

Strike by C&F agents in India halts Bhomra port activities

A CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

Export-import between Bangladesh and India through Bhomra land port came to a halt again yesterday due to an indefinite strike enforced by Ghojadanga port C&F Agent Associations of India.

Trade between the two countries through the land port remained suspended for 18 days from January 19 as Ghojadanga C&F Agent Association and Bhomra C&F Agent Association were on strike to mount pressure on the Indian authorities to allow the movement of 10-wheel goods-laden trucks on a damaged bridge at Ghojadanga.

General Secretary of Bhomra C&F Association Wahidul Islam said they went on the strike as the truckers were forced to unload their vehicles near

Ghojadanga Bridge, causing a huge loss to the importers for carrying goods on six-wheel trucks from there.

Export -import activities resumed on February 6 after Indian authorities repaired the bridge and withdrew restriction on the movement of heavy vehicles on the bridge.

After a week, Ghojadanga lorry owners and transport workers halted the movement of 10-wheel trucks on the bridge. The Indian C&F agent association sought intervention of the Indian authorities in resolving the issue.

As the Indian authorities did not pay any heed to the demand, the C&F agents of Indian side decided go on the indefinite strike.

Meanwhile, Export-import through Akhaura land port resumed yesterday after four days of suspension due to assembly election in Indian Tripura state.

Jamaat-Shibir men sued

UNB, Comilla

A case was filed against 207 activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir in connection with Friday's clash with police in the town.

Police filed the case against 27 identified and 180 unidentified activists of Jamaat-Shibir on charges of attacking police and obstructing police from performing their duties on Friday night.

Police said a clash broke out with Jamaat-Shibir men when

they brought out a procession on Friday afternoon.

In Manikganj, three Shibir activists were arrested in the district yesterday morning.

They are Sana Ullah of Taluknagar village, Yusuf Mia of Chak-Mirpur village under Daulatpur upazila of Manikganj district and Jahurul Islam of Nagarpur in Tangail district, reports our correspondent.

Police arrested them from Shahid Titumir Academy where they were holding a meeting.



PHOTO: STAR

Extortionists vandalise the office of Kuakata Beach Resort Ltd in Patuakhali and put up a signboard, claiming the ownership of the land yesterday after the owner of the housing company refused to pay them Tk 12 lakh.

Extortionists attack housing company office in Kuakata

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Patuakhali*

A gang of extortionists attacked a housing company office in Kuakata on Friday demanding Tk 12 lakh as illegal toll and withdrawal of the case filed earlier by the housing company.

The gang, allegedly led by Soheli Howlader, ransacked the office of 'Kuakata Beach Resort Ltd' near the ecopark at about 10:00am. They also tore down the company's boundary wall and hung a signboard claiming that the land was owned by the gang leader.

The same gang attacked the housing office on January 12 and ransacked it as the owner refused to pay Tk 5 lakh as toll, sources said.

Locals and the company sources said, Wahiduzzaman, owner of Kuakata Beach Resort Ltd, bought 5.39 acres of land from one Rafiz Uddin and his family members including wife Phulnesa Begum, son Fazlul Haque and daughter Bilkis in 2006.

"On Friday, about 20/25

gangsters led by Soheli came to my office and demanded Tk 12 lakh as illegal toll. When we refused to pay the amount, they ransacked the office," Wahiduzzaman told this correspondent.

The gang also destroyed valuable documents and papers at the office during the attack, he said.

They damaged a part of the boundary wall of the compound in the south and hung a signboard claiming the ownership of the land by Soheli Howlader and his wife Najmunnahar Molly, said Wahiduzzaman.

The criminals also asked me to withdraw the case that I filed for a similar attack on January 12 and threatened me of dire consequences, he said.

Contacted, Soheli Howlader said that he owns the land and that's why he hung the signboard on the purchased land.

The acting officer in-charge of Kuakata police section said they heard the matter 'but nobody filed any case or brought any allegation in this regard'.

Abducted man's body recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Benapole, Jessore*

Body of a man, abducted 12 days ago, was recovered from a shop at Kajazpukur bazar under Benapole port police station yesterday.

The deceased was Badal Hossain, 35, who used to ferry people on motorbike for fare.

Acting officer in-charge (OC) KM Faruque Hossain of Benapole port police station said, they recovered the body of Badal from under earth at grocery shop.

