

Hundreds of trees of afforestation project felled in two districts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali
A group of influential people have continued to fell trees of afforestation project, known as 'Sabuj Bestoni Prakalpa' of forest

department in different areas of Patuakhali and Barguna districts. In Patuakhali, a group led allegedly by Shahjahan, Alamgir Matobbar, and Mujibul Haque Howlader felled at least 100 trees on a

flood control dyke at Char Miajan in Baufal upazila on March 22. A team of local journalists saw the trunks and roots of the felled trees while visiting the area. The authorities

planted different types of trees including, raintree, acacia and shishu on both sides of a 14-km long dam from Char Miajan Bazar to Bou Bazar, 15 years ago. The group cut down the

trees whenever they need them, alleged locals. "But nobody dared to protest the incident as they are very powerful", said one of them. Shahjahan said he had felled a few trees as a portion of the dam was built on his land. Contacted, Baufal upazila forest officer Chand Mia said, he was not aware about the matter. Necessary steps would be taken against those responsible for the offence after visiting the spot, he said. Away in Barguna, a section of timber traders led by Sobahan Fakir, Mostafa Farazee and Monir Hossain cut down over 1,000 trees in Kumirmara forest area in Sadar upazila on March 23, locals alleged. The trees include gawa, gamari, bain and shishu. On information, Babujan beat officer Golam Mostafa rushed to the area but came under attack allegedly by a gang led by one Shahid Mia at about 5:00pm. Later, Babujan police rescued him from the spot and seized 400 felled trees, said sub-inspector Kamal Hossain. Contacted, divisional forest officer Gobinda Roy said, strict action would be taken against those responsible for the offence after investigating the matter.



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Remains of trunks bear testimony to rampant felling and plundering of the tree planted under coastal afforestation project Sabuj Bestoni Prakalpa in different areas of Patuakhali district. The photo was taken from the flood control embankment at Char Miajan in Baufal upazila a couple of days ago.

Sand lifting threatening bridge, dyke protested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha
People of Kholahati union in Sadar upazila formed a human chain yesterday protesting illegal sand lifting from Ghagot river.

attacked the protesters with lethal weapons. At least 10 people sustained injuries including Kazi Humayun Kabir Mirza, 58, Altaf Hossain, 61, Babu Mia, 45, Kazi Mithu, 32, Kazi Imran, 22, Raju Mia, 30, Dhala Mia, 25, Anowara Begum, 28, the protesters said. When the injured were taken to Gaibandha Hospital for treatment, the gang launched further attack on the victims, leaving three of them severely injured. They were later taken to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in serious condition, they said. Despite filing cases, police are yet to arrest any of the culprits. They are moving freely and threatening the villagers to withdraw cases or face dire consequences, said a number of villagers. The protesters demanded immediate steps to stop illegal lifting of

sand from Ghagot river and arrest of the culprits. Meanwhile, peasants from different remote upazilas yesterday morning blocked Gaibandha-Palashbari Road demanding fair price of crops and cut in prices of agricultural input. Organised by Bangladesh Krishak Samity, Gaibandha district unit, they staged the agitation as part of their country-wide programme. During the hour-long programme near the town's rail crossing point, vehicular traffic on both the sides of the road came to a halt, creating a huge traffic jam. Normal movement of traffic restored after the agitators withdrew the programme around noon. The agitating peasants said landless and marginal people were in trouble as prices of crops continued to fall while the prices of agricultural inputs marked gradual rise.

The sand lifting is threatening the railway bridge over the river at Bheramara point and the town protection dyke near the spot. They said that movement of tractors had already damaged the town protection dyke of Water Development Board at several points which will worsen in the coming rainy season. As local people were protesting the illegal lifting of sand and soil, a gang of 20, backed by the Dukhu Mia, Abu Taleb, Rafiqul Islam on March 26 evening

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Locals under the banner of conscious citizens form a human chain in Gaibandha town yesterday demanding steps to stop extraction of sand and earth from Ghagot River, use of tractors and power tillers for its transport causing damage to the town protection embankment. They also demanded punishment to the offenders who attacked protesters to the illegal acts recently.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



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Twenty-five SSC examinees belonging to Swadhin, a social organisation formed by them, take part in a 10-kilometre march in Dinajpur town before forming a human chain in front of Dinajpur Press Club yesterday as part of their campaign to create awareness about the bad effects of smoking and drug addiction.

Two Indians arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira.

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested two Indian nationals at Bhadiali village in Kalaroa upazila yesterday and seized Tk 5000 from them. The arrestees are Isa Karim Uddin, 43, son of Idris Ali of village Tarali under Swarupnagar police station of North 24 Parganas district and Abu Bakar Siddique, 63, son of Mujibul Haque of Khidirpur under Iqbalpur PS of Kolkata. Subhas Biswas, officer in-charge of Kalaroa PS, said the BGB men arrested the duo at about 10:00am while they were crossing Sonai River.

Education officer held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Dhaka Metropolitan Police arrested Dumuria upazila primary education officer from his office on Tuesday night in connection with a criminal case. Md Yasin Gazi, sub-inspector of Mirpur police station in Dhaka, arrested Sheikh Abdul Gani at around 6:30pm. Md Shah Jalal of Dumuria PS, said the arrestee was taken to Mirpur PS on the same night. On March 13, Mainul Islam, a businessman of Mirpur filed FIR against the education officer on charge of demanding Tk 10 lakh as toll over his cell phone.

