

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

A boat procession was held on Ramnabid River yesterday noon to popularise the demand for declaring Galachipa upazila of Patuakhali a district.

21 Netrakona BNP men sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A case was filed with Atpara police station accusing 21 BNP leaders and activists on charge of vandalising Atpara Awami League office. The accused include general secretary of Atpara upazila BNP Khairul Kabir Talukder also ex-chairman of Atpara upazila parishad and member of Atpara upazila BNP Zahirul Islam Khan Maju. Abu Naser Talukder Milu, general secretary of Atpara upazila AL filed the case yesterday morning. Police and AL sources said, at about 10:00 on Tuesday night, a group of BNP activists attacked the AL office with sharp and lethal weapons and vandalised wooden furniture including chairs and tables.

Train derails in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Train service on Joydevpur-Bangabandhu Bridge route remained suspended for three hours yesterday as an engine and two compartments of a goods train bound for Dhaka from Parbatipur in Dinajpur derailed at Gharinda Station in Tangail. The derailment took place at around 8:30am, causing untold sufferings to passengers. The train communication on the route resumed at about 12:30pm after a relief train from the capital cleared the line, said Jalal Uddin, station master of Gharinda. The train derailed due to a technical fault, he added.

Man murdered by nephew

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

A man was stabbed to death allegedly by his nephew at Barbakpur village in Jhikargachha upazila on Wednesday night. The deceased was identified as Mashiur Rahman, son of late Ramzan Ali of the village. Police said an altercation took place between Mashiur and his nephew Sujan at about 10:00pm over a piece of disputed land. At one stage, Sujan stabbed Mashiur indiscriminately, leaving him critically injured. Mashiur was rushed to Jhikargachha upazila health complex where the attending doctor declared him dead. Sujan went to hiding after the incident.



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Lawmaker Shawkat Momen Shajahan inaugurating a camp for free eye treatment and medical check-up at Talimghar in Shakhipur upazila of Tangail on February 21, marking the International Mother Language Day. Charitable organisation Kidney Awareness Monitoring and Prevention Society (KAMPS) organised the camp.

Nilphamari boro farmers besiege power office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Several hundred boro farmers of Sadar upazila yesterday besieged the district office of Rural Electrification Board (REB), demanding uninterrupted power supply for smooth irrigation.

Police and REB officials said, farmers from at least 10 villages -- Khoksabari, Chaora, Gogram, Kundupukur, Polashbari, Tupamari, Ramnagar, Laxmichap, Charaikhola and Itakhola -- gathered on Nilphamari-Saidpur road in front of the REB office at about 1.00pm and later besieged the power office.

At the time of protest, a meeting of the 'regional power management committee' was going on at the REB office, chaired by chief engineer of PDB Masud AlFaruk.

Agitating farmer Abdul Jabbar of Khokshabari village alleged he had cultivated boro on 16 bighas of land.

"As we get only one to two hours of power

supply a day, which is also disrupted four to five times due to frequent load-shedding, we cannot irrigate boro," he said, adding most of our boro plants have turned yellow".

Farmers Noor Islam of Dhakkin Chaora village, Bimol Chandra Roy of Gogram village complained that at least 20 power pump motors went out of order due to frequent load shedding.

During agitation, farmers tried to enter the REB office to meet the high officials of PDB and REB present at the meeting. But police closed the gate to prevent the farmers.

At one stage, general manager (GM) of REB in Nilphamari SM Habibur Rahman along with other officials went to the spot under police protection.

The GM assured the farmers of uninterrupted power supply within a few days.

During the siege, about a hundred vehicles remained stranded on both sides of the road causing immense suffering to the passengers.



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Criminals 'torched' a three-bigha betel leaf garden at Madhabpur village in Sadar upazila of Jhenidah yesterday noon.

Betel leaf garden 'torched'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Criminals 'torched' a betel leaf garden at Madhabpur village under Sadar upazila yesterday noon.

The fire damaged betel leaves and other related things worth Tk 10 lakh, claimed garden owner Gautom Adhikary.

According to Gautom, around 12.30pm a few jealous neighbours set his three-bigha garden on fire. He, however, declined to disclose the names of the suspects for fear of reprisals.

Gautam said he took loan from two NGOs for betel leaf farming.

"How will I repay the loan? How will I survive now?" he posed.

Fire fighting unit station officer Lutfor Rahman of Jhenidah said, they are yet to detect the exact reason behind the fire.

10 students injured as outsiders swoop on them in Jessore

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

Ten students were injured as they clashed with outsiders at a college in Bagharpara upazila yesterday.

Police quoting Nazmul Huda, principal of Raipur School and College said, a few days ago, a teacher of the school was suspended.

Students of the school went to the principal to submit their written statement containing their views on the teacher and allegation against two members of the school's governing body.

The clash broke out when supporters of Billal, a supporter of the school's

governing body and also Raipur union Awami League unit general secretary, equipped with lethal weapons, swooped on the students, leaving 10 of them injured.

The injured were admitted to local hospital. Among them a student was shifted to Jessore Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated.

Outraged at the incident, the students of the college later vandalised Billal's house.

Apprehending further clashes, school authorities closed the school for two days.

Additional police have been deployed in the area.

Three poachers held with venison



PHOTO: STAR

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested three poachers along with a slaughtered deer at Lawachhara forest in Srimongal of Moulvibazar district early yesterday. Rab sources said the poachers caught a spotted deer by setting traps in the forest. Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab raided the forest at about 4:00 am and arrested Yunus Miah, Azadur Rahman and Nawsadur Rahman when they were taking away the slaughtered deer.

