

Poor return empty-handed as OMS *ata* sold on black market

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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The government authorised dealers in the district town are allegedly selling *ata* (coarse flour) meant for Open Market Sale (OMS) on the black market, depriving the people of the low-income group of the item at fair price.

Locals alleged that the authorities concerned here were aware of the malpractice, but they did not take any steps against the dealers for committing such criminal offence with the connivance of some millers and food department staff.

Refuting the allegation against some food department staff, district Food Controller Zohurul Haque said OMS dealers and millers were involved in the wrongdoing.

Admitting to his failure to take action against the dishonest dealers, the food official said all the 12 dealers were appointed on political consideration. "So, they don't care the monitoring team and its drive", he added.

Sources in the district food department said the government launched open market sale of *ata* in the district in June last year and each of the 12 dealers gets



PHOTO: STAR

People belonging to low-income group come to OMS outlets in Lalmirhat town to purchase *ata* (coarse flour) at fair price, but they often return empty handed. The photo shows such an outlet at Banbhosa intersection in the town.

1,000 kg *ata* every day to sell it at the outlets.

An official of the local food department, seeking anonymity, said each OMS dealer has been selling 200 to 300 kg *ata* every day since launching of the programme. They sell rest of the allotted *ata* on the black market at the mill gate, he alleged.

One kg *ata* at OMS outlets is priced Tk 20, but the dealers sell it at Tk 27-28 on the black market, the official

added.

Low-income people come to purchase *ata* at govt fixed rate but they often return home empty handed as OMS dealers keep the outlets closed or stop its sale, saying that the stocks have been exhausted.

Yunus Ali, 42, a resident of College Road area in the town alleged that he went to an OMS outlet at College Bazar Wednesday noon to purchase *ata*, but returned

without the item there as the outlet remained closed.

He then went to an outlet at Airport Road but did not get *ata* as the dealer said that he had already sold out the stocks of the day.

"I went to the OMS outlet at Saptana Road to purchase 5 kgs of *ata* on Wednesday morning, but I got only one kg as the dealer refused to sell the required amount to me," said housewife Monowara Begum.

3 electrocuted

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Three people were electrocuted in Dinajpur, Moulvibazar and Bogra on Sunday and the day before.

A teenage boy was electrocuted in Khansama upazila of Dinajpur on Sunday evening but his parents claimed the incident as murder.

Identified as Md. Babu, 18, he was son of Abbas Ali of Babki village, reports our correspondent.

Police said that Babu came in contact with the live wire of a power run water pump in the field of Babar Ali Shah of the Babkivillage and later died.

But Babu's father Abbas Ali made the allegation that his son was murdered by Jahangir Alam, son of Babar Ali Shah, in a planned way as he called his son to the place.

Why my son died but Jahangir was saved, Abbas posed.

In Moulvibazar, a woman was killed when she herself was trying to repair a live wire snapped during storm in Simultola area under Juri upazila of the district yesterday morning, reports our correspondent.

The deceased was Rehana Begum, 27, wife of Hazi Kamal Miah of the village.

Away in Bogra, a man died from electrocution in Ramkandi village under Shibgonj upazila on Saturday afternoon.

The deceased was identified as Asraful Islam, 45, son of Abdul Malek of the village, reports our correspondent.

Boy killed allegedly by uncle, aunt for land

STAR NATIONAL DESK

A four-year-old boy was killed allegedly by his uncle and aunt at Rudrobaria village in Dhunat upazila of Bogra district on Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Merajul Islam Meraj, son of Nurul Islam of the village, reports our correspondent.

The law enforcers arrested uncle Rafiqul and aunt Marzina in connection with the incident.

Police and family sources said there was a longstanding conflict between Nurul Islam and the arrestees over a piece of

disputed land.

As a sequel to the conflict, Rafiqul and Marzina strangled the boy at around 2:00pm when his parents were not at home.

