

Sawmills being set up near forest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Two sawmills are being set up within 10 kilometres of Langla Reserve Forest in Kulaura upazila of the district, violating the rules.

Furniture traders Amir Hossain and Tahir Ali have started setting up the sawmills beside a kindergarten school at Robir Bazar in the upazila on May 27 without prior permission of the divisional forest depart-

ment. Being informed by locals, the divisional forest officer (DFO) asked Kulaura range official to visit the spot and take necessary steps in this regard.

On instructions of Range official Balram Sen, Naldory and Muroichhari beat official went to the spot four days ago and asked Amir Hossain and Tahir Ali to stop setting up of the two sawmills, but to no effect.

According to Sawmill (licence) rules 1998, any such factory within 10 kilometres of any reserve forest is illegal. The two traders are doing the job, violating the rules, Balram said.

Contacted, Sylhet Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Abul Bashir Mia said if traders Amir Hossain and Tahir Ali don't stop installing the sawmills, legal action will be taken against them.

Ruling party men ransack mayor office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Local ruling party men ransacked Kazipur municipality office in Sirajganj district yesterday morning.

A group, led by leaders of Jubo League and Chhatra League, attacked the office at 11:00am and damaged the mayor's room, its refrigerator, chair, table and other furniture worth Tk 7 lakh.

Mayor of the municipality Md Abdus Salam said "The ruling party men have been harassing me for long as I belong to the main opposition party".

Local Jubo League and BCL leaders Zia and Aslam launched the attack over previous political feud, alleged the mayor, also the president of the municipality unit BNP.

Contacted, Md Khalilur Rahman Sirazi, organising secretary of Kazipur upazila unit AL, said there was a feud between the mayor and a few youths in the area over finalising bidders of a recent tender.

"It may be a sequel to the row", he said.

"If the party men found involved in any criminal activities, organisational steps would be taken against them," he added.

Punitive actions would be taken against those responsible for the offence after investigating the matter, said upazila nirbahi officer Md Shafiuil Islam.

Coastguards, forest robbers trade fire

Arms, bullets recovered

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Coastguards recovered seven firearms and over 200 bullets after a gunfight with forest robbers in the Sundarbans early yesterday.

None was, however, arrested or injured in the hour-long gunfight between the members of infamous "Jahangir Bahini" and coastguards.

Acting on a tip-off, coastguard members launched an operation in Geowakhali area of Shpsa River in the west zone of Sundarbans at around 5:15am, said coastguard commander Mazedul

Haque.

Sensing the presence of the coastguards, the robbers opened fire on the law enforcers, prompting them to retaliate, the commander said, adding that both sides exchanged at least 30 bullets in the intermittent fighting.

As the robbers retreated, the coastguard members found a shotgun and six single-barrel guns, over 200 bullets, billhooks and five mobile phone sets on the spot.

The seized firearms and bullets were handed over to Koyra Police Station in Khulna.

Roadblock in Khagrachhari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Democratic Youth Forum (DYF) will enforce a daylong road blockade in Matiranga, Ramgarh and Manikchhari upazilas of the district today, protesting imposition of Section 144 at Matiranga upazila headquarters for 56 hours from 4:00pm yesterday.

Matiranga upazila administration imposed Section 144, banning rallies and processions as Democratic Youth Forum (DYF), a front organisation of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF),

and Parbatya Bangalee Chhatra Parisahd (PBCP) have convened rallies in Gomati area of the upazila at the same time today.

Apprehending a clash between the two organisations, local administration imposed restrictions on holding rallies and processions in and around the upazila headquarters, upazila administration sources said.

In a press release issued yesterday evening, Democratic Youth Forum (DYF) said the local administration imposed Section 144 to foil our scheduled programme.



PHOTO: STAR

The River Dharla took a serious turn in Mogholhat union in Lalmonirhat Sadar, rendering around 90 families in three villages homeless in the last six days. Photo shows the river devouring cropland in Chawratari village.

Abducted college girl rescued

Two arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Police rescued a college girl from Keraniganj in Dhaka yesterday, two days after she was abducted hailing in Shibchar upazila of the district.

The victim from Dakkhin Krokirchar village is a HSC candidate.

The law enforcers arrested four people, including two women, in connection with the abduction.

Police said the girl was abducted on her way to college in the upazila on Monday afternoon.

Her uncle then filed a general diary with Shibchar police station in connection with the incident.

Police arrested two women, including Alya Begum, 45, mother of the prime accused Rony Hossain, 20, of the village.

Following the arrestees' confessional statement, they rescued the girl from a house in Kadamtali area of Keraniganj and arrested Rony and his uncle Aslam Hossain, 40.

Youth shot, woman beaten up by BSF

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot a Bangladeshi cattle trader while beat up a woman at separate border points in Thakurgaon and Lalmonirhat districts yesterday.

