

Tamabil border survey suspended in face of protests by locals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Officials of Meghalaya and Bangladesh yesterday suspended the joint survey of Tamabil border in face of protests by the locals.

Assistant director of survey Md Dabir Uddin said, "We were preparing to survey about three acres of land close to Tamabil customs station. The Indians were claiming the land for long".

A few hundred locals yesterday protested the survey after hearing that about three acres of land attached to Tamabil land customs station will be handed over to Indians", hesaid.

UNO of Gowainghat Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury told this correspondent that the matter was brought to the notice of higher authorities. Joint survey will resume in 2-3 days after clearance

from the higher authorities, he added.

A stalemate had been prevailing for months as Bangladesh officials could not agree with the Indians over several points on the adversely possessed lands (APL) at different borders of Sylhet-Meghalaya region.

Sources said that Indians were pressing to start survey from other points ignoring the existing border pillars, set in 1947.

The survey on the said borders had to be suspended time and again in the face of protests by either Indians or by Bangladesh nationals in the border areas.

It could not be resumed even months after the schedule, set by the officials of both sides. The officials had to suspend the job in December last year following a trouble created by the

Indian khasia tribesmen and others on the much talked Padua-Protappur borders.

Again it stumbled in April as the Indians failed to bring any document in support of their claim for lands inside the Bangladesh territory.

A similar situation arose two weeks ago on the much talked Padua-Protappur borders.

In the wake of repeated incidents of intrusion for paddy crops and fishing as well as killing of Bangladesh nationals by the BSF and by the Indian khasia tribesmen, the authorities decided for joint survey on the Jaintapur, Gowainghat and Kanaighat borders.

Accordingly, it began on 7 December last year. But since then the survey work stumbled several times mainly due to difference of opinions between the officials of both sides.



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Jatiya Adivasi Chhatra Parishad forms a human chain in front of Natore Press Club yesterday demanding constitutional recognition as 'indigenous peoples' to all the small ethnic peoples of the country.

BARAPUKURIA SUBSIDENCE

30 acres to be acquired for landless people

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Thirty acres of land will be acquired to rehabilitate the landless people who have been living around the Barapukuria Coal Mine Company Ltd (BCMCL) amid risk due to land subsidence affected by mining faults.

The government has also proposed a Tk 190.53 crore compensation package for the affected land owners at villages around Barapukuria coal mine, BCMCL officials said, adding that the fund has been transferred to a local bank under the deputy commissioner's supervision.

As per the compensation package, Tk 20 lakh will be paid for per acre of arable land, Tk 25 lakh for per acre of land with dwellings, Tk 2 lakh for each landless person and Tk 50,000 for each businessman to help shift their businesses.

The government assigned the office of Dinajpur Deputy Commissioner to acquire the 30 acres of land for the 318 landless people who would be affected when BCMCL authorities start drive for acquisition of estimated 464 acres of land in the surrounding area, said Engineer Md Quarumzaman, managing director (MD) of BCMCL.

"I have received a letter from the ministry concerned. We are looking for land to acquire," said Dinajpur Deputy Commissioner Md Jamal Uddin Ahmed.

A training centre will be built for the affected people as per instruction of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, said the MD of BCMCL.

Sources said that the ministry concerned at a recent meeting decided to implement the compensation package rapidly. The meeting also decided to declare the BCMCL area as Key Point Installation to ensure its highest security.

The land survey of Badyanathpur and Barapukuria Bazar have been completed recently and first

phase of land acquisition will start within a short time.

Following agitation of the residents of affected villages around BCMCL area, the government decided to acquire the land affected by subsidence and give compensation to the affected people, BCMCL sources said, adding that the government has also a plan to build a 'mine city' in the area.

The people of the areas around the coal mine have been agitating since 2009 demanding compensation

as life became miserable due to land subsidence that was detected first in May 2006.

The BCMCL authority signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in this regard on May 15, 2009.

Hailing the government decision to rehabilitate the landless people and compensate affected land owners, Ibrahim Khalil, convener of Jibon O Shampad Rakkha Committee, has urged the authorities to implement the proposed package as early as possible.

THREE SUNDARGANJ VILLAGES Male members of families flee home for fear of arrest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Male residents of three villages in Sundarganj upazila have remained away from home fearing arrest in connection with the case filed for attacking law enforcers and snatching a rifle from an on-duty policeman after Kanchibari union parishad election on June 5.

