

## Slain farmer's wife, daughters cry for justice

Family files murder case, police record it as UD case in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The two children and wife of slain farmer Shafiqul Islam were seen crying at their home at Shalmara village of Bhelabari union under Aditmari upazila of the district yesterday. "Oh Allah, helps us and punish the killer," they were saying.

Shafiqul Islam, 36, was son of late Roich Uddin of Shalmara village in Bhelabari union under the upazila.

Shahina Parvin, 28, wife of Shafiqul said, "A local moneylender and his cohorts killed my husband, and hung the body. The moneylender called my husband from the house on July 22 and the body was found on July 23," she said, adding that there was a feud between her husband and the moneylender over borrowing money.

Shahina alleged that she lodged a murder case with Aditmari Police Station, but police recorded it as an unnatural death (UD) case. "Police told us that they will record it as a murder case after the post-mortem report," she added.

Abdul Hai, investigation officer of the case, said it was recorded as an UD case as the body was found hanging at a distance from the victim's home.

Hoshwar Roy, officer-in-charge of Aditmari Police Station, said he has written to the civil surgeon to send the post-mortem report of Shafiqul as soon as possible. Police will receive the report within two or three days, and then they will take legal steps according to the report, he added.



The bridge that collapsed recently due to strong current of the swelling Teesta on Teesta Bazar-Ekotar Bazar road in Dimla upazila under Nilphamari is still under water.

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## Solar power adds modernity to nomadic life in Lalmonirhat

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It's not easy being a nomad in the 21st century. It's not only traditional matters like moving residences, selling traditional remedies and practising magic that need to be managed. There are other challenges such as how to run the television set and where to charge the mobile phone. In Lalmonirhat, a group of Bedey have found a way to meet the demands of modern nomadic living: solar power.

For the past 20 days, about 91 people from 19 Bedey families have been staying at Mostafi village in Lalmonirhat sadar upazila. "We are from Savar in Dhaka," says Abdul Matin, the group's sarder, or leader. "We move around the country for about 10 months of the year."

Matin notes that most of the families in the group are using solar electricity. "Solar makes life easy and comfortable," he says. "Only four families don't have solar and they're hoping to buy it soon."

Until they installed 20 – 40 watt solar panels a year ago, the community relied on kerosene lamps for lighting, which offered low levels of illumination and a significant risk of their temporary dwellings catching fire. It was also costlier. "We can save up to 40 taka per day on fuel costs due to solar, which leaves more for family expenses," says one group member.

According to Matin, magic and traditional medicine won't make one rich. "We can earn about Tk 500 per day in a village," he says. It makes the cost saving on fuel more meaningful. Besides, solar doesn't only offer light. Televisions and mobile charging are no problem, and, says Akhila Begum of the group, they can also use small table fans to help with the heat. "Solar power has made life better," she says, "and we feel safer at night."

Sayem Ali of the group says his family is yet without solar, as he is still saving to buy it. "Due to money shortage we don't have solar," he says. "It

needs up to Tk 15,000 to buy the panel, but I hope I will be able to purchase one within the next two weeks." He observes that solar electricity is playing a key role in facilitating improved lifestyles.

Another group member Sabedul Islam says they carry the panels with them wherever they go, usually settling at one site for 20 to 30 days. "We like to watch TV," he says, "and in that, we even have advantage over national grid electricity users who can experience load shedding during storms. Solar power is constant."

Meanwhile Mostafi village locals are taking note of the improved Bedey lifestyle. "It takes a little investment for the panel," says one villager, Zahurul Islam, "but there is a fuel cost saving. I now wish to install a panel at my house in the near future."

The Bedey meanwhile are appealing to the government to help with installation costs for the poorer members of their community.

## Sundarban Textile workers demand wage hike

UNB, Sathkira

Workers of Sundarban Textile Mills staged a demonstration in front of the mill yesterday, demanding a wage hike.

At least 300 workers took position in front of the main gate at the mill in the morning and staged a demonstration on Khulna-Sathkira highway.

They had been demanding to increase their daily wage to Tk 300 from Tk 120 for over one year, said the agitated workers.

"We get around Tk 2500-Tk3000 per month. It is very tough for us to bear the expenses of our families with this low income," said workers' leader Rexona.

The workers also threatened for an indefinite strike if their demands are not met.

## SNIPPETS

### 3 held with deer skins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested three alleged forest robbers at Ruhita Char in Pathorghata upazila of Barguna on Sunday. They also seized two deer skins, a rifle and five bullets from their possession. The arrestees are Sayeed, 30, Musa, 25, and Jashim, 38, of Munshiganj and Barguna. Acting on a tip-off, the elite force raided the char area and arrested the trio with the deer skins, firearm and bullets, said Major Adnan Kabir, deputy commander of Rab-8.

