

MASSIVE WATERLOGGING IN GAZNAR BEEL OF PABNA

Bamboo enclosures, fishing nets hamper farming

Fishermen allegedly subleased the water body

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TOPU, Pabna

Illegally set bamboo enclosures and banned fishing nets hinder smooth flow of water in Gaznar Beel in Sujanagar upazila under the district, hampering local agriculture due to massive water logging in the vast open water body.

In Gaznar Beel area, 217.36 acres of land comprising 12 water bodies were leased to 12 fishermen's associations of Sujanagar upazila for a total of Tk 16.16 lakh this year, said sources of the upazila administration.

"The water bodies were leased to the groups of real fishermen according to Water Body Management Policy-2009. They can catch fish

from there but are not allowed to set illegal bamboo enclosures or use banned current nets that create obstacle to smooth flow of water in open water bodies," said Md Shakhawat Hossain, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Sujanagar. But taking sub-lease from the real lessees, influential people set the enclosures, violating the lease condition, sources said.

Visiting the area a few days ago, this correspondent found at least 20 huge bamboo enclosures set up in 'Horer Jola' and Badai point of Gaznar Beel.

Nimai Halidar, secretary of 'Saguta fishermen's welfare association' leased Horer Jola for Tk 3.75 lakh this year but it was sub-leased to influential fish traders.

"We have taken the

water body as sub-lease for fishing this season. We have already set enclosures spending Tk 10 lakh so that we can catch fish for next three to four months smoothly," said Md Korban Ali, an influential fish trader of Badai village.

Other patches of water bodies in vast Gaznar Beel area, including 'Beel Gomgora', 'Matiar Beel-North', 'Motiar Beel-South', 'Bamundi Jola', 'Shaliar Beel', 'Beel Katajola', 'Beel Gazna', 'Bogazani', 'Modhupur Jolmohal', 'Nangolkhali Jolkor', 'Bannai Jolkor' gives similar picture.

"The bamboo enclosures and banned nets disrupt smooth flow of water in Gaznar Beel, creating water logging there. It badly affects boro and onion cultivation in

the area," said Md Subhan Sheikh, a farmer of Shaguta village.

"Different fishermen groups take lease of the water bodies in name of their organisations but local influential people manage to take their possession and obstruct flow of water with bamboo enclosures for fishing," he said.

According to the 'Water Body Management Policy-2009' the lease-holders are not allowed to sub-lease the water bodies and must use it only for fish cultivation that brings profit for the real fishermen.

"We will take action if anybody allows sub lease of government water body violating lease agreement," said the Sujanagar UNO.



PHOTO: STAR

Illegal bamboo enclosures with banned current nets in Gaznar Beel in Sujanagar upazila under Pabna district impedes smooth flow in the vast water body. The photo was taken from Badai village a few days ago.

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- (i) Study of Determinants of Women Voter's Choice and Facilitating Women's Participation in Elected Offices, RFP-BD-2014-059, and the deadline for submission of Proposals is Sunday, December 28, 2014, 4:30 p.m. local time
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ROW OVER BCL BODY

IU bus set ablaze in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Jhenidah

A section of Chhatra League (BCL) activists allegedly who were deprived of the posts in the newly formed committee of BCL at Islamic University (IU) unit torched a university bus in Garaganj Bazar in Shailokupa upazila yesterday.

Mirazul Islam, officer of the IU transport pool, said a university bus from the campus was on its way to Jhenidah town to pick a few teachers from there.

When the bus reached near Garaganj bazaar, a gang sprayed petrol on the bus and set it afire. Locals rushed to the spot and doused the blaze.

Sagir Mia, officer in-charge of Shailkupa Police Station, quoting witnesses said a group of deprived BCL men of the university unit set the bus ablaze.

Away in Kushita, Saiful Islam was made president, while Amit Kumar Das general secretary in the newly formed BCL committee of IU unit.

The other members of the 10-member committee that was declared around 11:00pm on Wednesday are - two Vice-presidents, Mizanur Rahman Mizu and Imdadul Haq Sohag, Joint Secretary Sahinur Rahman and Publicity Secretary Fahimur Rahman.

9 hurt as relief train hits crane

UNB, Narsingdi

Nine construction workers were injured as a relief train hit a crane at Methikanda Railway Station in Raipur upazila yesterday morning.

Rail communications of Dhaka with Sylhet and Chittagong remained snapped from the morning as a compartment of the relief train derailed at the station after hitting the crane.

Sources at Methikanda Railway Station said, the engine of a crane of a construction firm broke down near the railway station on Wednesday night during the construction work of a double-line rail route.