A Bangladeshi cattle trader was shot and injured by BSF men on Karigaon border under Haripur upazila in Thakurgaon early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The victim was identified as Moinul Islam, 25, son of Israil Ali of Kherbari Kuchgaon village, said an official of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

Lt Col Md Syed Fazle Kader Ahmed, commanding officer of BGB-2, Dinajpur, said a team of BSF opened fire on a group of cattle traders who went to the border area to bring their cattle at 4:00am. Of them, Moinul sustained bullet injuries in his head.

Moinul was then rushed to Rangpur Medical College and Hospital in critical

condition, said family sources.

In Lalmonirhat, a woman was seriously injured as BSF men assaulted her at Dahagram- Angorpota enclave in Patgram upazila yesterday noon, reports our correspondent.

Victim Sufia Begum alias Sabia, 22, wife of Aminur Rahman of Dangapara village, was admitted to Dahagram- Angorpota Hospital.

BGB and locals said a patrol team of BSF took away seven cattle from the bordering village Dangapara at noon. They beat up Sufia Begum mercilessly as she protested the incident.

On information, BGB personnel rushed in and rescued the victim. However, the BSF men managed to flee, sensing the presence of border guards.

Company commander of Patgram 15 BGB subedar Jonab Ali said they sent a letter to BSF protesting the matter.

SNIPPETS

Convict dies in custody

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A prisoner died in the district on Tuesday night. Deceased Md Tofazzal Hossain, 48, of Raghobpur village was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for drug peddling. He fell sick in the district jail at about 6:00pm and was taken to Pabna Medical College and Hospital where attending doctors declared him dead. Dr Abu Zafar, medical officer of the jail, said Tofazzal died of cardiac arrest.

School kids fall sick

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

At least 15 students at Shahpur primary school in Ishwardi upazila fell sick simultaneously yesterday, triggering panic. Following the incident, the authorities shut the school. School sources said, Toma Khatun, a class three student, became senseless inside the class at about 10:00am. Within a few minutes, 14 others of different classes became unconscious one after another. On information, guardians rushed in and took their children to home, said acting headmaster Mahamuda Khatun. Dr Amin Ahmed Khan of the upazila health complex said that the 15 were now out of danger. The incident might be a case of mass hysteria, he said.

Crackers recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) recovered a huge quantity of crackers in Ghoraghat upazila yesterday morning. On a secret information, a team of BGB Phulbari-40 battalion, raided Dugdugi Bazar and recovered 1500 packets of Indian crackers. Each pack contains 28 highly powered crackers, said Lt Col Khandaker Mizanur Rahman, commanding officer of the battalion.

'Smuggler' killed by gangmen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

An alleged smuggler was killed by his accomplices over share of money earned through smuggling at Gondaber village in Durgapur upazila yesterday. The deceased was identified as Ali Akber Khan, 40, of Gondaber village. Officer in-charge of Durgapur police station Alamgir Hossain said there was a conflict between smugglers Akber, Sobhan and Rubel of the area over distribution of the money for the last few days. As a sequel to the conflict, Sobhan and Rubel attacked Akbar following an altercation over the issue. After the incident, locals caught red-handed Ali Sobhan and Rubel and handed them over to police, said the OC.

Camp for cleft-lip patients

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A free plastic surgery camp for poor people with cleft-lip and defective palate has been organised at Kumudini Hospital in Mirzapur upazila. A team of surgeons headed by Dr Syed Shamsuddin Ahmed, former head of plastic surgery department at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, is performing the operation of such patients free of cost. All such patients across the country have been urged to take the treatment, said Kumudini Hospital authorities. On June 5, an agreement was signed between Kumudini Welfare Trust (KWT) and KWT and Smile Train, an International NGO, in this regard.



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TENDER NOTICE

German Red Cross (GRC) and its partner the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) with the support of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Bangladesh Delegation is taking up the construction of two Mother & Child Health (MCH) Centres at Shamnagar and Tala under Satkhira District. The project will be coordinated from the GRC Head office in Dhaka.

Sealed bids are invited from the eligible contractors for construction of two **Mother & Child Health (MCH) Centres** at the following locations. Based on the locations and type of works, above mentioned two **Mother & Child Health (MCH) Centres** have been grouped in following 2 groups:

Group A – Single storied MCH Centre located at Harinagar, Shamnagar under Satkhira district.

Group B - Two storied MCH Centre located at Tetulia, Tala under Satkhira district

One Bidder can submit one tender only and may quote for all the two groups or one group but must quote for construction of all the MCH Centre falling in each group, as per terms and conditions laid down in the tender documents.

Bidders may be medium level contractors and must have at least 5 (five) years practical experiences in building constructions (piling)/ civil works and having an average annual turnover of BDT 10 (ten) million in the last 3 years.

Tender documents containing invitation to tender, instructions to bidders, drawing/designs, , bill of quantity (BoQ) with description of works/specifications, location details, general & special conditions of the contract, etc. can be collected from IFRC's Office at 684-686, Red Crescent Sarak, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka between **10.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs. on working days until 7th of July 2013** on payment of non-refundable fee of **BDT 1000/-** by cash . **A request letter on contractor company's letter head may be submitted for collecting the tender document. Please note that the tender documents are not transferable and cannot be used by the Company other than that to whom it has been issued.**

A Pre-Tender meeting for the contractors will be held on **20th of June 2013 at 14.00 hrs.** in IFRC office at Dhaka. All prospective bidders are requested to attend this meeting.

