

# Battered by Mahasen, victims now reel from cold bite

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Thousands of poor people, especially those living in over 200 *char* (coastal island) areas of the district, are badly suffering amid the ongoing cold spell and dense fog.

Worst is the condition of those who lost their houses during the onslaught of super cyclone Mahasen on May 16 last year but are yet to be able to rebuild them.

Meanwhile, Tk 13 crore allocated for rebuilding 6,500 of the 10,597 badly damaged houses in the district had to be refunded as the local administration failed to make proper use of the allocated money within the stipulated time, said sources of Patuakhali District Relief and Rehabilitation Office (DRRO).

"I am passing hard days with my family of seven as I could not rebuild my house that was totally damaged by the Mahasen," Md Jakir Hossain, a day labourer of Pathimara village in Kalapara upazila.

"We find it hard to manage three times meal. How will we buy worm clothes?" said Anwara Begum, 50, a woman of Char Kazal, a coastal island in Galachipa upazila.

Patuakhali Met office recorded 10 degrees Celsius temperature on Friday, said Md Rahat Hossain, an official.

Amid the biting cold, outside workers, especially day labourers are undergoing a tough time while many people are getting cold related diseases.

After receiving the Tk 13 crore government fund on June 9 last year, the district administration selected 6,500 houses -- 2,230 in

Kalapara, 2,190 in Rangabali, 975 in Galachipa, 422 in Sadar, 234 in Dashmina, 227 in Mirzaganj, 163 in Bauful and 59 in Dumki upazila, to give Tk 20,000 each for their rebuilding.

The district administration sent the money to the upazila administration authorities and as per condition, the latter were to hand over Tk 20,000 to each of the listed people for

rebuilding their houses and send photographs of both the existing and rebuilt houses to the higher authorities within June 30, DRRO sources said.

But the task was a practically impossible one as the time was too short, said the officials concerned.

As the stipulated time expired without completion of the work, the ministry concerned asked the district administration to refund all

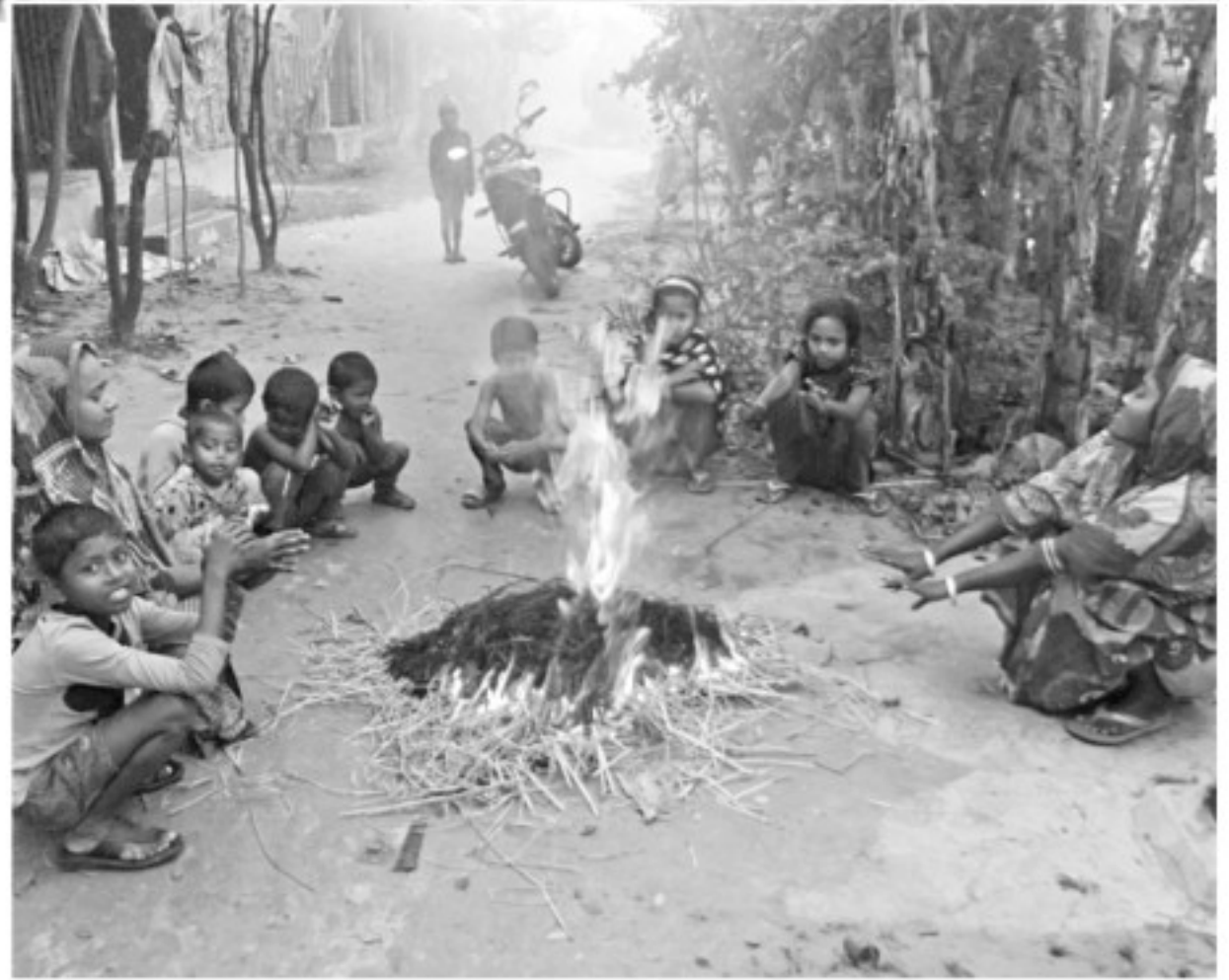
the money and the latter did it on July 1.

