

Sugarcane growers demand payment of arrears

Stage demonstrations in Panchagarh, Joypurhat

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Sugarcane growers under the jurisdictions of Panchagarh Sugar Mills and Joypurhat Sugar Mills have demanded immediate payment of their dues for the item supplied during the last crushing season.

Sugarcane suppliers of Panchagarh Sugar Mills brought out a procession in the town and held a discussion in front of the mill gate yesterday demanding their dues, reports our correspondent from Thakurgaon.

In the afternoon, they submitted memorandum to the prime minister through the managing director of Panchagarh Sugar Mills to press home their 11-point demand including immediate payment of their Tk 6 crore arrears dues.

They also demanded raising the purchase rate of per maund sugarcane to Tk

150 from present Tk 100.

Around five thousand farmers supplied about 95,000 tonnes of sugarcane to the mills for about two months during the recently ended crushing season but they are yet to get their dues worth about Tk 6 crore, said leaders of district sugarcane growers' association.

Despite regularly approaching the mill authorities, the farmers have to return empty-handed, they said.

They warned of launching a tougher movement if their demand is not met immediately.

Contacted over cell phone, Abdur Rashid, managing director of Panchagarh Sugar Mills Ltd, said, "In last crushing season ending on 4 April, the mill produced 6,250 tonnes of sugar by crushing around 95,000 tonnes of sugarcane. But we are still unable to pay the dues to the farmers as the

sugar of last two seasons, amounting about 10,000 tonnes, has remained unsold."

"The dealers are not interested to draw sugar from state-owned sugar mills as the private companies are selling a kg of sugar at Tk 38 while the rate of state owned mills is Tk 40. The private companies who import raw sugar set their prices lower than the one fixed by state-owned mills," he said.

He demanded increasing the import duty on raw sugar to save the state-owned sugar mills as livelihood of thousands of families including mill workers and sugarcane farmers is related with it.

Our Dinajpur Correspondent reports: Several thousand sugarcane growers from different upazilas of Joypurhat staged demonstration in front of the gate of Joypurhat Sugar Mills yesterday demanding their

arrear payment of 2013-14 sugarcane crushing season.

Around 14,000 farmers cultivated sugarcane on 10,000 acres of land in the district with hope to get profit but most sugarcane suppliers are yet to get their payment, the growers said at a rally there.

"As the mill authorities are yet to disburse Tk 12 crore arrears dues, farmers regularly visit the mill to get their payment, but they return frustrated," Abu Taleb Chowdhury Babu, president of Joypurhat Akh Chashi Kalyan Samity, said at the rally.

Abdus Salam, managing director of Joypurhat Sugar Mills, said, "There is around 15,000 tonnes of unsold sugar worth Tk 60 crore at the mill. As soon as the stored sugar is sold, the sugarcane suppliers will be paid their dues. Otherwise, the mill has no fund to meet the growers' demand."



PHOTO: STAR

Sugarcane growers under the jurisdiction of Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd bring out a procession in the town yesterday to press their 11-point demand, including immediate payment of arrears.

SNIPPETS

4 Shibir men sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Four Shibir men, who were held on vandalism charge on Sunday, were sent to the district jail yesterday. The accused are Ansarul, Firoz, Rabiul and Rashed Alam. Police said the activists of Chhatra League and Shibir of Thakurgaon polytechnic Institute in the town clashed on Sunday afternoon. The Shibir men vandalised windowpanes and doors of a mess in the area during the incident. The four were later arrested on charge of vandalising the mess, said officer in-charge of Thakurgaon police station AKM Mehedi Hasan.

Lightning kills youth

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A youth was killed by lightning at Debaijugosi village in Sadar upazila on Sunday morning. The deceased is Alamgir Miah, 30, of the village. Police said the thunderbolt struck Alamgir when he was catching fish in a pond nearby the area, said Mushaid Miah, a member of Amtoil union parishad.

Tea worker commits 'suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A man allegedly committed suicide in Fotepur tea garden in Borolekha upazila yesterday. The deceased was identified as Pancholal Chasa, 38, of the area. He worked at Fotepur Tea Garden in the upazila. Pancholal took his life by hanging himself from the ceiling of his house in the morning. The reason behind the suicide could not be known immediately, said police.

