



PHOTO: STAR  
Farmers form a human chain at Gangachhara upazila headquarters yesterday, demanding that the government immediately open boro paddy purchase centre at union level and fix fair price of the crop.

## SNIPPETS

### 18-party men sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Around 200 leaders and activists of 18-party alliance were sued yesterday on charge of vandalising vehicles and blasting cocktails on Tuesday. Sub-Inspector (SI) Md Abdul Hye of Sudharam police station filed the case under Speedy Trial Act. BNP leaders and activists went on the rampage in the district town on Tuesday after president of district unit BNP Md Shahjahan, also joint secretary of the party, was rearrested from Kashimpur jail gate in Dhaka on the day. The accused include district BNP leaders ABM Zakaria and Abdur Rahman.

### Hartal passes off

UNB, Joypurhat

A dawn-to-dusk hartal enforced by Jamaat-e-Islami, demanding the rescue of the party's district unit general secretary Nazrul Islam, who was reportedly picked up by law enforcers from his residence, passed off peacefully yesterday. Jamaat also demanded that Nazrul Islam, after his rescue, be produced before the media. During hartal hours, movement of rickshaws and other small vehicles was normal in the town. The educational institutions remained closed. Jamaat claimed that some people, identifying themselves as plainclothes police, picked up Nazrul from his residence in the town on April 11.

### Youth 'commits suicide'

A CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

A youth allegedly took his own life by taking poison over a family feud in Pakpara village in Kalidashpur union under Alamdanga upazila of the district on Tuesday evening. The deceased was identified as Tutul Hasan, 28, son of Majharul Hasan of the village. Quoting the youth's family members, police said Tutul Hasan had an altercation with his parents at 7pm over a trifling matter and at one stage he took insecticide at his bedroom.

### Man 'kills daughter'

UNB, Habiganj

A two-year-old girl was killed allegedly by her father at Bhatpara village in Bahubal upazila of the district on Tuesday. She was identified as Tamima, daughter of Nizam Uddin, a resident of the village. Family sources said, Nizam killed Tamima by slitting her throat at their house in the afternoon while she was asleep and went into hiding soon after the incident. Later, villagers managed to catch him and handed him over to police. Officer in-charge Jalal Uddin of Bahubal police station said Nizam seems to be insane.

### Youth electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A dish line worker was electrocuted in Kawkhali upazila on Tuesday night. The deceased as identified as Haider Ali, 26, son of Abdul Chan Mia of Parerhat village of Zianagar upazila. Locals aid, Haider was electrocuted while repairing a dish line around 10.30pm at Sialkathi village in the upazila. Locals took him to Kawkhali health complex where the doctor declared him dead.

### Housewife killed for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nnetrakona

A housewife has been killed allegedly by her husband for dowry at Asadpur village under Khaliajuri upazila. The deceased was identified as Anjuman-ara-Begum, 25, wife of Kabir Hossain of the village. Police and family sources said Anjuman, daughter of Shamim Ahmed of the area, married Kabir three years ago. After the marriage, Kabir often tortured Anjuman for Tk 50,000. After altercation over the issue Kabir killed her and dumped the body in a jungle at the village, alleged deceased's mother Hasina Begum. Mohammad Ramizul Haque, officer in-charge of Khaliajuri police station, said Kabir is an addict and he used to beat Anjuman for dowry. A case was filed in this connection. Kabir went into hiding after the incident, said the OC.

## Students confine VC demanding cut in fee hike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Students of Jessore Science and Technology University on Tuesday confined the teachers and staffs including the vice chancellor to the office, demanding cancellation of order to increase fees for master's admission and reduction of current semester fees.

They staged the demonstration in front of the administrative building for about eight hours from 2:00pm, boycotting classes and examinations.

They also held a rally and submitted a memorandum to proctor Nur Alam of Chemical Engineering department and student advisor Mosharraf Hossain.

The demands include reducing admission fees to Tk 4,000 from newly fixed Tk 15,250 for masters

courses and Tk 3,000 from Tk 4,500 for semester fees.

The authorities took the decision on Monday, triggering protest by the students, said the speakers at the rally.

The protesters also threatened to continue the agitation until June 8 if the demands were not met. Among others, Ratul Das, Subrata Biswas, Bappa Banarjee and Shafinuddin, spoke.

VC Abdus Sattar said, the authorities recently fixed Tk 15,250 for admission in masters and Tk 12000 for honourse courses.

However, he said the demands of students will be placed before the next regent board meeting for its consideration.

The university introduced masters courses this year, said officials.

