

Sex workers forced to leave Tangail brothel 'silently, for nowhere'

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Tangail

The 200-year-old Kandapara brothel in Tangail now gives as a deserted look as all the residents -- around 1500 sex workers including 927 registered ones, left the red light area on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

They left bag and baggage, without making any complaint to anyone as musclemen backed by a few local leaders of ruling Awami League asked them to do so, sources said.

Contacted over cell phone, Aklima Akter Akhi, president of local sex workers' organisation Nari Mukti Sangha, said some local thugs asked the girls of the brothel to leave it

silently.

"I can't say anything more about the matter as I myself am on the run," she said before disconnecting the phone.

"I had been living at the brothel for the last four years and now I will go to my home in Shariatpur district. I do not know what I will do in future," said Rashida Begum, a sex worker of the brothel, who was waiting at a local bus stand on Monday.

Saleh Mohammed Tanvir, superintendent of police in Tangail, said none including any of the brothel residents lodged any complaint to him in this regard.

"Being informed of the matter, I sent a team comprising additional dis-

trict magistrate, district social welfare officer, district women affairs officer and police officers to see the matter on Saturday night but they found the brothel empty," said Mahbub Hossain, deputy commissioner of Tangail.

Shahidur Rahman Khan Mukti, mayor of Tangail municipality, said he heard that the sex workers left the brothel willingly.

Earlier on July 4, the Imam of central Jame-e-Masjid in Tangail during the *khatba* before the Juma prayers urged eviction of the brothel.

On July 6, several hundred people brought out a procession under the banner of 'anti-social activities prevention committee' in Tangail town and

held a rally in front of the municipality building demanding the same.

The brothel, situated at a place surrounded by the central graveyard mosque, two madrasas and an orphanage in the town, serves as a den of drugs addicts and criminals, and it should be evicted immediately, the speakers said.

The agitators later submitted a memorandum to the Tangail mayor in this regard.

None of the house owners of the brothel and the officials of a few non-governmental organisations who had been working for the sex workers could be contacted for their comments about the matter.

BGB rescue 20 from traffickers

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Benapole, Jessore

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) men rescued 20 people, including six women and two children, while they were being trafficked to India through Putkhali border on Monday.

All the victims hail from different areas of Narail, Pirojpur, Barisal and Bagerhat districts.

Apurbo Hasan, inspector of Benapole Port Police Station, said a team of the border guards, on a tip-off raided Balurmath area of the border in the morning and arrested the 20.

Police said the human traffickers were sending them to India with a promise of arranging lucrative jobs there.

10 hurt as trawler capsizes

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Munshiganj

An earth-laden trawler with 37 workers capsized due to strong current in Padma near Mawa ferry terminal yesterday.

Thirty two of the workers swam ashore but the rest five remained missing.

Ten workers were injured, of them, condition of five stated to be crucial.

The owner of the trawler was identified as Saju Uddin of Jajira village in Keraniganj upazila of Dhaka.

Robbers held

UNB, Satkhira

Police arrested four alleged members of an inter-district robber gang from in front of Jagannathpur Primary School in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

On a tip-off, a team of police raided the area around 4:00am.

Sensing the presence of police, the robbers started hurling crude bombs at them.

Police, in retaliation, fired several shots at them, leaving two gang members--Jahangir and Shawkat--bullet-hit.

Later, police arrested the four, including the bullet-hit two, from the spot.



PHOTO: STAR

A woman cooks on an earthen stove placed on a cot at her flooded home of Goddimari village in Hatibandha upazila under Lalmonirhat district yesterday as flash floods affected large areas in Teesta and Dharla basin areas in Lalmonirhat district since Monday.

ONRUSH OF WATER FROM UPSTREAM

Low lying areas flooded in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Onrush of water from upstream across the border since Monday triggered flash flood in the low lying areas and Teesta and Dharla river basin villages under five upazilas, leaving over 20,000 people marooned.

The affected upazilas are Hatibandha, Kaliganj, Aditmari, Patgram and Lalmonirhat Sadar.

However, the water levels of both the Teesta and Dharla were below the danger mark, said officials of Water Development Board (WDB).

Of them, Teesta water was flowing 10 centimeter below of its danger level at Dowani point of Hatibandha upazila while Dharla flowing eight centimeter below of its

danger level at Kolakhawa Ghat point in Sadar upazila yesterday morning.

Lalmonirhat WDB Executive Engineer Shahjahan Talukder said, water from upstream suddens increased water levels in Teesta and Dharla, triggering flash flood in the areas.

Sahidar Rahman of Gobordhon village in Aditmari upazila said "About 200 families in the area suddenly got marooned by the water of Teesta on Monday night".