Nor'wester injures 10

UNB, Magura

At least 10 people were injured as a nor' wester lashed several unions in Shalikhha and Sadar upazilas of the district on Sunday night. Of them, seven were injured as houses and trees collapsed on them during the storm, according to witnesses. Critically three injured -- Rina Khatun, 35, daughter of Tilam Molla of Sonpur village, Sonia Khatun, 17, daughter of Tahajjat Bishwas of Harishpur village, and Aduri Begum, 13, daughter of Ruhul Amin of Amuria village -- were admitted to Sadar hospital.

Tea shop owner hacked to death

UNB, Bagerhat

A tea stall owner was hacked to death by criminals at Sonakura village in Rampal upazila early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Harun Sheikh, 45, son of late Abdus Sattar Sheikh of the village. Officer-in-charge of Rampal Police Station Kazi Daud Hossain said Harun came under attack by a group of miscreants while he was sleeping in his shop on Sunday midnight. The attackers chopped him with sharp weapons, leaving him dead on the spot. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Bagerhat Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

MUNSHIGANJ LAUNCH CAPSIZE

Owner, 6 others sued, one more body found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Police yesterday filed a case against seven people, including the owner of 'MV Miraj-4', in connection with the launch capsizing in Meghna river on Thursday, after four days into the incident.

Haidar Hossain Akand, sub-inspector of Gazaria Police Station, filed the case against Khandaker Anwar Hossain, owner of 'MV Miraj-4', its six employees and 2 to 3 other unidentified persons on charges of

overloading passengers and goods.

Six other named accused are Rafiqul Islam, Shamsuddin, Mintu, Dulal, Shahid and Nurul Islam. Of them, Rafiqul was the master of the launch.

The Shariatpur-bound launch from Dhaka sank into the Meghna with around 200 passengers on board in Gazaria upazila of the district during a nor'wester on Thursday.

With the recovery of one more body yesterday, the death toll in the launch capsizing rose to 57.

ATTACK ON PRINCIPAL

8 college teachers sent to jail in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A court here on Sunday sent eight teachers of Shaheed M Mansur Ali College to jail, rejecting their bail prayers in a case filed for attacking the principal of the college.

The accused are Md Abdus Samad Khan, Md Ajar Ali, Farhad Hossain, Golam Main Uddin Khan, Ashraf Ali, Md Manjil Alam, KM Motiur Rahman and Md Nazrul Islam.

On April 20, a gang swooped on principal Md Abdul Mannan, 52, and stabbed him when he was going to a court in the district town.

Immediate after the incident, police arrested one of the teachers of the college Md Jalal Uddin and Md Tufan, a local criminal, in connection with the attack.

The victim then filed a case with Sadar police station, accusing 16 people, including the eight teachers.

On Sunday afternoon, Additional Chief Judicial

Magistrate Abu Saleh Md Salauddin passed the order after they were produced before the court.

In November last year, Principal Mannan was suspended on charge of misappropriating Tk 7.51 lakh from the college fund, said sources.

"When the principal came under the attack the teachers were on duty in the examination hall", said Md Rafiqul Islam, a teacher of the college.

The students of the college formed a human chain on the campus yesterday, protesting filing of the 'false' against the teachers.

They the teachers had earlier filed a complaint with Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) against the principal. Angered by this, he lodged a 'false' case against them, they added.

They also threatened to launch a tougher agitation programme if the teachers were not released immediately.

Upazila Jamaat ameer arrested with arms, books on jihad

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

Police on Sunday night arrested Damurhuda upazila ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami from his residence at Gulshanpara village in the upazila headquarters and seized two firearms, several books on jihad and leaflets from the spot.

The arrestee, Shariful Alam alias Milton, 40, is an assistant professor at Damurhuda Abdul Wadud Shah Degree College in Chuadanga and chairman of Damurhuda Union Parishad (UP).

Shikdar Moshir Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Damurhuda Police Station, said acting on tip-off, a police team raided the Jamaat leader's house while he along with 17 to 18 other activists of the party were holding a 'secret' meeting at around 7:30pm.

Police arrested Milton and recovered two shutter guns, four crude bombs, four bullets, seven books on jihad and leaflets from the spot, the OC added.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the other activists, however, managed to flee.

Police yesterday produced the Jamaat leader before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court-2 that sent him to jail.

7 fall sick after taking mango juice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

At least seven people fell sick after taking mango juice at Gopalpur village in Sadar upazila on Sunday night.

