

Untimely ripened mangoes available in 5 N districts

Smuggled or imported, the artificially ripened fruits pose health hazard

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In the beginning of the Bangla month Baishakh, when the mango trees are full of tender green mangoes, fruit markets in Rangpur, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat districts see imported or smuggled Indian colourful mangoes, apparently ripened or sweetened through harmful artificial processes.

Against the backdrop, Kishoreganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer SM Mehdi Hasan launched a mobile court yesterday and destroyed around five maunds of artificially ripened mangoes. He also

fined a few traders.

As in other areas, the fruit in five northern districts of Rangpur agriculture region will ripe around two months later, said farmers and agriculturists.

Visiting different fruit markets of Rangpur and Nilphamari, this correspondent found foreign mangoes with attractive names like bou kotha kou, dilshad, and golap khas are selling at Tk 200-350 per kg.

"We collected mangoes from wholesalers and earning good profit by selling it. Customers often ask how the mangos ripened so early but we have no answer," said Babu Mia, a fruit trader of Saidpur

railway market in Nilphamari.

Mangoes ripened or sweetened artificially can cause serious diseases to consumers, said Nilphamari Civil surgeon Abdur Rashid.

About 20 local varieties of mangoes are being cultivated in Rangpur agriculture region and the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) set a target to cultivate mangoes on commercial basis on 6541 hectares of land in five districts under region this year, which is about 250 hectares higher than last year.

"We expect good mango yield in the region this year," said Mesbahul Islam, horticulture specialist of the DAE.