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**Extension of Time Limit for Selling & Submission of Tender**

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the scheduled time limit for selling of bidding documents and submission of tender for Procurement of Therapy Equipments & Ancillary Goods (Package No-GD 9.1) under the Project 'Promotion of Services and Opportunities to the Disabled Persons in Bangladesh' has been extended as per following schedule:

Time limit for selling of bidding documents as per previous notice	Time limit for selling of bidding documents as per extended time schedule	Time limit for submission of tender as per previous notice	Time limit for submission of tender as per extended time schedule
26-02-2012	11-03-2012	27-2-2012 at 12:30pm	12-3-2012 at 12:30pm

2. Other terms and conditions of the tender package will remain unchanged.

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**SME Foundation**  
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**Request for Profile of SME Experts**

Government has created Small and Medium Enterprise Foundation (SME Foundation) to promote Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) for poverty alleviation, generating employment and thereby accelerating economic growth. SME Foundation has been working to ensure a conducive business environment for the SME's through its policy advocacy and research, business support services, technology support, ICT support, women entrepreneurship development and credit wholesaling wing for spurring the development of micro, small and medium enterprises in the country.

SME Foundation is going to create an SME expert advisory panel to strengthen technical advisory services to SMEs. The expert advisory panel will comprise experts from all 32 thrust sectors identified in the Industrial Policy-2010. The definition of SME will also follow the definition depicted in the Industrial Policy-2010.

**Eligibility criteria of the expert will be as follows:**

- > Age of 35 years and above
- > At least 5 years working experience in related SME sector
- > No conflict of interest in providing services to the SMEs

Interested Candidates are requested to fill up application form available at SME Foundation website ([www.smef.org.bd](http://www.smef.org.bd)) and apply to the Managing Director, SME Foundation, 4 Panthapath, Dhaka-1215 on or before **March 31, 2012**.

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We are currently seeking a Chief of Party, multiple Agriculture and Market Linkages Specialists, a M&E Specialist, and a Finance/Accounting Manager for a large, multi-year agricultural development project in Bangladesh that will focus on targeted crops. The project's primary focus will be to increase agricultural productivity and marketability of selected value chains. To achieve this objective, technical components could also focus on improved farming techniques and best practices; farm management; increasing market linkages and competitiveness; trade facilitation and regulatory and policy reform; and other activities that promote increased food security. Desired areas of specialization include agronomy; producer-organization strengthening; agricultural marketing and trade; business development and financial services for the agriculture sector; storage and warehouse receipt systems; monitoring and evaluation; and communication. Experience working with smallholder farmers to increase their technical and management skills and create sustainable market linkages is preferred.

**Qualifications:**

**Chief of Party:** M.S., M.B.A., or other post-graduate degree in a relevant technical field. Minimum of 15 years of relevant and progressive work experience in Bangladesh or other regions of Southeast Asia with a similar development context. At least 10 years of progressively responsible supervisory work experience, preferably on large and complex USAID-funded contracts required. Excellent communication and reporting skills. Experience in Bangladesh preferred, regional Southeast Asia experience required. Fluency in English required.

**Agriculture and Market Linkages Specialists:** Minimum 5-10 years of experience in one or more technical disciplines relevant to the above. University degree in agronomy, agricultural economics, business management or other relevant field (advanced degree is preferred). Experience working with international and/or regional NGOs, donor agencies, Ministries of Agriculture and/or private sector actors (buyers, agribusinesses and financial institutions) is preferred. Excellent written and spoken English is required. Fluency in Bangla is required. Experience in Bangladesh required.

**Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist:** 10+ years of professional experience in international development and developing, implementing and managing M&E systems on similar projects. Advanced degree in sociology, statistics, international relations or other relevant field preferred. Proven experience and skills in quantitative and qualitative research methods, survey design and implementation, statistical data analysis in agricultural context required. Experience with USAID-funded projects is preferred. Good written and spoken English required. Fluency in Bangla is required. Experience in Bangladesh required.

**Finance/Accounting Manager:** Master's degree in accounting preferred; Bachelor's degree required. Demonstrated knowledge and skills in accounting, financial management and procurement systems is required. Demonstrated knowledge and extensive experience with USAID contracts regulations and management and control systems. 10+ years of experience in accounting on complex development projects; experience in working with projects that have grants under contracts mechanisms is required. Experience in Bangladesh preferred, regional Southeast Asia experience required. Demonstrated experience in accounting for complex projects with a large value. Fluency in English, written and spoken, Bangla language skills preferred.

To be considered for this recruitment, please submit a resume to [AVbangladesh@joinav.org](mailto:AVbangladesh@joinav.org) and include **Position Title** in the Subject Line. No phone calls please. Only finalists contacted. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. EOE.

**All applications must be received by March 30, 2012.**

**PUBALI BANK LIMITED**  
Registered Office: 26, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000

**PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Pubali Bank Limited in its 864<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of its Registered Office decided to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Company and took the following decisions:-

- 1. Agenda of the 6<sup>th</sup> EGM** : To increase the Authorized Capital of the Bank from existing Tk.1000,00,00,000/- (Taka one thousand crores) to Tk. 2000,00,00,000/- (Taka two thousand crores) divided into 200,00,00,000 (two hundred crores) ordinary shares of Tk.10/- (Taka ten) each subject to obtaining permission from Bangladesh Bank and approval of the same by the Members (Shareholders) of the Company in the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) in this behalf.
- 2. The Record Date of the 6<sup>th</sup> EGM** : 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.
- 3. Day & Date of the 6<sup>th</sup> EGM** : Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012.
- 4. Time & Venue of the 6<sup>th</sup> EGM** : 11:00 a.m at BRAC-CDM, Rajendrapur, Gazipur.

By the order of the Board  
Sd/-  
**Md. Sayeed Sikder**  
General Manager & Company Secretary

Dated: Dhaka  
23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2012