



A big bagha aieer, a delicious fish weighing around 80 kg, being taken to Poradaha Mela, the 150-year-old traditional fair, opened at Golabari under Gabtoli upazila of Bogra yesterday. The fair is followed by another festival known as Bou Mela in the area.

PHOTO: STAR

Grabber's men torch house to kill family of land owner

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Criminals allegedly hired by a land grabber tried to burn to death three children, their mother and grandfather at their house at Bhagolkarhati village under Kargao union in Katiadi upazila of Kishoreganj district on Sunday night.

Siblings Ananya, Pranto and Mim, students of classes VII, IV and I respectively, along with their mother Konoklata and grandmother Angurbala were sleeping at their house when criminals locked the door from outside and set it afire.

The heat woke the insiders up and they saw the flames.

Hearing their scream, neighbours rushed in and managed to bring them out by breaking the fence.

The children's father Mostofa Mia, worker of a shoe shop in Dhaka, was not at home that night.

"Our house and all the things including my children's books, cash money, two goats and twelve hens have been burnt to ashes.

Where will we live now?" Konoklata lamented.

"The powerful land grabbers led by Goman had been trying to grab our land for long. Although the conflict between my husband and Goman was settled through mediation a week ago, Goman and his son Ayub with their men forcibly wanted to build a house in our land. On Sunday, they threatened to

burn us to death and made the arson attack at night," she said.

Officer-in-Charge of Katiadi police station said, "Informed of the threat, police detained Ayub and his assistant on Sunday. After the arson attack, a case was filed accusing Goman, Ayub and unidentified others. Goman went into hiding. Police is trying to arrest him and suspected



PHOTO: STAR

Books and valuables were gutted as criminals allegedly hired by a land grabber set fire to a house at Bhagolkarhati village in Katiadi upazila of Kishoreganj on Sunday night.

TRAFFICKING 89 Thai and Myanmar citizens sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Coastguards filed two cases yesterday against 89 people in connection with the rescue of 200 Bangladeshi and Myanmar nationals from two Thai cargo trawlers near St Martin's Island early Tuesday.

Lt Dewan Rafiqul Awal, station commander of Coast Guard Teknaf Station, filed the two cases, said Mohammad Forhad, officer-in-charge (OC) of Teknaf Police Station.

The detained 89 people were sent to jail after they were produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The accused include 11 boatmen of Thailand. They were with trafficking people illegally, the OC added.

Seventy-eight Rohingas were also sued in the other case, he added.

Coast Guard members rescued 200 Bangladeshi and Myanmar nationals who were being trafficked to Malaysia in two Thai cargo trawlers on Tuesday.

Eleven crews -- six Myanmar and five Thai nationals -- were arrested from the vessels for their bid to smuggle the people out.

KUAKATA OF PATUAKHALI

Joint drive starts to save fry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

District administration on Tuesday began a joint operation in Kuakata area to save young fishes from the mindless catchers.

Led by executive magistrate Ahsan Ullah Sharifi, the operation started on the shore of the Bay of Bengal.

On the first day, the team seized 5,000 meters of current nets and destroyed those by setting on fire on the Kuakata beach in the afternoon.

The drive would be continue to save the young fishes being netted here by a section of local fishermen, said Ahsan Ullah Sharifi, executive magistrate of Patuakhali.

On the first day, we seized

the nets from different points including Kuakata, Gongamoti and its adjacent areas when fishermen were catching fish with those nets, he added.

Joint forces of police, coast guard conducted the operation led by the executive magistrate while officials of the fisheries department were present.

Earlier, The Daily Star published a report on catching fish fries on its February 9 issue.

The report said that a section of fishermen were catching very young fishes in different area of the shore of the Bay. They set up nets on the shore of the Bay in Kuakata during the high tide when many very young fishes of different species come to the shore.

3 women killed by 'husbands'

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Three women have been killed allegedly by their husbands in Sirajganj, Bogra and Moulvibazar districts.

Police recovered the throat-slit body of a housewife from the bank of the Jamuna River in Soyadabad area of Sirajganj town on Sunday morning, reports our Pabna correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Jesmin Ara, 27, wife of Enamul Haque alias Russel of Jamitra village in Shahzadpur upazila. She went missing from Saturday.

Police in separate drives on Tuesday arrested Russel and his two associates-- Saiful Islam and Minhaz Uddin--on charge of killing Jesmin.

As Jesmin protested Russel's bid to second marriage, he along with his associates stabbed her dead and dumped the body in the bank of the river, said sub-inspector of Sirajganj Sadar police station Md Dulal Hossain, investigation officer of the case.

In Bogra, a housewife was hacked to death allegedly by her husband at Pabohara village in Kahaloo upazila on Sunday night, reports our correspondent.

The deceased is Ismat Ara, 40, wife of Abubakkar Siddik of the village. She was mother of three children.

Police and family sources said Ismat quarreled with her husband for his late coming in the house each night. At one stage of altercation, Siddik attacked his wife with an axe, leaving her seriously injured.