### Man to walk gallows for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing his wife and two children in 2008. The convict is village doctor Alamgir Hossain Hawlader, 50, of Pathakata in Mathbaria upazila. The court also fined him Tk 50,000. According to the prosecution, Alamgir hacked her wife and two children -- Ashraful Alam, 11, and daughter Jamila Akter, 3, -- dead following an altercation over family matter on June 22 in 2008. Later, a case was filed with Mathbaria Police Station in this connection. After examining witnesses and evidence, Additional District and Sessions Judge of Pirojpur SM Zillur Rahman found him guilty and pronounced the verdict.

### One arrested for cheating

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police arrested a man in a cheating case in Joypurhat on Sunday. The arrestee is Ahsan Habib of Sabujnagar area under Joypurhat municipality. They also seized 52 bags containing sugar mixed with sand from his shop. Police and locals said Habib recently started wholesale sugar trading in Natunhat area on Joypurhat-Akkelpur road. On suspicion, buyers opened up the bags and found sand instead of sugar in the bags on Sunday afternoon. On information, police arrested Habib from the spot and filed a case in this connection.

### 12 brass idols seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized 12 brass idols of Radha-Krishna from Hakimpur upazila in the district yesterday. Acting on a tip-off, the BGB men raided Dharanda village and seized the idols worth about Tk 1.48 lakh. However, the smugglers managed to flee the scene, sensing the presence of the border guards, said Lt Col Khabir Sarker of BGB-3 Battalion.

### Woman found dead

UNB, Benapole

An unidentified woman, aged about 40, was found dead in a fish enclosure at Madhyakul in Keshabpur upazila of Jessore on Sunday. Officer-in-Charge of Keshabpur Police Station Shahidul Islam said locals spotted the body floating in the fish enclosure at night. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Jessore Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy yesterday morning. A case was filed in this connection.



The nomadic people of Bedey community get a touch of modernity in their otherwise rustic life, thanks to the introduction of solar panels. The photo was taken from Mostafi village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila a few days ago. PHOTO: STAR

## Ex-enclave people celebrate one year of freedom

STAR REPORT

Residents of the former enclaves in Panchagarh and Thakurgaon celebrated the first anniversary of the historic exchange of adversely possessed lands between Bangladesh and India with various programmes yesterday.

At midnight on July 31, 2015, 51 Bangladeshi enclaves inside Indian territory and 111 Indian enclaves in Panchagarh, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat and Nilphamari districts inside Bangladesh were attached to their respective countries. With this, about 40,000 people got identity as Bangladesh nationals.

In Panchagarh, people of the former enclaves, public representatives and government officials took part in different programmes, including placing of floral wreaths at the Shaheed Minar, hoisting of national flag, processions and sports and cultural functions at Rajmahal village (former Garati enclave), our Thakurgaon correspondent reports.

During a visit to the village, this correspondent saw smiles on the faces of the people of all ages.

Mahfuza, Shakila and Ratan, HSC students at a college in Rajmahal village, told this correspondent, "We are happy as we got admission to the college without hiding our identities."

Ojifa Begum, 65, of Nazirganj village, said her name was enlisted for elderly allowance, and she hoped she would get the

allowance within 2/3 months.

"We had no rights to lodge complaints with police stations. Now we have the right, and the people are confident that they will get justice or legal support if they become victims of criminal offence," Hekmat, a resident, said.

Amal Krisna Mandal, deputy commissioner of Panchagarh, said the government is working to mainstream the former enclave people who were deprived of basic civic amenities for decades.

The first anniversary of the exchange of enclaves was observed at 59 former enclaves in three upazilas of Lalmonirhat yesterday with cultural programmes and sports competitions, our Lalmonirhat correspondent reports.

"We are feeling proud to be Bangladesh nationals after exchange of enclaves between India and Bangladesh on July 31 last year," said Atoar Rahman, 45, an inhabitant of former enclave Bhitarkuti of Kulaghat union under Lalmonirhat Sadar.

Rafiqul Islam, 56, of the village said they became Bangladesh nationals a year back but they have not got their National Identity (NID) cards yet. "Due to lack of NID cards we are deprived of enjoying government facilities and getting jobs," he added.

"Before exchange of enclaves, we did not understand what independence meant, but we are now enjoying independence," said Sur Jamal Miah, 50, of Banskata under Patgram upazila.

## PCJSS leader arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Police arrested a leader of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS) from his house at Kalaghat in the district town early yesterday.

The arrestee is U Chaw Mong Marma, 47, president of PCJSS Bandarban district unit.

He was arrested in a case for collecting illegal toll, said Md Rafiq Ullah, officer-in-charge of Bandarban Sadar Police Station.

Abdul Karim, vice president of Sualok union unit of Awami League, filed the case around 12:15am, said the OC.

He was accused in two cases filed with Sadar Police Station.

Earlier on July 27, Chaw Mong along with nine other PCJSS men was released from jail on bail in an abduction case.

Meanwhile, PCJSS staged a demonstration in Rangamati yesterday, protesting arrest of U Chaw Mong Marma and demanding his unconditional release.



