

# Roadside trees felled on excuse of traffic safety

Neither tender invited, nor official permission sought

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Barisal

The Roads and Highways (R&H) Department felled more than 100 trees on Barisal-Dhaka highway with an excuse for smooth traffic movement before and during Eid vacation.

While visiting Barisal-Bhurghata portion of the

highway recently, this correspondent found that the labourers employed by the R&H Department cut down the trees through trunks at many places and branches of big trees at some points without inviting tender.

Mizanur Rahman, work assistant of R&H Department, claimed that only the branches of some

korai, shishu, mahogany, chambol and rain trees were felled on Barisal-Bhurghata portion of the highway for safe movement of buses and other passenger-carrying motor vehicles during Eid rush.

Contacted, Md Nasiruddin, sub-assistant engineer of R&H Department admitted to

felling of some trees though trunks and branches of some others on emergency basis to ensure safe journey of home-goers before and during Eid holidays.

However, the R&H officials in Barisal said no tender was invited to do the job due to 'shortage of time.'

Sukumar Biswas, director of the Department of Environment (DoE) at its Barisal office, said felling of roadside trees without tender or coordinated decision of Roads and Highways, environment and forest department is prohibited under the existing laws.

Md Khaled Shahed, executive engineer of R&H in Barisal, said the branches of some roadside trees felled to ensure smooth movements of buses and other vehicles during the coming Eid festival.

"We did the job on an urgent basis without inviting tender as per directive of our head office," the executive engineer said, adding that he was not aware of cutting down the trees on the Barisal-Bhurghata portion of the highway.

He took technical help and other



PHOTO: STAR

Labourers felling a roadside tree in Kashipur area on Barisal-Dhaka highway in Barisal Sadar upazila. This photo was taken a few days ago.

## SNIPPETS

### Ex cops held on extortion charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Two former policemen were arrested at Talgasi Bazar in Shahjadpur upazila of Sirajganj district on Saturday on charge of collecting illegal toll from the traders. The arrestees are Abdul Hye Sarker, 68, former sub-inspector of Sirajganj district special branch and Aminul Haque, 50, former constable of the branch. Officer in-charge of Shahjadpur police station Hasan Shamim Iqbal said locals caught the duo around 6:00pm when they demanded Tk 20,000 from a number of traders, including oil trader Matiur Rahman and former UP chairman Abdul Jabbar. They were later handed over to Shahjadpur police, said the OC. The arrestees were collecting illegal toll from the traders in guise of special branch members, he said.

### Housewife murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A housewife was murdered allegedly by her husband at Sahata village in Barhatta upazila of the district early yesterday. The deceased is Minara Begum, 26, wife of Ekhlaash Mia of the village. Police quoted locals as saying that the couple engaged in an altercation over cooking meals for Sehri around 2:30am. At one stage of their hot exchange of words, Ekhlaash hit Minara with a lethal weapon on her head, leaving her dead on the spot and fled the scene. On information, police covered the body and sent it to Netrakona Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy. A case was filed with Barhatta Police Station in this connection.

### Youth held on rape charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A youth was arrested at Barapoit village in Sadar upazila of Habiganj district on Saturday on charge of raping a minor girl. The arrestee is Sabuj Miah, 19, son of Tara Miah of the village in the upazila, said Ibrahim Ahmed, sub-inspector of Habiganj Sadar police station. Sabuj violated the girl around 6:30pm on Saturday when she was going to her grandmother's house, said family sources. Hearing the hue and cry, locals rescued the victim from the spot and sent her to Habiganj Sadar Hospital. Following a case filed by the mother of the girl, police arrested Sabuj at 9:30pm, said the SI.