The offers, both technical & financial, complete in all respects and **sealed in separate envelopes**, should be received at the **IFRC office at 684-686, Red Crescent Sarak, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka during working days between 10.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs. Up to 8th of July 2013 (Fridays, Saturdays and Public Holidays closed).** The offers must be accompanied by Earnest Money (refundable) equivalent to 2.5% of the quoted amount in the form pay order in favour of '**International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies**' from a scheduled bank.

The IFRC reserves the right to split, accept or reject of the any or all the offers without assigning any reason whatsoever and is not bound to accept the lowest bid.

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Follow-up

Five arrested in Bogra potter killing case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police arrested five people on charge of killing potter Romen Chndra Paul at Shekerkola Paulpara under Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The arrestees are Mamata Rani Paul, 25, wife of the deceased, Pobitra Chandra Paul, 20, son of Gobindra Chandra Paul, Dukhu Chandra Paul, 19, son of Robin Chandra Paul, Bhikkhu Chandra Paul, 20, son of Nittya Chandra Paul, and Arjun Chandra Paul, 22, son of Gopal Chandra Paul of the area.

Romen Chndra Paul was hacked to death allegedly by the cohorts of his wife on Monday and dumped at an eucalyptus garden near his house.

Romen's brother Niren Chandra Paul filed a murder case with Bogra Sadar PS the same day.

Senior ASP of Bogra police Nazir Ahmad Khan told this correspondent that on the basis of alleged extra-merital relation between Pobitra and Mamata police came to know the names of others involved in the killing.

Mamata and Pobitra have confessed to having their hands in the killing with the help of Bhikku and Dhuku, said the ASP, adding that their confession was recorded in the court yesterday afternoon.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited by Hortex Foundation from the Bangladesh nationals for the following posts to be hired on contract basis under the Supply Chain Development Component (SCDC) of National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP)-Phase-1, Hortex Foundation funded by the IDA (Credit #4386-BD), IFAD & GOB.

Sl. No.	Name of the Position	Required Educational Qualification	Required Experiences	Consolidated Salary per month
1.	Assistant Manager (Procurement) – One Position	B.Sc. in engineering or Masters in Economics/ Statistics/ Finance Business / Management / Law or other relevant subjects.	At least 05 (five) years working experience in private or public procurement in capacity of Procurement Specialist / Contract Administrator or Buyer or equivalent positions; proven expertise in use of internally accepted contract documents for works, goods and services; sound understanding of national regulations and international agencies procurement guidelines; experience in preparation of procurement plans for Government projects, bidding documents, RFAs and evaluation reports following donor agencies guidelines shall be an added advantages; computer literate, fluent in English and have proven communication skills.	Tk.1,00,000.00 including VAT and Taxes as per applicable laws of GoB.
2.	Assistant Manager (Accounts) – One Position	M. Com/MBA	At least 05 (five) years working experience in financial management in agricultural/ autonomous/private sector in high executive and decision making post; experience in handling fund of donor aided project; knowledge in accounting software; literacy in MS Word & Excel; fluent in English and have proven communication skills.	Tk.1,00,000.00 including VAT and Taxes as per applicable laws of GoB.
3.	Support Staff / messenger – One Position	Minimum Class VIII pass	Five (5) years experience in office support and related duties; literacy in computer, photocopier and fax operation will be added advantage.	Tk.16,500.00
4.	Period of Employment	Upto December 31, 2013 or upto the project period.		

The interested eligible candidates are requested to indicate their interest in providing the services. Request for Application (RFA) with details of project, job description/TOR, application submission form, Curriculum Vitae form and expected outputs may be collected from Hortex Foundation from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on any working days or through email request to : hortex@hortex.org for the posts of Assistant Manager (Procurement) & Assistant Manager (Accounts). Applicant for the post of Support staff/messenger will be on plain paper. The post in serial no. 2 has been readvertised for fresh application due to unavoidable circumstances. The interested candidates are requested to send their application along with CV, relevant certificates and two (2) copies of recent passport size photographs attested by a Gazetted Officer along with a cover letter (one page) to the address mentioned below within 14 (fourteen) days of publishing this notice in the newspaper. Women candidates are encouraged to apply. The candidate will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement Rules-2008 issued by GOB and the guidelines for selection and employment of Consultants by the World Bank Borrowers. Candidates who are already in employment shall send their application through proper channel, otherwise they shall not be considered for appointment.

Candidates are requested to write the position applied for on the top of the envelope. Only short-listed candidates will be called for interview. No TA/DA will be provided for attending interview. Also visit www.hortex.org or www.cptu.gov.bd for this announcement. Hortex Foundation reserves the right to accept or reject any application without showing any reason whatsoever.

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