Extortion by police on highway ahead of Eid

MOHSIN MILON, Benapole, Jessore

A section of law enforcers are allegedly involved in rampant extortion from passengers in the name of checking on Benapole-Jessore highway ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr.

Especially passengers to and from India through Benapole and Satkhira face harassment by law enforcers at several places of the 38-kilometre highway, including check posts set up at Jhikargachha, Balikhola, Kalagachhi, Laujani and Nabinagar, alleged passengers and locals.

Brokers are also engaged on the highway to collect the extorted money from passengers, they said.

"The law enforcers sometimes seize goods, both legal and illegal, from vehicles on Jessore-Benapole highway.

But instead of depositing those to the customs authorities, they sell it through brokers," said Shaheen Alam, who returned from India with a valid passport. While conducting search, law

enforcers ask passengers to give Tk 100 to Tk 500 each and threaten to file cases in case of refusal, said several passengers. "A police team took Tk 500 from

me at Malanchi on the highway by

threatening to harass me on Thursday

when I was going to Dhaka by a bus after returning from India with valid Haq Sheikh, OC of Kotwali police passport," said Shahinur Rahman. Another passenger of the bus, Abdul extortion, Majed had to give police Tk 1,000 as he

passenger.

(OC) of Jhikargachha police station, however, said police have set up check posts and are conducting operations only to arrest arms and drug peddlers and seize the illegal items.

Denying the allegation of extortion, he said, "We don't check passport holder returnees from India."

Monir Hossain, OC of Detective Branch, said, "We conduct operations when we get secret information. Generally we do not conduct raids on passenger vehicles."

Talking to journalists, Emdadul station, also refuted the allegation of

"Anti-smuggling drives are being was carrying some goods, said the conducted on the highway. Passport holders are subject to checking as they Khabir Hossain, officer in charge often carry excessive goods," he added.

4 fishermen

of west Sundarbans on

village; and Shahjahan Ali,

35, and Abdul Kalam, 25, of

Burigoalini village in

Two other fishermen,

Keshab Howlader and

Abdur Rahim, who were

earlier kidnapped and

released on payment of

ransom, said the four fisher-

men went to Sundarbans on

Saturday, members of infa-

mous "Jahangir Bahini"

came to Sonakhali canal

and swooped on the four

fishermen while they were

fishing, Keshab and Rahim

said, adding that the forest

robbers picked up the fisher-

the robbers demanded Tk 1.5

lakh as ransom from them for

release of the fishermen. They

also threatened to kill the

fishermen if the money was

bers of 'Jahangir Bahini'

abducted three fishermen--

Monu Shardar, 28

Alauddin Gazi, 17, and Babu

Sheikh, 15--from

were later released on pay-

ment of ransom.

On Monday last, mem-

not given by Tuesday.

Families of the victims said

men from there.

At around 6:00pm on

Shymnagar upazila.

Friday.

Saturday evening.



House and trees lie mangled as a tornado hit Kazipara of Shuklia village in 8 No Aozbalia union in Noakhali Sadar upazila yesterday, affecting at least 30 families.

abducted BCL man held for OUR CORRESPONDENT, Robbers abducted four bomb attack on fishermen from Sonakhali canal under Satkhira range

mayor's house The abducted fishermen are Abdul Alim, 28, and Mintu Gazi, 32, of Sora

> Police on Saturday night arrested an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Meherpur district unit for his alleged involvement in bomb attacks on the houses of Meherpur municipality mayor and BCL district unit president on June 6.

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Reazul Islam, officer-Incharge (OC) of Meherpur Sadar Police Station said they arrested BCL activist Pavel Rahman, 25, from a Dhakabound passenger bus in the town at around 9:30pm.

Criminals hurled bombs at the houses of Meherpur municipality Mayor Mothasim Billah Motu and Meherpur district Chhatra League President Sofian Ahmed Rupok in the town at around 4:30am on June 6. Both houses were partially damaged.

Two separate cases were filed with Meherpur Sadar Police Station the following day. "Pavel had been absconding since the incidents and law enforcers arrested him, tacking his cell phone call numbers.

Pavel was yesterday produced in a Meherpur court that placed him on a threeday remand upon a petition filed by police.

criminals blasted two bombs at house of an expatriate after failing to realise illegal toll at Pouro early Saturday. The incident took place

In Chuadanga town,

after the family filed a general diary (GD) seeking protection from the extortionists.

According to police and family members, a gang of criminals went to the house of Yusuf Ali at about 1:30am and threw two bombs - one on window and the other on the yard. Mehbub Ara, wife of

Yusuf Ali, now living in Spain, told this correspondent that she has been living at her house with three children since her husband went to Spain in 2008.

Mehbuba said recently a local gang demanded Tk 2 lakh from her over cell phone.

The gang threatened to kill Mehbuba's children if she did not pay the money.

Consulting the matter with her husband, Mehbuba filed a GD with Chuadanga Sadar police on

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দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান

DINAJPUR EDUCATION BOARD

Jobs of 84 regularised after HC order

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Dinajpur Education Board has finally regularised the jobs of 84 casual employees, following an order of the High Court.