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আশুগঞ্জ পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড(এপিএসসিএল) দেশের সর্ববৃহৎ বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদন কেন্দ্র। এপিএসসিএল -এর অতিথি ভবনে আগত দেশি-বিদেশী অতিথিদের আপ্যায়নের স্বার্থে নিম্ন বর্ণিত শূন্য পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট থেকে নির্ধারিত ফর্মে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

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দায়িত্ব ও কর্তব্যঃ

- সকল প্রকার খাদ্য ও পানীয় তৈরী ও ব্যবস্থাপনাসহ রান্না ঘরের সকল প্রকার কাজ কর্ম যথাযথভাবে ব্যবস্থাপনা করতে হবে।
- স্বাস্থ্যসম্মত ও ভাল মানের খাবার তৈরী ও পরিবেশনসহ গুনগত সেবা নিশ্চিত করতে হবে।
- স্বাস্থ্য ও নিরাপত্তা নিশ্চিতকরণসহ সকল প্রকার কাজ সচেতনতার সাথে ও যথাযথভাবে করতে হবে।
- খাদ্যের পর্যাপ্ত মজুদ ও সরবরাহ নিশ্চিত করতে হবে।
- সকল সহকর্মীকে সকল কাজে পূর্ণ সহযোগীতা প্রদান করতে হবে।
- নতুন খাদ্য তালিকা তৈরী/খাদ্য তালিকা মনোনয়নসহ সকল সহকারী/সহকর্মীকে প্রয়োজন অনুসারে সহযোগীতা করতে হবে।
- রান্নাঘর ও খাবার রুম সর্বদা পরিষ্কার-পরিচ্ছন্ন ও সাজিয়ে-জড়িয়ে রাখতে হবে। রান্নাঘর ও খাবার ঘরের সকল প্রকার যন্ত্রপাতি ও সামগ্রী সর্বদা সঠিকভাবে সংরক্ষণ ও রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ করতে হবে।

যোগ্যতাঃ

- শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতাঃ কমপক্ষে এসএসসি/সমমান পরীক্ষায় পাস।
- সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ কাজে কমপক্ষে তিন (০৩) বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। আন্তর্জাতিক মানের হোটেল কুক হিসেবে অভিজ্ঞ প্রার্থীদেরকে অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।
- বাংলা ও পশ্চিমা খাদ্য তৈরী ও রান্নায় ভাল জ্ঞান ও অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন হতে হবে।
- সকল সহকর্মী ও অতিথিদের জন্য সুস্বাদু ও স্বাস্থ্যসম্মত খাদ্য পরিবেশনে অভিজ্ঞ ও সক্ষম হতে হবে।
- সর্বদা রান্নাঘর ও খাবারের ঘর পরিষ্কার পরিচ্ছন্নতা ও স্বাস্থ্যকর পরিবেশ নিশ্চিত করতে হবে।
- ইংরেজী ভাষায় কথোপকথনের দক্ষতা অগ্রগণ্য।

বয়সঃ ০১/০৮/২০১৬ খ্রিঃ তারিখে সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ বছর। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা কোটার প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে ৩২ বছর। অধিকতর অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা শিথিলযোগ্য।

বেতন ও অন্যান্য সুবিধাঃ মূল বেতন ১৪,৫০০.০০ টাকা। এছাড়া বিধি মোতাবেক বাসস্থান সুবিধা/বাড়ী ভাড়া ভাতা, চিকিৎসা ভাতা, বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র ভাতা, যাতায়াত ভাতা, ধোলাই ভাতা, সিপিএফ, গ্রাচুইটি ও গ্রুপ ইনসুরেন্স সুবিধা প্রাপ্য হবেন। প্রাথমিকভাবে ০১(এক) বছরের জন্য প্রবেশন ও সফলভাবে প্রবেশনকাল সমাপ্তিতে ০৫(পাঁচ) বছরের জন্য চুক্তিভিত্তিক নিয়োগ প্রদান করা হবে। চাকরী হতে অবসরের বয়সসীমা ৬০(ষাট) বছর।

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অগ্রাধী প্রার্থীগণকে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সার্টিফিকেট, অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ, জাতীয়তা সনদ/জাতীয় পরিচয় পত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি এবং সদ্য তোলা ৩(তিন) কপি রঙিন পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবিসহ লিখিত আবেদনপত্র আগামী ২৪/০৮/২০১৬ খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে ব্যবস্থাপক(এইচআরএম), আশুগঞ্জ পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড(এপিএসসিএল), আশুগঞ্জ, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া এর বরাবরে ডাকযোগে/কুরিয়ার মারফত প্রেরণ করতে হবে। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে প্রার্থীর নিজ ঠিকানা ও ৬(ছয়) টাকা মূল্যমানের ডাকটিকিট সম্বলিত ফেরত খাম ও "আশুগঞ্জ পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড" এর অনুকূলে ২০০/- টাকা মূল্যমানের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার সংযুক্ত করতে হবে। কোন ধরনের প্রত্যক্ষ বা পরোক্ষ সুপারিশ প্রার্থীর অযোগ্যতা বলে বিবেচিত হবে।

মোহাম্মদ এনায়েত হক  
ব্যবস্থাপক (এইচআরএম)  
আশুগঞ্জ পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড।