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Users of Hili land port block Dinajpur-Joypurhat road at Charmatha in the port area for three hours yesterday as they continued strike for five days demanding end to their 'harassment'.

Hili land port users' strike enters sixth day

They call hartal in Hakimpur upazila for today, govt incurs Tk 1cr revenue loss everyday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Hili land port users, who continued strike to realise their three-point demand for the fifth day yesterday, will enforce a daylong hartal in Hakimpur upazila today.

Yesterday, they blocked Dinajpur-Joypurhat Road at Hili intersection for three hours from 10:00am.

The port users--Hili Land port C & F Agents Association, Customs Association, Truck Operators Association, Truck Driver Association and workers Federation--

began an indefinite strike on May 14 to press the demands.

The demands are putting an end to giving seal on the manifest of imported goods, harassment by members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), and filing of cases by BGB without informing the C&F agents and importers.

Abul Kashem Azad, president of Hili Land Port C & F Agents Association, has threatened to launch a toughen agitation programme at the land port in Hakimpur upazila if their demands are not met

immediately.

Some users have already shifted their business to other land ports because of harassment of BGB personnel in Hili port area in the name of checking documents, Azad alleged.

Refuting allegation of harassment, Abdur Razzak Tarafdar, commanding officer BGB Joypurhat-3 Battalion, said the border guards would continue checking the documents as per customs law and for the sake of security.

Around 3,000 labourers at the port have become jobless as loading

and unloading of goods have remained suspended since Wednesday morning.

Md Moniruzzaman, Assistant customs officer of Hili land port, said the government is incurring a loss of Tk 1 crore in revenue each day for the strike.

Contacted, Ahmed Shamim Al Razi, deputy commissioner of Dinajpur, said they are talking separately with the port users and BGB members. 'I hope the crisis will be resolved within day or two' said the DC.

Jamuna erosion makes 50 families homeless

60 acres of farmland in Sariakandi upazila of Bogra have gone into the river in three days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Erosion by the River Jamuna took an alarming turn in the last few days, rendering over 50 families at three villages in Sariakandi upazila homeless.

The affected villages are Dalirkandi, Nijkornipara and Talukdarpara in the upazila, said local Water Development Board (WDB) sources.

The erosion victims are passing their days without drinking water and foods, said Gazul Haque, chairman of Kutubpur union parishad.

During a visit to Nijkornipara village in the union on Friday, this correspondent found many villagers leaving their homes for safer places, fearing further onslaught by the river.

Locals said the river water has been rising abnormally for the last few days, devouring more than 50 houses and 60 acres of cropland.

The river washed away our homesteads and farmlands during the period, said Ansar Ali, Amirul Islam, Naya Mia, Mohoshin Ali, Barik Mia,

Abdul Mannan and Anwara Begum of Nijkornipara village.

They also urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to control the erosion in the area.

Contacted, the chairman of Sariakandi upazila parishad said he had already informed the WDB official about the matter.

Executive Engineer of Bogra district WDB office Nurul Islam said we wrote to the higher authorities for fund to check the erosion but no response yet to come.

