

What an excuse for felling roadside trees!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A group of people allegedly belonging to ruling Awami League (AL) in Tiakhali union of Kalapara upazila under the district have cut 24 large roadside trees that had been planted by the local Muktiyoddha

Sangsad. Some 20-25 people led by one Khalilur Rahman cut at least 24 trees including mahogany, rain tree, and acacia from about half a kilometre long area on both sides of the road from Badurtali Badghat to Hazibari on Tuesday, eyewitnesses said.



PHOTO: STAR
Remains of trunks bear testimony to felling of 24 large trees on both sides of Kalapara-Londa road in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali district on Tuesday, allegedly by local Awami League men.

During the tree felling from morning to noon, local people saw the matter but nobody dared to prevent the perpetrators as they are ruling party men. Kalapara upazila unit of Muktiyoddha Sangsad planted those trees around 30 years ago and the upazila parishad had been maintaining the trees.

When contacted, Khalilur Rahman said, "We have planned to build a house of Sheikh Russel Smrity Sangsad, named after Shaheed (martyred) Sheikh Russel, youngest brother of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. For this reason we cut only six trees from the roadside."

However, another local resident also cut some trees from the same road which were in front of his house, he added. "We have heard the news. We will visit the spot and inform the upazila administration of the matter in writing," said Md Boduzzaman, commander of upazila Muktiyoddha Sangsad. Khondokar Yakub Ali, upazila forest officer, said, "Muktiyoddha Sangsad planted the trees and these are their asset. None can cut such roadside trees without permission from the upazila administration that maintains the trees."

When contacted, Md Jahangir Hossain, upazila nirbahi officer of Kalapara, said, "If anybody submits complaint to us in this regard we will take lawful action after proper investigation."



PHOTO: STAR
Elachipur in Shibalaya upazila under Manikganj district gets flooded following breach of embankment under the impact of strong current in the Padma, right, floodwater washes away part of Kholahati-Chapadaha-Sadullapur-Joinpur road in Gaibandha Sadar upazila yesterday.

BSF returns man's body

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Body of a Bangladeshi national, found dead inside the Indian territory on Monday morning, was handed over to the family members yesterday.

The victim, Md Hossain Ali, 40, was son of Lal Mia of Dharmajan village in Biral upazila, said Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) sources. On Wednesday, Indian Border Security Force (BSF) returned the body following several flag meetings with BGB at Enayetpur border outpost.

People of Kumarpara village under Kusummandi police station of Dakkhin Dinajpur of Paschim Banga said they found Ali's body in a field, about 1.5km off Enayetpur camp of the upazila and informed police.

The victim was last seen at Kaliaganj Bazar on Sunday evening and since then he remained missing, said family sources.

MANIKGANJ, GAIBANDHA, SIRAJGANJ Fresh areas go under flood water, breaches in dykes

STAR NATIONAL DESK
Swelling Jamuna washed away a portion of the flood control embankment at Daskandi point under Shivalaya upazila in Manikganj yesterday.

Around 20 meters of the dyke was damaged by the river at around 11.00am inundating aman paddy on around three thousand acres of land in Daskandi Chak village, reports our correspondent.

The river was flowing 34cm above the danger level yesterday morning while the water level increased by 16cm at Aricha point in the last 24 hours, the Water Development Board sources said.

GAIBANDHA
In Gaibandha, fresh areas were flooded in Jamuna and Ghagot basins yesterday due to continued onrush of water from the upstream, reports our correspondent.

According to WDB, about two lakh 50 thousand people have been marooned in different low lying areas of Saghata,

Sadar and Phulchhari upazilas. All the tubewells in flood-affected areas went under water creating acute crisis of pure drinking water, said Abdul Matin Mandol, chairman of Arendabari union in Phulchhari upazila.

Relief materials for the flood affected people who took shelter on different dykes and high land are too adequate, said Abdul Hamid Sarker of Uria union in the upazila.

A portion of flood control dyke at Ratanpur in the upazila faces threat of collapse any time. Workers of WDB and local people are dumping sand bags to stop seepage, said an official of WDB.

Vast areas of Narayanpur got flooded as gushing water entered through the breach of Ghagot flood control dyke. Road communication between Chapadaha-Sadullapur-Joyenpur snapped as a bridge collapsed by the surging water, he said.

According to the district agriculture extension department, crops including aman and vegetables on over 6,000 hectare of land in the three upazilas will

be damaged due to the flash flood.

SIRAJGANJ
Overall flood situation in Sirajganj deteriorated further yesterday as the water level of the Jamuna River continued to rise, reports our correspondent.

Onrush of floodwater through the breached embankment in Sariakandi under Bogra district inundated fresh areas in Kazipur, Raiganj and Taras upazilas.

