

PM for integrated project to develop southern region

UNB, Barisal

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said here yesterday that her government has a plan to formulate an integrated project for overall socio-economic development of the country's southern region.

"Barisal and the entire southern region were very much neglected as regards economic development. We've a plan to implement an integrated project to change the situation," she said.

Hasina was addressing an opinion-exchange meeting with high officials of Barisal Division at the local Circuit House in the afternoon. Divisional Commissioner Abu Hena Md Rahmatul Momenin presided over the meeting.

Awami League advisory council members Amir Hossain Amu and Tofail Ahmed, communications minister Syed Abul Hossain, principal secretary to the prime minister M A Karim and press secretary to the prime minister Abul Kalam Azad were, among others, present.

About the potentials of ship-breaking and ship-building industries in Barisal and other coastal areas, the prime minister said environment situation must be considered first in case of implementing any



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates the foundation stone of Barisal University yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

such project.

If necessary, she said, the government will set up another port in the region for economic uplift of the people.

She observed that once the much-awaited Padma Bridge is built, economic activities in the entire southern region will get a big boost.

Hasina directed the authorities concerned to take effective steps to increase food production in Barisal to restore its past

glory.

"In the past, Barisal was known as the granary of the country but these days the accolade has shifted to the northern region," she said.

In this connection, she asked the Agriculture Minister to supply quality seeds to the farmers in Barisal region.

The prime minister also informed the meeting that her government is thinking of introducing rail communication in Barisal division.

Following a demand from

the officials of the law enforcing agencies present at the meeting, she assured taking immediate steps to provide them with river transport to take fast action against the pirates.

The prime minister also directed the authorities concerned to stop plying of battery-run vehicles on the roads of the areas as these are not environment-friendly.

She directed the LGED engineers and other officials

to make the bridges in this region with more height so that boats and other river transports can operate easily when water level rises in the rainy season.

When the officials informed that Hijbut Tawhid, a religious organisation, is very active in the Barisal region, Hasina asked them to see whether this organisation is involved with any activities that inspires or patronises militancy.

Language hero Osman Gani always dreams of a better future

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

Language Movement veteran octogenarian Osman Gani has continued contributing to nation building with dreams for a better future.

"I firmly believe that the new generation will be able to free the country from illiteracy, poverty, corruption, anarchy, communalism, militancy and exploitation. I also believe Bangla will be used in every sphere of national life in near future," said the dedicated social worker while talking to this correspondent.

A life member of Chapainawabganj Diabetic Association, former president of Chapainawabganj Bar Association, Osman Gani is associated with different social organisations in the district.

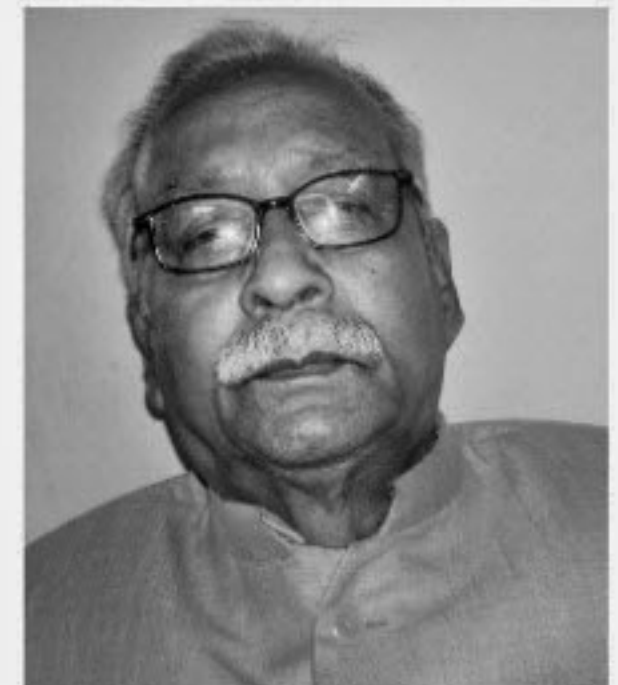
One of the student leaders of the Language Movement in the University of Dhaka, Gani has kept his home town Chapainawabganj pulsating with life through his energetic presence for about 58 years.