Badal, son of Islam Ali of Kandappur in Sharsha, went missing on February 4. Police detained one Malek along with the stolen motorbike yesterday morning. Later following his confession, police recovered the body from the shop in the afternoon.

Angry locals vandalised and set at least six shops on fire.

On Friday, police recovered the body of a youth from a field at Dikdana village in Jhikargachha upazila of the district.

The deceased was identified as Tariqul Islam, 24, son of Ramjan Ali of Pardia village in Manirampur upazila.

Academic activities at BM College resume

Mayor Hiron unlocks main gate

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

Academic activities at Barisal Government Brojo Mohan College (BM) resumed after BCC Mayor Shawkat Hossain Hiron unlocked the main entrance to the college yesterday morning.

The BCL faction that locked the college on January 29 handed over keys to the BCC mayor on his arrival on the campus along with acting Principal Prof Kazi Nazrul Islam at around 8:00am.

Academic activities at the college came to a halt on the day as a faction of the college unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) led by its joint conveners Moin Tushar and Nahid Serniabad locked the college and its administrative section protesting transfer of principal Prof Nani Gopal Das.

The BCL men led by Moin Tushar also assaulted newly appointed principal Prof Shankar Chandra Dutt and forced him out of the campus when he went there on February 12 to take over the charge.

Moin Tushar, however, rejected the accusation and claimed that his men had rescued

Shankar instead and arranged for his safe exit from the campus.

Maksudul Alam Masud, joint convener of another faction of the BCL unit, alleged that the outgoing principal Prof Nani Gopal Das and a section of BCL men loyal to him had a role in the incident. They had been involved in corruption and admission trade and want cancellation of the new appointment to keep their misdeeds from getting exposed.

Nani Gopal refuted this claim and said he had already handed over the charge to the acting principal on February 3.

Meanwhile, newly-appointed principal Prof Shankar Chandra Dutt has been made an OSD on Thursday, two days after he was assaulted by a faction of BCL.

An education ministry order has asked Prof Shankar to join the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education (DSHSE) as an officer on special duty (OSD) within February 18.

In the same order, Shankar's predecessor Prof Nani Gopal Das has also been made an OSD at the DSHSE.

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Memo No. NIPORT/Research-909/PRW-2012/177

Date: 13/02/2013

Subject: Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) has been allocated public fund under the "Research, Survey and Development" component of the Operational Plan "Training Research and Development" of Health Population and Nutrition Sector Development Program (HPNSDP) and it intends to procure services in order to conduct the research studies or study related activities (e.g. study data collection, data editing/coding, data entry, analysis) under the following separate packages:

The packages are:

Package 1-PFORS: Barriers of facility delivery in upgraded UHFWC and UHC.

Package 2-PFORS: Assess the constraints to promote long-acting and permanent contraceptive methods (LAPMs).

Package 3-PFORS: Training need assessment of program personnel and service providers of FP.

Package 4-PFORS: Reproductive behaviour of eligible women in the coastal areas.

Package 5-PFORS: Provision of HPN services in the private sector.

Package 6-Trg-Eval: Follow-up of FVW Basic Training

To complete all the above mentioned packages primary and secondary data collection will be needed. Activities for each of the package need to complete by the June 2013.

Consultants (research firms) may submit EOI for each package. But for each package separate EOI need to be submitted for separate evaluation.

NIPORT now invites eligible consultants (research firms) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants (research firms) are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate experiences, professional qualifications and experience among staff, resources to carry out the assignments, administrative and financial strength etc).

Consultant (research firm) may associate with other research firms (consultants) to enhance their qualifications. Associations with foreign firms are encouraged but not mandatory.

Consultants (research firms) will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement Act 2006 and Public Procurement Regulations 2008 (with latest amendments) issued by the GOB.

Interested consultants (research firms) may obtain further information from the address above during normal office hours.

Expression of Interest shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned shown above by 4th March 2013, and be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest" for "Program Focused ORs/ Studies under Operational Plan TRD" and Package Title with Number.

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Modernization of Animal Laboratory for Biomedical and Toxicological Research

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Dr. Qudrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhaka-1205

Invitation for Tender

Sealed tender are hereby invited from experienced suppliers/manufacturer to supply as per PPR-2008.

