

# Transport strike takes toll on Burimari port

Sufferings of people mount in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Export-import activities through Burimari land port in Patgram upazila in the district were greatly hampered in the last two days due to an indefinite transport strike enforced by Lalmonirhat Motor Owners' association.

The strike also caused immense sufferings to thousands of travellers as vehicles, including buses, went off the roads. Travellers crowded the railway stations on Lalmonirhat-Burimari route for tickets. They were seen waiting at the stations for hours to get chance to board the train and bedlam erupted when a train arrived.

Many people couldn't travel by train for want of tickets and had to return home. People, who work at public and private organisations at the district head-

quarters and travel by bus each day, couldn't reach their workplaces timely.

Over 100 trucks loaded with goods from India and Bhutan were stranded at Burimari land port due to the strike. Shamim Ahmed, an importer, told this correspondent that he brought four truckloads of goods from India and Bhutan on Monday, but couldn't unload the goods due to lack of vehicles.

"I have to count huge losses if the imported goods remain unloaded for two or three days more," Shamim said.

District Motor Owner's Association enforced the strike from 6:00am on Monday to press home their eight-point demand.

The demands include ban on the services of nasimon, karimon, bhotvoti, tractor and easy-bike on Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway, steps to

end extortion at Burimari land port, ban on the vehicles plying Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway without fitness certificates, removal of illegal structures from both sides of the highway, and immediate withdrawal of two traffic sergeants from the road.

Leaders of district Motor Owners' Association said they will continue the strike until the demands are met. On the other hand, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Habibur Rahman termed the strike illegal. He said the main demand for banning nasimon, karimon, bhotvoti, tractor and easy-bike has been met.

Our Kurigram correspondent reported that Zila Motor Sramik Oikya Parishad enforced an indefinite strike in the district yesterday, demanding ban on services of three-wheelers on the highways.

## BSF picks up cattle trader

A CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

Members of Indian Border Security Force [BSF] picked up a Bangladeshi cattle trader from Benipur Border point in Jibonnagar upazila on charge of intrusion into India yesterday.

The cattle trader was identified as Azan Bari, 40, son of Motor Mondal of Habibpur village in the upazila.

BGB Denipur Camp commander Nayeek Shubedar Tofazzal Hossain said BSF of Putikhali frontier picked up Azan Bari near a border pillar in the morning when he along with a group of cattle traders went there to bring the cattle. Others, however, managed to flee the scene.

Later at a flag meeting at 10:00am, the BSF side informed the BGB men that the Indian border force handed over Azan Bari to Kestoganj police in Nadia district of Paschim Banga.

Earlier, a Bangladeshi cattle trader was shot by BSF members on Medenipur border in Jibonnagar upazila of the district on Monday, reports UNB.

He was identified as Habibur Rahman, 35, son of Bisharat of the village.

## Manikganj townspeople's ultimatum

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Manikganj townspeople yesterday gave a seven-day ultimatum to the authorities to ensure smooth gas supply to houses.

The ultimatum came in a human chain attended by several hundred people on Manikganj Press Club premises.

Earlier, under the banner of Nagorik Sangram Committee, they brought out a procession in the town in this regard.

ABM Samsuddin Ahmed Tulip, general secretary of the committee, in the human chain said they would block Dhaka-Aricha highway and besiege the regional office of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited in the town on September 24 if the authorities failed to ensure smooth gas supply within the deadline.

The townspeople have been facing acute gas crisis for over a year.

"We have been giving bill for long despite low or no supply of gas. If the authorities concerned don't take any steps to improve the situation, the townspeople will stop payment of gas bill", Tulip warned.

The townspeople continued agitation programmes for the last several days, demanding smooth gas supply to houses. The programmes included road-block, rally, procession and human chain.



PHOTO: STAR

Over a hundred Indian trucks loaded with imported items from India and Bhutan remain stranded in a long queue at Burimari land port in Patgram upazila as the goods could not be unloaded due to indefinite transport strike in Lalmonirhat district since Monday.

