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Army, police and forest staff launched a joint drive in Balaghata area of Bandarban town yesterday and seized stolen teak from a sawmill. The law enforcers also seized the same from two other sawmills in the area during the drive.

Sorrow of 30 Barguna villages

Residents demand removal of a WDB dam

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

People of 30 villages in three unions under Amtali upazila in Barguna district have demanded removal of a dam on Subondi canal which is causing serious problems for long.

Affected villagers under the banner of Nagorik Forum on Saturday placed the demand at a press conference at Nurjahan Club in the upazila town.

Nazrul Islam Talukder, secretary of the Nagorik Forum, read out the statement at the press conference while Shahabuddin Panna, executive director of a local NGO, Dewan Mojibur Rahman, a local journalist, Gazi Rafiq Uddin Ahmed, a social worker, addressed it.

According to the statement, people of 30 villages in three unions -- Halodia, Chawra and Amtali Sadar -- are suffering a lot because of the dam on Subondi canal.

The dam stopped water flow for long. As a result, during the rainy season, agri lands of 30 villages go under water for 4-5 months while in dry season, farmers face water crisis. Production of agri items reduced in an alarming rate as farmers cannot cultivate their land timely and properly due to the dam.

Over 10,000 hectares of agri lands depend on the canal water, the statement claimed.

When we need water in the dry season, the water level goes to the bottom, said Abdul Gani Gharami, 50, a farmer of Chalitabunia village.

On the other hand, we cannot remove water from our land as it goes flooded in rainy season, he added.

The situation is hampering production of all kinds of agri items like aus, aman and robi crops. Md. Siddikur Rahman of Nachnapara village told this

correspondent.

We also can't use water of the canal as it gets polluted by hyacinth, he added.

The 30-km-long canal linked with Rannabadi River in the south and another portion with Paira River is now totally closed because of the dam. The dam was built about 20 years ago by Water Development Board (WDB) to protect agri land from saline water.

Akhtaruzzaman Badal, UP chairman of Chawra UP observed that a sluice gate on the dam will solve the problem. However, Motiar Rahman, mayor of Amtali municipality said, local people want immediate removal of the dam and I think it is a better solution.

Contacted, Abu Zafar Alamgir, an engineer of WDB in Barguna said they have already taken a plan to build a sluice gate on the dam. Tender will be called shortly, he said.

Last respects paid to Bana Bhante

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Hundreds of Buddhists yesterday thronged Deshanalay House Rajban Bihar to pay their last respects to most venerable Sadhana Mohasthabir popularly known as Bana Bhante.

Bangalees rushed to pay their last tributes to the spiritual leader as well soon after the body was taken to the house where Bana Bhante used to deliver sermon to the devotees.

Bana Bhante on Monday breathed his last at the capital's Square Hospital where he was flown by a helicopter on January 27 after he felt sick. The 93-year-old leader was suffering from various old age complications.

As the news of the demise spread, people from different hilly areas thronged the shrine to pay their homage



to the spiritual leader.

Earlier, the body was taken in the district town from the capital at about 1:00am and then it was kept at the house for last respect by people.

As per demand of Buddhist people, the body would be kept here till next Sunday before cremation, said Pratul Bikash Chakma, secretary of Rajban Bihar Upasak Upasika Parishad (RBUUP).

Housewife murdered for dowry

UNB, Chuadanga

A housewife was murdered allegedly by her husband for dowry at Railpara in the town on Tuesday.

On information, police recovered the body of Nazma Khatun, 18, daughter of Abdul Khaleq of Tarinipur village in Damurhuda upazila, from the bathroom of her residence and sent it to hospital for autopsy.

Police quoting locals said, Nazma was married off with Kalu Sheikh, son of Nurul Bux of Bara Duhpatila village in Damurhuda about four months ago.

Family sources said Kalu used to torture Nazma for dowry regularly. On the fateful day, he beat Nazma dead over the issue.

Office in-charge of Sadar PS Faruk Hossain said police suspected that Kalu strangled Nazma and left the body in the bathroom of their rented house.

Faruq went into hiding after the incident, he added.

Bhasani university students agitate for 12-pt demand

Ultimatum till Saturday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Students of Maolana Bhasani Science and Technology University (MBSTU) agitated on the campus yesterday to realise their 12-point demand.

Several hundred students of different departments demonstrated on the Shaheed Minar premises at noon and formed a human chain in front of the university administrative building.

The demands of the students include reduction of credit fee, withdrawal of extra admission fee for so-called development, appointment of senior teachers including professors in all departments, accommodation/residential facilities for all residential students, setting up complete laboratories at all departments, cut in

backlog charges, early Wi Fi connection, construction of playground, auditorium and gymnasium, ensuring 24-hour medical and ambulance facilities for the students and setting up a sculpture of Maolana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani on the campus.

