

PANCHHARI MUTINY CASE

13 more witnesses give deposition before court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari:

The special court-15 on Monday completed recording statements of the prosecution witnesses (PWs) in the mutiny case against 71 jawans of 30 Battalion in Panchhari upazila under Khagrachhari district.

Thirteen more PWs gave their statements before the court on the day. After recording statements,

the court headed by Khagrachhari Sector Commander Col Abu Wahab Mohammad Hafizul Haque adjourned the trial proceedings at 9:30am on April 3.

Two others member of the court are Lt Col Sayedis Sakline and Major AZM Golam Mostafa AL Mamun. All the 71 accused were produced in the court.

Of the 71 accused, two confessed to their involvement in the mutiny at the

battalion on February 26 in 2009 and begged for mercy while the rest claimed innocence.

Those confessed to their involvement in the mutiny are sepoy Nazrul, Faruk Mia, Sakhawat, Jony Alam and Md Bashir and havildar Solaiman.

Deputy Attorney General Farhad Ahmad and Prosecutor Lt Col Md Zakir Hossain were also present in the court.

Reception to freedom fighters in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A reception was accorded to 61 freedom fighters at a function held at Kodaliapara Primary School here on Monday.

'Chetona 52 to 71', a youth organisation of Pabna, accorded the reception to the freedom fighters of Maligasa union of Pabna Sadar and Chandva union of Atghoria upazila marking 40 years of independence of Bangladesh.

Speakers lamented saying, "It is true that we achieved independence in 1971 but economic and cultural freedom is yet to be achieved although 40 years have passed after the independence."

Later, the freedom fighters pledged to build a golden Bangladesh which was their dream.

S M Sirajul Islam, president of the youth organisation chaired the occasion while Golam Faruk Khandaker, a lawmaker

elected from Pabna-5 constituency, was present as chief guest. Among others, Pabna Sadar upazila chairman Mosharaf Hossain, Atghoria upazila chairman Isharat Ali, freedom fighters engineer Jahangir Alam and Harez Ali spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, an essay competition was held for school students. Students of six high schools of Pabna and Atghoria participated. This was followed by a cultural function.

Rejoinder and our reply

Bombay Agro Limited has sent a rejoinder to a Daily Star report headlined 'Contract potato growers protest breach of accord' published in this page on March 27. Here we carry the substantive part of the rejoinder first and then our reply.

Rejoinder

Bombay Agro Limited has taken a bold initiative this potato season to cultivate processing grade potatoes in Northern part of Bangladesh through contract farming agreement with the farmers. Most farmers who have signed up with Bombay Agro Limited are very happy with this initiative. Farmers at Bombay Agro Limited are delivering their produce to the company at Tk. 12 to Tk. 13 per kg depending on the variety grown.

Unfortunately, out of 155 contract farmers, only 29 farmers did not reach the expected quality standards.

As per the agreement, Bombay Agro Limited is not responsible to purchase below standard potatoes from the farmers. Hence there is no breach of accord. In response to the request from the under-achieving farmers and to save them from incurring losses, the management agreed to accept these below standard potatoes at Tk. 8 per kg while the present market rate is Tk. 5 per kg.

Our reply

Our correspondent in Thakurgaon talked to a number of growers including - Nazrul Islam Khokon, Wahiduzzaman and Abdul Hamid of Chandipur village - and all of them said as per their agreement with Bombay Agro Limited they were supposed to receive all the potatoes they produced. They said though the company bought from them the potatoes of Carage and Lady Roseta varieties at Tk. 12/13 kg rate, they declined to buy the potatoes of Astarix variety at the same rate on quality pretext and wanted to offer them Tk. 8 a kg.

The Daily Star also quoted the company's local representative in its March 27 report where he had acknowledged the matter saying lower prices were offered to some of the contract growers because of poor quality of their produces.



PHOTO: STAR

Illegal occupiers have continued erecting buildings on the bank of Karotoa River at Chelopara in Bogra town, as if to hasten disappearance of the nearly dead watercourse flowing through the town.

Lightning kills one

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari:

One person was killed and six others were injured by lightning at Gachban area under sadar upazila of Khagrachhari district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Sankar Chakma, 51, son of late Amal chakma. Police and locals said Sankar and six others were struck by lightning while gossiping at a place at the village at noon.

Housewife burnt to death

UNB, Brahmanbaria

A housewife was burnt to death allegedly by her in-laws at Maddyapara in the district town early Monday. Police said the charred body of Farida Akhtar, 38, mother of a daughter, was recovered from her bathroom at about 3:00 am. Farida's husband Shahinoor who works in an NGO in Pabna was not at home when the incident occurred.

Police suspected that Farida might have been killed following a family feud.