# 2500 sued over brothel attack in Madaripur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

At least 2500 people were sued as two separate cases filed yesterday and the day before over the attack on the sex workers at a brothel in Puranbazar area of the district town on August 27.

Baru Begum, one of the sex workers forced out of the brothel, filed a case with the Madaripur Sadar police yesterday, naming 35 and over 2000 unnamed others in connection with the attack.

In the case statement, she alleged looting of goods and valuables worth Tk 3 crore and damaging assets worth Tk 50 lakh during the eviction.

The accused include

## Follow-up

Madaripur Banik Samity general secretary Milon Bhuiyan, district women affairs officer Mahmuda Akther Kona and Islahe Qoum Parishad leader Raju Huzur.

Earlier on Monday the owner of the brothel house Parimal Sarker lodged another case with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court against 300 people, identifying 17, over the attack.

Acting officer-in-charge (OC) Md Moniruzzaman of Madaripur Sadar police station said Baru Begum, accompanied by a four-member team of Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) and

Manusher Jonno Foundation, filed a written complaint with the police station.

Sub-inspector (SI) Sirajul Islam has been made investigation officer (IO) of the case following filing of the complaint, the OC said.

Several hundred people, allegedly belonging to Islahe Qoum Parishad, an Islamist organisation, and local traders community stormed into the 250-year old brothel in Madaripur town, forcing nearly 500 sex workers out on August 27.

Mamata Rani Karmaker of Bandhabi Nari Sangha, a sex workers' organisation, said they were yet to trace the whereabouts of fifty sex workers following the incident.



PHOTO: STAR

Children of a family in low-lying Char Janajati in Shibchar upazila under Madaripur district take meal on a boat that serves as their temporary abode amid the ongoing flood submerging dwellings on vast lands in the Padma basin area.

## Yunus for participatory

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he told a reception accorded to him at the auditorium of Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB) in the capital.

The founder of the Grameen Bank wondered why people doubted whether the general election, due to be held later this year or early next year, would take place or not.

"Why should there be such confusion [about the election] when the process to holding the polls is due to start within a month or two?" he questioned.

Muktijoddha Gonoparishad, a platform of freedom fighters, hosted the programme to honour Yunus on his being awarded the US Congressional Gold Medal. The US government had conferred the award on Yunus in April in recognition of his efforts toward combating global poverty.

An organiser of the Liberation War in 1971, Yunus, then 31, went from door to door of the then US Congressmen to garner support for the Liberation War and help change American attitude towards the massacre in Bangladesh.

The economist said the country has been divided politically at the moment. "Why should we be divided? We want unity to maintain consistency of development."

Bangladesh, said Yunus, was facing a huge crisis due to the political tension. "But we don't want any political divide, tension or outburst. We want peace," he mentioned.

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The future of the country could not be left to anybody's wishes, and the fate of its 16 crore people could not be squandered due to a split in opinions, he noted.

Gono Forum President Kamal Hossain said Prof Yunus had never been a controversial person. He has been made controversial by a spreading of lies about him without any reasons.

He urged people and freedom fighters to identify and resist those who have tried to humiliate individuals like Prof Yunus.

Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury, founder of Gonoshasthaya Kendra, said it was unfortunate that the country could not honour Prof Yunus, who has been honoured by almost all nations.

Asif Nazrul, a law professor at Dhaka University, said the microcredit pioneer was the biggest torchbearer of the Liberation War as he had been empowering women and helping people out of poverty and working day and night to ensure equal distribution of wealth.

Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury, vice-chairman of the BNP, said he did not understand the essence of the debate about the achievements of Prof Yunus.

Ishtiaq Aziz Ulfat, chairman of the Muktijoddha Gonoparishad, wondered how the ruling party could say that Prof Yunus had done nothing for the country when his idea of microcredit had lifted millions of poor people out of poverty.