Injustice all around hurts him but he still believes in the 'power of youths' that will bring about positive changes for a better society.

Osman Gani, then a student of Dhaka University, took part in the 1952 Language Movement in Dhaka as a member of the

committee convened by Language Movement veteran Abdul Matin.

When police arrested Shamsul Haque, vice president (VP) of the students union of Fazlul Haque Hall of Dhaka University, Osman Gani was given the charge of acting VP.



On February 21, students broke Section 144 and brought out a procession from Dhaka University campus. As several people including students borrowed martyrdom in police firing on demonstrators, the spirit of the movement stirred the nation. Consequently, Language Movement acted as precursor to the country's independence in 1971.

Earlier in 1950, as part of the central committee decision to start mobilising support in favour of the movement to establish Bangla as a state language of the then Pakistan, Osman Gani went to his home district Rajshahi (that time it included present Chapainawabganj district).

He was also given the charge of Dinajpur district for the purpose.

Now 81, he feels proud because February 21 is being observed as International Mother Language Day.

"February 21 is observed every year but political and socio-cultural organisations pay little attention to those who worked for upholding the dignity of the mother tongue. Our new generation should be made aware of the nation's glorious history," he said.

After doing his BA (honours) in political science from Dhaka University, Osman Gani started his carrier as headmaster of Binodpur High School in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj district. He served nine years there and then joined Chapainawabganj Bar as a lawyer.

With the help of local people, he founded several educational institutions and social organisations in the district.

"Students should fight against all evils to change the country's picture. We fought against Pakistan and ended the chapter 39 years ago. But the fight will continue for a secular and democratic country. We have been done or trying to do our part. I hope the younger generation will do the rest," said Gani.

A YEAR AFTER KHAGRACHHARI VIOLENCE

They still wait for succour

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

The victims of February 23, 2010 violence here are still waiting for their proper rehabilitation promised by the authorities.

Cash and other materials provided to the victims so far proved too little compared to the damages they suffered.

On February 23 last year, a clash between Bengali settlers and local indigenous people left one dead and 50 others injured. Besides, at least 37 houses of indigenous people and 29 of the settlers were torched in different areas of the district town.

"All that I had accumulated by toiling over the last 20 years was burnt in front of my eyes that day. Now I am a beggar. The authorities promised to rehabilitate us but we are yet to see that happen," said Ripru Mog, a farmer of Satbhiya Para, where several houses were burnt during the violence.

His wife Nunu Mog said, "In the name of rehabilitation, they gave Tk. 5,000

cash, 20kg of rice and 5 bundles of corrugated iron sheets to each affected family. But that is too meagre to restart our life."

Demanding ensured security they said they cannot go to their land to reconstruct house fearing retri-

sals by the settlers there.

"Although I rebuilt my house with government help but it is impossible to live in it during the monsoons", said Nihar Bindu Chakma.

Sumon Chakma, an SSC examinee of the area said in tears, "All my books were

burnt during the violence but I did not get any support from any corner of the administration."

"Like me, studies of many students of the village have come to an end due to the financial crisis after the violence", he added.

Kawaching Marma, a farmer of the area said, "I could not cultivate my lands as I lost all my money during the violence."

"Today I cannot even manage my family expenses", he added.

Demanding punishment of the criminals and justice, Chowa Marma alleged that police do not arrest the culprits moving freely under their nose.

"A total of six cases were filed in connection with the violence and charge sheet in four of them have been completed", said Md. Abu Kalam Siddiq, Superintendent of Police in the district.

Kongchi Marma, member of local union parishad said, "The innocent victims, mostly farmers and day-labourers, are still suffering as the rehabilitation promised to them remains a far cry".

Contacted, Anisul Haque Bhuiyan, deputy collector of Khagrachhari said that the authorities recently sent a proposal to the ministry concerned describing the conditions and needs of the victims.



PHOTO: STAR

Victims of violent clashes between Bangali settlers and indigenous people on February 23 last year, these people at Satbhiya Para in Khagrachhari town are still passing miserable days for lack of rehabilitation.

