

Country's first iron mine in sight

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Dinaipur

Members of the Geological Survey of Bangladesh (GSB) have found presence of iron ore and limestone in the samples collected during a survey at Mushidpur village in Hakimpur upazila.

"We have collected some samples. A decision for further exploration will be taken following a laboratory test of the samples," said Munirul Islam, an engineer of the drilling team.

The drilling was started on March 22 and it continued till June 2 this year.

The GSB engineers drilled about 2167ft and found presence of limestone at a depth of 1190ft. They found hematite, magnetite and limonite in between 1500 and 1888ft depth.

The thickness of the iron ore layer was up to 3ft while limestone layer was up to 1200 feet.

Nihal Uddin, director of the drilling project



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Samples of iron ore collected during a recent survey at Mushidpur village in Hakimpur upazila of Dinaipur.

also confirmed the presence of magnetite minerals and added that to assess the reserves and quality of the detected materials they would need an extensive laboratory test.

The collected samples have been sent to Institute of Mining, Mineralogy and Metallurgy in Joypurhat and GSB Dhaka office for laboratory test, said the project director.

"If everything goes well,

Bangladesh will get its first iron mine," he added.

Dr Sirajur Rahman Khan, director general of GSB, visited the site on May 23 and told the local journalists that the presence of magnetite minerals was visible during the drilling.

Earlier in June last year, the Geological Survey of Bangladesh (GSB) detected a limestone layer at a depth of about 1700ft in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat.

ARREST OF LEADER

Jamaat calls hartal in 8 dists today

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Chapainawabganj

Jamaat-e-Islami has called a half-day hartal in Rajshahi division for today as police arrested a top leader of the party in Belepukur area of the district town early yesterday.

The arrestee is Rafiqul Islam, a Majlish-e-Sura member (member of working committee) of central unit of Jamaat, also assistant director of Rajshahi divisional zone and former ameer of Chapainawabganj unit.

Contacted, Chapainawabganj Jamaat acting ameer Latifur Rahman said, Rajshahi division unit called the hartal from 6:00am to 2:00pm protesting the arrest.

However, the Rajshahi city area would be out of the purview of the shutdown due to the city corporation polls.

Officer in-charge (OC) Bazlur Rashid of Sadar model police station said, the law enforcers picked up Rafiqul from his residence at Belepukur at around 3:00am.

He is wanted in several cases, including for assault on police and planning subversive acts, the OC said.

Dysfunctional cranes, forklifts hamper Benapole port work

MOHSIN MILON, Benapole,
Jessore

Loading and unloading of heavy items at Benapole land port is badly disturbed as the cranes and forklifts used for the purpose there often remain out of order.

Due to the situation prevailing for around a month, the country's largest land port faces problem in export and import of goods to and from neighbouring India.

Often long queues of goods-laden trucks are seen at the land port.

Forklifts and cranes are used to load and unload machinery imported from India as the items can hardly be handled manually, said port sources.

But the lone 25-tonne capacity forklift at Benapole land port is no longer operational while three of the five 5-tonne capacity forklifts also remain dysfunctional most of the time, they said.

Four cranes with capacity to lift 40 tonnes, 35 tonnes, 19 tonnes and 10 tonnes of goods are also in the same condition.

Thirty-five warehouses of the port can usually store 30,000 tonnes of goods for a

certain period of time but 50,000 tonnes of goods are now kept there due to the problem in loading and unloading the items, sources said.

Akbar Hossain, joint commissioner of Benapole customs office, told this correspondent that the port

authorities were told to take steps about the cranes and forklifts.

Tofazzal Hossain, director (Traffic), Benapole land port authority, said they informed the higher authorities concerned about the conditions of cranes and forklifts and measures are

likely to be taken soon.

"We are facing serious problems due to disturbance in loading and unloading goods. It should be solved on an urgent basis," said Emdadul Haque Lota, secretary of Benapole Clearing and Forwarding Agents Association.



PHOTO: STAR

Cranes and forklifts remain out of order at Benapole land port, hampering loading and unloading of machinery imported from India.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

AL leader stabbed

UNB, Sylhet

Criminals attacked and seriously injured a local Awami League leader by stabbing him in Khadim Bypass area on the Sylhet-Tamabil road on Sunday. The injured was identified as Oliur Rahman, vice-president of the Kanaighat upazila unit of AL and resident of Narayanpur village under Gachhbari union of the upazila. Witnesses said a gang swooped on Oliur at 2:00pm while he was going to Sylhet town from Kanaighat along with his cousin Mostak Ahmed riding a CNG-run auto-rickshaw. They stabbed him indiscriminately leaving him severely injured and left the scene.