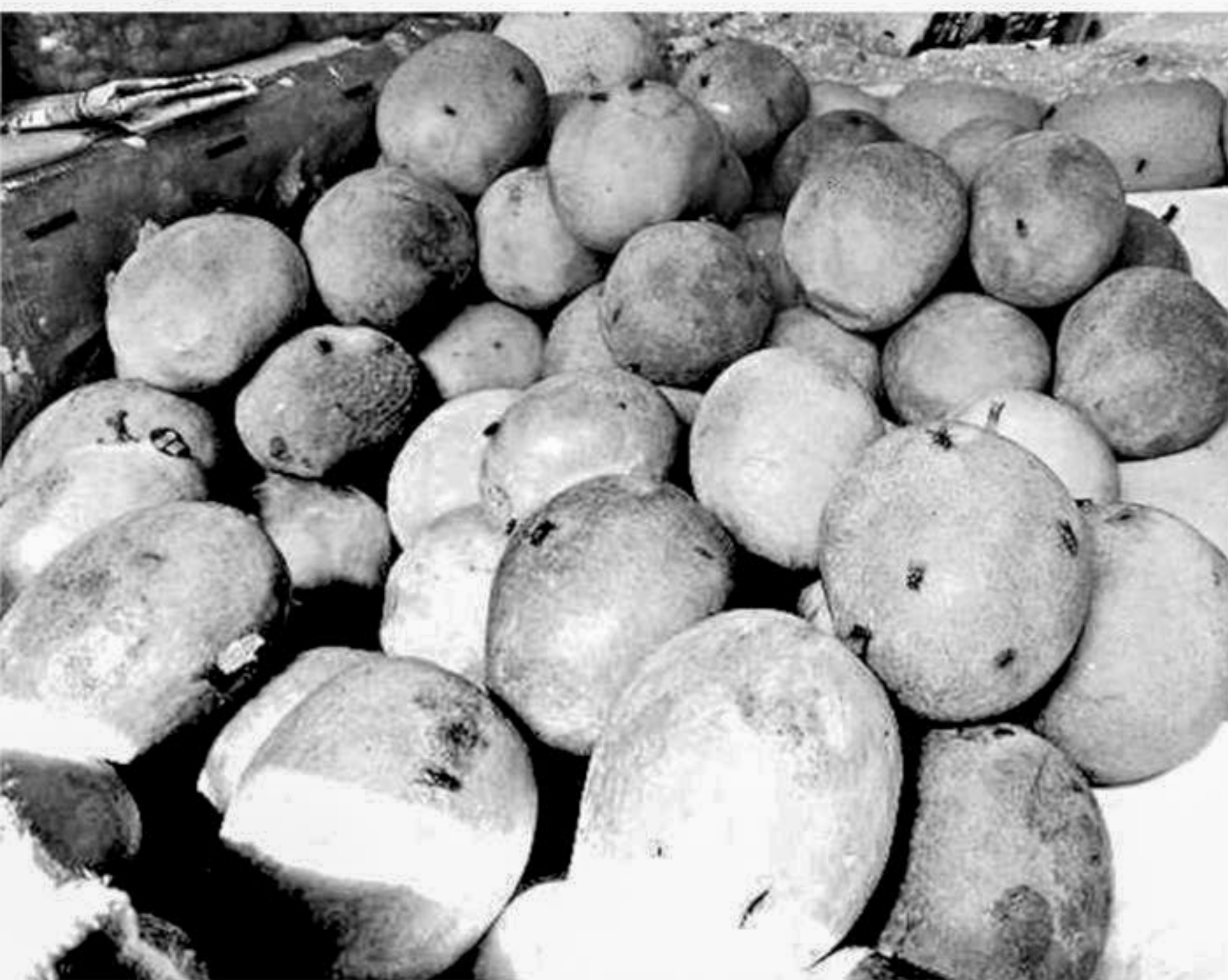


PHOTO: STAR

Untimely ripened mangoes, like these ones in Saidpur Railway Market in Nilphamari district, are seen in different markets of northern districts like Nilphamari, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat. Apparently ripened through artificial processes, the fruits pose risk of life threatening diseases for consumers.

800 sued over clash at Pabna polling centre

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

At least 800 people have been sued over Saturday's clash at a polling centre in Chatmohar upazila that killed a man.

Md Alamgir Hossain, presiding officer of Bahadurpur Government Primary School centre in Mothapur union, filed the case with Chatmohar Police Station for attacking polling centre, trying to loot ballot boxes, vandalizing vehicles of law enforcers and creating violence at the centre to halt government activities on Saturday night, said Subroto Kumar, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Emdadul Hossain, 60, of the village, was killed in a clash between locals and BGB personnel near the centre around 7:00pm when vote counting was going on.

According to police, irked by the delay in

publishing polls results, a group of locals started hurling brickbats at BGB men, and also vandalized a vehicle.

The BGB men opened fire to disperse the angry mob.

At one stage, Emdadul, who went to the centre to know the results, was hit by bullets and died on the spot, said the OC.

In Dinajpur, election of Rampur and Polashbari union parishads in Parbatipur upazila of the district has been postponed for territorial dispute, reports our correspondent.

Election was scheduled to be held on May 7 in 10 UPs in the upazila, said Tarafdar Mahmudur Rahman, upazila nirbahi officer.

He received a letter through a fax yesterday afternoon regarding the issue from Bangladesh Election Commission, said the UNO.

SNIPPETS

Schoolgirl raped

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A schoolgirl was raped allegedly by two youths in Kalihati of the district yesterday. The victim, a Class VIII student at a local high school in the upazila, was admitted to Tangail Medical College Hospital. Quoting victim's family members, police said Jamal Hossain alias Tuhin, 20, and his friend Abdul Malek, 22, of Ghatail upazila, called the girl out of her school around 10:00am. They later took her to a nearby jungle and raped her. Officer-in-Charge Saiful Islam Farajee of Kalihati Police Station said victim's father filed a case with the police station accusing Tuhin and Malek.

BSF picks up youth

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) allegedly picked up a Bangladeshi youth from near the zero line in Rajoniline border area under Tahirpur upazila of Sunamganj district yesterday. The victim is Saidul Islam, 25, son of Ali Rahman of Lawerghar village in the upazila. Lt Col Khondokar Gulam Mahiuddin, commanding officer of BGB-8, said they asked BSF to return the youth immediately.

Outlaw killed by rival party men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A leader of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party was hacked to death by rival party men in Vingram area under Santhia upazila of the district yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Al Amin Hossain, 35, son of Fazlal Mia of the village, police said. Md Abdur Razzak, officer-in-charge of Ataikula Police Station, said the rival party men hacked Al Amin to death and dumped the body on the dike of the Ichhamati River. Al Amin was accused in a number of cases, including for murder, filed with Santhia and Ataikula police stations, he added.

Cow fattening tablets seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized at least 80,000 cow fattening tablets from Harirampur village in Hakimpur upazila of the district on Saturday. On information, a team of BGB-3 Battalion seized the tablets worth about Tk 15.12 lakh from the village. However, none was arrested in this connection. The tablets were brought to Bangladesh from India, said Mokhlesur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Hakimpur Police Station.