They are Abdur Razzak, 52, son of late Hazrat Ali, his son Ripon, 15, daughter Rehana, 18, nephew Abu Said, 20 and relatives Lutfar Rahman, 25, son of Abdul Hakim, Somet Ali, 35, son of Kader Ali of the village in the upazila and Al-Amin,

22, son of Abdul Mazid of Phulbari village of Debiganj upazila of Panchagarh district. They were admitted to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital. Family sources said Somet Ali bought a mango juice 'Aam Ros', a product of Promy Beverage Company, from Azizul's shop of Phutani Bazar in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila and brought it to his relative Abdur Razzak's house.

Minutes after taking the

mango juice at 9:30pm, the seven fell sick, said the sources.

Dr Tozammel Haque, senior medical consultant of the hospital, said they fell sick due to food poisoning.

"We have already sent the sample of the juice to the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control Research (IEDCR) in Dhaka", he said.

A team of IEDCR will come soon to visit the patients, said the doctor.

GUNFIGHT WITH COPS

Three bullet-hit robbers held in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Three alleged robber were arrested after gunfight with police in Ghoighoria area under Sadar upazila of the district early yesterday.

The arrestees are Almir Hossain, 25, of Berabari village in Sadar upazila, Sheikh Polash Ahmed, 36, of Chougachha village in Tala upazila of Satkhira, and Matiur Rahman, 28, of Miksimi village in Dumuria upazila of Khulna.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Enamul Haque of Satkhira Sadar Police Station said being tipped off that a gang of robbers were taking preparations for committing

robbery in trucks and passenger buses in Ghoighoria area on Satkhira-Jessore road, law enforcers took position in the area at around 12:30am.

As the robbers intercepted some Satkhira-bound passenger buses and trucks at the point at around 2:45am, police encircled the gang members.

Sensing the presence of police, the robbers opened hurled bombs at them and opened fire, prompting the law enforcers to retaliate, the OC said.

Polash, Alamgir and Matiur sustained bullet injuries while other gang members managed to flee.

Police arrested the bullet-hit robbers and seized two guns and ten bullets from their possession. The robbers are now undergoing treatment at Satkhira Sadar Hospital.

Two separate cases were filed with Sadar Police Station against 15 to 16 people, including the three arrestees, in connection with the incident, the OC further said.

Alamgir, one of the bullet-hit robbers, told journalists at the hospital that DB police picked up them from different areas of the upazila six days ago and shot them in Ghoighoria area on Sunday night.



INVITATION FOR TENDERS

RURAL POWER COMPANY LIMITED

Sealed tender is hereby invited from the bonafide contractor's for the procurement of under mentioned Works with the following conditions:

| | | Date | Time |
|----|--|---|-------------------------|
| 01 | Ministry / Division | Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/ Power Division. | |
| 02 | Agency | Rural Power Company Limited. | |
| 03 | Procuring Entity name | Executive Director (Engineering), Rural Power Company Limited. | |
| 04 | Procuring Entity District | Dhaka | |
| 05 | Invitation for | Procurement of Works: 1. Carrying of Liquid Fuel (HFO/HSD) and related services for 52 MW Gazipur Power Plant 2. Construction of Vehicle Shed at Raozan Power Plant | |
| 06 | Invitation Ref No. & date | 1. PUR-093/2013-14, Date: 20.05.2014 2. PUR-078/2013-14 (OTM), Lot: 3 (Re-Tender), Date: 20.05.2014 | |
| 07 | Procurement Method | Open Tendering Method (OTM) | |
| 08 | Source of Funds | RPCL's Own Fund | |
| 09 | Starting Date and Time for Selling Tender Document | 20-05-2014 | 10:00 AM (Local Time) |
| 10 | Last Date and Time for selling Tender document | 02-06-2014 | 05:00 PM (Local Time) |
| 11 | Last Date and Time for Submission of Tenders | 03-06-2014 | 12:00 Noon (Local Time) |
| 12 | Date and Time for opening of Tenders | 03-06-2014 | 12:30 PM (Local Time) |
| 13 | Name and Address of the Office Selling Tender Document | Executive Director (Finance) , Rural Power Company Limited, House No.-19 (1st Floor), Road No.-1/B, Sector No.-09, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka- 1230. Bangladesh. | |
| 14 | Name and Address of the Office receiving & Opening Tender Document | Company Secretary, Rural Power Company Limited, House No.-19 (3rd Floor), Road No.-1/B, Sector No.-09, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka- 1230. Bangladesh. | |
| 15 | Place, Date & Time of Pre-Tender Meeting | No Pre-Bid meeting will be held | |

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

| Package No. | Lot No. | Description | Price of the tender Document (Non-refundable) | Tender security Amount | Completion period |
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| PUR: 093/2013-14 (OTM) | | | | | |
| 01 | 01 | Carrying of Liquid Fuel (HFO/HSD) from BPC nominated marketing Company's (Padma Oil Company Ltd., Meghna Petroleum Ltd. and Jamuna Oil Company Ltd.) distribution centre at Godnail/ Fotulla, Narayanganj to RPCL's fuel tanks located at 52MW Gazipur Power Plant, Kadda, Gazipur by road transportation including all other related services. | BDT 1000.00 (One Thousand) | BDT 14,00,000.00 (Fourteen Lac) | Carrying Period shall be 3 years from the date of signing of the contract |
| | 02 | Carrying of Liquid Fuel (HFO/HSD) from BPC nominated marketing Company's (Padma Oil Company Ltd., Meghna Petroleum Ltd. and Jamuna Oil Company Ltd.) distribution centre at Godnail/ Fotulla, Narayanganj to RPCL's fuel tanks located at 52MW Gazipur Power Plant, Kadda, Gazipur by river transportation including all other related | BDT 1000.00 (One Thousand) | BDT 4,00,000.00 (Four Lac) | Carrying Period shall be 3 years from the date of signing of the contract |
| PUR: 078/2013-14, Lot: 3 (OTM) (Re-Tender) | | | | | |
| 01 | 01 | Construction of Vehicle Shed at Raozan Power Plant | BDT 1000.00 (One Thousand) | BDT 70,000.00 (Seventy Thousand) | 120 days |
| 17 | Regarding Tender Document | | Tender Document may be purchased by the interested Tenderers on submission of a written application to the Executive Director (Finance) and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of as specified above. The method of payment will be by Pay Order / Bank Draft in favor of Rural Power Company Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh. | | |
| 18 | Eligibility of Tenderer | | For PUR: 093/2013-14 (OTM) a. For Lot - 1 & 2: A satisfactory completion of similar works of at least Tk 50,00,000 (Fifty Lac) under maximum 5 (five) no of contracts/ Work Orders over a period of last 5 (Five) years shall be required. The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the Tenderer shall be Tk 30,00,000 (Thirty Lac). The required average annual turnover shall be greater than Tk 50,00,000 (Fifty Lac) in the last 5 (five) years. b. For Lot: 01: The Tenderer shall have at least 10 (Ten) numbers of BSTI Calibrated tank lorry having capacity of 18000 (Eighteen Thousands) liters each or 20 (Twenty) numbers of BSTI calibrated tank lorry having capacity of 9000 (Nine Thousand) Litres each. The Tenderer shall have all the logistic to carry, loading and unloading of approximately 200 kiloliters of HFO/HSD per day. In support of having the logistics Tenderer shall have to provide necessary documents (Blue Book/Lease deed of Tank lorry). c. For Lot: 02: The Tenderer shall have at least 2 (two) low (5-6 ft) draft oil tanker having capacity of minimum 100 (hundred) kiloliters capable of carrying fuel in low draft narrow river of its own. Tenderer shall submit necessary documents in support of having sufficient logistics or provide a commitment letter in companies latter head pad to arrange sufficient logistics support for the carrying of the Fuel if contract is awarded. (Survey certificate of the tanker, Registration certificate & updated explosive certificate has to be provided) For PUR: 078/2013-14, Lot: 3 (OTM) (Re-tender): Bonafide civil construction contractor having valid Trade License, TIN & VAT registration from concerned authority. Experience and other requirement are described in Tender Document. | | |
| Validity of Tender and tender security | | At least 60 (Sixty) days and 88 (Eighty eight) days respectively from the date of opening of tender | | | |
| 19 | Tender Security | | Pay order/Bank Draft/irrevocable and unconditional bank guarantee in favor of Rural Power Company Ltd. issued by any scheduled bank in Bangladesh shall be submitted along with tender. | | |
| 20 | Name, Designation , Address and Contract Details of Official inviting Tender | | Shankar Chandra Barman, Executive Director(Engineering), Rural Power Company Limited House No.-19 (2nd Floor), Road No.-1/B, Sector No.-09, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka- 1230. Bangladesh. Phone: +88-02-7914048, Fax: +88-02-7913229, E-mail : rpcltd@dhaka.net | | |
| 21 | Special Instruction | | The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason. | | |
| 22 | Tender notice will be published in RPCL website www.rpcl.org.bd , REB website www.reb.gov.bd and CPTU website www.cptu.gov.bd Executive Director (Engineering), Rural Power Company Limited | | | | |