Woman killed by son

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A woman was killed allegedly by her son at Narendrapur village in Kachua upazila on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Shahida Begum, 55, wife of Fazlur Rahman of the village. Locals said Shahida and her son Obaidul Islam Uzzal, 35, locked in an altercation when she refused to give money to her son on Sunday morning. At one stage, Uzzal hit her mother with a spade, leaving her injured. Critically injured Shahida later died at Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) at night.

Youth gets life for rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A court here gave life term rigorous imprisonment to a youth in a rape case. Additional judge of District and Sessions Judge Court Mafizur Rahman Bhuiyan handed down the verdict to Rafiqul Islam, 30, son of Keramat Ali of Baghia village of Manikganj Sadar upazila, for violating a minor girl in 2001. The court also fined him Tk.20, 000, in default to suffer six months more RI.

Potter murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A man was stabbed to death at Paul Para at Shekhercola village in Sadar upazila on Sunday night. The deceased was Romen Chandra Paul, 28, son of Hiren Chandra Paul, of the village and a potter by profession. Family members found Romen lying with his throat slit at around 11:00pm at a eucalyptus garden, around 200 meters away from his residence and informed the police.

Body exhumed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Body of a school teacher was exhumed from the grave at village Damodarpur under Sarishabari upazila of the district on Monday noon. The dead, Momena Khatun, 35, wife of Muslem Uddin of the village, was an assistant teacher of Dakkhin Damodarpur Govt. Primary School. Police said Momena's in-laws claimed she died of lightning. As the body was buried on that day on May 4 hurriedly, the incident roused a doubt among the family members of Momena and the locals. Mukaddes Ali, father of the dead, later filed a murder case against five persons. The court took the case into cognisance and passed an order to investigate the matter and exhume the body from the grave and send it to Jamalpur General Hospital morgue for an autopsy.



PHOTO: STAR

Villagers join hands to repair the lone damaged earthen road at Mukarompur village in Ishwardi upazila of Pabna as the local administration has turned a blind eye to the problem despite repeated appeals.

Farmers protest construction of dyke on croplands

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Manikganj

Farmers formed a human chain in front of Manikganj Press Club yesterday demanding immediate steps to stop construction of an embankment on croplands.

Water Development Board is building the embankment in Bara Sarundi area of Manikganj municipality.

The affected farmers filed two separate cases with Manikganj Sadar upazila assistant judge court against Manikganj deputy commis-

sioner, Manikganj municipality mayor, WDB executive engineer and Manikganj Sadar upazila nirbahi officer (UNO).

Visiting the area yesterday, this correspondent found two excavators removing soil from croplands at Nayakandi, 100-150 yards away from Nayajandi Khal (canal).

Land owners Sharif Ali, Nehaj Uddin, Haruner Rashid, Taher Ali and others said their homesteads will be under threat if the authorities construct the embankment at the site.

WDB sub divisional

office sources said the authorities have taken a project to build an embankment between Tora and Dergram areas of Manikganj Sadar upazila. The work began in 2007-08 and a major portion (between Tora and Bewtha) of the job completed two years ago.

The WDB acquired 5.2 acres land in Bara Sarundi Mouza of the Manikganj municipality to construct the rest portion of the embankment. The work began recently and it is going on according to the design, they said.



PHOTO: STAR

Water Development Board (WDB) builds an embankment on cropland, removing soil by two excavators in Bara Sarundi area of Manikganj municipality, inset, the affected farmers form a human chain in front of the local press club yesterday, urging the authorities concerned to stop construction of the dyke.



Two kids electrocuted just for sheer neglect

STAR COUNTRY DESK

A five-year-old girl met her tragic end as she came in contact with a live electric wire at a mango orchard in Khansama upazila of Dinaipur on Monday.

She was identified as Rumi Begum, daughter of Abdul Wahab of Sahajpur village in the upazila.

Meanwhile, death of a schoolboy from electrocution in Shaikupa municipality under Jhenidah district the same day sparked protest in the area.

Our Dinaipur correspondent reported that police arrested orchard owner Md Abul Kalam Master of Mondalpara village soon after the incident.

Kalam told police and journalists that he had laid the live electric wire at the orchard to protect mangoes from thieves.

Locals said Rumi along with his mother came to her grandma's house at the village on Sunday evening. She entered the mango orchard adjacent to the house at around 8:00am yesterday, came in touch with a live electric wire and died instantly, they added.