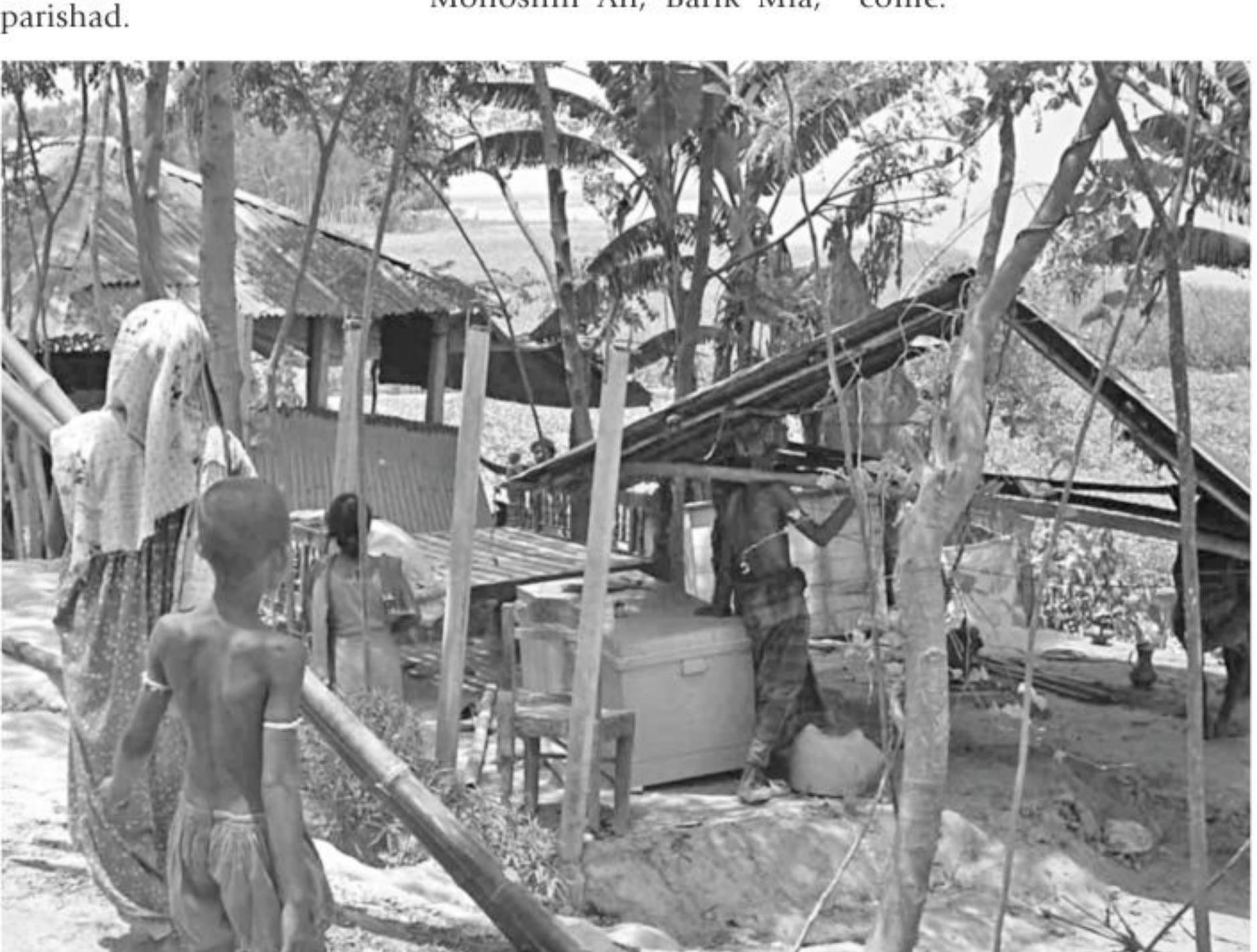


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Faced with erosion by the Jamuna, a family at Nijkornipara village in Kutubpur union of Sariakandi upazila under Bogra district carries the separated parts of their house to a safer place on Saturday.

BSF picks up one from Lammonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lammonirhat

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) picked up a Bangladeshi farmer from Patgram upazila in Lammonirhat yesterday.

BSF members picked up Lablu Mia, 27, of Jhalangi village in the upazila from Burimari border while he was harvesting paddy on his land along the border.

Lt Col Shafiqul Alam Khan, commanding officer (CO) of BGB 15 Battalion in Lammonirhat, said a BSF patrol team picked up Lablu from the bordering area at around 3:00pm.

BGB sent a protest letter to its Indian counterpart. In reply, BSF assured them of returning the detainee through a flag meeting, added the CO.

2 Jamaat men held with 10 crude bombs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police in a drive on Saturday night arrested two local leaders, including an ameer of the upazila unit of Jamaat-e-Islami, from Bazrate area in Bholahat upazila and seized 10 crude bombs from their possession.

The arrestees are Golam Kabir, 42, ameer of Bholahat upazila unit and Shamsuzzaman Alkes, 45, both teachers of Mushribhuja Shamsur Rahman Dakhil Madrasa of the upazila.

A police team intercepted Kabir and Alkes in the area around 9:30pm, while they were returning from Mushribhuja by a motorcycle and arrested the two with the bombs.

Rab abducted my husband a year ago

Alleges Benapole panel mayor Tuhin's wife at press confce

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Salma Akhter, wife of disappeared Benapole municipality panel mayor Tariqul Alam Tuhin, at a press conference yesterday alleged that Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) abducted her husband over a year ago.

Tariqul Alam Tuhin, also former president of Sharsha upazila unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, has remained traceless since he disappeared on March 7 last year.

"During the few days before Tuhin's disappearance, Rab men twice came to our residence and looked for Tuhin. They broke open the main gate and loudly called his name and ordered him to come out early March in 2013. That time a team of local policemen intervened and the Rab men went away," Salma said at the press conference at Benapole Bazar.

"Then Tuhin went to Dhaka and took shelter at the NAM flat residence of Jessor-e-1 lawmaker Sheikh Afil Uddin. But Tuhin disappeared on March 7, 2013 after he left the flat at 11:36am," Salma said.