"After getting the allocation on June 9, we sent it to the upazila authorities but they failed to spend the money as the time limit was very short. We sent letter to the ministry concerned for reallocation of money for the new fiscal year but we are yet to get any response," said Shanti Ranjon Baidya, district relief and rehabilitation officer.



**A poor woman holding her child shows visible signs of despair in front of her shabby hut at Char Wadel in Bauful upazila under Patuakhali district as they have little protection from the ongoing cold wave. Inset, people with hardly any warm clothes sit around a straw fire to get warmth at Char Montaz in Rangabali upazila under the same district.**

PHOTO: STAR



## Two accused confess to killing Ria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Two accused in Ria Akhter murder case confessed to killing the schoolgirl in their statement before the Judicial Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

The accused, Russel Miah, 20, son of Abul Kalam, and Salauddin Talut, 20, son of Abdur Rahim of Poran village in Pargachha upazila, were arrested on Sunday.

Sub-Inspector Md Mizanur Rahman, also the investigation officer of the case, produced them in the court on Wednesday, seeking seven days' remand.

After hearing, Judicial Magistrate Md Hafizul Islam placed them on a tree-day remand.

A gang led by Abu Zafar Jewel, 38, of Poran village abducted Ria Akhter, 7, a class-1 student of Poran Government Primary School, while she was playing beside their house on December 24.

Later, the abductors phoned Ria's father Abdur Rahman, demanding Tk 4 lakh as ransom. Rahman filed a case with the police station concerned on December 31, accusing six people, including Zafar, Russel and Salauddin.

On January 19, police recovered Ria's decomposed body from a septic tank of one of their neighbours.

C'NAWABGANJ

## 3 held for attack on AL activist

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapinawabganj

Police arrested three people in Kansat area of Shibganj upazila of the district on Wednesday night for their alleged involvement in attacking a woman ward member of union parishad and Awami League activist.

The arrestees are Sanaul, 21, son of Sadekul Islam of Bagbari-Miapur and Mohammad Zakir, 23 and his brother Abu Bakar, son of Bodir Rahman of Golapbazar under the upazila.

SI Jangair Hossain of Shibganj police station said, police arrested them on charge of attacking the ward member.

The arrestees are activists of BNP, local said.

On Wednesday night, a gang of criminals attacked Nurjahan Begum, 45, a ward member of Mobarokpur union parishad and activist of Awami League and injured her seriously at Dhoppukur.

The also cut her tendons of right hand and left leg. Mizanur Rahman, officer in-charge (OC) of Shibganj police station, said the gang swooped Nurjahan when she was returning to her village home at Kantingar from Shibganj by bus.

## Teacher indeed!

UNB, Rajshahi

Police arrested a college teacher from Shilmaria Bazar in Puthia upazila on Wednesday afternoon on charge of circulating video footage of his romantic moment with a female student.

The arrestee was identified as Shahidul Islam, a computer teacher of Pachamaria Degree College and son of Rahmat Ali of Shilmaria Bazar area.

Police said Shahidul runs a photo studio and he developed a romantic relation with a female student of a local college as she would visit his shop on several occasions for getting photograph works done.

However, the couple later on engaged in physical relation at a residential hotel in Rajshahi city, which Shahidul videoed secretly.

Afterwards, Shahidul circulated the video clips to other mobile phones.

As the matter came to light, the victim lodged a complaint with Puthia police who arrested Shahidul from his shop around 5:00pm on Wednesday.

## TANGAIL AL, BNP MEN MURDER

# Police probe at snail's pace worries bereaved

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

The families of slain Awami League (AL) leader Faruque Ahmed and BNP leader Rafiqul Islam Faruque in the district have expressed their disappointment over 'poor' police investigation in the murder cases.

Criminals shot dead freedom fighter Faruque Ahmed, 60, former publicity secretary of Tangail district unit of AL, near his College Para residence in the town on the night of January 18 last year.

After three days, Faruque's wife Nahar Ahmed filed a case with Tangail Model Police Station accusing unidentified criminals for the murder.