'Robber' beaten to death

UNB, Manikganj

A suspected robber was beaten to death by a mob and another was injured at Kamta in Shaturia upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Jewel alias Chanchal, 28, of Nagarpur upazila of Tangail district.

Police said a gang of six highway robbers intercepted an autorickshaw on Golra-Shaturia road and took away cash and valuables from the passengers at around 6:00 am.

Hearing hue and cry of the passengers local people rushed in and caught two of the robbers and gave them a good beating.

On information, police rescued Chanchal and his associate Joynal, 26, of Farichar village in Sadar upazila, and took them to Sadar hospital where Chanchal succumbed to his injuries.

2 held in question leaking case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

CID police on Monday arrested a headmaster and an assistant teacher of a primary school in Kurigram district on charge of leaking question papers for written test for appointing assistant teachers in public schools.

Investigation officer (IO) of the case sub-inspector Abdul Aziz said, Rafiqul Islam, headmaster of Gunaigachh Primary School under Ulipur upazila and his wife Parveen Begum were arrested from their house at Ramdas Dhani Ram village as they were allegedly involved with collecting candidates to supply them question papers in exchange of money.

Rafiqul Islam and his wife had link with Shafiar Rahman, brother-in-law of Golam Mostafa, a BG press

employee who was accused of leaking question papers.

Rangpur police arrested 167 people including BG press employees Golam Mostafa and Sheikh Zia with question papers from a guest house at Gangachara upazila on July 08, 2010.

Later, police arrested seven others from different places in the country.

Earlier, the detective branch of police investigated the case. As they could not proceed further, the case was handed over to CID police on December 08, 2010.

Abdul Aziz said, following statements of the candidates who were arrested last year and by tracking call list of the cell phones of other candidates they became sure that Rafiqul and his wife were involved with leaking of question papers.

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Amendment

Tender Notice No : 05 (Five)/SE/MRC/2010-2011.
Name of project : Emergency Rehabilitation of Damaged Road under Roads & Highways Department.

This is to notify for all concerned that as per clause No. 42.2 & 35.1 of Section-1. Instruction to tenderers of tender documents the following amendment has been made into the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Original	Amendment
17	Tender last selling date	06/03/2011 during office hour	Instead of 22/02/2011 during office hour
18	Tender closing date and time	07/03/2011 up to 12.30pm	Instead of 23/02/2011 up to 12.30pm
19	Tender opening date and time	07/03/2011 at 03.00pm	Instead of 23/02/2011 at 03.00pm
26	Identification of tender	DW-P2 instead of WD-P2	Emergency Rehabilitation Providing DBSW of Mirpur-Sreemongal-Moulvibazar-Sherpur Road (N-207)
	DW-P4 instead of WD-P4	Emergency Rehabilitation Providing DBSW of Dhaka (Katchpur) -Bhairab-Jagadishpur-Shaistaganj-Sylhet-Tamabil-Jalrong Road (N-2)	9,00,000.00 (nine lac) only instead of 9,00,000.00 (nine lac fifty thousand) only.

This will be part & parcel of the tender document and must be submitted with the tender document. All other terms & conditions of the tender issued vide this office memo No. 5-160/155 dated: 19/01/2011 will be remain unchanged.

N.B: This amendment notice can also be found in RHD website: www.rhd.gov.bd.

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Last date of submission: 15 March, 2011

Note: Please submit two copies of passport size photographs and a copy of birth certificate with the application form.

For further information, please contact: 9893775, 9896074, 9895839.

Administrative Officer

Main accused in Togor killing case held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

The main accused in sensational Togor killing case was arrested from near Police Superintendent's (SP) office in the town yesterday.

Arrestee Rajib, 20, is son of Abdul Karim of Harua in the town.

Police said, a group of people chased Rajib at noon and police later arrested him from near SP office.

Fakrul Islam Togor, 20, son of Mohammad Nazrul Islam, a resident of Harua and 2nd year Pharmacy student of UODA in Dhaka, was brutally killed by criminals in Pagla Masjid area in the town on March 3 last year.

Victim's father filed a case against 15 people, including Rajib, with Sadar police.