

# 12 dredgers destroyed as drive against illegal sand lifting continues

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police destroyed at least 12 diesel-run dredger machines, locally called boma machines used for extracting stones from river at Burimari village in Patgram upazila of the district on Monday.

They also opened four rounds of blank fire when the men of illegal stone lifters tried to attack the law enforcers during the drive.

Rezaul Karim, officer-in-charge of Patgram Police

Station, said a strong syndicate mostly comprising local political activists are involved in illegal stone lifting from the rivers in the upazila.

"If police continue conducting the drive, the syndicate men would not dare to go for illegal stone lifting from rivers Dhara, Shingimari and Saniyazan further," said farmer Ahmed Ali, 55, of Burimari village in the upazila.

Due to illegal stone extracting from the three rivers, a good numbers of agricultural lands were eroded and many

farmers became landless in the area, said upazila agriculture officer Nurul Islam.

"Agriculture in the upazila is facing serious threat as rivers are drying up due to illegal stones lifting," he said.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Noor Qutubul Aalam said local administration also continued conducting drive against illegal stones lifting from rivers.

The police have zero tolerance in this regard, said Superintendent of Police TM Mozahidul Islam.

## RURAL ARBITRATION

# Youth commits suicide over 'false' accusation, torture

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A youth on Monday night committed suicide over false accusation in a rural arbitration two days ago. Police recovered the body from his house and sent it to Patuakhali General Hospital morgue. They also held a man over the matter yesterday.

The victim was identified as Ripon Sarder, 24, a farmer of Char Lakmi under Rangabali upazila of the district.

Family members said a cow owned by one Abdul Bareq Mridha of Nalua village in Char Montaj union was stolen on Sunday night. Abdus Salam Pada, newly elected member of the union parishad (UP), also vice-president of Char

Montaj union unit of Awami League (AL), arranged an arbitration at Char Bestin AL office.

Salam's men brought Ripon to the arbitration meeting place from his house. At about 9:00pm, three men, Abdus Salam, Abdul Jabbar and Shahidul Islam tortured Ripon in the presence of over a hundred people.

The arbitrators fined Ripon Tk 50,000 for alleged involvement in stealing the cow, locals said. They also said he would remain tied up until the fine was paid.

Shahanara Begum, mother of Ripon, freed her son after paying Tk 30,000 the next morning.

Ripon committed suicide by hanging from a tree on Monday night.

"My son committed suicide as he couldn't bear such dishonour," Shahanara Begum said. "I want justice as my son was innocent," she said.

Abdus Salam Pada said he did not torture Ripon. "I arranged the arbitration meeting and fined Ripon as per instruction from the newly-elected UP Chairman Hanif Mia," he said.

Contacted, UP chairman Hanif Mia, also secretary of the union unit of AL, said, "I didn't ask anybody to arrange arbitration meeting over the matter. I asked them to hand Ripon over to police."

Shamsul Arefin, officer-in-charge of Rangabali Police Station, said police have arrested one Abdul Jabbar for allegedly torturing Ripon.

## Cops now wait

FROM PAGE 1 special superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Comilla, said they have already asked for the second autopsy report.

"Hopefully, we will get it soon," he told The Daily Star over the phone yesterday.

A second-year history student of Comilla Victoria College, 19-year-old Sohagi Jahan Tonu was found dead in Comilla Cantonment area on the night of March 20.

The first autopsy was conducted at Comilla Medical College Hospital on March 21 and the report was submitted to the forensic medicine department on April 4.

The autopsy found no sign of rape and also failed to ascertain the cause of her death, the report said.

The report was handed over to the investigators yesterday afternoon, adds a

Comilla correspondent. The second autopsy was performed on March 30, two days after a Comilla court ordered the fresh autopsy following the investigators' appeal.

On the progress of the investigation, Nazmul said they got some information by interrogating the victim's family members, and they were now scrutinising those.

Meanwhile, Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, an alliance of cultural organisations, yesterday demanded a fair probe into the murder and punishment to those involved in the killing. It also demanded immediate arrest of Tonu's killers.

An eight-member team of the Jote yesterday submitted a memorandum to the home ministry to press home its demand.

Before submitting the memorandum, Jote

President Golam Kuddus at a rally at TSC of Dhaka University demanded explanation from the government as to why there were delays in releasing the autopsy report.

He said the government should ensure arrest of the culprits and exemplary punishment to them so that no one dares to commit such crimes again.

General Secretary of the Jote Hasan Arif demanded immediate arrest of the culprit(s) and their trial in a speedy trial court.

"Although 15 days have passed since the murder, we have not seen any progress [in the case]," said Nasiruddin Yousuff Bachchu, former president of the alliance.

