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Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) men seized smuggled cobra venom worth Tk 100 crore from a private car and arrested a youth at Amrakhali in Benapole, Jessore, on Friday night.

Tk 100 cr smuggled cobra venom seized, youth held

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested a youth along with cobra venom worth Tk 100 crore in Amrakhali area on Friday night.

The border guards also seized a private car of the youth, identified as Mohammad Milon Kazi, 28, son of Akbar Kazi of

Kagmari village under Benapole port police station.

Acting on secret information, a team of 26 BGB Battalion intercepted a Jessore-bound private car around 9:00pm and recovered 12 pounds and two ounces of the snake venom, kept in six jars, from the backside of the vehicle, said commanding officer of the battalion Lieutenant

Colonel Mohammad Jahangir Hossain. The value of the seized venom would be around Tk 100 crore, he said.

Contacted, Lt Col Jahangir told this correspondent over cell phone that their sources and experts concerned confirmed the category and prices of the seized venom.

The poison was made in France and smuggled

through Indian border, he added.

The BGB men also arrested Milon on charge of carrying the venom illegally and seized the car.

Later he was handed over to Benapole Port Police Station and a case was filed.

The seized goods were handed over to Benapole customs office authorities, police said.

Outlaw stabbed to death

A CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A top leader of an outlawed party was stabbed to death by his rivals at Machhkola village in Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abu Daud, 52, a 'regional leader' of Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) and son of Solaiman Gazi of the village. Locals, who knew the deceased as ringleader of notorious 'Daud Bahini', said a gang intercepted Daud and stabbed him indiscriminately while he was going to a fish enclosure near the village around 10:30pm, leaving him critically injured.

Later he was rushed to Sadar Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead around 1:00am.

Dr Parimal Biswas of the emergency department of the hospital said there were several stab marks in Daud's body. He died of excessive bleeding, he said.

Daud was wanted in a dozen of cases for murder, kidnap, extortion, robbery and other crimes, said police.

Tortured for turning down 'illicit' proposal

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Jhenidah

A domestic help was tortured and her hair cut off allegedly by the employer at Latima village in Moheshpur upazila on Friday as she turned down his 'illicit' proposal.

The 32-year-old woman was admitted to the upazila health complex, said police.

Witnesses said, a gang, allegedly led by her employer Safiq Uddin, a local influential, tied the domestic help with a bamboo pole, and beat her mercilessly, bringing the charge of theft against her. At one stage, they cut off her hair.

At the hospital, the victim told this correspondent that Safiq Uddin had been trying to woo her for a long time.

"As I refused, Safiq Uddin tortured me brutally, bringing false charge of theft against me on Friday morning," she said.

Safiq Uddin went into hiding after the incident, said Liakot Ali, officer in-charge of Moheshpur police station.

A case was filed under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, said the OC.



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Yasmin Passenger Shed and Library built at Doshmile in Kaharol upazila of Dinajpur in 2001, are yet to see their functioning. Photo shows two passengers waiting for bus in front of the locked collapsible gate yesterday.

YASMIN PASSENGER SHED AND LIBRARY

Built in 2001, both are only gathering dust

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Dinajpur

'Yasmin Passengers Shed and Library' built in memory of Yasmin Akhter, who was raped and murdered by a few policemen at Doshmile in Kaharol upazila under the district on August 24, 1995, is yet to see functioning.

The gruesome torture on the 14-year-old girl nineteen years ago ignited days-long mass protest in Dinajpur and shocked the nation as well.

Dinajpur Zila Parishad constructed Yasmin Passengers Shed and Library

at Doshmile area on Dinajpur-Dhaka highway in 2001 and former lawmaker M Abdur Rahim, also an organiser of 1971 Liberation War, inaugurated it.

The ground floor of the two-storey building was constructed as shed for passengers while the first floor was meant for a library.

But the building often remains under lock and key and there is not a single book in the library where the shelves and other furniture are gathering dust, locals said.

Visiting the spot two days, this correspondent

found the main collapsible gate of the building closed while passengers were seen waiting outside the building, amid rainfall.

A memorial of Yasmin constructed beside the building in 2012 also remains in a dirty condition.

Md Azizul Imam Chowdhury, general secretary of Dinajpur unit of AL and administrator of Dinajpur Zila Parishad, could not be contacted as he did not receive mobile call.

A source of Dinajpur Zila Parishad said they have no fund for operating the library.



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Pirojpur Press Club yesterday formed a human chain in the district town, protesting the attack on Pulok Chatterjee, bureau chief of Bangla daily Samakal and secretary of Barisal Press Club, on August 19.

UP member killed in mob beating

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Gaibandha

A union parishad member has been beaten to death by a mob in Sadullapur upazila, allegedly for threatening the plaintiff of the murder case filed against him in August 2013.

The deceased is Yousuf Mondal, a member of Edilpur Union Parishad of the upazila.

Police quoted locals as saying that Yousuf along with his accomplices killed one Rana Mollah of Chawk Bhagabanpur village over previous enmity more than a year ago.

Later, police arrested Yousuf following filing of a case by the younger brother of the deceased, Mithu Mollah, accusing 31 people with Sadullapur Police Station.

Yousuf recently secured bail and came out of jail and had been threatening the plaintiff asking him to withdraw the case.

Mithu said, around 10:00pm on Friday, Yousuf entered their house and threatened them to face dire consequences if they did not withdraw the case filed against him.

Hearing his shouting in filthy words, angry locals caught him and gave him a good beating.

On information, police rushed to the spot but failed to rescue Yousuf from the hands of the angry mob.

Later, a team of Rab-13 went to the area and rescued him in an unconscious state. However, Yousuf died at Gaibandha Sadar Hospital around 2:00am yesterday.

BFA godown locked by AL men reopens

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Lalmoirhat

Fertiliser supply from Bangladesh Fertiliser Association (BFA) godown, which was locked by a group of ruling party men in Sadar upazila, began yesterday noon.

Additional District Magistrate Rezaul Alam Sarker unlocked the godown at noon to ensure fertiliser supply to local farmers.

A group of local AL men, led by Aminul Islam Khan, locked the godown on Thursday morning as he did not get the contract for hiring labourers for the godown in a bid held on August 20 at Ashuganj Fertiliser Factory in Brahmanbaria.

Golam Rabbani Farhad, owner of Farhad Traders, got the contract as lowest bidder. BFA sources said Aminul failed to get the contract as he could not produce the necessary documents during bidding.

Aminul and his men chased the Farhad's men, locked the godown and prevented the day labourers from loading and unloading fertilisers on Thursday morning.

They also obstructed fertiliser-laden trucks on their way to the godown yesterday morning and locked in a clash with police.

After dispersing the Aminul's men, the district magistrate reached the area and unlocked the godown.

Man killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Kushia

A man was killed allegedly over a land dispute at Dahkula village in Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Sahidul Islam, 40, son of Yaar Ali of the village.

There had been a long standing dispute between two relatives Reazul Islam and Sahidul Islam over sharing of their ancestral property.

Rezaul along with a few close aides intercepted Sahidul and stabbed him with sharp weapons in Baganpara area around 11:30am, leaving him dead on the spot.

UNO, AC Land seek transfer in face of UP chairman's threat

All because the two had formed committees to probe alleged corruption

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Sharsa upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) and assistant commissioner (land) were recently threatened by the men of a union parishad chairman for launching an investigation into his alleged corruption.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer ATM Shariful Islam and Assistant Commissioner (land) Arifuzzaman said they have informed the higher authority of the matter and applied for transfer.

Sources in the upazila administration said, Chairman Kamal Hossain of Lakkhanpur Union Parishad on July 13 received 262 sacks (each contains 50 kilograms) of rice from

government food godown to distribute among the VGF cardholders.

Following a complainant filed by locals that the UP chairman had misappropriated 84 sacks of rice, the UNO formed a probe committee headed by the assistant commissioner (land).

As the probe body found a shortage of 84 sacks of VGF rice in the UP office and was preparing to sue the chairman, he returned the same amount of rice on July 13.

Later, locals filed another petition with the upazila administration, alleging that UP Chairman Kamal Hossain had prepared a fake list of poor people to distribute VGF rice. The UNO recently formed a three-

member committee headed by the AC land to investigate the matter. Two other committee members are Fisheries Officer Mahbubur Rahman and Project Implementation Office (PIO) Shahidul Islam.


After a meeting at Sharsa Upazila Parishad office on August 16, the aides of Kamal Hossain asked the UNO to stop investigation against the chairman. They also threatened to break the hands and legs of the AC (land) and the two other members of the probe body.

Refuting the allegation of preparing a fake list of poor people, UP Chairman Kamal Hossain said he was not present at the meeting on August 16.



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Students of schools and colleges in Bhurungamari upazila of Kurigram formed a human chain in the district town yesterday, demanding steps to save Sonahat Bridge from the onslaught of Dudhkumar River.

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Request for Proposal (RFP)	
Conduct "Quantitative Performance Evaluation (QPE) of the Nobo Jibon Program" USAID Supported Title-II Multi-Year Assistance Program (MYAP)	
Ref No: RFP/SC/BDCO/FY-14/029	Date: 24/08/14
Save the Children International (SCI) is hereby inviting request for proposal from the interested experienced bona fide organizations regarding conduct performance evaluation studies mentioned below:	
1. Background of the QPE: Save the Children International (SCI) in Bangladesh is commissioning a Quantitative Performance Evaluation of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) supported Title II Multi Year Assistance Program (MYAP), called Nobo Jibon (NJ) , being implemented in Bangladesh where four Implementing Partners (GUP, Speed Trust, SAP Bangladesh and CODEC) implementing the whole program in the field. NJ has technical partnership with four other organizations (HKI, IDE, WORLDFISH & RIMES) for technical backstopping from the beginning. The goal of this evaluation is to assess both the impact of program activities as measured by positive differences within indicators of interest at baseline and end-line and the extent to which the measured differences achieve the Life of Award targets and to draw reasonable inferences of successful association between the program strategies and the impacts on the behavior and well-being of the beneficiary population.	
2. Objective of the QPE: The main objective of the Quantitative Performance Evaluation (QPE) is to review a) the achievements of the project relative to its prescribed targets and b) progress towards the overall goal of positive impact on food security of target communities. The purpose of the quantitative performance evaluation is to evaluate the performance of key indicators against the baseline values to measure strategic objectives and intermediate results of Nobo Jibon. Specific objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessing whether progress against agreed indicators/targets have met end of project benchmarks as documented in the indicator tracking table; - Evaluating the theory of change through establishing plausible links between inputs, outputs, outcomes and impacts on target population; - Determine whether critical strategies are missing that were needed to achieve Nobo Jibon's goal; - Assessing the overall impact of the project on target population; - Identify where interventions, in isolation or in combination, were insufficient to meet program goals and, in cases where goals were not met, assess whether that was due to faulty logical reasoning/hypothesized causal pathways, to implementation shortcomings, or to other factors ; and, - Suggest design adjustments to improve the quality of future programming. 	
3. Eligibility: Any Consultancy firm (International firm having local affiliation/collaboration or local firm with international experience/affiliation/collaboration) are eligible to submit proposals. The interested firm or local affiliation/ collaboration/representative of international firm shall process the following qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal establishment for a minimum of five years: registered with NGO Affairs Bureau (NGOAB), Bangladesh or equivalent authorities. - Minimum 5 years of overall experience in the social sector survey/research/study with 3 years in health, nutrition, livelihood and DRR. - Experience in USAID Title II Survey is mandatory. - Required to have more than \$ USD 125,000 (equivalent to BDT 10,000,000 approx) annual turnovers in the last 5 years. - Organizational clear management and governance structures with an organogram. - Audit report of past three financial years of the organization is mandatory. - Annual reports for the past three years. - Shall have to submit proof of international experience / authorization letter for local affiliation/ collaboration/representative of international firm. 	
4. Collection of RFP Document: RFP document can be collected at free of cost from web link: http://118.179.221.10/PSM/ Or SCI's Country Office, Reception desk or Between: 24 August - 13 September 2014 during office time (9.00 AM to 4.00 PM), BST(GMT +6)	
5. Pre-proposal meeting: Pre-proposal meeting will be held on 1st September, 2014 at 11:00 am BST (GMT +6) at below mentioned SCI office	
6. Submission of application: Sealed proposal along with all prescribed documents should be submitted to the RFP dropping box kept in Gr. floor (Reception) at the address Save the Children, House- CWN (A) 35, Road- 43, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh. Please write RFP for "Quantitative Performance Evaluation (QPE) of the Nobo Jibon Program" on the top of the envelop.	
Last date and Time: On or before 14 September 2014 within 2.00 PM, BST(GMT +6)	
SCI management reserves the right to accept or reject part/whole of any or all the applications without assigning any reason whatsoever.	
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