More than 200 villages of 16 unions under Sadar, Belkuchi, Chowhali and Shahzadpur upazilas have gone under floodwater.

At least 1.5 kilometer of Kazipur-Sonamukhi pucca road at Paikortoli point has been flooded and a baily bridge on Iachhamati River collapsed, snapping internal communication.

So far, 11 markets are now under knee-deep water. Aman paddy on more than 8500 hectares has been flooded while vegetables and other crops also damaged.

Cracks developed in Brahmaputra flood control embankment at Gopalpur village, said the UNO of Shahzadpur.

Joy Bangla Allah is Almighty Joy Bangabandhu

You are the architect of the people's empowerment model and leader of world peace. We salute you on your birthday. You are the strength of Bengali. Bangladesh Awami Jubo League's greetings on the 65th birth anniversary of Statesman Sheikh Hasina

September 28 is the birthday of Statesman, Leader of People's Empowerment and Daughter of Peace, Sheikh Hasina. After completing 65 today she will step into 66 years. About half of her life times, 32 years, she has remain been in the leadership of Bangladesh's Awami League as its president and working for establishing democratic rights and economic freedom of the countrymen. She has taken again and again the risk of death. She is the dream of rights and hope of the people in the wreckage of killings and conspiratorial politics in the country. She is the pioneer not only for establishing freedom of the countrymen, but also for the world humanity and questing for world peace. Presented at the United Nations General Assembly last year, her peace model 'People's Empowerment' has been adopted unanimously by the UN this year. This peace model will work as the main policy and strategy in establishing peace across the globe. She is stepping into 66 years as an unparalleled leader of world peace. Bangladesh Awami Jubo League carries out historic responsibilities in formulating and placing this peace model in the world forums. Thus Jubo League is presenting Statesman Sheikh Hasina's peace model proposal adopted unanimously by the UN through this supplementary on the occasion of her 65th birth anniversary.

World Peace Model: A Proposal



The people of this beautiful earth are now in deep threat and tension. Almost half of the world's population is now engaged with civil war. People are fighting in the street for their democratic rights. Poverty and discrepancy are increasing. People's wish and wisdom are hardly respected. Evil wish of few people is dominated over masses. Under this global scenario, we, the peace loving people in this earth, urge all to be united. We urge to all to end the civil war, poverty and discrimination. Our dream is for a democratic, free and equal society. We want a people's paradise where people's voice will be listened and respected. We want a global society, where people will be in driving seat for decision making. We feel that only people's empowerment can make our dream true. We witness that few people of this world are imposing their whims on others. We observe that few people are determining the terms of the ruling. We all peace loving people are united with this opinion that few people's supremacy and conspiracy should be replaced by the mass people's desires and voices. We all boldly agree that people's wish would be the first and foremost criteria in all decision making process of a state. We all believe that people would be in the center of all plan, programs and policies. We all are stick in this argument that people's awareness and involvement are the key elements for global peace and development. We are expressing common opinion that all these elements are in the peace model (People's Empowerment) formulated by Shiekh Hasina, Honorable Prime Minister of People's Republic of Bangladesh. To us this is the best option to achieve our dream-peaceful world with equity, justice and human dignity. We agree that Shiekh Hasina is the true believer of people's empowerment. We all finds sufficient evidence that globally she is the best reader of people's pulse now. We, after analyzing her political life, come to this conclusion that she took all her major political decisions respecting people's desires and wishes. We find that Shiekh Hasina's democracy model has more opportunity for people's spontaneous participation than the original system itself. We are with strong opinion that global leaders and institutions should seek her support and opinion to resolve current Middle East crises and other global problems.



Honorable Prime Minister, Daughter of Peace and Statesman Sheikh Hasina is attending an international conference titled "World Peace: Role of Sheikh Hasina" at Oxford University, UK on January 27, 2011. The conference was organized by Bangladesh Awami Jubo League. Jubo League Chairman Mohammad Omar Faroque Chowdhury is addressing the conference.

We all call upon United Nations to organize a special summit on Middle East crises. In the summit all groups should seat together and Shiekh Hasina should explain her experiences on fighting autocracy. She will share her model of people's empowerment for democratic movement. She should entrusted the responsibly to negotiate the crises. That will be the best solution for Middle East crises. The United Nations under its extraordinary general meeting clause can call this summit. We all call upon OIC to engage Shiekh Hasina as special envoy to reduce Middle East crises, what they did in 60's.

We all urge NATO to stop military solution in the Middle East and seek help from Shiekh Hasina for establishing peace and democracy in the Middle East.

We request to the Speaker of US House of Congress to arrange a joint session of members (both house of representatives and senate) where sheikh Hasina, the honorable prime minister of Bangladesh will share her experience of democratic struggle in a Muslim dominated country. She can show the peaceful process of fighting fundamental terrorism. Which can re-adjust the US policy largely. With the shift of US policy, global tension can be reduced immensely.