## SNIPPETS

### BRUR VC confined

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Teachers of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur yesterday confined the vice chancellor to his office to press their seven-point demands including salary arrears. Other demands include regularisation of jobs of the teachers, who were appointed on an *ad hoc* basis. Under the banner of Muktijuddher Chetanai Progotishil Shikkhak Samaj, the agitating teachers staged a sit-in in front of the VC's office at 11:00am and also cut the electricity connection to the room. They also began a fast-unto-death to realise the demands.

### Magura Hefajat chief held

UNB, Magura

Police arrested the district unit president of Hefajat-e-Islam and two others busting a den of the Islamist group at Dhalhara village in Sadar upazila early Monday. The arrestees were identified as Kazi Jader Ali, 35, president of the district unit of Hefajat, Maulana Shahajahan Ali, 32, and Chhanar Uddin, 55, activists of the group. Acting on a tip-off, a team of police raided a den of the organisation at a house in the village and arrested the trio while they were holding a meeting there. Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, others at the meeting managed to flee. Jahangir Alam, officer-in-charge of Magura Police Station, said Hefajat and Jamaat-e-Islami activists were planning subversion at the meeting. A case was filed under the Special Powers Act against the arrestees. They were produced before a court which sent them to jail rejecting bail.

### Faridpur Kotwali OC closed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

The officer-in-charge (OC) of Faridpur Kotwali police station was closed to the district police lines on Monday on charge of irregularities. Sources said Mashiur Rahman, OC (investigation), joined the police station from Gazipur last year and since then he had indulged in various corruptions and irregularities harassing locals. As his acts were tarnishing the image of the police force, superintendent of police Jamil Hasan closed Mashiur to the police lines.



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### TENDER NOTICE

1. Sealed Tenders for financial year 2013-2014 are hereby invited from Suppliers/Contractors/ Businessman/ Company enlisted in Armed forces for supply of Stationar, Electric, Water Supply & Misc items of MIST as listed below:

Ser no.	Name of Lab	Line Items	Price of Tender Schedule
1.	Stationary Items	215 Line Items	TK.1,000/=
2.	Electric Items	85 Line Items	TK.500/=
3.	Water Supply Items	55 Line Items	TK.300/=
4.	Misc Items	85 Line Items	TK.750/=

2. Tender document containing detailed specifications, terms and conditions (for each lab/Shop items) may be purchased from the office of the undersigned during working hours (0800-1400 hours) from 18 Sep 2013 to 29 Sep 2013 with a written application to the undersigned office on payment of above-mentioned (non-refundable) amount in cash.

3. The bidder must attach photocopy (duly attested) of the upto date 'Trade License, VAT Certificate, IT Certificate, minimum 5 (five) years in Govt/semi Govt/Autonomous organization. Armed Forces enlistment letter and Bank Solvency Certificate while submitting the tender schedules. Those who supplied these types of items earlier to defence services will be given priority.

4. The bidder is to deposit 5% of the bid price along with the tender document as earnest money in favour of Commandant, MIST, Mirpur Cantonment in the form of Pay order/Bank draft/ Bank Guarantee.

5. Tender will be received up to BST 11.30 AM on 30 Sep 2013 and will be opened on the same day at BST 1200 hours in front of the bidders/ his representative (if present).

6. No offer in Telex/Fax or by post shall be accepted.

7. Tender evaluation committee will select the suppliers after necessary evaluation of papers. After the evaluation, suppliers will be asked to submit samples of different items as per specifications. Tender evaluation committee will evaluate those samples and final decision will be taken. The decision of the tender and evaluation committee will be considered as the final one.

8. MIST authority reserves the rights to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Besides tenderer must fulfill all the conditions mentioned in Tender Schedule during and after submission of tender.

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Dated. 16/09/2013

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Vertical Extension of Oral Liquid Filling Sealing area (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) at EDCL, Dhaka. (Details as per Tender Schedule)	Tk. 5% of quoted amount	Tk. 1,250.00/set (Non refundable)	04 months	Closing : 26/09/2013 At 12.00 PM Opening: 26/09/2013 At 12.15 PM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above in the from of Bank Draft / Pay Order / Bank Guarantee from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Co. Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

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