In Jhenidah, several hundred people blocked Shaikupa-Jhenidah Road in Shaikupa municipality area yesterday morning following death of a schoolboy from electrocution, reports our corre-

spondent.

The victim, Proloy Saha, 7, son of Proshanta Saha of Kabirpur village in the municipality, was a student of the local primary school. She came in contact with a snapped electric wire at a temple at the village in the morning and died on the spot.

Locals said the wire snapped after a branch of a tree fell on it during a strong wind that swept the area three days ago. "We repeatedly requested the staff of West Zone Power Development Company to remove the broken wire, but they didn't come," locals alleged. Road blockade continued for two hours from 9:00am.

Peaceful hartal in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Rangpur

The eight-hour hartal, enforced by BNP in the district, passed off peacefully yesterday.

Rangpur district unit of BNP and its associate bodies called the shutdown from 6:00am to 2:00pm, demanding release of seven Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal men and withdrawal of 'false' cases against them. Police arrested the seven with bombs in the city on May 20.

Pro-hartal activists blocked Rangpur-Pirgachha Road at Bokchi point in Satmatha area of the city and the road in front of Begum Rokeya University in the morning.

Later, police went to the spots, dispersed the BNP men and removed the barricades. Jubo Dal Rangpur district unit leader Enayet, 35, was arrested with two cocktails.

Death in custody sparks protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Tangail

Death of an under trial prisoner in the district jail sparked protest by locals yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Khaleque, 50, a mason of Sakrail Purbopara village in Sadar upazila.

Police said, sub-inspector Anisur Rahman of Santosh police outpost arrested Khaleque on Saturday in a case filed on charge of committing robbery at a former police official's house in the town on May 30. The arrestee was produced before a court which sent him to jail.

Khaleque early yesterday took his life by hanging

himself from a pipe of the jail toilet and his body was sent to Tangail General Hospital morgue for autopsy, said jail superintendent Abu Mohammad Fattah.

However, the deceased's wife Rabeya Begum alleged that her husband died due to torture by the law enforcers and no case was filed against him with any police station in the district.

Meanwhile, several hundred construction workers and locals yesterday demonstrated on the hospital premises, protesting the death of Khaleque.

The workers also went on indefinite strike, demanding arrest and punishment of those responsible for the death.

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Invitation for Tender

1	Agency	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)
2	Procuring Entity Name	Procurement Division, DESCO.
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
4	Invitation for	Procurement of 33KV Underground XLPE Cable and Accessories
5	Tender No.	21/2013
6	Invitation Ref No.	DESCO/Procurement/Local Tender/2013/639
7	Date	03/06/2013

KEY INFORMATION	
8	Procurement Method

	Open Tendering Method (Single Stage Two Envelope)
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FUNDING INFORMATION	
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9	Budget and Source of Funds	DESCO's own fund
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
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10	Tender Name	Procurement of 33KV Underground XLPE Cable and Accessories			
11	Tender Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date and Time	Tender Document Selling starts from	Last Selling Date	Closing Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
		06/06/2013	07/07/2013	08/07/2013 1.00 PM	08/07/2013 2.00 PM
12	Date & Time and Address of the office for Pre-tender Meeting	18/06/2013, 10.30 AM			
		DESCO Conference Room, Office of the Managing Director DESCO, House # 22/B (3 rd floor), Faruque Sarani, Nikunja#2, Dhaka-1229.			
13	Name & Address of the office for selling Tender Document, receiving & opening tender	Selling		Receiving & Opening	
		Office of Deputy General Manager (Accounts), DESCO, Plot # 22/B, Faruque Sarani, Nikunja # 2, Uttara, Dhaka-1229		Office of the Superintending Engineer (Procurement, Inspection & Testing), DESCO, Plot # 22/B, Faruque Sarani, Nikunja # 2, Uttara, Dhaka-1229	

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
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14	Eligibility of Tenderer	Contractors/firms shall have valid trade license, TIN & VAT registration from concerned authority of Bangladesh and other necessary documents. Detail described in tender document.
15	Brief Description of Goods	The purchaser shall procure 33KV Underground XLPE Cable and their relevant straight through joint box and different types of termination kits in accordance with Section 6: Schedule of Requirements and Section 7: Technical Specification.
16	Price of Tender Document	Tk.5,000/- (five thousand) only payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favor of 'Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)'.
17	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	The amount of the Tender Security shall be Tk.2,50,00,000/- (two crore fifty lac) only in the form of Bank Guarantee/Bank Draft/ Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited.
18	Delivery Period	06 (six) Months
19	Location of Delivery	DESCO's Central Store, Mirpur, Dhaka.
20	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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