Sad death of BGB man

UNB, Comilla

A member of Bangladesh Border Guard (BGB) was killed as he pulled the trigger of his rifle accidentally on Tuesday afternoon. The victim, Tamij Uddin, of Ghatail upazila in Tangail district, is a Subedar of BGB Battalion-12. BGB sources said the rifle of the Tamij developed a glitch during a firing training of the battalion at Lalmai Hill. A bullet went out of it and hit Tamij in the head when he pressed the trigger unthinkingly while fixing the glitch. He succumbed to his injuries at Comilla Combined Military Hospital.



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Two of the prize winners at the English language fair held at Government Laboratory High School in Khulna city give a gratifying smile as they pose with their teachers at the fair venue yesterday.

Joyful interactions key to better learning

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Students of Government Laboratory High School in Khulna city and Arani FN Girls High School in Bagha upazila of Rajshahi yesterday took part in the English language fairs held under English in Schools programme, a joint initiative of The Daily Star and mobile operator Robi.

The English language fair at Government Laboratory High School in Khulna city saw lively participation of over 450 students of the school, reports our staff correspondent.

Globally famous movie The Lion King was screened, followed by quizzes on vocabulary, situation-based questions, extempore speeches, role play and etiquette test.

Eighteen students took part in extempore speech, role play and vocabulary test on the occasion.

Headmaster AKM Golam Azam, who inaugurated the programme at 2:00pm, urged continuation of English in Schools programme to encourage English learning among students. Arabinda Halder, an

English teacher of the school, conducted the programme while three other English teachers of the school -- Kabir Alam Khan, Abdul Halim Golder and Sanjoy Kumar Mandol acted as judges of students' performance.



Our RU Correspondent reports: Over 200 students of Arani FN Girls High School in Bagha upazila in Rajshahi yesterday joined the English language fair held at the school. Aurpana Rani Halder, assistant headmaster of the school, inaugurated the programme.

The Lion King was screened, followed by quizzes on vocabulary, situation-based question answer, extempore speech and role play.

Twenty students took part in different competitions. Teachers Shahidul Islam, Rabeya Akter, Poly Debnath

of the school distributed prizes among the winners of different competitions of the programme.

"Such programme will promote English language learning among school students," said Aurpana Rani Halder, assistant headmaster of the school.

Aiming to promote English language learning among school students across the country, The Daily Star in cooperation with Robi undertook English in Schools programme in 2009.

Under the initiative, each of one thousand schools selected from 64 districts of the country receives three complimentary copies of The Daily Star five days a week.

The ongoing English language fairs at different schools are being held in coordination with the education ministry as part of the three-year-long programme.

Adcom Ltd is the creative and event partner of English language fairs aimed to encourage English learning overcoming the barriers to improve English skills of students.

Clash with AL men leaves BNP leader killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A local BNP leader was killed and 10 others were injured in a clash between two groups of people at Katiarkandi village in Itna upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Tajuddin Mia, 35, organising secretary of Mriga union unit BNP.

Police and locals said, Tajuddin and local Awami League leader and UP member Bachchu Miah had long been at loggerheads over

establishing supremacy in the locality. Besides, they had dispute over landed property.

Following an altercation, Bachchu and his people, equipped with lethal weapons, attacked Tajuddin in the morning, triggering a violent clash.

A chase and counter chase also took place between the rival supporters, creating panic in the locality.

Severely injured Tajuddin dead on the spot and 10 other people sustained injury.

On information, police rushed to the area and brought the situation under control.

Two of the seriously injured -- Shahid Mia, 33, and Shahidullah, 45 -- were admitted to Itna upazila health complex.

OC of Itna PS Abdus Salam Mia said, additional police were deployed to avert further clash.

The body was sent to Kishoreganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, he said.

বিসিএসআইআর এর চট্টগ্রাম ও রাজশাহী কেন্দ্রের এনালাইটিক্যাল ও মাইক্রোবিয়াল ল্যাবরেটরী শক্তিশালীকরণ

বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প গবেষণা পরিষদ (বিসিএসআইআর) বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি মন্ত্রণালয়

গাড়ি ভাড়ার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিভাগ।
২।	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	প্রকল্প পরিচালক।
৩।	যে কাজের জন্য দরপত্র আহবান	গাড়ি ভাড়া।
৪।	দরপত্র আহবানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	৩৯.৩৪৫.০১৪.০০.০০.০১১.২০১২/T05; তারিখঃ ২৯/০৩/১২
৫।	ক্রয়/সেতাই পদ্ধতি তহবিলের উৎস	উন্নত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি, রাজস্ব খাত।
৬।	দরপত্র বিক্রির শেষ তারিখ	২২/০৪/১২খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
৭।	দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৩/০৪/১২খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২:০০টা।
৮।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৩/০৪/১২খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২:৩০টা।
৯।	দরপত্র বিক্রি/গ্রহণ/খোলার স্থানের নাম ও ঠিকানা	প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, ব্যাপডক বিল্ডিং-এর দোতলা (উত্তর পাশ)।
১০।	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভাট সনদ, আয়কর সনদ ও গাড়ির আনুসঙ্গিক ডকুমেন্টের কপি।
১১।	মালামালের সর্বশেষ বিবরণ	৮ সিটের ২টি মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া।
১২।	আনুসঙ্গিক অন্যান্য সেবার বিবরণ	মাইক্রোবাস ২টি ব্যবহারের সময় সকাল ৭:৩০ হতে রাত ৯:৩০ (মাসিক ভিত্তিতে)।
১৩।	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	৫০০/- (অফেরতযোগ্য) নগদ মূল্যে।
১৪।	সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	২টি ৮ আসনের মাইক্রোবাস (সিএনজি চালিত), মডেলঃ ২০১০ এর পূর্বে নয়, দরজাঃ ৪টি।
১৫।	সংগ্রাহক সত্তা যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

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