

7 injured in Sylhet attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least seven persons were injured following an attack on a Hindu temple, allegedly over a land dispute, in Sylhet city yesterday afternoon.

The injured were hospitalized. One of the injured works at the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) temple while six others were bystanders, said police.

Nabawip Dwij Gouranga Das Bramyachariya, principal of ISKCON Sylhet, told The Daily Star that the attack was provoked by a group of locals who were in possession of 84 decimals of grabbed land of the temple.

"They instigated the attack. ISKCON recently got the Supreme Court order about the legal ownership of the land, but has not taken its possession yet."

"It was a matter of misunderstanding," said Faisal Mahmud, deputy commissioner (North) of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, adding, "Police brought the situation under control."

Additional police were deployed to avoid any further unwanted incident, he said. Police also arrested at least 15 men, said Kotwali police sources.

Following the incident, local administration, police, ISKCON authority and others concerned held a meeting, where the divisional commissioner and superintendent of police assured the temple authorities that a committee will be formed to investigate the situation and highest security for the temple will be ensured, said Rajat Kanti Gupta of Sylhet Puja Ujjapan Parishad.

The winners in the Bishwo Shahitto Kendro's reading programme for class XI students hold aloft the books they received as prize at a ceremony in Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy yesterday.



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Govt conspiring to turn country into militant state

Alleges BNP's Mirza Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is conspiring to turn the country into a "failed and militant state", alleged BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday.

"...they want to turn Bangladesh into Afghanistan, Syria, and Libya," he told a discussion pro-BNP Uttaranchal Chhatra Forum organised in Dhaka's Engineers' Institution, Bangladesh, marking the day of top BNP leader Tarique Rahman's release on bail after his arrest on different charges in 2007.

Awami League had fought for democracy and led the Liberation War, but now it is destroying the country's democracy, alleged Fakhrul.

He criticised the ruling AL, saying the suspected militants were killed in the name of "gunfight".

Cop called thief, beaten

Instigator sued, arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Villagers beat up a police constable suspecting him of being a cattle lifter in Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila on Thursday night.

The mob became even more furious when he identified himself as a police member, leaving him critically injured.

Later his colleagues rescued and rushed him to a local hospital, said police sources.

Son of Jabbar Ali of Aditmari upazila, constable Saiful Islam, who is now attached to Special Branch of police in the capital, went home on a four-day leave.

Helal Uddin of the same upazila, who allegedly instigated the incident, was arrested after the victim's father filed a case against four named and 40 to 50 unnamed persons with Aditmari Police Station, added the sources.

According to the case statement, Helal borrowed Tk 4.4 lakh from Saiful two years back. On Thursday when Saiful went to ask Helal to pay back the money, he began shouting and sought help from the villagers, terming Saiful a cattle lifter. Hearing his scream, the villagers gathered and beat the constable up.

However, Helal's father Abdul Matin denied that his son borrowed money from the cop, saying he (Helal) did not even know Saiful. But Saiful said Helal was his friend.

Helal sought the villagers' help, as he noticed the constable moving suspiciously around a cowshed in the dark, alleged Matin.

The villagers were angry as many cows were stolen in the last one month, said a villager, Nur Islam.

3 workers burnt in fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three workers are fighting for their lives with burn injuries after a fire broke out in a plastic godown in the capital's Lalbagh yesterday.

Abdul Baten, 28, Humayun Kabir, 17, and Abdul Majid, 25, are receiving treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital with 95, 52 and 46 percent burns respectively.

The condition of the patients is critical as their respiratory tracks got burns, hospital sources said.

The fire that originated at a three-storey tin-roof warehouse around 1:30pm spread to the third floor of an adjoining building where the trio were working, said Fire Service officials.

Dhaka seeks free, safe

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held a meeting with Singaporean Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan.

The Singapore foreign minister appreciated the actions taken by the Bangladesh government in tracking terror.

Reiterating his government's "zero tolerance" policy, the Bangladesh foreign minister apprised him of various security, political and social measures adopted in combating terrorism in Bangladesh.

The State Minister for External Affairs of India MJ Akbar called on the foreign minister.

Akbar renewed their support to Bangladesh in fight against terrorism and violent extremism.

Man strangled, then

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of Bangladesh Rural Development Board, for giving a job to one of his relative, which Zillur failed to provide, said Gaziur Rahman, senior assistant superintendent of Bogra police, quoting Reazul's family members.

When Zillur went to visit Reazul to get his money back, he was strangled to death and later his body was burnt to cover up the incident, he added.

A murder case was filed, he said, adding, Zillur is on the run.

NEWS IN brief

Amnesty calls for dropping charges against Dileep Roy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amnesty International (AI) yesterday called on the Bangladesh authorities to immediately drop the charges against Dileep Roy, general secretary of Biplobi Chhatra Moitri of Rajshahi University unit.

Dileep was arrested by police on August 28 after allegedly making derogatory comments about Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Facebook.

AI urged the authorities to stop harassing, charging and imprisoning the activists who "have done nothing but peacefully exercise their right to freedom of expression".

It also urged to repeal section 57 of the ICT Act and other laws that are not "compatible with Bangladesh's international human rights obligations".

21 of dope gangs jailed in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday sentenced 21 members of four dope gangs to jail terms ranging from six months to two years after they were arrested in the capital's different areas including Gabtoli, Mohakhali, Shahbagh and Jatrabari.