On information, a relief train from Akhaura of Brahmanbaria came to the station around 7:30am yesterday and suddenly hit the crane, leaving nine construction workers injured.

The injured were sent to Raipur Upazila Health Complex.

Two wheels of a boggy of the train also veered off the tracks there after hitting the train, halting train movement on the Dhaka-Sylhet and Dhaka-Chittagong routes.

Another relief train went to the spot to salvage the derailed train.

Tank-lorry strike called off

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

Tank Lorry Owners and Workers Association of the district yesterday called off their indefinite strike enforced since Tuesday, protesting alleged harassment by a sub-inspector of Borhanuddin Police Station.

The strike followed an incident when a gang beat up a driver and worker of an oil tank lorry near Kunjer Haat area around 8:00pm after their vehicle hit a human hauler.

Being informed, Moniruzzaman, sub-inspector of Borhanuddin PS went to the spot and detained lorry worker Manna.

Anwar Hossain, secretary of the association, claimed that the gang, with the help of the SI, snatched Tk 3 lakh from Manna and the driver while scuffling with them.

Md Moniruzzaman, superintendent of police in Bhola, said SI Moniruzzaman has already been transferred to another police station and disciplinary action would be taken if he was found guilty.



PHOTO: STAR

The memorial built in honour of several Liberation War martyrs at Muktinagar High School ground in Saghata upazila under Gaibandha district.

Saghata-Fulchhari free day celebrated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Locals celebrated 'Saghata-Fulchhari free day' with daylong programmes yesterday.

The programmes included placing wreath on the altar of martyrs' memorial plaque at Muktinagar High School ground in Saghata upazila under Gaibandha district, milad mahfil, feeding the destitute and discussion meeting.

Deputy Speaker Fazley Rabbi Mia MP, was present as chief guest at the discussion presided over by Jasimuddin, commander of Saghata upazila unit of Muktiyodha Sangsad.

On December 3 in 1971, freedom fighters under Sector 11 led by assistant company commander Goutom Kumar Modak divided into four groups and took position at different points of Fulchhari upazila headquarters to encounter the occupation forces, speakers said at the meeting.

On December 4 morning, a group of freedom fighters led by Shamsul Alam first attacked Fulchhari police station with mortar shelling and grenades, compelling the policemen to surrender and Pakistan forces

to flee the spot. Freedom fighter Mozammel Akanda borrowed martyrdom as he was shot by a Pak soldier.

As a detached group of the occupation force was proceeding toward the north along the Jamuna flood control embankment at night, a group of freedom fighters encountered them, and a longstanding exchange of gunfire and grenade charges followed.

In the fight, 22 Pakistani soldiers were killed and five freedom fighters, namely, Afzal Hossain, Kobez Ali, Jahedur Rahman Badol, Osman Ghani and Abdus Sobhan, borrowed martyrdom.

On December 5, the bodies of five martyrs were taken to Khamar Dhanaruha High School ground in Saguna union of Saghata and buried at the south-west corner of the ground.

In honour of the martyrs, Saguna union was renamed as Muktinagar and Khamar Dhanaruha High School as Muktinagar High School after the independence. Later a memorial complex including a plaque inscribed with the names of martyrs was built on the school ground.

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Individual Local Consultants নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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১. ভূমি মন্ত্রণালয় অথবা 'জাতীয় ভূমি জোনিং প্রকল্প' এর ওয়েবসাইট (www.minland.gov.bd or www.landzoning.gov.bd) হতে আবেদনপত্র ও জীবন-বৃত্তান্ত সংক্রান্ত নির্ধারিত ছক ডাউনলোড করে তা পূরণপূর্বক আবেদনপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।
২. আগামী ২১ ডিসেম্বর, ২০১৪ এর মধ্যে সচিব, ভূমি মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-কে সযোজন করে আবেদনটি প্রকল্প পরিচালক, জাতীয় ভূমি জোনিং প্রকল্প, ভূমি মন্ত্রণালয়, ভূমি ভবন কমপ্লেক্স, ৩/এ, নীলক্ষেত, বাবুপুরা, ঢাকা-১২০৫ এর কার্যালয়ে ডাকযোগে পৌছাতে হবে।
৩. আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সম্প্রতি তোলা ০৩ (তিন) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবি, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা/অভিজ্ঞতার সত্যায়িত সনদপত্র সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
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৯. পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০০৮ অনুযায়ী নিয়োগ প্রক্রিয়া সম্পন্ন করা হবে এবং নিয়োগের ব্যাপারে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।
১০. কেবলমাত্র Short-listed প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষার জন্য ডাকা হবে।
১১. সরকারি বিধি মোতাবেক ভ্যাপ্ট পেশিধাযোগ্য।
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