Under trial prisoner dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

An under trial prisoner died at Pabna Medical College Hospital yesterday. The deceased is Md Shraban, 26, son of Anwar Hossain of Sara Gopalpur village in Ishwardi upazila of the district. Four days ago, he came to the district jail in a case for drug peddling. Shraban was admitted to the hospital after he felt severe chest pain in the jail around 8:30am. He died there around 9:00am, said Jail Superintendent Md Obaidur Rahman.

Man dies of heatstroke

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

An elderly man died of heatstroke at Uttampur village in Rajapur upazila of the district yesterday. The deceased was identified as Nuru Mollah, 70, of the village. The incident took place at noon when Nuru came to Bargi haat in the upazila for buying his daily necessities, said family sources.

15 lakh shrimp fry seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Coastguards seized at least 15 lakh shrimp fry from a trawler in the Sandhya River in Babuganj upazila of the district yesterday. Md Emdadul Haque, contingent commander of coastguards in Barisal, said on information, they raided the trawler and seized the shrimp fry.

Youth held with pistol

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police arrested a youth with a foreign made pistol, two magazines and three bullets from Benapole check post area on Saturday night. The arrestee is Kawser Ali, 26, son of Nur Islam of Lautali village in Faridganj upazila of Chandpur district. Mafizur Rahman, sub-inspector of Benapole Port Police Station, said tipped off, police raided the area and arrested Kawser with the firearm and bullets.