"At 9:17am that day, my husband told me over phone that he was coming to Benapole from Dhaka by plane. But he never returned. From the earlier activities of Rab men, I suspect that they abducted my husband on his way to Dhaka Airport," Salma said.

Major Md Masudur Rahman, camp in-charge Rab-6 in Jessor, said, "Rab did not do the act. No such complaint was raised at that time."

Nuruzaman, general secretary of Sharsha upazila unit of AL, and Nasir Uddin, general secretary of Benapole municipality unit of AL, were also present at the press conference arranged by the municipality AL.

Abducted contractor rescued in Gazipur, five arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police rescued an abducted contractor from Rasulpur of Kaliakoir upazila under the district on Saturday night, 12 hours after the incident, and arrested five people in this connection.

The rescued person is Abdulla Al Kaiser, 36, a contractor working in Kaliakoir upazila, and son of Abdulla Al Kafi of Radhakan village under Phulbaria upazila of Mymensingh district.

The arrestees are Shamol Mia, 25, owner of Kaiser's

rented house at Haritakitala of Kaliakoir, and Syed Munna Rizvi, 21, Arong Khan, 23, Habibur Rahman, 23, and Syed Rahat Hossain, 23, all hailing from Rasulpur area of the upazila.

At about 8:00am on Saturday, Shamol along with the four others called Kaiser from his Haritakitala residence where he lives with his family, said the victim's wife Tajnuba Khanam.

Later they tied up Kaiser's hands, legs and mouth and kept him in a bush at the mango orchard of Abdur Rahim at Rasulpur, said Rafiqul

Islam, officer in charge of Kaliakoir Police Station.

The abductors demanded Tk 3 lakh as ransom from Tajnuba over phone.

"Upon receiving information from the victim's wife Tajnuba, police rushed to Chandra area and arrested Shamol when he was collecting the ransom money from the woman Saturday evening. Based on his information, we rescued Kaiser and arrested four others involved in the abduction around 8:00pm," said Rajib Khan, sub-inspector of Kaliakoir Police Station.

4 forest robbers to die, 6 get life for killing fish trader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A Bagerhat court yesterday sentenced four forest robbers to death and six others to life imprisonment for killing a fish trader in 1998.

Those awarded death penalty are Atahar Ali Tafadar alias Paran, chairman of Dema union parishad in Sadar upazila, Babul Gazi alias Babul of Katakhali village, Bachchu of Ranjoypur village in Rampal upazila and Kalam alias Kamal Sheikh, son of Nawab Ali Sheikh of Kalia village in Sadar upazila. Of them, Bablu, Bachchu and Kamal are still at large.

The lifers are Shahidul Sheikh, son of Kashem Sheikh of Kalia village, Eshrat Sheikh, son of Arab Ali Sheikh of Kashimpur village under Sadar upazila, Farhad Mollah, son of Majed Mollah of Kalia village, Sanu Dakua, son of Israfil Dakua, of same village, Faruk alias Faruk Salma said.

Major Md Masudur Rahman, camp in-charge Rab-6 in Jessor, said, "Rab did not do the act. No such complaint was raised at that time."

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Locals join a human chain arranged by several organisations in Mymensingh town yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the couple who brutally tortured their domestic help Bedena, 26, now undergoing treatment at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

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**Position: Specialist, Economics
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Job Responsibility:

This role will assess, analyze and quantify economical aspects of various regulations, directives, guidelines, policies and laws that have direct and indirect influence on our business value. The relevant laws and regulations are mainly telecom sector specific regulations & laws, general competition law, taxation, revenue and investment related laws. Correlation of the telecom sector with bigger economy, interdependency mapping and developing mutually win-win strategy would be a few of the key responsibilities. Furthermore, the responsibility will cover in-depth analysis of existing economic regulations like price regulation, commercial regulations, taxation regime etc. to formulate the most effective plan for dealing with these regulations.

Identify and quantify the major economic value drivers of relevant laws, regulations, policies etc. relevant to our business.

Assess and analyze the impact of the above on our business value and propose effective ways to deal with them in a futuristic manner.

Carry out in-depth analysis of market competition, price regulation and other relevant commercial regulations.

Develop a cost model that reflects true scenario with proper modeling and business logic.

Proactively prepare our position regarding future telecom services' economic regulation.

Suggest how reform of existing taxation regime could create greater economic value for the national economy and our own business.

Develop interconnection cost model

Policy advocacy on economical aspects of future guidelines, regulations, directives etc.

Education:

Masters in Economics

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