Later, police arrested the victim's neighbour Safiqul Islam Shamim, also local ward councillor, for his alleged involvement with the murder and quizzed him on remand.

After several months, Shamim got bail from a court.

"I have already lost confidence over the police investigation as the killers of my husband have not been identified even after one year," Nahar Ahmed said.

Criminals shot dead Rafiqul Islam Faruque, 52, three times elected popular chairman of Dainna union parishad (UP) in Sadar upazila, also vice-president of Tangail Sadar upazila unit of BNP, near his rented house at Battala Bazar in Tangail town in the morning on December 20 last year.

After two days, Faruque's younger brother Mohammad Lavlu Miah filed a murder case with Tangail Model Police Station, accusing 11 people including defeated UP chairman candidate Afzal Hossain, also president of local union unit of AL, as the main accused.

Investigation officer of the case, SI Abdul Hannan said police have already arrested one of the accused -- Abdur Rahim and two suspected others in connection with the



Faruque Ahmed



Rafiqul Islam Faruque

killing.

On January 20, the family members of Rafiqul Islam Faruque including his parents, wife, son and younger brother met the Superintendent of Police (SP) in Tangail Saleh Mohammed Tanvir and demanded immediate arrest of the main accused.

Contacted, the SP said despite continued drives police have failed to arrest the other accused in the case as they along with their family members went into hiding after the incident.

About AL leader Faruque Ahmed murder case, the SP said it remains a clueless case due to lack of cooperation from the people concerned.

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### Request for Expressions of Interest

#### THE WORLD BANK

##### Consulting Services

#### Technical Assistance for pilot programs under Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROSC) Project II

Assignment Country: Bangladesh

The education sector in Bangladesh has considerably expanded opportunities at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels. Despite high gross enrolment rates however, many school-aged children remain out of school, particularly those from poor households and under-served areas. The Reaching Out of School Children (ROSC) II Project is a key GOB intervention in providing second chance primary education to out-of-school children, and is expected to bring 720,000 children back to school in 148 most disadvantaged and remote upazilas. The project builds upon the experiences of both public and NGO provision of education, and blends formal education with non-formal means of delivery to support the transition to secondary education.

To address deficiencies in educational opportunities for certain disadvantaged groups, the ROSC II project will implement four pilot interventions. The *urban slums pilot* will support establishment and operation of 100 Learning Centers (LCs) in selected slums in Dhaka, and additional 200 LCs in other slums based on evaluation of the pilot. The *child domestics voucher scheme* would initially support 700 child domestics through student education allowance and tuition fees to schools, and considered for expansion based on evaluation. The *Pre-vocational skills training voucher scheme* will support ROSC students who have completed at least grade 3 but are aged 15 and above. Under this pilot, the project would provide vouchers to 5,000 eligible students to participate in the existing skills training programs. The cross-cutting *Early Grade Reading pilot* aims to improve children's reading skills, bolstering the curriculum of both existing ROSC LCs and pilots interventions by building capacity of service providers.

The Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) under the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MOPME) implements the ROSC II project. The ROSC Unit (ROSCU) will be responsible for day-to-day implementation of the Project.

The World Bank would like to invite expressions of interest (EOI) from specialized technical agencies (STA) to provide technical assistance to design and implement the four pilot schemes. The STA will prepare a detailed design for each pilot, including specific inputs, outputs and monitoring indicators; identification of partner NGOs or service providers, target areas and beneficiaries; detailed operational modalities and implementation arrangements, including clear roles and responsibilities of actors (STA, DPE, ROSC unit, NGOs, monitoring and evaluation agency). The STA will support the implementation phase of the pilots, particularly in the start-up phase of the pilots, supervision and monitoring of the pilot activities, and preparation of the scale-up plan.

It is expected that the services will commence in February 2014, and the duration of services will be 2 years. EOIs will be evaluated on:

- Experience of consulting agency with the education sector in Bangladesh, especially on implementation of programs involving urban slums, child domestics, pre-vocational skills training and early grade reading schemes.
- The technical and managerial capabilities of the agency, and especially of technical skills on the questions of the assignment.
- The core business of consulting agency and years in business.
- The qualifications of key staff to be assigned.
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**Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.**

**Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.**

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- Production of 4 minutes Docudrama on Pourashava/ City Corporation Information and Service Centre**, Ref: RFP-BD-2014-004 and the deadline for submission of Proposals is **Sunday, February 09, 2014, 4:30 p.m.** Local time.
- National Annual Report on Disaster Response and Recovery**, Ref: RFP-BD-2014-005 and the deadline for submission of Proposals is **Thursday, February 06, 2014, 2:30 p.m.** Local time.

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**Submission of Proposal:** The envelope should state the tender subject mentioned above and the Proposals must be submitted as per the instructions specified in the RFP document by the deadline mentioned above to the **Registry Unit, UNDP Bangladesh**, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

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