At 11:00pm that day, law enforcers and polling officials were returning to Sundarganj upazila headquarters in a microbus after declaration of the election result at Bazra Kanchibari polling centre, police said. Angry supporters of defeated member candidate Ful Badsha attacked the microbus at Kalirvita and tried to snatch ballot papers and boxes. As the law enforcers resisted them, the mob turned violent. The attackers hit policeman Monowar Hossain and snatched away his Chinese rifle and baggage.

Informed, additional force rushed to the spot, opened ten rounds of blank shots and lobbed four rounds of tear gas shells, and charged baton to disperse the violent people. Seven

people received injuries during the incident.

Police filed a case against seven specific people and some 500 unknown people in this connection.

Next day police cordoned the area and raided several points in search of the missing weapon, but failed. Fearing arrest the male residents of Bazra Kanchibari, Ghogni and Nijpara villages fled the area.

On June 7, police recovered the rifle from the water of a tiny canal and arrested two persons in this connection.

"I find it difficult to arrange bread for the children, as my innocent husband cannot return home in fear of police," said Hamida Khatun, a housewife of Bazra Kanchibari village.

Local social workers have urged the villagers to return home.

Sundarganj police also made loudspeaker announcements, requesting the villagers to resume their regular work.

"None other than the seven listed accused will be harassed in this case. And so, people should not be worried," said Mostafizur Rahman, officer in charge of Sundarganj police station.

SNIPPETS

Clash over disputed land

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

At least 11 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups over a piece of disputed land at Danagoch village in Tentulia upazila of Panchagarh on Friday. Police said there was a longstanding conflict between Abdul Karim Master of Danagoch village and Rubel Haque of nearby Kachigoch village over the ownership of the land. On Friday morning Rubel's men resisted Karim Master and his people when they went to cultivate the disputed land. At one stage, supporters of both the groups, equipped with sharp weapons, attacked each other, leaving at least 11 people from both sides injured. Of the injured, 10 were admitted to Panchagarh Modern Hospital where condition of Lutfar, 60, Jahangir Miah, 30, and Hasibul, 28, was stated to be critical.

Indigenous girl raped

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

An indigenous teenage girl was violated on Wednesday by a young man at Boro Ulthachhari village in Atarakchhara union, some 20 kilometres off the upazila headquarters of Longudu. The victim is a class seven student and daughter of Sadhan Bikash Chakma of the village. Locals caught the alleged rapist and handed him over to Longudu police on that day. Arrestee Ibrahim, 27, is a converted Muslim and son of Sontosh Kumar of village Uttar Yiarengchari in the upazila, police said. Ibrahim allegedly went to the house of the girl at around 2:30pm. Finding her alone, he gagged her, took her to a nearby banana garden and raped her. Hearing her screams, neighbours rushed to the spot and rescued her. They also caught Ibrahim red-handed. A case was filed yesterday with Longudu police station in this connection.

HSTU staff fired

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A staff of Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) has been fired on charge of misappropriation of university fund. A press release of the university on Thursday identified him as Md. Asrafal Alam Sujon of finance department of the university but did not give the figure of the amount. The university authorities at a May 8 meeting decided to take action against the offender with effect from May 31. They also directed Asrafal to refund the amount within 15 working days or face legal action in this regard.

Robbery in Laxmipur

UNB, Laxmipur

Robbers looted 200 tolas of gold ornaments from a jeweler's house at Shakharipara in the district town early yesterday.

Police said cutting the collapsible gate and then breaking the door open, a gang entered the house of Apurba Lal Roy, owner of Protima Alankar House, late at night.

They took the house members hostage at gunpoint and decamped with 200 tolas of gold ornaments.

Abducted girl still untraced

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Police have failed to rescue a 13-year old school student even 21 days after her abduction.

Daughter of Shah Newaj of village Ganeshpur in Kaliganj upazila, she was abducted from her grandfather's house at Shanka village on May 28.

The victim's father filed a case with Kaliganj thana accusing three people -- Farooque Hossain, 32, Mostafizur Rahman, 34, and Shahidul Islam, 30, of village Ganeshpur -- the next day.

The complainant alleged that the accused used to stalk his daughter, a class eight student of Ratanpur TN High School, on way to school.

Makers of fake foreign liquors jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

They had been hoodwinking customers with spurious items in the name of Haig, Whyte & Mackay, Smirnoff, Alba Lupa and several other foreign branded liquors and whiskeys.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday seized 14 bottles of the spurious items from a clandestine factory at an abandoned house at Chhoto Shalgaria village in Pabna municipality and arrested three people from there, and produced them before a mobile court.