She was rushed to the upazila health complex where on duty doctors declared her dead, said officer-in-charge (Investigation) of Kahaloo police station Kamruzzaman Mia.

Police arrested Siddik in connection with the killing, said the OC.

Away in Moulvibazar, a pregnant woman was killed allegedly by her husband in Phultola Tea garden area under Juri upazila on Tuesday.

The dead is Sabitri Bunarji, 35, wife of Sagor Bunerji of the area, reports our correspondent.

Family sources said Sagor attacked Sabitri with a sharp weapon, leaving her dead on the spot following an altercation over a trivial matter.

Later, Sagor was arrested on charge of killing his wife, said police.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Two get life in 2 murder cases

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Dinajpur court yesterday sentenced two people to life imprisonment in two separate cases for killing a man and woman. The convicts are Moinul Islam of Dinajpur Sadar upazila, and Bipul Chandra Roy of Khansama upazila of the district. Moinul Islam killed his wife Farida Begum on April 1, 2006 over a family feud. Later, a case was filed, accusing him. The court also fined him Tk 5,000, in default he is to suffer another three months in jail. Bipul Chandra Roy killed Md Golam Robbani, son of Liakat Ali of Kukhapara village under Khansama upazila on November 4, 2007. Later, a murder case was filed against him.

BNP enforces hartal in 4 upazilas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

BNP enforced a daylong hartal in four upazilas of the district yesterday, demanding release of Charghat upazila BNP President Abu Sayeed Chand. He was accused in two cases, one for removing fishplates that resulted in a train accident at Charghat on December 2 and another for torching a motorcycle at the upazila headquarters on November 26 last year, during opposition-enforced blockade programmes. Chand on Tuesday surrendered to Rajshahi Judicial Magistrate's Court that sent him to jail.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Four doctors of Apollo Hospital pose for photograph after a seminar on "Updates on Advanced Patient Care Management in Apollo Hospital in Dhaka" held in the auditorium of Mymensingh Medical College on Monday. Around 300 doctors of Mymensingh town and its surrounding areas took part in the seminar.

Deal signed

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through phone calls. An awareness campaign will be launched for the expatriates staying in Malaysia.

The consortium will have to do the job with its own funding primarily. However, it will be paid \$18 as service charge after the handover of each passport. The expatriates, majority of who are workers, will have to pay the service charge, in addition to the \$35 regular passport fee, to avail the MRPs.

State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan, Senior Secretary to the Home Ministry CQK Mustaq Ahmed, Project Director of MRP Brigadier General Masud Rezwana and Malaysian High Commissioner in Dhaka Norlin Othman spoke in the programme.

The government wants to provide all the expatriates with the MRPs by November 23, 2015, a deadline set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to replace all the hand-written manual passports with the machine readable ones.

According to the DIP officials, Bangladesh currently has 5-6 lakh expatriates in Malaysia.

About 90 per cent of these expatriates use the old passports and must be provided MRPs by the ICAO deadline or else they might face trouble while travelling or staying abroad.

DEATH OF KID IN TANGAIL

Aggrieved locals block highway again for speed breakers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Aggrieved locals blocked the Dhaka-Tangail Highway at Taratia in Sadar upazila yesterday demanding speed breakers on the spot where a schoolgirl was killed in an accident on Tuesday.

They kept the busy highway blocked from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, creating a 10-km tailback of hundreds of vehicles on the both directions of the road from Rabna Bypass to Baoikhola, police said.

The protesters removed

the barricade, put-up by felling timber, after the law enforcers assured them of constructing speed breakers on the spot immediately, said Kamruzzaman Raj, Sub-inspector of Elenga Highway Police.

Vehicular movement returned to normal on the highway after 2:00pm, he added.

Locals and police said, a passenger bus ran over Deepti Paul, 12, a Class IV student of Taratia Government Primary School in Tangail Sadar upazila, in front of the

school on Tuesday noon when she was crossing the road, leaving her dead on the spot.

After the accident, local people on Tuesday kept the highway blocked for one hour protesting the death of the schoolgirl and demanding speed breakers on the spot.

They, however, removed the barricade that was put up by keeping a passenger bus across the road after the law enforcers including representatives from district administration assured them of making speed

breakers on the spot by 10:00am yesterday.

The locals, put up barricade on the busy highway again on the spot as the deadline for the speed breakers passed off without any steps for it.

Lal Miah, a resident of Taratia, said there were two speed breakers on the spot previously, but those were removed before the last Eid-ul-Fitre to avoid traffic jam.

"Since then, accidents took place one after another on the spot due to reckless driving by a section of drivers," he added.

Language has no religion

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the students of Dhaka University who underscored the significance of the movement through their concerted action in the defence of the mother tongue.