Foreign liquor, gun seized: 6 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police seized 640 bottles of foreign liquor, 1600 cans of beer, a gun, live cartridges and a statue of Lord Buddha from a house at Mirzapur Road under Khulna Sadar Police Station at midnight on Sunday.

Raiding the house of 'drug peddlers' Shajahan Sheikh and his wife Farida Parvin Khan, police also recovered three national ID cards, some deeds of land and an amount of Tk 90,750

from there.

The law enforcers also arrested six people from the house. They are Farida, Shuvo, Mohua, Abul Kalam Azad, Reshma and Tinni. Shajahan and Farida fled the house, sensing the presence of the police team.

Led by K M P Commissioner Md Shafiqur Rahman, the operation was participated by Assistant Police Commissioner (City Special Branch) Abul Kalam Azad, Assistant Police Commissioner (South Zone) Md Alimuzzaman, Assistant

Police Commissioner (DB) TM Mosharraf Hossain and OC of Khulna Sadar Police Station SM Kamruzzaman.

On March 12, police seized foreign and home made liquor from near Khanjahan Ali Bridge. Drug peddler Shajahan brought those from Mongla, police said. A case was filed against him with Khulna Sadar Police Station the same day.

Shajahan is involved in smuggling and drug trafficking, the officer-in-charge of Khulna Sadar Police Station said.

Army Headquarters

E in C's Branch
Works Directorate
Dhaka Cantonment

Invitation for Tenders

Notice No. 600/15/37/2010-2011/E-6 Dated: 20 March 2011

Military Engineer Services

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence.					
2.	Agency	Military Engineer Services.					
3.	Procuring entity name	E in C.					
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.					
5.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).					
6.	Budget and source of funds	GOB, Revenue Budget.					
7.	Development partners (if applicable)	None.					
8.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Renovation/Addition/Alteration/Modification including ancillary works to bldg No. 315 (290) 1x10 'C' type Qtr of DSCSC at Mirpur Cantt.					
9.	Selling of tender will commence from	30 March 2011 (from 1200 hours to 1400 hours).					
10.	Selling of tender will close on	13 April 2011 (from 1200 hours to 1400 hours).					
11.	Last date and time of submission of tender	17 April 2011 upto 1200 hours.					
12.	Date and time of opening of tender	17 April 2011 at 1230 hours.					
13.	Name & address of the office(s)						
	- Selling tender document	Tender Selling & Information Centre of Works Directorate at GE (Army) Project Dhaka and AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantt.					
	- Receiving tender document	Tender Selling & Information Centre of Works Directorate at GE (Army) Project Dhaka.					
	- Opening tender document	-Do-					
14.	Eligibility of tenderer	a. MES enlisted contractors Class - 'A', 'B' & 'C'. b. Contractors enlisted in other govt., semi-government & autonomous organization of similar capacity may also participate in tenders having security clearance from DGFI.					
15.	Brief description of works						
	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document (Taka)	Tender security amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of AHQ, E in C's Br, Wks Dte, Dhaka Cantt (Taka)	Up-to-date statement/certificate against liquid asset/bank credit facility certificate to be attached with tender documents (Taka)	Completion time in weeks/months
	a.	Renovation/Addition/Alteration/Modification including ancillary works to bldg No. 315 (290) 1x10 'C' type Qtr of DSCSC at Mirpur Cantt.	Mirpur Cantt.	3,000/-	3,47,000.00	34,70,000.00	06 (six) months
16.	Name of official inviting tender	Director of Works.					
17.	Designation of official inviting tender	Director of Works.					
18.	Address of official inviting tender	Army Headquarters, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment. Web address: www.army.mil.bd					
19.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Army Headquarters, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment, Tel No. 8752870 Fax No: 8752906 e-mail address: dwks@army.mil.bd					
20.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.						

Director of Works
Works Directorate
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Dhaka Cantonment

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SNIPPETS

JMB militant held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A suspected militant of banned Islamist outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) was arrested in the district town yesterday. The arrestee is identified as Mahmud Hassan, 30, of Pathartola village in Sadar upazila. Officer-in-Charge of Pabna Sadar Police Station Md Enayet Uddin said they received complaints against Hassan for organising several militant groups in the district. Moreover, the arrestee's uncle Mahedi is one of the top leaders of the outfit, the OC added.

13 houses gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

At least 13 houses were gutted in a fire that broke out near Mawa ferry terminal under Louhajong upazila early yesterday. Originating from a burning mosquito coil in a room of one Ariz, the fire broke out at around 3:00am on Monday, Sub-Inspector Tofael, also in-charge of Mawa river outpost said. Soon, the fire engulfed the adjacent 12 houses. On information, a fire service unit from Sreenagar rushed to the spot and doused the blaze after an hour of frantic effort.

