

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

### Jute godown gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail

A jute godown was gutted in a fire at Arenda Bazar in Lohagara upazila on Saturday night. On information, firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the blaze after an hour-long of frantic efforts. The affected godown owner Haji Nur Islam claimed that about 400 maunds of jute were gutted in the fire. He said the warehouse was set alight by someone as there was no eclectic wire here. The loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk three lakh, added Nur Islam.

### Child found dead

UNB, Satkhira

An 11-month-old baby was found dead at a washroom of a house at Gava village in Sadar upazila yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Achinta Paul Monu, son of Gobinda Pal of the village. Victim's father Gobinda Pal said he along with his wife Kalyani and son Monu, was in sleep on the veranda of their house on Saturday night. When they woke up in the morning, they found that their baby was missing. After a hectic search, Gobinda Pal found Monu's body at the washroom of Durga Pal, neighbour of Gobinda, in the morning. Being informed, police recovered the body from the spot and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. Gobinda said criminals might have killed his son.

### Student held on rape charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Police arrested a college student on charge of raping a schoolgirl from a shrimp enclosure at Sota village in Kaliganj upazila on Thursday afternoon. They also rescued the victim from the spot. The arrestee is Tapos Kumar Mondol, son of Niranjana Mondol of the village. Police said Tapos had a love affair with a class nine student of Mautala High School in the upazila for last three months. The youth took the girl to his shrimp enclosure and raped her. On information, police arrested the rapist from the spot and rescued the schoolgirl, said Syed Farid Uddin, officer in-charge of Kaliganj Police Station.

### 3 drug peddlers jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A mobile court in Hatibandha upazila on Saturday jailed three drug peddlers for 18 months each for possessing hemp. The convicts are Abul Hossain, 62, Montu Miah, 35, and Kshem Ali, 33, of Amjhol, a frontier village in the upazila. Teesta Barrage Highway police said they arrested the trio along with half kilogram of hemp from a Rangpur-bound passenger bus beside Teesta Barrage on Saturday evening and produced them before the court led by Executive Magistrate Shakwat Hossain who penalised the men.



PHOTO: STAR

Locals form a human chain at Fakirganj on Panchagarh-Atwary road yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the killers of Kasibul, secretary of Olarchap Mosque committee, in Atwary upazila of Panchagarh district.

### Man murdered

UNB, Sylhet

A man was killed allegedly by his elder brother in Companyganj upazila headquarters on Saturday noon. The victim was identified as Ismail Ali, 30, son of late Akram Ali of the upazila. Nandan Kanti Dhar, officer in-charge of Companyganj Police Station, said there was a longstanding dispute between Liakot Ali and his younger brother Ismail over family affairs. An altercation ensued between the two brothers at about 2:00pm over a trifling matter and at one stage Liakot with the help of his brother-in-law Hashim stabbed Ismail indiscriminately, leaving him critically injured at noon. Later, the victim succumbed to his injuries on way to Sylhet Osmani Medical College and Hospital.

### Woman's body exhumed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Body of a woman was exhumed from a graveyard at Nawdapara village in Lalpur upazila in presence of a magistrate yesterday noon and sent it to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital morgue for a fresh autopsy. Family sources alleged that in-laws of the deceased Hosneara Begum, 19, beat her dead at their Nawdapara village residence on September 18 last year for Tk 1.5 lakh in dowry. The victim was buried on the same day without any autopsy. Hosneara's family then filed a murder case accusing six people, including her husband Nuruzzaman. Following a court order, the body was exhumed.

### Port workers-traders clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

At least four people were injured in a clash between the workers of Barisal river port and local traders of the City Market here yesterday morning. The injured are Abdul Khalek, Mona Mia, Sumon Mia and Amir Hossain. Saiful Islam, president of City Market Businessmen Association, alleged that Abdul Khalek, a trader of the market, was beaten by the port workers while he protested against hitting him by a rickshaw-van loaded with goods at the steamer station in front of the market at about 11:00 am. As sequel to the incident, the port workers led by outsiders Gaja Halim, Kamaluddin and Cherag Ali attacked them and tried to loot cash from their shops. Later, the law enforcers rushed in and took the situation under control at about 11:50am.



PHOTO: STAR

Railway Minister Suranjit Sengupta visits Parbotipur Locomotive Factory in Dinajpur district yesterday, reiterating his government's pledge to make the railway department corruption-free and effective as public transport.

## Satkhira flood victims need assistance: WFP

STAR REPORT

A new assessment of food needs in flood-affected Satkhira district shows that more than 150,000 people will require food and other assistance over the next 12 months, says a press release issued by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) yesterday.

The assessment report, published by the WFP and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), indicates that flooding in July last year caused prolonged displacement, crop damage and food insecurity.

The assessment also highlighted that in the most affected unions in Satkhira district, 30 to 60 percent of croplands remain underwater. The prolonged high water levels led to the failure of the Aman harvest in December and the report predicts the Boro rice harvest in May will also be

severely affected, with long-term impact on food production and employment opportunities.

"Thousands of poor families have been devastated by the flooding," said Christa Räder, WFP Representative in Bangladesh. "Families remain stranded on embankments, unable to return to their homes and with little access to food and shelter. There is a significant risk that without additional support the situation will worsen, putting thousands of women and children at risk."

The report calls on the government and development partners to provide continued support to the women, men and children most affected by the floods. According to the NGO Action Contre la Faim, levels of acute under-nutrition in children under five have increased from 5 percent

in September to 27 percent in November, almost double the emergency threshold of 15 percent.

Since the floods, WFP has been providing emergency food and cash support to 30,000 affected households with the support of the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department (ECHO) and the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID).

Special nutrition support is also being provided for children under five and pregnant and breast-feeding women who are most at risk.

"WFP and other development partners continue to support the worst-affected and most vulnerable people. However, the situation remains serious and a strong response is needed," said Christa Räder.

## Human chain demands polls to 3 hill dist councils

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Hundreds of people led by leaders of Jumma Representatives Council (JRC) yesterday formed a human chain in front of Khagrachhari Press Club demanding election to three hill district councils.

They also urged the government to take steps for immediate gas supply to the district before meeting demands of other districts.

People from all walks of life took part in the human chain.

Later, they submitted a memorandum to the

prime minister through Khagrachhari Deputy Commissioner Anisul Haque Bhuiyan.

This was followed by a rally presided by JRC president Sarbottam Chakma, also chairman of Panchhari Upazila Parishad.

Speakers at the rally said the three hill district councils are now beset with corruption as these are being run by government-appointed chairmen and councilors who misappropriate government funds.

People of three hill districts are also being deprived of various facilities

provided by the hill district councils, they said. They criticised the government for its bid to supply gas from Semutang gas field to other districts. They urged the government to set up a gas-operated power plant in the district.

They threatened a greater agitation if their demands are not met soon.

Among others, JRC vice president Kakoli Khisha, Khagrachhari Municipality councilor Milon Dewan, advocates Saktiman Chakma and Khorshed Alam spoke on the occasion.



PHOTO: STAR

Leaders of Jumma Representatives Council form a human chain in front of Khagrachhari Press Club yesterday demanding election to three hill district councils and meeting local demands before providing gas from Semutang gas field to other places.

## Mob beat robber dead in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A robber was beaten to death by a mob at Kuniakandi village under Gournadi upazila of the Barisal district early yesterday.

The dead was identified as Sabuj, 26, of Kalkini upazila in Madaripur district, police said.

Asim Kumar Shikdar, sub-inspector of Gournadi Police Station, said a gang of armed robbers entered the

houses of Saudi expatriates Mizanur and Kuddus by breaking window grills at around 2:45am.

They stabbed Rizia Begum, Kakoli Begum, Sharmin Begum, Nurjahan Begum and Sohag Sheik and looted cash and other valuables worth Tk 13 lakh from the houses.

As members of the two houses cried for help, neighbours chased the robbers caught one of the gang mem-

bers named Sabuj while the rest managed to flee.

The angry villagers beat up Sabuj mercilessly, resulting in his death on the spot. On information, police rushed to the scene, recovered the body and sent it to Barisal Medical College and Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Of the injured, Nurjahan was admitted to the upazila health complex while the rest were given first aid, the SI added.