The criminals used to take away valuables from travellers after sedating them, police said, adding that they seized a huge amount of narcotics from them.

N'ganj cattle market 'grabbed'

A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Local thugs grabbed a makeshift cattle market and are running cattle business in Narayanganj city, alleged some freedom fighters yesterday who, what they said, were leased the market ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

Narayanganj City Corporation leased the market at Godnail Ibrahim Textile Mills to Muktiyoddha Bohumukhi Samabaya Samity, an association of local freedom fighters, at Tk 25.93 lakh recently, they told a press conference at their Dhakeswari office.

Robber dies in 'gunfight' with cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A robber was killed in a "gunfight" between police and his cohorts in Pirojpur village under Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah early yesterday, said police.

The robbers were preparing to commit a robbery by felling trees on Jessore-Jhenidah road.

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Sl.	Name of Project as per Tender Document	Period of selling of Tender Document from to	Pre-bid Meeting	Last date of submission
1.	Interior Decoration and Furniture Works for shifting of Halishahar Branch, Chittagong.	04.09.2016 to 27.09.2016	25.09.2016	27.09.2016

- Eligibility and other conditions:**
- Interested bidders may collect tender document for the said work on submission of a request letter addressing the undersigned as well as documentary evidence of the followings:
 - Should have minimum experience of 5 years in Interior Decoration and Furniture work of any Bank's Branch or Head Office.
 - Must have experience of Tk.40.00 Lac or above in a single tender in Bank's Branch/Head office.
 - Should have valid Registration, ownership document, VAT & TIN certificate, up-to-date Trade License and Bank Solvency Certificate.
 - The Tender Schedule shall be available from the office of the undersigned on payment of Tk.2,000.00 (Taka Two Thousand) only in the form of Payment Order (non-refundable) favoring Prime Bank Limited issued by any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh during office hours (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) on any working day within the mentioned period.
 - No tender schedule will be sold after last date of sale as mentioned above.
 - The interested bidders shall have to attend a pre-bid meeting at the office of the undersigned at 3:00 pm as per above mentioned date.
 - Each tender must be submitted in sealed envelope mentioning the name of work on top of the envelope to the office of the undersigned within 3:00 pm on the mentioned date. It may be mentioned here that, the tender will be opened at 3:30 pm on the same day in presence of the participants (if any). Earnest money (refundable to the unsuccessful bidder) equivalent to 2.5% of the quoted amount in form of Payment Order in favor of Prime Bank Limited, issued by any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh shall have to be submitted along with the tender documents, **without which the tender will be rejected outright.**
 - Submission of tender after the specified time shall not be acceptable under any circumstances.
 - The Authority reserves the right to accept, modify or reject any or all of the proposals or may divide the works amongst the participants without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Request for Expressions of Interest

For Providing Services for Designing and Developing of Loan Management System (LMS)

Ref: SDF/Service/S 6.1 (NJLIP)/2016/1649 Date: 1/09/2016

Country: Bangladesh
 Name of Project: Nuton Jibon Livelihood Improvement Project (NJLIP)
 Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: 5594-BD

Assignment Title: EOI for Providing Services for Designing and Developing of Loan Management System (LMS)
 Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): Package no. S 6.1 (NJLIP)

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Nuton Jibon Livelihood Improvement Project (NJLIP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services include

- To develop a unified Loan Management System (Community Finance/Microfinance) by replacing existing manually operated system to be used by the project beneficiaries (villagers).
- To develop a web-based robust database system which will be implemented at different project villages/offices to handle around 3-5 Lac loan accounts.
- To integrate the new system with the existing MIS. The database of new system (Loan Management System) must be compatible with the database of existing MIS (MySQL) which consists of five modules.
- To design and develop MIS reports for various kinds of reviews (e.g. ad hoc, weekly, fortnightly, monthly, half-yearly, yearly, and status-to-date type reports on community finance activities) at various levels (e.g. National, region, district, cluster/upazila and village) in prescribed formats on user specific needs. The Status Reports should include tables, charts, maps, photographs, and descriptions/comments with comparison of current status to historical progress and targets, and be in easy-to-understand layouts to facilitate status reporting and decision-making to a wide range of MIS stakeholders.
- Develop Dashboard for different levels- national, region, district, cluster/upazila and village to demonstrate latest situation of community finance activities and
- The Services should be completed within 8 months and tentative starting date is October 2016.

The Social Development Foundation now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short listing criteria are:

- The firm must be registered and affiliated in Bangladesh.
- Experience of similar tasks such as experience as a software development firm with experience of designing, developing, maintaining computerized web based Microcredit System that is being used by at least 2(two) organizations from at least 20 different office locations.
- Availability of appropriate skills among staff: The agency/firm must have appropriate professional and technical team with high level of competencies to handle tasks and responsibilities. Evidence of engagement of software development professionals should be in the regular payroll of the concerned firm and Expression of Interests (EOIs) in two sets (**Original and copy**) shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned.
- Support service of the consultants (firm)

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 (revised July, 2014). ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications but should mention whether the Association is in the form of either "Joint-Venture" or "Sub-Consultancy". In case of an association, all members of such "association" should have real and well defined inputs to the assignment and it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including their associates to maximum of three.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Selection Based on Consultants Qualifications (CQS)** method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 9.00am to 5.00pm

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by 25/09/2016 by 4.00 pm

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs without assigning any reason thereof.

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