We could not cook due to the flood water entering our kitchen, he said.

Delwar Rahman, a farmer of Char Sholmari village in Kaliganj upazila, said they have been reeled by flash flood caused due to onrush of water from the Teesta on Monday night.

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Belongings of a resident of Kandapara brothel in Tangail town being taken on a truck Sunday morning as local influential people forced around 1,500 sex workers to leave the 200-year-old red light area the night before.

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Bangladesh Marine Academy, Chittagong			
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Invitation for Tender			
01.	Ministry/division	Ministry of Shipping.	
02.	Agency	Bangladesh Marine Academy.	
03.	Procuring entity name	Commandant, Bangladesh Marine Academy.	
04.	Procuring entity code	-	
05.	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.	
06.	Invitation for	Supply of 01 unit 12 Seated Microbus.	
07.	Invitation Ref. No.	18.459.007.00.00.150.2014.	
08.	Date	13-07-2014.	
09.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).	
10.	Budget & source of fund	GOB.	
11.	Development partner (if applicable)	N/A.	
12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.	
13.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A.	
14.	Tender package No.	OTM-01/2014-15.	
15.	Tender package name	Supply of 01 unit 12 Seated Microbus.	
16.	Tender publication date	On 17-07-2014 or before.	
17.	Tender last selling date	12-08-2014 (during office hour).	
18.	Tender closing date and time	13-08-2014 on 12.00 noon.	
19.	Tender opening date and time	13-08-2014 on or before 12.30pm.	
20.	Name and address of the office for selling and receiving tender documents	Accounts Office, Bangladesh Marine Academy.	
21.	Name and address of the office for opening tender documents	Chairman, Tender Opening Committee, Marine Academy, Ctg.	
22.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Conference Room, Bangladesh Marine Academy, Ctg. Date: 07-08-2014 Time-10.30am.	
23.	Eligibility of tenderer	The tenderer will have to submit attested copies of an up-to-date Trade License, TIN certificate, Vat registration certificate, experience certificate (respective filed) and bank solvency certificate and other instructions of the tender document (as per PPA-06 & PPR-08).	
24.	Brief description of goods or works	Supply of 01 unit 12 Seated Microbus (detailed information may be found in the schedule of requirements as per section 6-A).	
25.	Brief description of related services	Supply, custom clearance. Transportation of vehicles to designated site (Marine Academy), Testing Satisfactory Operation and repair for two years after warranty period.	
26.	Tender document price	Taka 2,000.00 (two thousand) non-refundable Bank Draft in favour of the Commandant (Draw able Sonali Bank, Marine Academy Branch), Bangladesh Marine Academy, Chittagong.	
27.	Description	Location	Tender Security (only Bank Draft, re-fundable)
	Supply of 01 unit 12 Seated Microbus	Marine Academy	80,000.00
			90 days after work order
28.	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Sajid Hussain, Chartered Marine Engineer.	
29.	Designation of official inviting tender	Commandant.	
30.	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Marine Academy, Chittagong.	
31.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Marine Academy, Chittagong, Ph-031-2514151-6, Fax-031-2514160, e-mail-commandant@macademy.gov.bd	
32.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.		
Commandant Bangladesh Marine Academy Chittagong-4206			

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Four kids drown in Faridpur, Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Faridpur

Two minor siblings drowned while taking a dip in a pond at Purbo Sadardi village in Chumuri union of Bhanga upazila yesterday.

The hapless kids were identified as Unnati Akhter, 10, and Rexona Akhter, 7, daughters of Maidul Mridha of the village.

Locals said Unnati and Rexona went to take bath in the pond near their house around 10:00am as their mother told them that after the bath they would go to market to buy Eid dresses.

But they did not return home even after a long time.

Later, worried family members searched for them only to find the bodies of the two minor siblings floating in the pond.

The deceased were identified as Saira Khatun, 9, and her brother Saimon Hossain, 7, son of Zillur Rahman of the village.

Mother of the kids Phully Begum said, at around 2:30pm, they went out after having lunch at home.

At around 4:00pm, some villagers informed that they saw the floating bodies of Saira and Saimon in the nearby Jhapor waterbody of the village.

Police arrested a local leader of Jamaat-e-Islami from the district town on Monday night.

The arrestee is Jalal Ahmed, general secretary of the upazila unit of Jamaat and chairman of Jalalabad Union Parishad.

Sources said a team of police arrested Jalal from in front of Kajlashah Niramoy Poly Clinic around 7:00pm on his way to attend an Ifter party arranged by no 10 ward unit of Jamaat.

Jalal was wanted in seven cases filed with the police station.

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