



PHOTO: STAR
A dredger extracts stones from the Dharla River at Islampur village in Patgram upazila under Lalmonirhat district, causing serious erosion of arable lands in the area. Inset, a huge quantity of stones extracted from the river is kept near the bank.



Illegal stone lifting from rivers goes on unabated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Ignoring a government ban, extraction of stones by using dredgers from three rivers in Patgram upazila of the district continues unabated. Locals said some politically influential people are running a profitable business of stone lifting from Dharla, Saniyazan and Shingimari rivers, badly affecting the environment. A major landslide may occur any time, as mechanical extractors like dredgers

are extracting stones from the rivers and adjacent areas at depths of over 100 metres, creating a hollow space underground, they said. Around 300 dredgers, each with an ability to extract 700 cubic feet of stones, are lifting stones illegally from the rivers. "Local people dare not protest against this illegal act, fearing harassment by the stone lifters as they are involved with political parties," Sahidul Islam of Islampur village said, adding that local administration and police should take

stern actions against the stone lifting. A dredger owner, seeking anonymity, said each machine can lift 250 to 300 cubic feet of stone in an hour. To avoid the mobile court, they are running the dredgers at night, he added. Admitting illegal extraction of stones, Patgram Upazila Nirbahi Officer Noor Kutubul Alam said he is conducting drives in the rivers during the night. Police and BGB are also conducting divers separately, he added.

Superintendent of Police TM Mojahidul Islam said police cannot go into full action due to shortage of manpower at local police station. He sought cooperation of local people and public representatives to save the rivers and the environment. Contacted, Deputy Commissioner Habibur Rahman of Lalmonirhat said the upazila administration and police have been asked to take stern actions against the stone lifters and the dredger machine owners.

Man surrenders after killing wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A man surrendered to police after killing his wife at Khalisha-Kutirpara village under Badarganj upazila of the district yesterday. Police said the accused, Mizanur Rahman, 33, son of Abdus Sobhan of the village, slit the throat of his wife Arifa Begum, 25, daughter of late Shahid Uddin of Choto Hajipur-Dangapara village in the upazila following an altercation over a family matter early yesterday. Later, Mizanur surrendered to Badarganj Police Station and confessed to killing his wife, police said. Victim's family said Mizanur, owner of 'Ujala Studio' at Badarganj municipality area, married Arifa around nine years ago. They often locked in altercation over trivial matters, they added. On Sunday night, Mizanur and Arifa again had a quarrel over a family matter. At one stage, he beat up Arifa and slit her throat. Mizanur told police that he was unhappy with his wife.

Launch catches fire, passengers safe

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A Dhaka-bound launch with 200 passengers aboard caught fire on the Meghna River at Lagnimarachar under Chandpur Sadar upazila yesterday. No casualty was, however, reported in the incident. The fire originated from an electric short circuit at a cabin on the third floor of the vessel 'MV Tutul' at around 10:30am and spread to an adjacent cabin, said Shah Alam, supervisor of the launch. Seeing the flames, staffs of the launch rushed to the spot and doused the blaze, he added. All the passengers were rescued safely. They were later sent to Dhaka by another launch named MV Bogdadia-9, said Mosharaf Hosain, in-charge of Chandpur River Police. The officials of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) visited the spot.



PHOTO: STAR
A cabin of launch MV Tutul got burnt as a fire broke out at the vessel on the Meghna River at Lagnimarachar in Chandpur Sadar upazila yesterday morning. None was, however, hurt as the launch staff promptly doused the fire.

Wrist of BCL man severed by party rivals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Party rivals severed the wrist of an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) in Pakshey union under Ishwardi upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim is tenth grader Md Sourav Hasan Tuntuni, 17, son of Tuhin Hossain of Rooppur village.

He was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

Police and locals said the men of BCL Pakshey unit president caught Sourav, supporter of Miraz Hasan, general secretary of the unit, in front of Pakshey Paper Mills around 5:00pm and cut off his left wrist.

The law enforcers are raiding different areas to arrest the attackers, said Biman Kumar, officer-in-charge of Ishwardi Police Station.

Ahmed Sharif Dablu, president of the district unit of BCL, said Sourav came under attack over previous enmity between the unit president and secretary.

Boy tortured on theft charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

A section of local people, including a union parishad (UP) member, 'tortured' a boy inhumanly, bringing charge of stealing sunglasses against him at Shikarpur Bazar in Sharsha upazila of Jessore district early yesterday.

The victim is Zakir Hossain, 14, son of Mojibur Rahman of Narikelbaria village. He was admitted to the upazila health complex.

Police and witnesses said one Sohrab, owner of a tea stall at Shikarpur Bazar, along with his two sons and UP member Abdul tied Zakir to a tree at around 12:30am on charge of stealing a pair of sunglasses.

They later beat the boy with an iron rod and at one stage, poured hot water on him.

Being informed, Kamal Hossain, chairman of Lakkhanpur Union Parishad, rushed to the spot, rescued the boy and sent him to the health complex.

A case was filed, accusing five people, said Enamul Haque, officer-in-charge of Sharsha Police Station.

Police arrested Sohrab and two others.