### Grocer hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A grocer was hacked to death at his shop in Kellabandhi-Baniyapara area of the city on Friday afternoon. The dead is Abul Hossain, 55, son of late Kachhlim Uddin of the area. He ran a flexi-load business besides grocery in front of his house. Arifuzzaman Apel, son of the deceased, said "Local criminal Ferdous, son of Shamser Ali of the same area, came to the shop to recharge his mobile phone on Thursday night. He quarreled with him over delay in recharging". As a sequel to the conflict, Ferdous, his father Shamser Ali and their accomplices went to the shop around 3:00pm on Friday and attacked Abul Hossain with sharp weapons, leaving him dead on the spot, said Apel. A murder case was filed, accusing 10 people, including Ferdous and his father Shamser Ali, said police.

### 65 hurt in B'baria clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

At least 65 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers at Bitghar village in Sarail upazila yesterday. Of the injured, 52 were admitted to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital while the rest given first aid. Police and locals said, an altercation took place between two drivers of CNG-run auto-rickshaw--Rukku Mia of Memberbari and Liton Mia of Sardarbari--over driving serial of the auto-rickshaw and its fare four days back. As a sequel to the conflict, the supporters of the rivals attacked each other with lethal weapons yesterday afternoon, leaving at least 65 people from both sides injured. On information, police rushed to the spot and fired 44 rubber bullets and 12 tear gas shells to bring the situation under control, said OC Md Arshad of Sarail police station.



PHOTO: STAR

Retired BGB man Moslemuddin, who successfully raised a mango orchard in Sadullapur upazila of Gaibandha, poses for photograph with his grandchild.

## Moslemuddin's 'fruitful' venture

KM REZAUL HOQUE, Gaibandha

Moslemuddin of Heyali village in Sadullapur upazila under the district is now happy owner of a quality mango orchard, using the bank of his pond for the purpose.

"After retirement from my service of the then BDR, I started mango plantation in 2002. I collected 26 varieties of quality mango saplings from different areas and planted those around the bank of a 2.34-acre pond. The trees started bearing fruits three years ago," Moslemuddin said.

He took technical help and other

support from the upazila agriculture officials to make his initiative a success.

"In the first year I earned Tk 40,000 from sale of mango. I expect Tk one lakh this season," he said.

The varieties available in the mango orchard include amropali, haribhanga, lengra, surjupuri, gopalbhog and fazli.

"There is high demand of such varieties. Fruit traders from distant places visit my garden and procure matured green mangoes," said the orchard owner.

Visiting the orchard on Tuesday,

this correspondent saw huge quantity of late variety mangoes hanging in the trees. Most of the early varieties have already been sold out.

Abdul Quddus, a fruit trader of Pirganj upazila, however, said this year mango trading sees a little setback as customers often shy away from mango in fear of formalin.

Moslemuddin has set a good example for the fruit growers. Earlier he received a government prize for his contribution to tree plantation campaign," said Obaidur Rahman, upazila agriculture officer of Sadullapur.

## ONRUSH OF WATER FROM UPSTREAM

# 35 chars out of 90 in Lalmonirhat flooded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

At least 35 out of 90 chars (landmasses emerged from riverbed) of the Teesta River in the district got flooded due to onrush of water from upstream on Saturday evening.

The worst affected areas include Char Quader, Char Maniram, and Char Kuchlibari under Patgram upazila; Char Gaddimari, Char Dawabari, Char Sindurna, Char Madhya Gaddimari, Char Paruliya, Char Chhawani, Char Saniyazan, and Char Purbo Sindurna under Hatibandha upazila; Char Sholmari, Char Kalikapur, Char Kakina, Char Votmari, Char Nader, Char Jamirbari, and Char Rudreshwar under Kaliganj upazila; Char Gobordhan, Char Narsingh, Char Nayarhat, Char Kutipar, Char Balapara, and Char Chanderhat under Aditmari upazila; Char Kalmarji, Char Milonbazar, Char Tajpur, Char Khuniyagachh, Char Rajpur, Char Gokmon, Char Kurul, Char Kulaghat, Bowalmari Char, Char Kharuya, and Char Nagartari under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

While visiting Char Dawabari in Hatibandha upazila yesterday this correspondent found over 100 families along with their belongings heading for safer places.