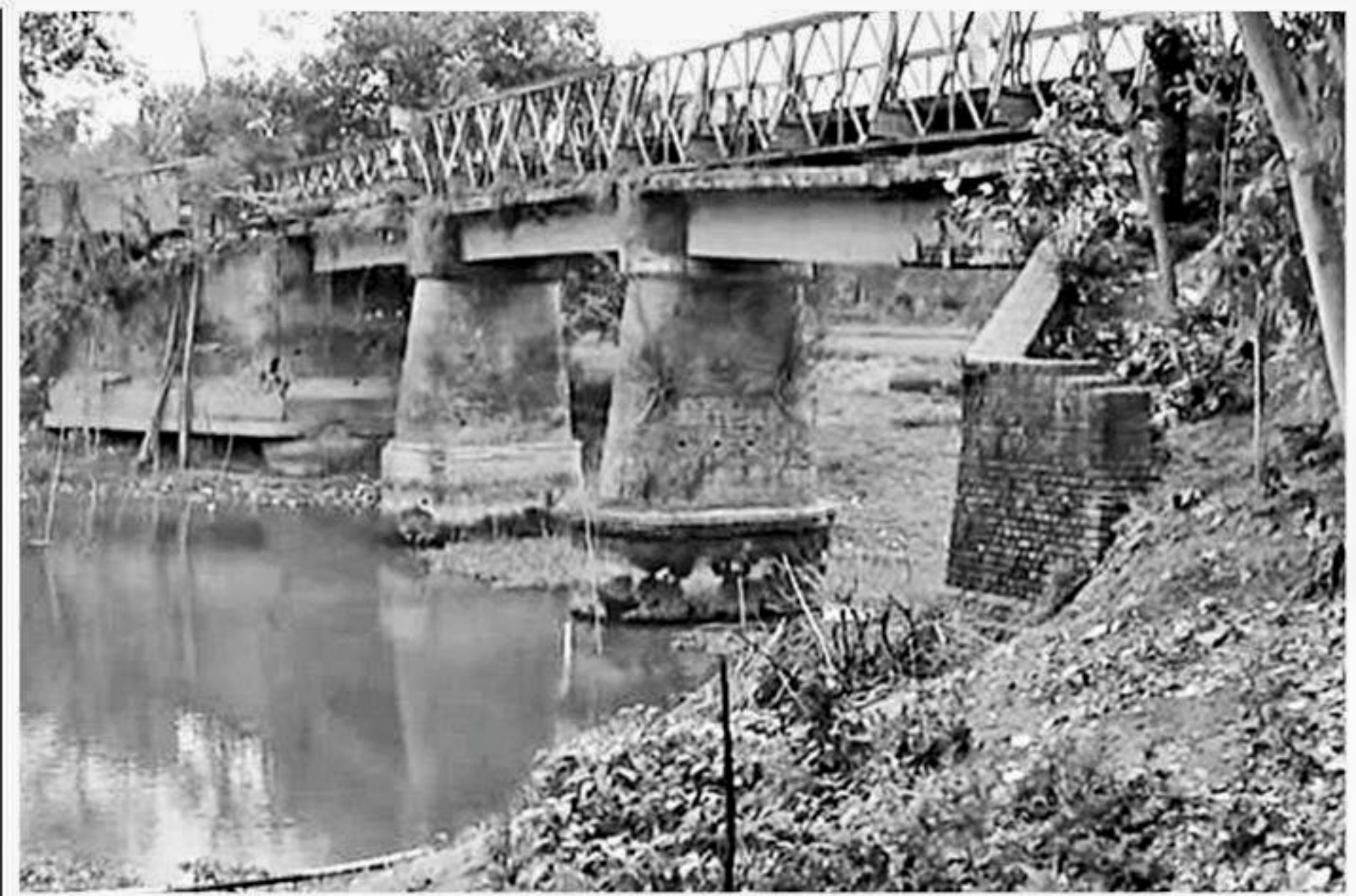


PHOTO: STAR

This ramshackle bridge over the Alai River at Badiakhali in Gaibandha Sadar upazila poses risk for a large number of commuters, thanks to the negligence of the authorities concerned.

Bridge turns risky due to lack of renovation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Road communication between Shaghata and Fulchari upazilas and Gaibandha district headquarters remains very risky due to awful condition of the bridge over the Alai River at Badiakhali in Gaibandha Sadar upazila.

The bridge was constructed during the British rule.

Seven years ago, a 15-foot section of the floor and the foundation pillar collapsed during a flood. The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) repaired the damaged portion of the bridge with iron plates just for restoring communication.

On April 16, 2010, a large portion of the floor on the northern side broke down. The authorities set up a small Bailey bridge over the damaged part, which made the bridge more vulnerable. Vehicles cross the bridge with great risk as has become bumpy, and mishaps occur almost every day.

Pedestrians and school-going children

face the most trouble while crossing the bridge, as it is jam-packed all the time, said Bimol Kumar, a trader of Badiakhali bazaar.

"Taking great risk, we cross the bridge every day", said Shahidul Islam, driver of a CNG-run three-wheeler.

Vehicular movement over the bridge remains closed occasionally for repair work, and people have to travel an additional three kilometres to reach Gaibandha district headquarters, said Rafiqul Islam, chairman of Badiakhali Union Parishad.

No initiative has taken by the authorities concerned for proper repair of the bridge, despite repeated appeals from different quarters. Although RHD submitted a proposal to the higher authorities last year for construction of a concrete bridge at a cost of Tk 11 crore 28 lakh, it is yet to be approved.

"Work for acquisition of land and construction of a new bridge will start as soon as funds are allocated," said Mahbubul Alam Khan, executive engineer, RHD, Gaibandha.

Father, son stabbed, robbed of Tk 20,000

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Muggers stabbed a man and his son and took away Tk 20 thousand from them in Muktagachha upazila of the district on Saturday.

The victims, Shamsul Haque, 50, and his son Nayan Mia, 25, of Baniakazi village in the upazila, were admitted to Mymensingh

Medical College Hospital.

Officer-in-Charge Abu Mohammad Fazlul Karim of Muktagachha Police Station said a gang of 3/4 swooped on Shamsul and Nayan at Paratongi village while they were returning home after receiving Tk 20,000 in loan from a local NGO around 5:00pm.

The gang stabbed Shamsul

and Nayan and snatched the money, the OC said.

Hearing screams, locals rushed in, chased the muggers and caught one of them named Sujon. Other gang members managed to flee the scene with the looted money.

Local people beat up Sujon, son of Kader Farazi of the village, and later handed him over to the police.



PHOTO: STAR

Teachers of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University in Trishal upazila under Mymensingh district form a human chain on the campus yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the criminals who killed Rajshahi University professor AFM Rezaul Karim on Saturday.

Meghna Petroleum Limited
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58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong, Bangladesh

Corrigendum Notice No-01

All concerned are hereby notified that the following amendments have been incorporated in the Pre-qualification Tender Notice and Tender Document against our Tender No. PUR: 079 for Construction of Automatic Lube Oil Blending Plant (Meghna LOBP) at Main Installation, Guptakhal, Patenga, Chittagong on Turnkey Basis that published in the various dailies (The Prothom Alo, The Daily Kaler Kanitha, The Dainik Samakal, The Daily Star, The Dainik Azadi, on 07-04-2016)