Terms and conditions are as follows:

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Science & Technology.
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR).
3.	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Modernization of Animal Laboratory for Biomedical and Toxicological Research.
4.	Procuring entity code	Not in use.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6.	Invitation for	Procurement of Laboratory Equipments.
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	39.345.014.00.00.004.2013
8.	Date	14.02.2013.

KEY INFORMATION

9.	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM).
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FUNDING METHOD

10.	Budget and source of fund	GOB.
11.	Development partners	N/A.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12.	Project/programme code	5071
13.	Project/programme name	Modernization of Animal Laboratory for Biomedical and Toxicological Research.
14.	Tender package No.	01/2013.
15.	Tender package name	Procurement of Goods.
16.	Tender last selling date	10.03.2013 up to 3:00pm.
17.	Tender closing date and time	11.03.2013 at 12:00pm.
18.	Tender opening date and time	11.03.2013 at 12:30pm.
19.	Name and address of the office: Selling tender document (principal)	i) Office of the Project Director, Modernization of Animal Laboratory for Biomedical and Toxicological Research. Animal House Research Section, IFST, BCSIR, Dr. Kudrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205. ii) Office of the Director, IFST, BCSIR, Dr. Kudrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205. iii) Office of the Chairman, BCSIR, Dr. Kudrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.
20.	Receiving tender document	Office of the Director, IFST, BCSIR, Dr. Kudrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.
21.	Opening tender documents	Office of the Director, IFST, BCSIR, Dr. Kudrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.
	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	N/A.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22.	Eligibility of tenderer	Minimum 5 years experiences as a supplier of scientific equipment others terms & conditions should be followed according to the tender documents.
23.	Brief description of goods	As per Schedule Specification.
24.	Brief description of related services	N/A.
25.	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 1000.00 (one thousand only), non-refundable for Lot No. 1. Tk. 1000.00 (one thousand only), non-refundable for Lot No. 2.

Group	Lot No.	Identification lot	Location	Tender Security amount (tk) (refundable)	Completion time in weeks
	Lot No.1	Freeze Dryer, Muffle Furnace, Hot Plate with Magnetic Stirrer, Vortex Mixture	Dhaka	71,000.00	12 weeks from date of notification of award
	Lot No.2	UV-VIS Spectrophotometer, Lab Centrifuge, Heating Mantles	Dhaka	61,000.00	12 weeks from date of notification of award

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

26.	Name of official inviting tender	Dipa Islam.
27.	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director, Modernization of Animal Laboratory for Biomedical and Toxicological Research.
28.	Address of the official inviting tender	Animal Research Section, IFST, BCSIR, Dr. Kudrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.
29.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No. 8625038-9, Ext-298, Fax: 88-02-8613022, Email: btr5071@gmail.com
30.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject of any or all tenders.	

GD-652 Dipa Islam
Project Director

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

'Robber' killed in mob beating

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Noakhali*

A suspected robber was killed in a mob beating at Mali Para village in Kabirhat upazila early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Abdul Kuddus, 50, of Subarnachar upazila. Police said a gang of 10/12 was taking preparation to commit robbery at a house near Kalamunsi Bazar in the area. Hearing the hue and cry of the family members, locals chased the robbers and caught Abdul while the rest fled the scene. The mob then gave him a good beating, leaving him dead on the spot. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Noakhali Medical College and Hospital morgue for autopsy, said Mahbub Alam, officer in-charge at Kabirhat police station.

20 shops gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Netrakona*

At least 20 shops were gutted in a devastating fire at Panchkata Bazar in Kalmakanda upazila yesterday morning. Police and locals said that the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop and soon engulfed the adjoining shops. On Information, firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the blaze with the help of locals. The shop owners claimed that the loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk one crore.

Betel leaf gardens 'torched'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Jhenidah*

Betel leaves on three bighas of land were gutted after they were allegedly torched by criminals in Kaliganj upazila yesterday morning. The affected farmers claimed that a gang set fire to their gardens, causing damage to betel leaves worth Tk 15 lakh. The incident took place at about 11:30am. On Information, firefighters rushed in and doused the blaze with the help of locals. Affected betel leaf farmer Naran Samaddar said he borrowed Tk 80000 from a local NGO for the cultivation. "How I will repay the loan now", he posed.



COURTESY: BANK ASIA

Humaira Azam, deputy managing director of Bank Asia, poses for photograph along with the recipients of Bank Asia Higher Studies Scholarship-2012 at a function at Lohagara in Chittagong on Friday.

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