

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Student stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A class eight student of Shantaher BP High School was murdered in Pouta area of Shantaher municipality under Adamdighi upazila of the district on Wednesday evening. The deceased was identified as Tufan, 14, son of Tofazzol Hossain of Pouta. Police quoted locals as saying that there had been a longstanding conflict between two groups over a love affair. On the fateful day, rivals waylaid Tufan and attacked him with sharp knife, leaving him dead on the spot. Locals said that they caught one Raihan, 14, gave him a good beating and handed over to police.

Two children drown

A CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

Two children drown in a pond at Kachia village in Borhanuddin upazila of the district on Wednesday noon. The deceased were identified as Khadiza, 8, daughter of Abdul Mannan of Ward No. 4 and her cousin Sumaiya, 8, daughter of Khayer of same area. Locals said the two were playing near a pond near their house. Sumaiya slipped into the pond and drowned. As Khadiza tried to save Sumaiya, she also fell in the water and met the same fate.

Farmer abducted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Criminals abducted a farmer in Sholmari village in Sadar upazila of Meherpur last night. The victim was identified as Mofazzol Hossain, 32, son of Nobis Uddin. According to police, a group of 10/12 criminals went to Mofazzol's house at about 10:30 pm and called him out. When they picked him up at gunpoint family members tried to resist the gang. The criminals then blasted two bombs on the spot, leaving one Mozibor Rahman, 22, cousin of Mofazzol injured.

Man held with airguns

OUR CORRESPONDENT, JESSORE

A man was arrested by border guards with four airguns and 1000 d bullets on Wednesday morning. A team of 26 Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) battalion at Andulia outpost arrested the man in Daulatpur bordering area under Chawgachha upazila of the district. The arrestee was identified as Jahangir Alam, 35, son of Ishaq Mondol of Daulatpur village in Chawgachha upazila.

Man killed over land dispute

A CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

A man was killed and five others of a family were injured in a clash with the rival family members at Paglir Aga Para in Lama upazila over land dispute yesterday. Police said, the rival families, equipped with lethal weapons, clashed at noon. Zahir Ahamad, 35, nephew of Jalal Ahamad was critically injured by the rivals. He was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where the duty doctor declared him dead.



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Local people blocked the rail tracks at Kashba station in Brahmanbaria for two hours yesterday morning, demanding gas connection in the upazila.

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Reference no. and date	IFT/BRAC/BPD-BEP/ 13-16 June 20, 2013
Tender name	Different types of text books.
Time of delivery	September 15, 2013
Price of the tender documents	Tk.1000.00 (One thousand) only.
Tender security	As per tender documents.
Tender documents available	Accounts Department (8th floor), BRAC Center, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212.
Date & time of selling Documents	June 24 to July 8, 2013 Between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Tender dropping place, date & time	Procurement Department (Grd.floor), BRAC Center, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212. July 9, 2013 between 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Tender Opening Place, Date & Time	4 th Floor, BRAC Staff Canteen, July 9, 2013 at 3:30 pm.

BRAC, BRAC Centre, 75, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212

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PHOTO: STAR

Women labourers worked for road development at Nilkuthi village under Gazaria union in Phulchhari upazila of Gaibandha but were deprived of wages equal to their male counterparts.

Women still victims of wage discrimination

KM REZAUL HOQUE, Gaibandha

Women labourers in Phulchhari upazila under the district have to remain 'satisfied' with much lower wages than that of their male counterparts, thanks to the exploitative attitude of the employers.

Driven by poverty, a large number of women in remote *char* areas now work as labourers in the local crop fields to earn livelihood as male people often migrate to other places in search of seasonal work for higher wages, creating vacancy in the local labour market.

Many women are engaged as construction workers under the government's development programmes or NGO projects.

A good number of women also work in rice mills and hotels and restaurants in Phulchhari upazila.

In crop fields, a woman labourer gets Tk 100 as daily wage while a male gets Tk 150 for the same work, said Mariam Begum of Khatiyamari village in Phulchhari upazila.

A female rice mill worker gets Tk 110 against Tk 175 received by a male.