The following amendments will be incorporated in the PQ tender notice			
Existing		Revised	
Serial number: 010		Serial number: 010	
Tender last selling date & time	08th May, 2016, 15:30 Hrs	Tender last selling date & time	24th May, 2016, 15:30 hrs.
Tender closing date & time	09th May, 2016, 15:00 hrs	Tender closing date & time	25th May, 2016, 15:00 hrs.
Tender opening date & time	09th May, 2016, 15:15 hrs	Tender opening date & time	25th May, 2016, 15:15 hrs
Date, time & place of pre-bid meeting	26th April, 2016 at 10:00 hrs Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong	Date, time & place of pre-bid meeting	11th May, 2016 at 10:00 hrs Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.
Serial number: 13 (b).		Serial number: 13 (b).	
Interested bidder must successfully completed design, construction, commissioning & trial run of minimum yearly 5000 MT Single shift capacity of 01 (one) No. Lube Oil Blending Plant in Bangladesh with a value of Tk. 03.00 (three) crore in a single order including supply of all necessary men, materials and machineries/instruments within last 10 (ten) years i.e. year counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.			
The following amendments will be incorporated in the PQ tender documents			
Existing		Revised	
ITA 17.1 The deadline for application submission is: Date: May 09, 2016; Time: 15:00 hrs.			
Section III. Qualification Criteria and Requirements:			
4. Experience 4.2 (a) Specific Construction Experience: The minimum required number of similar contracts completed: Interested bidder must successfully completed design, construction, commissioning & trial run of minimum yearly 5000 MT Single shift capacity of 01 (one) No. Lube Oil Blending Plant in Bangladesh as a prime contractor with a value of Tk. 03.00 (three) crore in a single order including supply of all necessary men, materials and machineries/instruments within last 10 (ten) years i.e. year counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.			
JV Firm having above qualification may apply. In case of joint venture (JV), experience of the lead firm shall be considered.			
All other terms, conditions & specifications will remain unchanged. This will be an integral part of the tender document.			

Export Promotion Bureau
TCB Bhaban 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice for Making and Supplying of **National Export Trophy**

Sealed tenders are invited by the Export Promotion Bureau from bonafide, renowned and experienced firms for making and supplying the trophies as per following specifications for award of National Export Trophy for the years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013:

Type of Trophy	No. of Trophy
1. Gold Trophy (11.66 gms. each)	52
2. Silver Trophy (11.66 gms. each)	37
3. Bronze Trophy (11.66 gms. each)	24

02. Tender must be dropped in the Tender Box to be retained at the Reception Centre of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) Head Office (at TCB Bhaban, 4th floor, 1, Kawran Bazar) Dhaka on 15-05-2016 (Sunday) at 12:00 noon and will be opened at 12-30 p.m on the same day in presence of the representatives of the tenderers (if any). Sample of the Trophy must be submitted along with Tender. The tenderers shall have to submit tender for all the items. Submission of tender for partial items will not be accepted by the Export Promotion Bureau.

03. Tender schedule may be purchased from the Accounts Section, EPB, Dhaka during Office hours before 12-05-2016 on payment of Tk.1000.00 (take one thousand) only which is non-refundable. Tenderer shall be required to submit 3% as Tender security of the quoted amount in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft in favour of Export Promotion Bureau, Dhaka.

04. EPB Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Commodities Development Division of EPB may be contacted for any further information in this regard.

Director
Commodity Development Division

Abul Khair Carrier Ltd.
13, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.

Tender Notice

1. Application of tender are invited from the bona-fide Local/International Salvaging firms for the salvage and removal of wreck of M.V.Titu-12 with the following terms and conditions:

a) Invitation of Tender (Ref No.)	: AKCL/Tender/2016/01 dated 24th April 2016
b) Scope of Work	: Salvage and removal of wreck of M.V.Titu-12 to entire satisfaction of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority and require a certificate of completion of works issued by BIWTA to the Owner.
c) Location of Sunk	: At position 22.19.498 N Latitude and 91.13.471E longitude, Boya-1(Old), Hatia.
d) Last date of selling tender form	: 9th May, 2016 at 12.00 hrs.
e) Date of dropping and opening tender	: 10th May, 2016 at 12.00 hrs.
f) Currency	: Local
g) Price of tender form	: BDTK: 5,000.00(Non refundable)

2. Tender forms are available at Abul Khair Carrier Limited 13, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka or Abul Khair Group, D.T.Road, Pahartali, Chittagong.

3. Name of contact persons: Manager, River Transport Department, Abul Khair Carrier Limited 13, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka or Abul Khair Group, D.T. Road, Pahartali, Chittagong.

4. Tender Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without any reason thereof.

Manager,
River Transport Department,
Abul Khair Carrier Limited
13, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka
or
Abul Khair Group,
D.T.Road, Pahartali, Chittagong.