One Yasin Ali Mollah of the area said he had shifted his family and the corrugated iron roof of his house to a safer place. Some other people living in the char land have also shifted the roofs of their house to safer places, he added.

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Croplands in the affected char lands have gone under water and many people have started leaving their submerged houses for safer places.

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## SEQUEL TO ACID ATTACK

# 20 hurt as AL factions in Kushtia clash again

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

At least 20 people, including a woman, were injured when police fired gunshots to disperse two clashing factions of ruling Awami League at Gopalpur village in Sadar upazila on Saturday night.

Critically injured Mozammel Haq, 40, Beauty Khatun, 20, Ahmed Ali, 25, and Bisharat Ali were admitted to Kushtia Medical College Hospital.

At least four incidents of infighting occurred since July 6, as a sequel to previous enmity between the two groups, one led by Sawpon Biswas and the other by Golam Mustafa of

the village.

Police said supporters of both the groups were locked in an altercation at Jhoudia Bazar around 8:30pm, over the recent acid attack on three members of Ayub Ali's family, a supporter of Swapon Biswas.

At one stage, both the group equipped with sharp weapons attacked each other triggering a chase and counter chase in the area.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot and fired several blank gunshots to disperse the two factions, to bring the situation under control.

At least 20 people were injured during the incidents.

Min Shariful Haq Janak, officer in-charge of Islamic University Police Station, said police fired around 15 blank shots to bring the situation under control.

None, however, was injured in police firing, added the OC.

Earlier, criminals threw acid through an window of Ayub Ali's house around 10:30pm when his widowed sister Saleha Khatun, daughter Sonia Khatun, 20, and son Titumir Hossain, 13, were asleep, allegedly following an altercation between Ayub Ali and Golam Mustafa.

Sonia and Titumir are still undergoing treatment at hospitals.



PHOTO: BANGLA CHOKH

Heavy rain throughout the night on Saturday inundated many areas of Cox's Bazar town. Photo shows townspeople wade through knee-deep water on the road in front of Burmese Market yesterday morning.



## Shahjalal University of Science & Technology

Sylhet-3114, Bangladesh

### Invitation for Tender

01. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education		
02. Agency	University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) / Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet (SUST).		
03. Procuring entity name	Director of Planning & Development, SUST, Sylhet.		
04. Procuring entity district	Sylhet.		
05. Invitation for	Mentioned in Identification of Packages (Sl. No. 16).		
06. Invitation Ref. No. & date	Tender No. PD/IC/29/2014-15/02, Date: 14.07.2014.		
KEY INFORMATION			
07. Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).		
FUNDING INFORMATION			
08. Budget and source of funds	GOB, ADP 2014-15.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
09. Project code	9154.		
10. Project name	Establishment of Institute of Information and Communication Technology at Shahjalal University of Science & Technology.		
11. Tender last selling date & time	12.08.2014	1:00pm	
12. Tender closing date & time	13.08.2014	12:00 noon	
13. Tender opening date and time	13.08.2014	12:15pm	
14. Selling tender document	Sonali Bank Ltd, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology Branch, Sylhet.		
Receiving and opening tender document	Office of the Director of Planning & Development, SUST, Sylhet.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
15. Eligibility of tenderer	This invitation for tender is open to all qualified tenderers as mentioned below: a) The tenderer shall have a minimum of (5) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. b) The tenderer shall have a minimum of (3) years of specific experience in the supply of similar goods and related services. c) The minimum supply value of goods under a single contract in the last five years is Tk 40,000 lakh. d) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is Tk 50,000 lakh. e) The tenderer shall have updated trade licence & tax clearance certificate, VAT registration certificate.		
16. Tender package No.	Identification of package(s)	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tender security amount (Tk)
PG-05	Supply of Multimedia, UPS, Wide Screen TV for the Institute of Information & Communication Technology	2,500/-	1,20,000/-
			45 days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			