Hearing the hue and cry, neighbours rushed to the spot, caught the duo and handed them over to police, said Anwar Hossain, sub-inspector of Dhunat police station.

In Dinajpur, a man was killed allegedly by his relatives over a piece of disputed land in Khansama upazila on Sunday afternoon.

Deceased Shukur Ali, 38, was son of Mohammad Sahabuddin of Paltapur village, reports our corre-

spondent.

The law enforcers arrested five people in connection with the killing.

Police and locals said an altercation took place between Shukur Ali and his uncle Imran Mistri over a piece of disputed land.

At one stage of altercation, Imran, Shahidul Islam and two other cousins of the victim attacked him with an iron rod, leaving him critically injured.

Shukur Ali was rushed to Dinajpur Medical College and Hospital where doctors declared him dead, said Krishna Kumar Sarker, officer in-charge of Khansama police station.

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Expression of Interest for Selection of Consulting Firm

1. Ministry/Division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.
3. Procuring entity name	Padma Oil Company Limited.
4. Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
5. Expression of interest for EOI Ref. No. & date	Selection of Consulting Firm.
6. RMD: 27(A) dated: 10/04/2013.	Open Tender Method.
7. Procurement method	POCL's own source.
8. Budget and source of fund	Feasibility Study for Construction of Multistoried Building(s) for best utilization of POCL's land at 6, Elephant Road, Paribag, Dhaka.
9. Project name	09/05/2013 up to 1430hrs.
10. EOI receiving date & time	Padma Oil Company Limited owned a plot of land at 6, Elephant Road, Paribag, Dhaka measuring around 2 (two) acres. Now POCL intent to appoint a consulting firm to carry out Demand Assessment Survey and best land use study of the land in order to finalise the manner in which way the land can be used to generate maximum revenue. Techno-Commercial Viability of the proposed aforesaid projects shall have the following salient features:
11. Brief description of assignment	<p>(a) To carry out market survey to ascertain commercial demand in the area in the coming time period of next 50 (fifty) years or more and to propose the type of construction to suit the demand in the proposed complex.</p> <p>(b) Generate various development options/models and recommend which alternative that will be most beneficial to POCL.</p> <p>(c) Viability of the project may also to be worked out in partnership model with no financial involvement from POCL. However, suggestions for the most commercial viable projects appropriate financing model as to whether the project is to be financed by POCL from its own resources or from the borrowed capital from the financial institutions or mix of both may also be provided.</p> <p>(d) Each alternative of the proposal shall be supported by all the relevant vital details like cost of the project, time period of the completion, cash flow requirement, cost of the funds, cost benefit ratio, the yearly profit likely to accrue to POCL by way of leasing out the built-up space, up-front payment with sharing of space/rental etc.</p> <p>(e) Details of interaction with four to five renowned land development companies of the relevant field/area for assessing various parameters needed for viability of the project.</p> <p>(f) In the City Development Plan/Area Plan/Revenue Records, the area of the compound and its usages has to be checked/arranged by the consultant. Comments on the feasibility of change of land use for the proposed scheme with likely premium to be paid to statutory authorities for the same.</p> <p>(g) Preparation and submission of the final report with recommendation of the most beneficial model to POCL. The project report should be good enough for obtaining the loan from financial institutions, if required.</p> <p>(h) The consultant shall provide all the assistance or reply of the queries which may be required till the report is finally accepted by the POCL.</p> <p>(i) The applicant should have experience as below:</p> <p>(a) The applicant should have satisfactorily completed similar works during the last 7 (seven) years ending last day of the month prior to the one in which the EOI has been invited as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Three similar works*, each pertaining to development of 3,000 SqM of land area, OR ii) Two similar works*, each pertaining to development of 7,000 SqM of land area, OR iii) One similar works*, each pertaining to development of 10,000 SqM of land area, <p>(b) Similar work(s) shall mean providing of consultancy services for assessment of Techno-Commercial viability/feasibility and successful signing of concession agreement & appointment of developer for construction/development of Institutional/Commercial/Residential Complex.</p> <p>(c) At least one consultancy work of any type should have been executed in any government, semi-government or autonomous organisation in the last 7 (seven) years.</p> <p>(d) The bidder's average annual financial turnover (Gross), by way of PROFESSIONAL RECEIPTS FOR the CONSULTANCY services during immediate last three consecutive financial years (ending 30th June) duly audited by a Chartered Accountant shall not be less than Tk. 10 (ten) crore with minimum turnover of Tk. 2 (two) crore in a year.</p> <p>(e) The expression of interest must comprise the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Covering letter ii) Company profile iii) Experience details iv) Income Tax returns <p>The copies of Income Tax returns for the last 3 years.</p> <p>(b) Only short-listed consulting firm will be called to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP).</p> <p>Added advantage:</p> <p>Padma Bhaban, Padma Oil Company Limited, 4, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong-4000 & Padma Bhaban, Padma Oil Company Limited, 6, Paribag, Dhaka-1000.</p>