After receiving the High Court order through fax on Thursday, the board authorities issued letters affecting regular appointment of the 84 employees the same day.

They joined their work yesterday. As many as 109 casual

employees had been agitating since 2010 demanding regularisation of their jobs,

The 84 people got

sources said.

appointment letter as they are within the age limit stipulated for joining government service while 24 others remained outside the purview of the jobs regularisation as they crossed the age limit, board sources said.

Another casual employee working at the board died two months ago. Md Alauddin Mia, chairman

of Dinajpur Education Board, said, "We issued the appointment letters following order of the High Court and decision of the ministry concerned."

Schoolgirl rescued 75 days after abduction Joypurpara village on her

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Detective Branch (DB) of police rescued a schoolgirl on Friday 75 days after she was abducted from Joypurpara area of Dupchanchia upazila town.

They also arrested one Isahaq Ali of the area in con-

nection with the abduction. Police and family sources

way to the school. On May 11, Rocky and his accomplices abducted the girl from her house in

absence of her parents. A case was filed with Dupchanchia Police Station, accusing Rocky and his four

accomplices on May 14. Of the accused, Rocky's uncle Nazrul Islam was

said Rakibul Hasan Rocky, arrested on May 18. 21, of Mondalpara area, Later, the case was transused to tease the girl of ferred to DB.



child for ransom in Tangail Begum, a garment worker, from a running train a

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

A court here yesterday sentenced a couple to life imprisonment for kidnapping a child from Mirzapur upazila of the district for ransom in 2011.

The convicts are Abdul Matin, 60, and his wife Moriom Begum, 50, of Sirajganj district. Judge Abdul Mazid of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Court delivered

the verdict.

were living in a rented house at Gorai in Mirzapur upazila.

They kidnapped Nayon, one and a half years old son of house owner Ali Ahmad, on January 4, 2011 and phoned him, demanding Tk 10 lakh for release of his son. Matin filed a case with Mirzapur Police Station under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act on the day

Elenga in Kalihati upazila on January 6.

Being informed by Ali Ahmed, police took position in the area and arrested the kidnapper, Matin, while he was collecting the money thrown out of a train by Ali Ahmed in Elenga area.

Following Matin's confession, police rescued abducted child Nayon from a house at Mosinda Later, it was settled on village in Kalihati upazila According to the prosecu- Tk one lakh and Matin the same day and arrested | Sundarbans . The fishermen tion, Abdul Matin, a carpen- asked Ali Ahmad to throw Matin's wife Moriom ter, and his wife Moriom away the ransom money Begum from there.

Bad weather in coastal dists paralyses life

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Heavy rain under the impact of low formed over the Bay paralysed normal life in coastal districts yesterday.

Rain water submerged

char and the low-lying areas

in the districts. Roads and

many areas in the district towns also went under ankle to knee-deep water following heavy rainfall. Our Patuakhali correspondent reported that heavy rain coupled with tidal

surges flooded over 100

villages and remote char areas in Kalapara, Galachipa, Dashmina, Baufal, and Rangabali upazilas. Local Met office recorded 63.7mm rainfall in 24 hours until 3:00pm yesterday while 41.3mm rainfall was

recorded only in three hours

from 9:00am to 12 noon on

the day.

In Kalapara upazila, tidal surge during heavy rain inundated at least 50 villages. Water entered the villages through the damaged portion of the flood control embankment, sources in Kalapara Water Development Board

(WDB) said. In Patuakhali town, correspondent. many areas, including

Tidal water entered the town from adjacent Lohalia and Lawkathi rivers through the damage portions of the town protection dyke.

In Pirojpur, many lowlying areas in the district have been submerged by tidal surges and heavy rainfall. People in the affected areas took shelters on the embankments and high lands, according to our correspondent.

The daylong downpour also inundated the roads in the district town.

In Barisal, most of the Barisal city areas have gone under knee to waist-deep water following heavy rain yesterday. City dwellers had to stay inside the houses due to continues rain for four hours in the morning, reports our correspondent.

In Bagerhat, downpour disrupted normal life in the district. Activities at Mongla port were disrupted, said port officials. Many areas, including, Mithapukur, Alia Madrasa, and Nagerbazar in the town have been flooded, according to a

Hirendranath Howlader, Katpatti, Puran Bazar, deputy director of the College Road, Chawkbazar, Department of Agriculture launch ghat, Post Office Extension (DAE), said aman Road, Nutan Bazar, and seedbeds in the low-lying Kalikapur have gone under areas in the district have ankle to knee-deep water. been submerged.