The court awarded one and a half years rigorous imprisonment and Tk 30 fine of thousand to each of the offenders.

The arrestees, Md Joney, Rony Hossain and Md Azmal Hossain, all of Shalgaria

village, manufactured the items with spirit, water, coloured drinks and different chemicals, put it into bottles of different brands, and sold in black market for

cheap prices.

"We caught the culprits, red-handed when they were filling popular brand bottles with spurious wine. We also seized 14 bottles of spurious

item, a jar of spirit, coloured cold drinks and mineral water from the spot," SM Nadim Arefin, commanding officer of Pabna camp of Rab-12, said.


"The arrestees, who illegally kept rectified spirit in their possession and manufactured the spurious items by using banned chemicals, confessed to their crimes. They have been awarded one and a half years rigorous imprisonment and fine of Tk 30 thousand each under the Anti-drug Act 1990," said Executive Magistrate Md Shamsuzzaman of the mobile court.

Earlier Md Jony told the Rab operation team that they had been doing the business for the last few months as there is huge demand for the branded liquors and whiskeys.



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A few bottles of the fake foreign liquor seized yesterday.



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Tender No. CSD(MES):15/1-92/2011 Date: 09/06/2011

Invitation for Re-Tender Through Web

Tenders through electronic media (e-Tenders) are invited from the bonafide contractors/firms/reputed suppliers or their local agents of internationally reputed lift manufacturers for Operation, Maintenance & Servicing works of 03 Nos. lift installed at Bangladesh Bank, Barisal. Necessary information are given below:

01	Procuring entity	: Common Services Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
02	Source of funds	: Bangladesh Bank.
03	Invitation for tender No.	: CSD(MES):15/1- /2011
04	Method of procurement	: Open tendering method (OTM).
05	Eligibility of tenderer	: (i) Tenderers having 10 (ten) years overall business experience. (ii) Tenderers shall have experience in supply, installation, testing & commissioning of at least 3 Nos. lifts of minimum 1000kg. capacity having modern control system in any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization/corporation or Public Limited Company in Bangladesh in the last 05 (five) years. (iii) The tenderer shall have to furnish certificate in this respect from the user issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer and shall meet all other criteria, terms & conditions as specified in tender document.
06	Name & address of the office receiving tender document	: Submit in web: www.bangladeshbank.org.bd www.bangladesh-bank.org (e-Tender)
07	Name & address of the office receiving tender security & other documentary evidence	: General Manager, Common Services Department (6th Floor of 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
08	Last date and time for submission of tender document through web	: 27/06/2011 up to 2:00pm.
09	Last date and time for receiving original tender security	: 27/06/2011 within 2:45pm.
10	Date, time and place for tender opening	: All tenders will be opened at Common Services Department (6th Floor of 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka on 27/06/2011 at 3:00pm (Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the tender opening).
11	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	: Chamber of General Manager at Common Services Department (6th Floor of 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka on 16/06/2011 at 03:00pm.
12	Brief description of works	: Operation, maintenance & servicing works of 3 Nos. lifts (02 Nos. passenger lifts capacity 1600kg. & 1000kg. with 06 stoppage and 01 No. bullion lift capacity 1250kg. with 03 stoppage) installed at Bangladesh Bank, Barisal.
13	Time for completion of the works	: 05 (five) years from the date of signing of the contract.
14	Tender security	: A tender security of an amount of Tk. 100,000.00 (one lac only) will be required in the form of a Pay Order or Bank Draft in favour of General Manager, Common Services Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka. Scanned copy of tender security should be submitted with the tender through web.
15	Special instruction	: (i) The tenderer shall submit tender through Bangladesh Bank Website (e-Tendering) & must have valid e-mail address for participation through e-Tendering. (ii) Original PO/BD as tender security must reach at General Manager, Common Services Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka. (iii) Tenderer should submit attested documentary evidence etc. (attested or original whichever necessary) when requested, failing which the tender may be considered as non-responsive. (iv) The tenderer shall submit duly fill in the form (General Information of the tenderer) as per format given in tender document. (v) In case of authorization, the tenderer shall have to nominate & submit attested signature with all other particulars of the authorized person as documentary evidence to the General Manager, Common Services Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka within scheduled time. (vi) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents may result in rejection of Tender and may lead to action under Reg 127 of PPR 2008/Reg 12 of BBPR 2004. (vii) Bangladesh Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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