He also asked that Tonu's family is not harassed. The Jote will decide its future programmes in a meeting on April 11.

## SNIPPETS

### Child marriage bid foiled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A schoolgirl was saved from child marriage at Shabgram village in Sadar upazila of the district on Monday. Tenth grader Khadija Akhter, 14, daughter of Shajahan Pramanik of the village, was going to be married with Sohag Mia, 19, son of Abdul Pramanik of the same village, in the evening, said Upazila Nirbahi Officer Shahana Akhter Jahan. Being informed, the UNO, who led a mobile court, rushed to the spot and foiled the marriage. The court also sentenced fathers of the bride and bridegroom to seven days' imprisonment and fined them Tk 1,000 each, said the UNO.

### 2 held with fake notes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Police arrested two men with fake notes of Tk 85,000 from a clothes store at Nachnapara Bazar in Pathorghata upazila of the district on Monday. The arrestees are Md Sahid, 38, of Mothbaria upazila, and Faruq Sikder, 42, of the upazila. Police said the two gave a note of Tk 1,000 after buying clothes from the store. On suspicion, the shopkeeper informed the police. Later, the law enforcers recovered more fake notes of Tk 84,000 after searching their bodies and arrested them, said police.



A scene of damage caused by yesterday's nor'wester on Tamabil Road in Sylhet Sadar upazila

# Storm injures 16, damages 80 houses in Sylhet

## Kid killed in landslide

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A child was killed in a landslide in Kamolganj upazila of Moulvibazar district on Monday, while at least 16 people were injured and over 80 houses damaged as nor'westers lashed Kaulaura and Sreemangal upazilas of Moulvibazar district, and Fenchuganj and Sadar upazilas of Sylhet district yesterday and the day before.

In Moulvibazar, violent storms swept over the upazilas and three unions, injuring at least eight people and damaging over 50 houses Monday afternoon and yesterday.

The first storm on Monday, accompanied with hail, uprooted scores of trees and electricity poles, and damaged standing boro paddy on vast tracts of land.

Fifty houses in 10 villages were razed to the ground, locals said.

All the five injured in Rantgaon, Kabiraji and Ekadattapur villages were admitted to local health complexes.

Another storm hit the same areas next morning, causing further damage to crops and trees, and a child was killed in a landslide in Kamolganj upazila, Kamrul Hasan, deputy commissioner of Moulvibazar, told this correspondent.

In Sylhet, at least eight people were injured and 30 houses damaged as a nor'wester swept over Sadar upazila yesterday afternoon.

The storm that started at 12:30pm lashed the area for over 45 minutes.

## 7pc growth

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fiscal year was due to a change in base year.

Briefing reporters yesterday after a meeting of the National Economic Council (NEC), Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal said Bangladesh's GDP growth had long been hovering between 6 and 7 percent, and through attaining the 7.05 percent growth the country would be able to overcome the "trap".

He also said the country's economy had been progressing day by day with the contribution of all, including workers and farmers.

However, several economists expressed doubt over the provisional data and said there was uncertainty whether the growth target could be achieved.

Former caretaker government adviser ABM Mirza Azizul Islam said, "I do not trust this number."

He said the indirect indicators of the economy do not support the data. Since tax collection reflects the condition of an economy, the revenue collection growth is slow in this fiscal.

There is a declining trend in remittance inflow. As a result, the remittance data does not show a rise in consumption, Azizul Islam said, adding that the growth of industrial raw material and capital machinery import is also slower than the July to February period of the last fiscal year.

He said the private sector credit growth also increased slightly.

Only the export sector is showing good growth. He said he does not see the signs of the GDP growing half a percentage point this year.

Zaid Bakht, former research director of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), said there remains uncertainty as to whether the growth target could be

achieved. A major part of the growth depends on the performance of export, he added.

Zahid Hussain, lead economist at the World Bank's Dhaka office, said the increase in growth came largely from the service sector, especially from public administration, education and health.

The increase in public sector wages has played a big role in taking overall growth to over 7 percent. Besides, increase in growth in large-scale manufacturing, construction and transport sectors also helped.

"The key question is can we sustain the 7 percent growth rate in the near and medium term. Obviously, public sector wages cannot be increased in such magnitude every year," the WB economist said.

In order to sustain the growth rate, expansion in the economy's production capacity and factor productivity would be needed. And to do that, new investments are required, he said.

Besides, the latest BBS data show that the private investment to GDP ratio has declined from 22.07 percent in fiscal year 2015 to 21.78 percent in fiscal year 2016, he added.

"Clearly the constraints on private investments have not eased. Unless we address the infrastructure and regulatory constraints on private investments, sustaining 7 percent growth will be very difficult," Zahid observed.