The agitating students later held a press conference at the canteen on the campus. There they issued an ultimatum to the authorities asking them to meet their demands by Saturday.

They also threatened to go for a tougher movement if the university authorities did not take necessary steps to fulfill their demands by the deadline.

Earlier, the students submitted a memorandum to the vice-chancellor of the university on Tuesday giving details of their demands.

Youth jailed for stalking

UNB, Sariatpur

A mobile court on Tuesday sentenced a youth to one year and six months imprisonment for sexually harassing a schoolgirl at Barakandi village in Jajira upazila.

The convict Raihan Mridha, 18, son of Dudu Mia of Nawab Ali Howlader

Kandi village.

Local people caught Raihan from in front of Amjadia Academy while teasing Suma Akter, 14, student of class VIII of the academy and handed over him to police.

After examining the witnesses Jajira Upazila Nirbahi Officer Bhikhar ud-Dowla handed down the verdict.

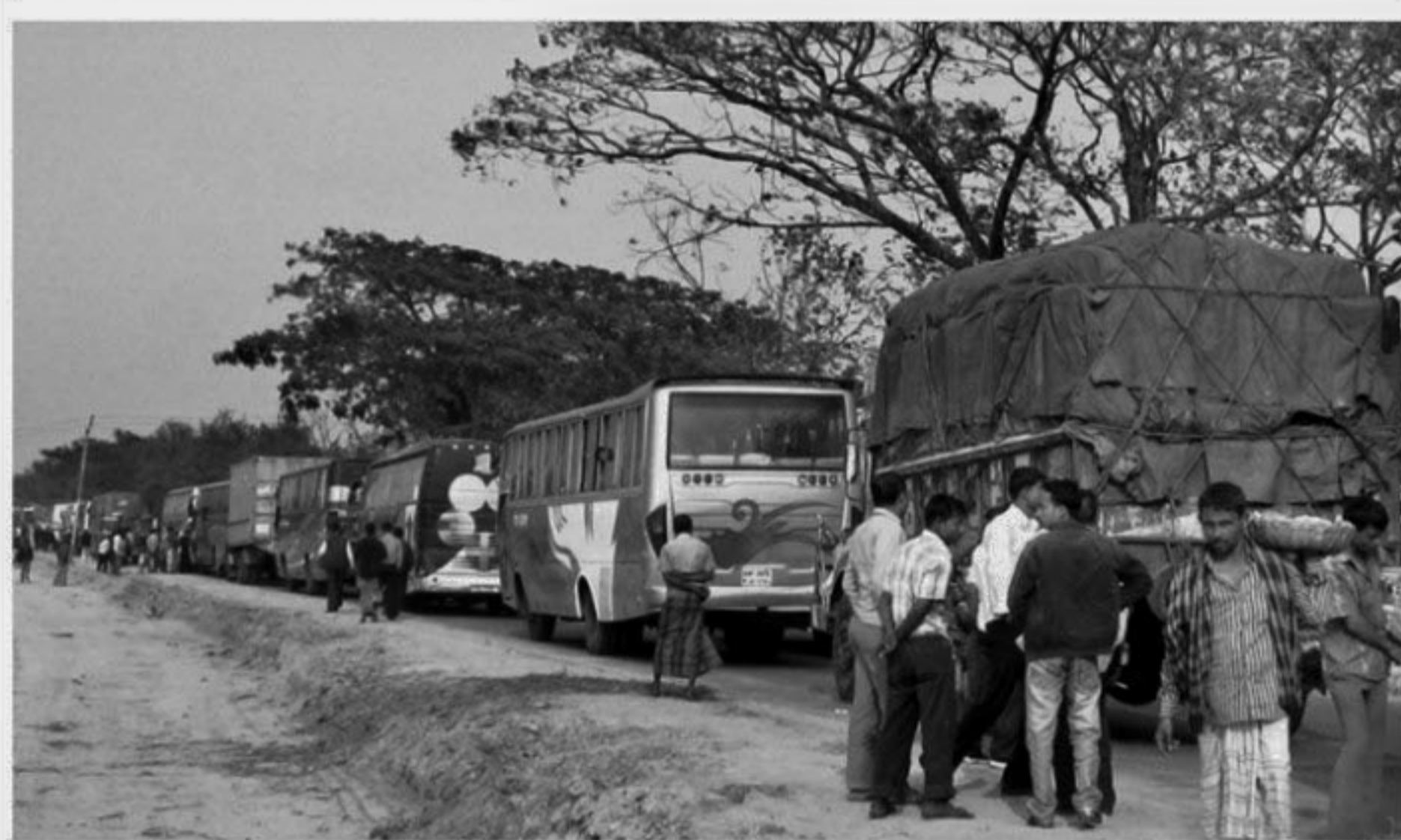


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A large number of passenger buses and goods-laden trucks get stuck in a tailback on the road leading to Goalanda ferry terminal yesterday. A shortage of ferryboats coupled with decreased river navigability during the ongoing dry season hinders ferry service across the Padma River.

