an armed gang looted valuables worth about Tk 10 lakh from four houses in Ujirpur and Gournadi upazilas of Barisal early Saturday, leaving five people injured.

Sources said, a gang of armed robbers looted valuables worth Tk 3 lakh from the house of Brunei expatriate Milon Sardar at Mahilara village in Gournadi upazila.

Sekandar Sardar, 65, father of Milon, was injured by the robbers as he tried to resist them.

The same gang also looted valuables worth Tk 2 lakh from the house of Abdul Hakim Sardar of the same village injuring three of his family members--- Aleya Begum, 56, Kalam Sardar, 31, and Shahin Sardar, 22.

On the same night another armed gang looted valuables worth Tk 2 lakh from the house of Shyamol Das and cash and valuables worth Tk 3 lakh from the house of Shangkar Das at Sholak village in Ujirpur upazila.

The robbers at one stage stabbed Shyamol Das indiscriminately leaving him critically injured. He was admitted to the upazila health complex.



PHOTO: STAR

A fire, originated from an electric short circuit, destroys six shops and a bookstore at Maligachha Bazar in Pabna Sadar upazila early yesterday.

PSTU to hold its first convocation Feb 27

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The first convocation of Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) will take place on February 27.

Nurul Islam Nahid, education minister is expected to attend the function as the chief guest and representative of the Chancellor.

Students of BSc (Ag) of sessions 1999-2000 to 2004-05, BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration) of sessions 2003-04 to 2004-05, CSE (Computer Science and Engineering) of sessions 2003-04 to 2004-05, VDM (Veterinary Medicine) of session 2002-03 and those who completed MS (Masters) and PhD degrees by December 2010 can participate in the function, official sources said.

Meanwhile, registration is expected to be completed by today.

Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) formally started functioning on promulgation of government gazette notification on 26th February, 2002 at the campus of

former Patuakhali Agricultural College.

The university is located in Dumki upazila, about 15 kilometers from Patuakhali district headquarters and 28 kilometers from Barisal divisional town.

The total land area of the university is 89.97 acres. The area has 38 acres for main campus, 39 acres for agricultural farm and 12.97 acres for outer campus.

Around 160 teachers, 59 officers and 251 employees are working at the university.

There are four faculties -- a) Faculty of Agriculture b) Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering c) Faculty of Business Administration and Management and d) Faculty of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine.

Under these faculties 1792 students are studying in the university which has 31 rich research centres to provide "experimental teaching."

Besides, there is a central research centre with modern equipments, PSTU sources said.

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Office of the Chief Engineer
Health Engineering Department (HED)
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.

Memo No. MOHFW/HED/Drug/Tender-191/2010/82

Date: 24.01.2011

Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers for repair, renovation of Drug Testing Laboratory (DTL) and Vaccine Wing Building (National Control Laboratory)-NCL at IPH Complex, Mohakhali, Dhaka under Strengthening of Drug Administration and Management, GOB Development Budget. The details of the tender are shown in the table below:

1.	Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW).
2.	Agency	Health Engineering Department (HED).
3.	Procuring entity name	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
4.	Procuring entity code	None
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6.	Invitation for	a) Repair, renovation of Drug Testing Laboratory (DTL) at IPH Complex, Mohakhali, Dhaka. b) Repair, renovation of Vaccine Wing Building (National Control Laboratory)-NCL at IPH Complex, Mohakhali, Dhaka.
7.	Invitation Ref No.	Memo No. MOHFW/HED/Drug/Tender-191/2010/82.
8.	Date	24.01.2011

KEY INFORMATION:

9.	Procurement method	National Competitive Tendering-Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10.	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB) under Development Budget.
11.	Development partner	N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12.	Project/programme code	None
13.	Project/programme name	Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Program (HNPS).
14.	Tender package No.	W-765N-HED & W-766N-HED
15.	Tender package name	a) Repair, renovation of Drug Testing Laboratory (DTL) at IPH Complex, Mohakhali, Dhaka. b) Repair, renovation of Vaccine Wing Building (National Control Laboratory)-NCL at IPH Complex, Mohakhali, Dhaka.

16.	Tender publication date	
17.	Tender last selling date and time	Date: 07.02.2011, Time: 1700 hours
18.	Tender submission date and time	Date: 08.02.2011, Time: 1400 hours
19.	Tender opening date and time	Date: 08.02.2011, Time: 1500 hours
20.	Name & address of the office(s) for selling of tender document (principal)	i. Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. ii. Office of the Director General, Directorate of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka. iii. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division. iv. Office of the Executive Engineer Health Engineering Department (HED), Dhaka City Division, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.

	-Selling tender document (others)	
	-Receiving tender document	i. Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. ii. Office of the Director General, Directorate of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka. iii. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. iv. Office of Executive Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED), Dhaka City Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.

	-Opening tender document	Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
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21.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22.	Eligibility of tenderer	As mentioned in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of tender documents.
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The package-wise required annual construction turnover, tender capacity and liquid asset are given below:

Sl No.	Identification of package	Name of work (with location)	Tender security amount in lac Taka	Liquid asset in lac Taka	Required average annual turnover in lac Taka	Completion time in weeks/months
01.	W-765N-HED	Repair, renovation of Drug Testing Laboratory (DTL) at IPH Complex, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	12.00	100.00	500.00	06 months
02.	W-766N-HED	Repair, renovation of Vaccine Wing Building (National Control Laboratory)-NCL at IPH Complex, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	14.00	100.00	600.00	06 months
23.	Brief description of works	Repair, renovation of laboratories (both vaccine & drugs) and supplying of 300 KVA Diesel Generator, AC etc. which is described in respective schedule.				
24.	Brief description of related services	None				
25.	Price of tender document (Tk)	Non-refundable BD Tk 2000.00 (two thousand) only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Chief Engineer, HED, Dhaka from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.				

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

26.	Name of official inviting tender	MA Rahim Moral.
27.	Designation of official inviting tender	Superintending Engineer-P&A (Adl. Charge), Health Engineering Department (HED), MOHFW.
28.	Address of official inviting tender	105-106, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.
29.	Contact details of official inviting tender	i. Telephone No.: 880-02-7169315 ii. Fax No: 880-02-7169312 iii. e-mail address: hedhg@yahoo.com
30.	Special instructions	a) All submittals should be signed by the tenderer if not tender will be non responsive. b) This is a special nature of work at national level, need constant attention to ensure quality and timely completion.
31.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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