We call upon European Parliament to invite Shiekh Hasina for an extra ordinary parliament session. Where she can explain her people's empowerment policy to establish democracy in Middle East and African countries.

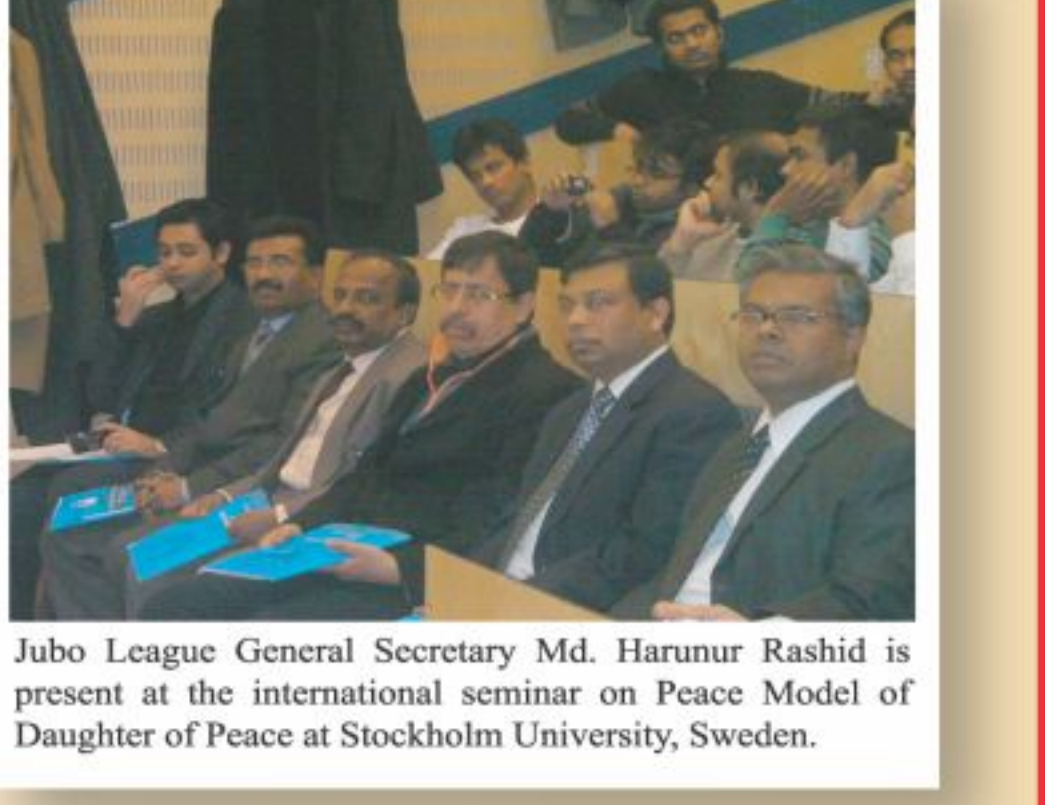
We like to draw attention to all international organizations like FAO, WHO, UNICEF, ILO to reframe their guideline and policy in light with the people's empowerment policy of Shiekh Hasina. By implementing this policy in the guideline, more pro-people decision's can be made. We urge all nations in the world to give people's aspiration and wish as first priority in every decision-making.

We understand that Shiekh Hasina's people's empowerment policy is the simplest and most effective formula for global peace. The formula is that the people would be in the center of all decision making process. For this reason, the political leaders will make people awake and aware them, and thus empower them.

We all with a high voice expect for such a world where all human being would leave with respect, dignity and honor.



Jubo League Chairman Mohammad Omar Faroque Chowdhury is addressing an international conference on the peace model titled 'People's Empowerment' organized at Shantiniketan, India. Other members of the research team are present at the stage.



Jubo League General Secretary Md. Harunur Rashid is present at the international seminar on Peace Model of Daughter of Peace at Stockholm University, Sweden.



Jubo League Chairman and head of research team of the people's Empowerment model, Mohammad Omar Faroque Chowdhury, is handing over the copy of the peace model 'People's Empowerment' of Daughter of Peace and World Leader Sheikh Hasina to the President of Indian ruling Congress Sonia Gandhi. Other members of the team are the prime minister's health and family welfare affairs adviser Dr. Syed Modasser Ali, state minister for LGRD and Cooperatives and Awami League Joint General Secretary Jahangir Kabir Nanak, former General Secretary of Jubo League and Whip of Parliament Mirza Azam MP, Bangladesh Economic Association President and Professor at Economics Department of Dhaka University Dr Abul Barkat and Executive Director of Poripekhtit Syed Borhan Kabir.