## UZ chairman removed on graft charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Bhuapur Upazila Parishad Chairman Shamsul Haque Talukder has been removed on corruption charges.

Mohammad Abdus Sabur, deputy secretary of the local government, rural development and cooperatives ministry, sent a letter to the deputy commissioner of Tangail in this regard on Tuesday.

Vice-Chairman Selina Akhter has been given the charge of acting upazila parishad chairman, said Bhuapur Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Helaluzzaman, who received a copy of the letter the same day.

The upazila parishad chairman was found guilty of misappropriating Tk 16 lakh from government funds and removed from his post under Section 13 (2) of the Upazila Parishad Act-1998 (amended in 2011), the letters said.

UNO office sources said Shamsul Haque Talukder misappropriated the government funds in June 2011, showing a false resolution of the upazila parishad on completion of works of four projects.

He submitted the bills for



Shamsul Haque Talukder

Tk 16 lakh to the then upazila engineer Al Faruki without finishing the project works and then UNO KM Abdul Wadud approved the bills, sources added.

After revealing the corruption, an official of Bhuapur upazila brought the matter to the notice of UNO Helaluzzaman, who verified the papers and found chairman's involvement in misappropriating the money.

The UNO later forwarded his findings to the ministry that took action against the upazila parishad chairman.

This correspondent could not contact sacked chairman Shamsul Haque Talukder to know his reaction to the ministry's action as his cellphone was switched off.

## BSF returns policeman, picks up youth

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) yesterday returned a Bangladeshi policeman following a flag meeting with Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

Rakesh Kumar Sarker, posted at Batgerhat Police Line, was held by BSF on Tuesday. On April 26, he went to India illegally for treatment, reports our correspondent.

BSF members of Hakimpur camp under Sharapnagar police station, picked him up from Kakkdanga border area when he was trying to return to Bangladesh, said operation officer of 38 Shatkthira BGB battalion, Anwarul Mazhar.

At the meeting, Subedar Lokman, commander of Madra company, led the seven-member BGB team while a seven-member BSF team was led by Dhorendra Kumar, AC of Darkanda camp.

In Thakurgaon, BSF picked up a Bangladeshi youth from Mundumala border in Baliadangi upazila on Tuesday night, reports our correspondent.

He was identified as Abdul Manik, 25, son of late Harun-or-Rashid of Ratnai Kashipur village under the same upazila.

Operation officer of 30, BGB Battalion Maj. Kazi Alamgir told this correspondent over cell phone that BSF members of Sonamoti camp of 14, BSF Battalion picked up Manik inside India at about 10:00pm.

BGB sent a letter to the BSF to return Manik.

Responding to the letter, a commander-level flag meeting between the two border forces was held at 10:00am yesterday where the BSF informed that Manik was caught with twenty bottles of phensidyl near the border.

At the meeting, the BSF also informed that Manik was handed over to Islampur police station under Uttar Dinajpur district in West Bengal on charge of intrusion and possessing drugs, Maj Alamgir said.

## Half of Habiganj tea estates cease trading

UNB, Habiganj

Around half of the total 24 tea gardens in Habiganj are not cultivating tea while several are cultivating rubber instead of tea.

Lack of interest in investment, weak management and adverse weather condition are leading the forex earning crop to ruination.

There are 24 tea gardens under the management of the government, foreign companies and private ownership in the district.

These gardens are at Rema, Nalua, Parkul, Lalchand, Chandpur, Laskarpur, Satchhari, Amu, Chandichhara, Chaklapunji, Deundi and Sribari in Chunarughat upazila, jagodishpur, Teliapara, Nayapara, Boikanthapur and Surma in Madhabpur upazila, Madhupur, Brindaban, Amtoli and Rashidpur in Bahubal upazila and Imam and Bawani in Nabiganj upazila.

According to sources in the district administration, total land of these gardens is about 34,494 hectares.

Of this, leased out land is about 34, 180 hectares.

Of the leased land, tea is being cultivated on 18,402 hectares.

According to the government rule and

agreement, the leased land must be used only for tea cultivation.

Tea cultivation is to be expanded every year by 2.5 per cent of the total cultivable land; but the rule is being ignored.

On the contrary, rubber, paddy and other crops are being cultivated on the land meant for tea.

In Surma Tea Garden, the leased land is 4454.39 acres but tea cultivation takes place on only 2,134 acres.

Contacted of the tea garden MA Kashem said, the garden has 2,200 workers instead of 1,200.

Due to absence of investment and increased production cost, tea cultivation is not increasing.

At present, eight to nine lakh kilograms of tea is being produced which could easily be increased to more than 10 lakh kgs.