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## Invitation for Tender

### KEY TENDER INFORMATION

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Science & Technology.
2	Agency & procuring entity	National Institute of Biotechnology.
3	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
4	Invitation Ref. No.	39.701.014.02.31.00.2012, Date: 17.01.2012
5	Invitation for	Design, supply, installation & commissioning, test operation & handing over of truly Off-Grid A.C. Solar Power Systems (3 Units) at the campus of National Institute of Biotechnology, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka.
6	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method; 2 envelope Bidding System-(i) Envelope 1-Technical Proposal including Bid Security and (ii) Envelope 2-Price Proposal; as per detailed bidding documents.
7	Source of fund	Government of Bangladesh.
8	Project name	Enhancement of Research Facility of National Institute of Biotechnology.
9	Tender publication date	23.01.2012
10	Name & address of official inviting tender	Project Director, Enhancement of Research Facility of National Institute of Biotechnology, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka.
11	Last date of selling bidding documents	26/02/2012 up to 4:00pm.
12	Place of selling bidding documents	Accounts Branch, National Institute of Biotechnology, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka-1349.
13	Tender dropping date & time	27/02/2012 and 12:00 noon.
14	Tender (Technical Proposal only) opening date & Time	27/02/2012 and 12:30pm.
15	Name & address of office receiving tender	Administration Branch, National Institute of Biotechnology, Ganakbari, Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka. Tender documents may be hand delivered or posted by mail or courier service within the specified date and time.
16	Name & address of office opening tender	Meeting Room, National Institute of Biotechnology, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka-1349.

### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PROCUREMENT

17	Eligibility of bidder	While purchasing tender document attested copies of (i) up-to-date trade licence, (ii) up-to-date Income Tax clearance certificate, (iii) ten digit VAT registration certificate, (iv) financial solvency certificate, (v) solar power/renewable energy company registered in Bangladesh as single bidder or in association with international company/companies manufacturing solar power panels, charge controllers, industrial batteries, inverters & other components of solar power systems, (vi) at least two years experience supply and installation of similar goods to different procurement entities should be shown and to be enclosed with tender document.
18	Brief description of goods, works & services	Supply-built method execution as complete turn-key package as per detailed bidding documents for: (i) Detailed design, supply, installation & commissioning, test operation & handing over, of truly Off-Grid A.C. Solar Power Systems (3 Units); (ii) Personnel training; (iii) Detailed design & construction of necessary civil works; and (iv) One year after sale services.
19	Price of bidding documents	Taka 1,000 (one thousand) non-refundable.
20	Bid security & completion time	Bid security: Taka 1,30,000 (one lac thirty thousand) only from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in the form of crossed Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Project Director, Enhancement of Research Facility of National Institute of Biotechnology, NIB. Completion time: 60 (sixty) days from the date of contract agreement.

### SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR BIDDER

21	Tender validity period	90 (ninety) days from the date of closing of tender.
22	Tender security validity period	At least 180 (one hundred & eighty) days from the date of closing of tender.
23	Tender (Technical Proposal) opening	In case tender (Technical Proposal) opening days happens to be a holiday, tenders shall be opened at same hours on the first subsequent working day.
24	Tender (Technical Proposal) evaluation	At first only Technical Proposals shall be evaluated in terms tenders meeting the tender requirements. Any Technical Proposals not conforming and complying with all the technical requirements as per detailed bidding documents shall be "Disqualified"; and Price Proposal of such bids shall be returned 'unopened'.
25	Tender (Price Proposal) opening	Price Proposals of bidders whose technical proposals are "Qualified" shall be opened on a subsequent date after duly notifying the "Qualified" bidders.
26	Late tender (if any)	Bid(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of bids will be rejected and returned unopened to the bidder.
27	Tender by Fax or E-mail or photocopied bidding document	Bids submitted by Fax or E-mail or in photocopied bidding documents will not be accepted.
28	Right to reduce or change scope of goods, works & services	The authority reserves the right to reduce or change scope of goods, works & services stated in the bidding documents.
29	If there is any transport disruption or govt. holiday on the date for dropping/opening of the tender, the next normal working day will be considered valid date of dropping/ opening of the tender. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. This tender shall be governed by "The Public Procurement Act" and "The Public Procurement Rules".	

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