Prisoner dies at jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A prisoner died at Rangpur Central Jail on Sunday. Contacted, Rangpur Central Jail deputy jailer Moslemuddin said Onukul Chandra Roy, 50, of Domar upazila in Nilphamari district died of cardiac arrest in the morning. Onukul felt pain in his chest and died at around 8:00am. Later, the jail authorities handed over the body to the relatives after autopsy.

Jewellery shop looted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Robbers looted 57 tolas of gold ornaments from a jewelry shop at Ghosh Para in the district town early Sunday. Police said, a gang of muggers stormed into Ananta Jewellers by breaking open the shutters and looted the gold ornaments. Shop owner Kishore Karmokar claimed that the robbers took away 57 tolas of gold ornaments worth Tk 24 lakh from his shop. A case was filed in this connection.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ এনার্জি রেগুলেটরী কমিশন

টিসিবি ভবন (৪র্থ তলা), ১ কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা - ১২১৫।

নং- বিইআরসি/বিজ্ঞপ্তি/প্রশং ১১৫ (অংশ-২)/১২৮ তারিখ: মার্চ ২১, ২০১১

গণ-বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য নির্দেশক্রমে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ এনার্জি রেগুলেটরী কমিশন আইন, ২০০৩ এর ২৭ ও ২৮ নং ধারা মোতাবেক নিম্নোক্ত ব্যবসায় নিয়োজিতদের বাংলাদেশ এনার্জি রেগুলেটরী কমিশন হতে প্রয়োজনীয় লাইসেন্স গ্রহণ অথবা তালিকাভুক্তি বাধ্যতামূলক:

- (১) বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদন (নিজস্ব প্রয়োজনে বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদনসহ),
- (২) এনার্জি সরবরাহ,
- (৩) এনার্জি বিপণন ও বিতরণ,
- (৪) এনার্জি সরবরাহ এবং
- (৫) এনার্জি মজুতকরণ

এক্ষেত্রে এনার্জি বলতে বিদ্যুৎ, গ্যাস (প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস, প্রাকৃতিক তরল গ্যাস, তরলীকৃত প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস, সংকুচিত প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস, সিনথেটিক প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস বা সাধারণ চাপে ও তাপে গ্যাসীয় পদার্থে রূপান্তরিত হয় এমন প্রাকৃতিক হাইড্রোকার্বনের মিশ্রণ) এবং পেট্রোলিয়ামজাত পদার্থ (প্রক্রিয়াজাত বা অপ্রক্রিয়াজাত তরল কিংবা কঠিন হাইড্রোকার্বনের মিশ্রণ এবং পেট্রোলিয়াম উপজাত যেমন: লুব্রিকেন্ট ও পেট্রোলিয়াম দ্রব্যক) বোঝাবে।

২। কমিশন হতে লাইসেন্স গ্রহণ ও তালিকাভুক্তির আবেদন দাখিলের নিধারিত সময়সীমা ছিল ২৮ ফেব্রুয়ারি, ২০১১। কিন্তু লাইসেন্সী হিসাবে তালিকাভুক্তি করণের আবেদন এখনও অব্যাহত রয়েছে। এমতাবস্থায় কমিশন জনস্বার্থে লাইসেন্স গ্রহণ ও তালিকাভুক্তির আবেদন দাখিলের সময়সীমা ৩১ মে, ২০১১ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করছে। নিধারিত আবেদন ফরম নশদ মূল্য পরিশোধসাম্যকমে কমিশন হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে আবেদন ফরম ক্রয়ের প্রদত্ত রশিদ সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

৩। বাংলাদেশ এনার্জি রেগুলেটরী কমিশন আইন, ২০০৩ এর ২৭ নং ধারার উপ-ধারা ৫ অনুযায়ী লাইসেন্সী নয় বা অন্য কোনভাবে ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত নয় এমন কোন ব্যক্তিকে বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদন, এনার্জি সরবরাহ, মজুতকরণ, বিপণন, সরবরাহ বা বিতরণের সহিত সংশ্লিষ্ট যন্ত্রপাতি চালানো বন্ধ বা এনার্জি সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্ন করার আদেশ প্রদানের এখতিয়ার কমিশন সংরক্ষণ করে এবং গ্যাস বিতরণ কোম্পানীসহ জ্বালানী ও বিদ্যুৎ খাতের অন্যান্য ইউটিলিটিসমূহ সেই আদেশ প্রতিপালনে বাধ্য। কোন ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান/সংস্থা ৩১ মে, ২০১১ এর মধ্যে উপরোক্ত ক্ষেত্রসমূহে (নিজস্ব প্রয়োজনে বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদনসহ) প্রয়োজনীয় লাইসেন্স গ্রহণে ব্যর্থ হলে কমিশন আইনানুসারে ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণে বাধ্য হবে।

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৫। এতদ্বিষয়ে কোন ব্যাখ্যা বা তথ্য জানার প্রয়োজন হলে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর সাথে যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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(স্বাক্ষরিত আলম)

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