Deputy manager of Chandpur Tea Garden said they are cultivating rubber with approval of the government and rubber is being produced on its 47 hectares of land.

On the other hand, many others are getting interested in rubber cultivation.

Sources said, rubber cultivation is going on in large scale in the district's Chakla, Lalchan, Teliapara and Surma areas.



PHOTO: STAR  
Indigenous people living in the plains join a human chain on the premises of Thakurgaon deputy commissioner's office yesterday, demanding formation of a land commission for them.

## AL, BNP men in storm-hit areas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Separate teams of ruling Awami League (AL) and main opposition BNP have visited different cyclone-affected areas.

On May 16, Cyclone Mahasen lashed the areas, leaving several people killed and a number of houses damaged.

A team from central AL, led by its central joint secretary Mahbulul Alam Hanif, visited Amtali and Taltali upazilas in Barguna district yesterday and Galachipa and Rangabali upazilas in Patuakhali the day before.

During the visit, the team distributed relief among 600 affected people in Galachipa upazila on Tuesday. Later, the relief was distributed among 800 in

Rangabali upazila.

Other members of the team were Food Minister Dr Abdur Razzak, AFM Bahauddin Nasim, joint organising secretary of AL and Mahbubur Rahman Talukder, state minister for water resources.

BNP-backed team, led by its central vice president Altaf Hossain Chowdhury visited Kalapara upazila on Tuesday and distributed relief among 500 cyclone affected people.

Yesterday, the team distributed relief among other victims in Baufal and Dashmina upazilas.

The team will visit Galachipa and Rangabali upazilas today while Mirzaganj upazila tomorrow, said Golam Rahman, office secretary of district BNP.

## Invitation for EOI from EVENT MANAGEMENT Company for the REHAB Summer Fair 2013.

**REHAB summer Fair, 2013** will be held from 26-29 June, 2013 at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel, Dhaka. The REHAB Fair Standing Committee is seeking the expression of interest (EOI) from national/ international Event Management Company/firm to conduct the event.

### 1. Job Description & Responsibilities:

- Organize and execute the REHAB Summer Fair, 2013 under direct supervision of REHAB Fair Standing Committee(National).
- Showcase the industry perspective and promote the fair in all possible media of Bangladesh incorporating latest event management tools and methods.
- Conduct opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony, Press Conference, Venue Decoration, Printing etc. for the fair.

### 2. Eligibility:

- The company/firm must have at least 3 (three) years work experience in National or International event management.
- The Company/firm must submit the updated trade license, TIN Certificate, VAT Registration & Company/firm profile.
- The Company/firm must provide the Bank Solvency Certificate & **Bank Guarantee on work order value.**
- 2.5%** of the total offered price to be submitted as earnest money along with the Financial Offer favoring REHAB in the form of Bank Draft/pay Order.

### 3. Submission of Expression:

The respondent must submit their proposal in one large sealed envelope containing two separate sealed envelopes of Technical & Financial bids. **"Bid for Event Management Company/firm for the REHAB Summer Fair 2013"** to be written on the envelope.

#### a. Technical Bids:

- Must contain hard and soft copy of the presentation for the execution plan for the REHAB Summer Fair, 2013.
- The respondent must be ready to give a presentation on the technical proposal. Presentation must not exceed duration of 20 Minutes. Additional 10 minutes will be kept aside for Q & A.

#### b. Financial Bid:

- Financial bid will be opened in the presence of the short listed respondents.
- The respondent will be selected by the REHAB Fair Standing Committee (national) after scrutinizing the proposals.

### 4. Timing:

Terms of reference (TOR) and other information & documents in relation to the fair may be collected from **25 May 2013 to 01 June 2013** during working hours (10:00 am to 5:00 pm) from REHAB Secretariat, National Plaza, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1/G, Free School Street, Sonargaon Road, Dhaka-1205, on payment of **non-refundable amount of TK. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand)** only. The last time and date of submission of quotation(s) is **3:00 pm, 02 June, 2013**, to the REHAB Secretariat. This will be opened on **02 June 2013 at 5:00 pm**. A Pre-discussion meeting with Tenderers to be held on **30 May, 2013 at 4:00pm** for detail clarification of the Tender items. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reason.

### 5. Among the short-listed respondents, contract will be awarded to one or more companies having the most suitable qualities and capabilities to organize the event or any part thereof in the most befitting manner at the reasonable cost.

Sd /-

**Md. Wahiduzzaman**

General Secretary (in-charge),  
REHAB.



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For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply for the above position, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be received no later than on **Wednesday, 5 June, 2013**.

**Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.**  
**Female candidates are encouraged to apply.**



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