Teachers, students suffer as school ground under stagnant water

KM REZAUL HOQUE, Gaibandha

The ground of Shibrum Hossain Mohammad School and College in Sundarganj upazila under the district goes under water even after a moderate rainfall, much to the sufferings of teachers and students.

The situation worsens in the rainy season, as the ground remains under knee-deep water for a pretty long time.

Earlier rain water did not

lie stagnant in the school ground, as there was enough space around but closely set-up houses and shops have been built in the surrounding area during the last couple of years, said teachers and students.

"Despite repeated request, nobody spares any space for release of stagnant water. And so, during the rainy season students cannot play on the ground and assembly is not held there,"

said Golam Azam, principal of the institution.

The institution established in 1972 opened intermediate section in 1995 and now it accommodates over a thousand students.

"The ground needs earth filling so that water does not stay there. Measures will be taken to release rain water from there," said Badrul Ahsan Salim, chairman of



PHOTO: STAR
Rain water remains stagnant in the field of Shibrum Hossain Mohammad Smrity School and College in Sundarganj upazila under Gaibandha district as a good number of houses and shops have been built in the surrounding area, leaving hardly any space for release of water from the school premises.

Two forest robbers held with arms, ammo

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and coastguards in a joint drive early yesterday arrested two forest robbers from Karamjal area of the Sundarbans.

The law enforcers also recovered four firearms, 76 bullets, some life jackets, and 60 litres of diesel from their possession.

The arrestees are

Sumon Hawladar, 24, son of Ishak Hawladar and Robiul Hosain, son of Sikandar Hosain of Digraj village in Mongla upazila.

Receiving information that a gang of forest robbers was staying in Karamjal area of the mangrove forest, a joint team of Rab-6 and coastguard conducted a drive in the area and arrested the duo at around 6:00am. The rest of the

gang members managed to flee.

The members of the joint force recovered a shotgun, an SMG, a locally made gun and an airgun from the robbers.

The arrestees were later handed over to Dakope Police Station, said Lt Commander Alauddin Nayan, staff officer (operation) of Coastguard West Zone at Mongla.

Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Ltd.
Head Office: Dugdha Bhaban
139-140 Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.

Date: 31.05.2015

Invitation for Local Tender.

Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Ltd.		
Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method.		
Source of Funds	Own Fund.		
Invitation for Tenders No.	PD/Tender-16/2014/05	Date:	31.05.2015

Tenders Name & Brief Description				
Sl. No.	Tender Package No.	Item Name	Cost of Schedule (Non refundable)	Tender Security (BDT)
01.	PD/ABF-30/2013/16	Aluminium Foil for Butter Wrapping (Re-Tender)	Tk. 2,000.00	Tk. 1,45,000.00
02.	PD/PMC-82/2015/17	Plastic Milk Crate	Tk. 2,000.00	Tk. 2,00,000.00
03.	PD/PB-18/2014/18	Polyethylene Bag(s)	Tk. 1,000.00	Tk. 80,000.00

Validity of tender offer	120 days from the date of submission of tender
Validity of tender security	148 days from the date of submission of tender
Name & address of the office for selling the tender documents	(a) Accounts Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208. (b) Accounts Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur Sec.-7, Dhaka-1216 & (c) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.
Name & address of the office for receiving the tender documents	(a) Purchase Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208. (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur Sec.-7, Dhaka-1216 & (c) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.
Starting date for selling tender documents	04.06.2015 during office hour.
Tender last selling date	17.06.2015 during office hour.
Tender closing Place, Date & Time	(a) Purchase Division, Head Office (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant (c) Divisional Commissioner Office
Tender opening Place, Date and time	Head Office, 139-140 Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208. 18.06.2015 at 02.00 PM
Other Instruction	All other terms & conditions are mentioned in the tender schedule.

Procuring Entity Details	
Name of the Official Inviting Tender	Md. Abul Hossain
Designation of the Official Inviting Tender	General Manager (PTM)
Address of the Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Limited (Milk Vita), 139-140, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.
Contact details of the official inviting tender	Tel : (PABX) 8870444-5 Ext-105/103/140, Fax : 880-2-8870433 E-mail: gm.milkvita@yahoo.com/ procurement@milkvita.org

Other Information	
Special Conditions	i) In case, the tender can not be received on the day mentioned for reasons beyond control of BMPCUL (Milk Vita), the same will be received on the next working day at the same time & venue. ii) The authority also reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

This tender will be conducted as per Public Procurement Rules-2008 of Bangladesh.

Signed/-
(Md. Abul Hossain)
General Manager (PTM)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
PROMOTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING
IN THE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS (CHT)

The Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility (CHTDF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh, seeks proposals from interested and well qualified organizations in response to the following RFP in the CHT.

Provision of technical services by technical organization/ institution for developing a Conflict Early Warning and Response System in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT)

(Pre-bid Meeting date : Sunday, 07 June 2015 at 11:00 am)

(Pls download solicitation document - http://procurement-notice.undp.org/view_notice.cfm?notice_id=22688)

All interested organizations are requested to attend a pre-bid meeting at CHTDF, UNDP Office, Rajbari Road, Rangamati as per above schedule. Maximum two (2) participants from each organization are allowed.

The deadline for proposal submission is **Tuesday, 16 June 2015 04:30 pm** (Local Time)