The BBS provisional data show that the agriculture sector would witness a 2.6 percent growth in the current year, which was 3.33 percent in the previous year.

The industrial sector would see a 10.10 percent growth against 9.67 percent in the previous fiscal year, and the services sector a 6.70 percent growth in the current year against 5.8 percent in the previous year.

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## Invitation for e-Tender

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

Sl No.	Tender ID and reference No.	Name of scheme	Last selling date and time	Closing date and time
01	53146 AIET/GD-22a/01/135	Machinery and Equipment: 2 litre capacity cryocan	25/04/2016 14:00 hour	25/04/2016 15:00 hour
02	53151 AIET/GD-22a/02/136	Machinery and Equipment: 12-13 litre capacity cryocan	25/04/2016 14:00 hour	25/04/2016 15:00 hour

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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## Invitation for Proposal for Staff Outsourcing through Firm/Company for Technical Assistance to DTCA

1	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges/Road Transport and Highway Division.
2	Executing agency	: Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority.
3	Procuring entity	: Project Director-Technical Assistance to DTCA.
4	Invitation Ref No.	: 35.02.0000.008.71.003.16-8
5	Invitation date	: 30 March, 2016.
6	Invitation for	: Proposal for staff outsourcing [Physical Service].
7	Source of budget	: GOB
8	Procurement method	: Open NCT (Least Cost Selection).
9	Project name	: Technical Assistance to DTCA.
10	Package No.	: DTCA S # 2
11	Package name	: Staff Outsourcing for Technical Assistance to DTCA.
12	Last date for proposal selling	: 20 April, 2016 (during office hour).
13	Last date for proposal submission	: 20 April, 2016 at 12:00 noon (Bangladesh Standard Time).
14	Eligibility of the applicant	: Any reputed Bangladeshi Firm having at least two years of experience of providing the physical services mentioned below (or relevant positions) to any government/non-government office/project or any NGO/Consulting Firm. The firm shall have at least five years of general experience of providing physical service. Other eligibility criteria are stated in the proposal document.
15	Brief description of the service to be provided	: To provide Staff Input for the post of Driver (01) and MLSS (Peon) (02) for the Office of the Project Director.
16	Contract period	: 18 months (approx).
17	Address of selling proposal document	: Office of the Project Director, Room No. 1339, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka-1000.
18	Address of receiving proposal document	: Office of the Project Director, Room No. 1339, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka-1000.
19.	Proposal price	: A non-refundable amount of Taka 500/- (five hundred) in cash.
20	Name of the officer inviting	: A.T.M. Helaluddin Nagari.
21	Designation of the officer inviting	: Project Director.
22	Contact details	: Phone: 9568825, E-mail: atmagnari@gmail.com

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and the whole process.

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### নিলামকৃত সম্পত্তির তফসিল

ঃ তফসীল কঃ

জে এল নং-২, খতিয়ান নং-৫০৩, সি এস দাগ নং- ৬৭৬, মৌজা-জুগিপাশা, থানা-দৌলতপুর, জেলা-খুলনা। জমির পরিমাণ- ১.৪১ একর। উক্ত জমির উপর নির্মিত ও নির্মিতব্য ইমারতাদি, প্রতিস্থাপিত যন্ত্রপাতি, বৈদ্যুতিক সরঞ্জামাদী ইত্যাদি।

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১। বিসিক শিল্প এলাকা, শিরোমণি, খুলনাতে অবস্থিত প্লট নং ৩৮ ও ৩৯, জমির পরিমাণ-৪১.৩২ শতাংশ বা ১৮০০ বর্গফুট এবং তদুপরিস্থিত ফ্যান্টারী ভবন।

২। মেসার্স বারী ইন্ডাস্ট্রিঃ লিঃ কর্তৃক ব্যবহৃত যন্ত্রপাতি "যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে সে অবস্থায়" বিসিক শিল্পনগরী খুলনাতে অবস্থিত।

## Two held with arms

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Two people were held with arms and bullets in Jhenidah and Manikganj districts yesterday.

Police arrested a man with a pipe gun and two bullets at Krishnapur village in Shailakupa upazila of Jhenidah early yesterday.

The arrestee is Hanif Mandol, 45, son of Mohammad Ali Mandol of the village, reports our correspondent.

On secret information, a police team raided Hanif's house and arrested him with the firearm and bullets.

He was accused in several cases, including one for murder, said Shailakupa police.

Away in Manikganj, members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a man with a revolver and four bullets from Dhusar-Kalibari village in Shivalaya upazila of the district the same day.

The arrestee is Afsar Ali Bepari, 50, son of late Poran Bepari of Baghutia village in Daulatpur upazila, reports our correspondent.