SNIPPETS

Jagpa, Jamaat men held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Rakib Uddin Chowdhury Munna, district unit president of Jatiya Ganatantrik Party (Jagpa) and Abdul Haque Sirajee, former ameer of Khansama Jamaat-e-Islam and UP chairman were arrested yesterday noon on charge of attacking police. Jagpa man was picked up from his Bahadurbazaar residence in the district town at around 2:30pm in connection with a case filed on April 10. On the day, the 18-party led by BNP activists attacked police while the law enforcers performing their duties, police said. Police also arrested the Jamaat ameer from his residence in Khansama upazila on the same allegation. Both were sent to Dinajpur jail.

Madrasa torched in Laxmipur

UNB, Laxmipur

Unidentified criminals torched a Dakhil madrasa at Basikpur union in Sadar upazila early yesterday. Hafez Shahidullah, Superintendent of Ramnagar Madinatul Ulum Dakhil Madrasa, said that a gang set the madrasa on fire at about 3:00am. Locals doused the blaze after two hours of hectic efforts. Two rooms were gutted in the arson attack. Two empty bottles of kerosene were recovered from his spot, said the madrasa superintendent.

Robbery in guise of Rab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A robbery was committed at the house of a businessman at Jalshukha Mondal para in Shahajahanpur upazila of the district on early Saturday. Police quoting the victim family members said a gang in the guise of Rab men entered the house of Ruhul Amin, a trader of chili and paddy and looted cash money, gold ornaments and a mobile set worth Tk 3 lakh. Ruhul Amin said six armed men wearing black-clothes alleged that they came to search for illegal arms, narcotics and fake currency at the house. They ransacked the house and looted the cash and valuables worth Tk 3 lakh.

'Missing' youth found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Police recovered the body of a youth from a septic tank at Damkuri village under Singra upazila of the district on Sunday evening. The victim was identified as Lokman Ali, 32, son of Amzad Hossain of the village. Faysur Rahman, officer in-charge of Singra police station, said Lokman was 'missing' for last 10 days. On Sunday evening, locals found a body in Ayat Ali's septic tank and informed the police.

Housewife 'commits suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A housewife allegedly took her own life by taking poison at her house following a family feud at Fulbari village under Sonatola upazila on Saturday night. The deceased was identified as Kulsum Khatun, 22, wife of Ashraf Ali of the village. Her relatives said that Kulsum was married off with Ashraf of the same village three years ago. She had quarreled with her husband over a trivial matter hours before taking poison, they said.

12 houses gutted in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

At least 12 houses were gutted in a fire early yesterday at South Kamdepur area in Rangpur city. Locals and fire service sources said, the fire was originated by a short circuit at one Ashraf's house and soon engulfed the nearby houses. The blaze damaged all the goods, valuables, paddy, rice, potato, a motorbike and burnt four cows to death.

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