The women often remain silent over such disparity in fear of losing job, said Monwara Begum of Baushi village.

"Over 350 women labourers are working in 15 rice mills of the upazila. They remain deprived of fair wages. Besides, they often face sexual harassment by their male co-labourers," said Shafiuillah Akand, director of Dristi Mohila Sangstha, an NGO working in Gazaria union of Phulchhari upazila.

The woman labourers should be paid equally, as they serve against adverse environment, said Monotosh Roy Mintu, chairman of Gazaria union.

"The women comprise a good portion of workforce in crop fields, rice mills and restaurants as many males leave home for a pretty long time in search of work elsewhere. These women should be paid fair wages," said Yousuf Rana Mandol, upazila agriculture officer of Phulchhari.

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It is informed to all concerned that the Tender Notice No. 16/2012-2013, Dated: 09/06/13 is hereby amended as follows:

SI No.	Details	Published in newspaper	Amended
1	Tender security amount (Tk) 4,40,000.00 for the work of construction of one-storied mosque having two-storied foundation at residential area of Comilla EPZ, Comilla	Tender security amount (Tk) (in favour of BEPZA)	Tender security in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft. Amount (Tk) (in favour of BEPZA)

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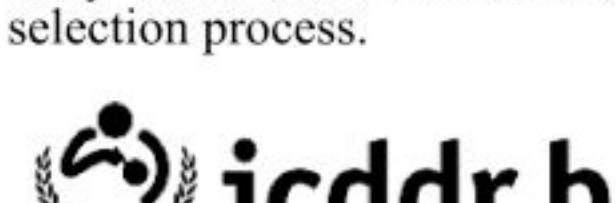
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Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should submit online applications by **June 29, 2013**.

Only short-listed candidates will be invited for the selection process.



Torture in brutal manner

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

A woman was tortured brutally on charge of stealing money in Mostafapur union of the district on Monday.

The victim was identified as Shahana Begum, 35, a tenant of one Abu Howlader of Zayar village and wife of Sagar Howlader.

Police and locals said Tk 10,000 was stolen from the house of Abu, a paralysed patient, on June 13.

To find out the thief, everyone at the house including Shahana was given *chalpora* (blessed rice) by Abu's nephew Ferdous Howlader on Sunday. Earlier, the rice was brought from a local religious person in the nearby village.

Abu's family accused Shahana of stealing the money when the rice in her mouth 'thickened' after chewing it.

The following morning, she was tied with the help of a chain to a tree at Abu's courtyard for the money.

When her husband Sagar went to collect the money, Ferdous and other villagers beat up Shahana mercilessly.

On information, police rescued the victim from the spot and arrested Abu's wife Safia Begum and son Shohag Howlader, 30.

However, Ferdous managed to flee, sensing the presence of the law enforcers, said officer in-charge Muhammad Moniruzzaman.

TENGRATILA GAS FIELD

Fear of disaster haunts locals as leaks are yet to be plugged

UNB, Sunamganj

Gas is coming out through leaks at several spots of Tengratila-Chhatak gas field in the area.

Later, though the main well was sealed off, it was not possible to fully plug the leaks.

Sudden surge in gas leakage recently has created fresh panic among the people around the gas field.

Many local people cover the leak with bowl and connect it to the kitchen stoves through pipe and use the gas for cooking.

At least 50 families are using the leaked gas through such dangerous method, which may cause fire or explosion any time, locals told this correspondent.

While visiting the site early this month, local people told this correspondent that since the explosions in 2006, gas continued to come out through leaks at several points.

Recently, the level of gas emission through the leaks has marked an increase, they said.

In 2006, due to alleged mishandling of Canadian gas exploration company Niko, two explosions took place causing a huge fire incident in the Tengratila gas field.

The fire burnt gas worth several thousand crores of taka.

After the explosions, gas started coming out through the leaks in canals, beels

(water bodies) and farm-land.

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Kashem's wife was not aware about the risk. Rather she said that it was not an offence to use gas by their own technology.

This correspondent also found no security guard or technician to take care of the unprotected well of Tengratila gas field. Nor was there any initiative to plug the leaks.

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