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ, পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, মুঙ্গীগঞ্জ

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পুলিশ সুপার, মুন্সীগঞ্জ।

পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

PPR/2008 ও ২০০৯ এবং সংশোধনী/১০ মোতাবেক চলতি ২০১৩-২০১৪ অর্থ বৎসরের ১ম কোয়ার্টারের মুঙ্গীগঞ্জ জেলায় পুলিশ বাহিনী/যোদ্ধাহত মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/এনএসআইদের রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত ঠিকাদার/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত খামে প্রতিযোগীতামূলক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ-

সংগ্রহ সত্তার জেলা ঃ মুন্সীগঞ্জ জেলা ২০১৩-২০১৪ অর্থ বৎসরের ১ম কোয়ার্টারের (১) মশুর ডাল (২) সয়াবিন তৈল (৩) দরপত্রের বিষয় জ্বালানি কাঠ (৪) পরিবহন (৫) খালি প্লাস্টিক/চটের বস্তা। দরপত্রের সূত্র নম্বর ও তারিখ পুলিশ অফিস স্মারক নং- ৩১৫৮/ই, তারিখ- ১৬-০৭-২০১৩খ্রিঃ। দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি উন্যক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ও.টি.এম)। বাজেট ও অর্থনৈতিক খাত রাজস্ব বাজেটের আওতায় পুলিশ বাজেটের কোড নং- ৩-২২১১-০০০৫ রেয়াতি হারে খাদ্য সামগ্রী এর অর্থনৈতিক কোড নং- ৪৮৭০ খাদ্যদ্রব্য সংগ্রহ এবং অন্যান্য ব্যয় খাত দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ ১৮-০৭-২০১৩খ্রিঃ। দরপত্র সিডিউল সর্বশেষ প্রাপ্তির ৩০-০৭-২০১৩খ্রিঃ। ৩১-০৭-২০১৩খ্রিঃ সময় ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ ০১-০৮-২০১৩খিঃ তারিখ ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা দরপত্রদাতা বা মনোনীত প্রতিনিধিদের দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় উপস্থিতিতে (যদি থাকে)। পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, মুন্সিগঞ্জ। দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী অফিস ও দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির স্থান পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, মুন্সিগঞ্জ। দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, মুন্সিগঞ্জ। পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, মুন্সিগঞ্চ। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান পিপিআর ২০০৮ ও ২০০৯ এবং সংশোধনী/১০ অনুযায়ী সরকারি/স্বায়ন্তশাসিত দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা সংস্থা/বেসরকারি অন্য যে কোন সংস্থায় রেশন সামগ্রী সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতা। দরপত্রের সাথে নিম্নোক্ত নথিপত্রাদি অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে এবং ১ম শ্রেণীর দরপত্রের সহিত যে সকল গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক (নাম ও সীলসহ) সত্যায়িত হইতে হবে। নবায়নকৃত কাগজপত্র জমা প্রদান করিতে হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি বিগত ৩ মাসের ব্যাংক লেনদেন এর বিবরণী, হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদ (টিআইএন নম্বর সহ), নবায়নকত হালনাগাদ ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সার্টিফিকেট, নাগরিকত্বের সনদ, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র

लाउँ नश 79 জামানত সময়সীমা ২০১৩-২০১৪ অর্থ বৎসরের ১ম 900/-জুলাই/১৩ হতে 0/20-28 ১। ১৩০০০ কেজি 90000/ কোয়ার্টারের (কম বা বেশী) সেপ্টেম্বর/১৩ ১। মণ্ডর ডাল ২। ১০০০০ निঃ 900/-২। সয়াবিন তৈল (কম বা বেশী) 90000/ ৩। চাহিদা ৩। পোলা এর মোতাবেক 8। জ্বালানি কাঠ 2000/-800/-৫। (ক) চাল, গম মোতাবেক ৫। চাহিদা 800/-2000/-(খ) চিনি মোতাবেক ৬। স্টক মোতাবেক 800/-2000/-৬। (ক) খালি প্লাস্টিক/চটের বস্তা ছোট 2000/-

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(ক) ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বতাধিকারীর স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক প্রধান সহকারী, পুলিশ অফিস, মুস্পীগঞ্জ হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

(খ) দরপত্র সংক্রান্তে অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র সংগ্রহকালে নিমুস্বাক্ষরকারী কার্যালয় হইতে জানা যাবে। (গ) দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ হইতে ৯০ দিন পর্যন্ত বলবৎ থাকবে।

্ঘ) অনুমোদিত বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তির আলোকে বিল পরিশোধ করা হবে। এতদসংক্রান্তে কোন আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। (ঙ) কার্যাদেশে উল্লিখিত সময়ের মধ্যে মালামাল সরবরাহ করতে হবে। (চ) দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন

> মোঃ হাবিবুর রহমান বিপি-৭৬০১১১৬১৬৫ পুলিশ সুপার, মুন্সীগঞ্জ 🕶 ঃ ৭৬১১১১৬, 🕮ঃ ৭৬১১২৯৭

> > তারিখঃ ১৬-০৭-২০১৩খ্রিঃ

PHOTO: STAR Hours-long downpour disrupted normal life and flooded Post Office Road in Pirojpur town, and below, Munshirhat in Barisal city, as the country witnessed inclement weather amid a low in the Bay yesterday.