In April 1951, a group of students with leftist political leanings -- and they were all members of the Dhaka University State Language Committee of Action -- prepared a letter arguing for Bangla as a state language. Copies of the letter were sent to all members of the constituent assembly then meeting in Karachi. Excerpts from the letter, reproduced below, demonstrate the increasingly radical nature of the movement:

"We, the students of Dacca

University, who initiated the language movement in East Pakistan three years ago (and), are now more determined than ever to secure for Bengali the status of state language of Pakistan, will take this opportunity, while you are assembled at Karachi, to press once more our legitimate claim...

We refuse to believe that any language under heaven can be Islamic or Christian or heathen. If Urdu is Islamic, Bengali is equally so. Nay, it is more Islamic as a large number of Muslims speak Bangla..."

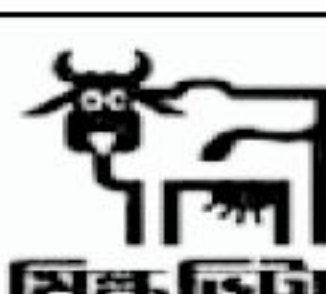
The letter went on to serve warning that the adoption of Urdu as the language of the state would give rise to a privileged class in the country, with very negative consequences for

the majority of the population. Such a move, it was pointed out in the letter, would 'strike at the root of national integrity without which there is no future for our country.'

The closing words of the letter were to be noted for their forcefulness:

"We have given a tough fight and are prepared to fight to the last. We shall never accept Urdu as the only state language. We are sworn to expose the great conspiracy which aims at reducing East Pakistan to the state of a colony. We remind the people's representatives that until and unless the claim of Bengali is fully established in the province as well as the centre, the students of Dacca University shall not rest."

Bangladesh Milk Producer's Co-Operative Union Ltd. Head Office: Dugdha Bhaban 139-140 Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208. Invitation for International Re-Tender.



Procuring Entity Name		Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Ltd.		
Procurement Method		Open Tendering Method (One Stage Two Envelope)		
Source of Funds		Own Fund		
Invitation for Tenders No.		PD/MP(D)/LC-14/2013/441		Date: 10.02.2014
Tenders Name & Brief Description				
Sl. No.	Tender Package No.	Item Name	Cost of Schedule (Non refundable)	Tender Security (BDT/US\$/EURO)
1.	PD/MP(D)/LC-14/2013/10	Milk Pasteurization Plant for DDP	TK. 6,000.00	BDT. 10,00,000/- / US\$. 13,000.00/ EURO. 9,000.00
2.	PD/CWP(D)/LC - 10/2013/11	Chilled Water Plant for DDP	TK. 10,000.00	BDT. 16,50,000/- US\$. 21,000.00 / EURO. 15,000.00
3.	PD/CWP(B)/LC -10/2011/12	Chilled Water Plant for BDP	TK. 10,000.00	BDT. 16,50,000/- US\$. 21,000.00/ EURO.15,000.00
4.	PD/Boiler/LC-02/2012/13	Boiler for BDP	TK. 5,000.00	BDT. 7,50,000/- US\$. 9,600.00 / EURO. 6,800.00
Validity of tender offer		120 days from the date of submission of tender		
Validity of tender security		148 days from the date of submission of tender		
Name & address of the office for selling the tender documents		(a) Accounts Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka (b) Accounts Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur Sec.-7, Dhaka. & (c) Divisional Commissioner office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.		
Name & address of the office for receiving of the tender documents		(a) Procurement Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur Sec.-7, Dhaka. & (c) Divisional Commissioner office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.		
Starting date for selling tender documents		20.02.2014 during office hour.		
Tender last selling date		08.04.2014 during office hour		
Tender closing Place, Date & Time		(a) Procurement Division, Head Office, (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant (c) Divisional Commissioner Office.	09.04.2014 at 12.30 PM	
Tender opening Place, Date and time		Head Office: Conference Room 139-140 Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.	09.04.2014 at 2.30 PM	
Other Instruction		All other terms & conditions are mentioned in the tender schedule		
Procuring Entity Details				
Name of the Official Inviting Tender		Muhammad Munir Chowdhury		
Designation of the Official Inviting Tender		Managing Director		
Address of the Official Inviting Tender		Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Limited 139-140, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.		
Contact details of the official inviting tender		Tel : 8870432, 8879279 (PABX) 8870444, 8870445, Ext-102, 140 Fax : 880-2-8870433, E-mail: procurement@milkvita.org		
Other Information				
Special Conditions		i) Tender must be submitted in two envelopes and clearly marked as "Technical Offer" and "Financial Offer" Financial offer will contain Tender submission Letter (form PG4-1), Price Schedule for Goods (PG4-3B) & Price Schedule for related Services (form PG4-3D). All other Documents including Tender Security (Earnest Money) will be in the Technical Offer. If any Financial (Price related) document found in the Technical Offer Tender will be outright rejected. ii) In case, the tender can not be received on the day mentioned for reasons beyond control of BMPCUL (Milk Vita), the same will be received on the next working day at the same time & venue. iii) The authority also reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.		
This tender will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Rules-2008 of Bangladesh.				

Signed/- (Muhammad Munir Chowdhury) Managing Director & CEO