Youth crippled allegedly by UP chairman for 'immoral acts'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A young man has received crippling injuries to his hands, legs and backbone as men allegedly set by former employer, also chairman of Daibogyokati union parishad (UP) under Morrelganj upazila in Bagerhat district, brutally tortured him centring his love affair with a schoolgirl.

The victim, Rumman Sheikh, 25, son of Abdul Hakim Sheikh of Alti Burujbaria village under Morrelganj upazila, was admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) on the night of December 22, but he got discharged on Monday afternoon allegedly without proper treatment.

"I fell in love with a schoolgirl when I was serving as bodyguard of Shahidul Islam Fakir, chairmen of Daibogyokati union parishad. In August last year, he sacked me, bringing false allegation of stalking the girl although my beloved or her parents never complained to him against me. Later his men brutally tortured me. They have spoilt my life," Rumman said as this correspondent visited him at the Surgery Ward of KMCH on Monday morning.

"My son Rumman Sheikh was confined to

the toilet of Daibogyokati union parishad office and later a few supporters of Chairman Shahidul Islam Fakir mercilessly beat him with seasoned sticks. They also hacked my son with an axe and left him for dead," said Rumman's father Abdul Hakim Sheikh.

Contacted over cell phone, the UP chairman said, "I sacked Rumman in August last year for his immoral acts. Since then he made several attempts to kill me. My men did not beat Rumman. Men of the stalked girl beat him."

Denying the allegation of lack of proper treatment of injured Rumman Sheikh, Dr Moaz Bin Jabal, assistant registrar of KMCH, said Rumman would never be able to stand on his own feet and work with his broken hands again.

Contacted on Tuesday, OC Masudul Alam of Morrelganj police station said he would take stern legal action only after a case is filed in this connection by anyone of Rumman's family.

Rumman's father, on the other hand, said he has not filed any case fearing reprisal from the UP chairman who acted as mastermind of the brutal attack on his son.

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Invitation for Re-Tender

- Ministry/Division : Ministry of Fisheries & Livestock.
- Agency : Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation (BFDC).
- Procuring entity name : Manager (Implementation Division), BFDC.
- Procuring entity district : Dhaka.
- Invitation for : Construction of Structural Vertical Extension of 2nd, 3rd & 4th Floor of 15 (Fifteen) Storied Headquarter's Building of BFDC at Plot No. 23-24, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
- Invitation Ref. No. & date : Memo No. Imp: 1/4806-12(21st)/1008; date: 29/01/12
- Procurement method : Open Tendering Method (PPR-2008).
- Budget and source of funds : BFDC's own source.
- Project/programme name : BFDC's Headquarter Building Construction at Plot No. 23-24, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
- Tender package name : Same as Serial No. 5
- Tender documents selling date : From 01/02/2012 to 23/02/2012 (9.00am-5.00pm).
- Tender dropping date & time : From 26/02/2012 to 29/02/2012 (9.00am-5.00pm).
- Tender opening date & time : 01/03/2012, Time: 11.30am.
- Place of selling & dropping tender documents : Manager (Implementation Division), Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation (BFDC), 24-25, Dilkusha C/A, 4th Floor, Dhaka-1000.
- Eligibility of tenderer : This invitation for tenders is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below:
 - Experience in completion of a multistoried office building with basement floor worth not less than Tk. 3 (three) crores in a single contract in govt./semi-govt./autonomous organizations.
 - Name, business address, status of the firm with Telephone/Fax No. (if any).
 - Tax Identification Numbers (TIN), up-dated Income Tax certificate, VAT registration certificate and trade license.
 - List of similar works completed in last five years and works in hand.
 - Firms average annual turnover is minimum Tk. 3 (three) crore in the last 3 years.
 - Auditor's reports of the firm for the last 3 (three) years.
 - Logistic facilities (steel shutters minimum 7000sqft. with steel scaffolding, concrete breaking machine, concrete mixture machine, vibrator, hoisting equipment etc. for highrise building construction in busy commercial area.
 - Other required eligibility and condition of the tenderers stipulated in the tender data sheet and tender documents.
- Price of tender document : Tk. 4,000.00 (four thousand) only in cash (non-refundable).

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time
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- Special instructions :
 - No tender paper shall be sold or received after the abovementioned date & time.
 - The participating tenderer's representative with due authorization will be allowed to attend the opening of the tender.
 - Tenderers shall submit their tender quoting itemwise rates with analysis. Quoted rates should not be more than two digits after decimal point.
 - The rate must be written in both words & figures.
 - Owing to unavoidable situation if actions cannot be taken on the above dates, same action to be taken on the next working dates. If any false, incorrect or forged certificates/documents, tender shall be declared informal & security money shall be forfeited.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

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