

Four PCJSS leaders on remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangmati

Chief Judicial Magistrate Sabrina Ali yesterday granted four-day remand for each of the four leaders of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS) when police produced them before the court seeking 10-day remand in an abduction case.

They were arrested on September 20 when they went to the court for extension of their bail in an abduction case.

They are Boro Rishi Chakma, Pravat Kumar Chakma, Tridhiv Chakma and Ajoy Chakma.

TWO AL MEN KILLING 7 arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police yesterday arrested seven local Awami League activists in connection with Saturday's factional clash at Majhpara village in Kushtia Sadar upazila, which left two men of the ruling party killed and 30 others injured.

The arrestees are Raihan Ali, 46, Mobarak Hossain, 45, Abdul Aziz, 45, Kutub Uddin, 52, Md Azim Uddin, 44, Shamim Biswas, 20, and Akam Uddin, 32.

They are from Majhpara and Bodiyanathpur villages in the upazila, said Shafiqul Islam, officer in charge of Islamic University Police Station.

Kushtia Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court sent them to jail.



A distraught Premchand Robidas weeps in his house at Goalpara village in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat as a local tout, after having his 35 decimals of farmland registered through forgery, is eyeing to occupy his homestead too.

Hindu family under threat

Local tout got their 35-decimal land registered through forgery

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Premchand Robidas and his family in Aditmari upazila of the district are passing worrying time amid threat by a local tout who got their 35 decimals of land registered through forgery 15 months ago.

Premchand, 55, is owner of 116 decimals of land including homestead and 100 decimals of arable land at Goalpara village of Mahishkhoa union in the upazila.

"Last week, I came to know that local tout and drug peddler Shah Alam, 38, son of late Idris Ali, got my 35 decimals of arable land registered through forgery on February 5 in 2015, as he was trying to occupy my rest 81 decimals of land in the same way," said Premchand.

"My five-member family depend on agriculture. I have no relation with the tout. I never gave away my

photograph and voter ID card to anybody or put my thumb impression on any paper," said illiterate Premchand, known as a very simple and honest man in the village.

Premchand's wife Arati Bala Robidas said Shah Alam and his men are giving them threat as they complained to local people.

"Two hundred people at the village sat together and asked Shah Alam to return the land to its owner Premchand. After this, an angry Shah Alam and his relatives are trying to file false cases against the villagers," said Rafiqul Islam, a local.

Mosaddek Hossain Chowdhury, chairman of Mahishkhoa union parishad, said they will help Premchand to get back his land from Shah Alam.

Alam did the forgery with the help of Rokon Uzzaman, a deed writer of Aditmari sub-registry office, showing another tout as land owner, office

sources said.

Asked about the matter, Rokon Uzzaman said, "It was a great mistake. I am trying to return the land to its owner Premchand from Shah Alam."

Contacted over mobile, Shah Alam declined to talk to the journalists.

Ruhul Amin, president of Deed Writers Association at Aditmari sub-registry office, said he will call a meeting soon to take necessary steps against guilty deed writer Rokon Uzzaman and help Premchand to get back his land.

Kamrul Hossain, sub-registrar of Aditmari sub-registry office, said, "Another sub-registrar was in charge during the forgery incident. A civil case has to be filed with the court, appealing for cancellation of the alleged false document. After its cancellation following court order, the land owner can take legal action against the tout, deed writer and others involved."

Jute output exceeds target

Farmers happy as prices are high in C'nawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Jute farmers are happy in the district due to good production of the fibre and its fair prices in the local markets during the ongoing harvesting season.

They are busy cutting and processing the crop in Sadar upazila and Shibganj upazila as harvesting is going on in full swing.

At present, most of the growers along with their family members are engaged in harvesting, decomposing, segregating and selling the fibre.

Sajdar Rahman, deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Chapainawabganj, said production exceeded the target as the crop grew well and the cultivation area was bigger. He said huge enthusiasm had been created among the growers this season and it would continue in future.

Farmers cultivated jute on 1,000 hectares of land against the target of 5,56 hectares, producing 7,550 bales while 500 hectares

were cultivated last year, producing 4,599 bales, Sajdar said.

Farmers are cultivating Tosha 38 (04), locally known as Misti Pat, local varieties CVL 1, D 154, locally known as Tita Pat, and Mesta, and the quality of the jute is good, the DAE official added.

Raw jute is selling at between Tk 1,500 and Tk 1,600 per maund in the local markets this season, depending on quality. The market prices early in the harvesting season are lower than in the previous year, according to market sources. The price was Tk 2,200 last year.

Jute grower Atabur Rahman of Shibganj upazila, said he cultivated jute on six bighas of land in the current season and produced 48 maunds of raw jute, spending just Tk 18,000. He sold his produce at Tk 1,500 per maund. He hoped that he would be able to sell jute sticks for Tk 2,000 to Tk 2,500, so his net profit would be about Tk 30,000 to Tk 35,000.

Shibir leader arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Judicial Magistrate's Court in Gaibandha yesterday sent a regional leader of Islami Chhatra Shibir to jail in a case for criminal activities.

The arrestee, Jahangir Alam, regional president of Palashbari and Pirganj units, is an accused in seven criminal cases. He organised criminal activities on the highways in the areas, they added.

OC Mostafizur Rahman of Dhaperhat Police Station said police arrested Jahangir from Dhaperhat bus stand area on Saturday.

BSF kills another

STAR REPORT

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead another Bangladeshi national in Chhat Karaibari border area under Roumari upazila of Kurigram yesterday, two days after the killing of a person in the same upazila.

The deceased was Baharul Islam, 28, son of Bakht Hossain of Chhat Karaibari border village of Datbhanga union under Roumari upazila, reports our Kurigram correspondent.

On September 23, BSF shot dead a 25-year old Bangladeshi citizen in Roumari and a cattle trader in Jhenidah. Two days earlier, the BSF killed another man in Lalmonirhat.

Baharul, who was involved with smuggling, went inside 'no-man's land' of India-Bangladesh border at Chhat Karaibari village around 4:00am yesterday, said Subedar Abdul Aziz, Company Commander of 35 Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Battalion at Datbhanga in Jamalpur.

BSF of Gatalu (Dipchar) camp in India opened fire at Baharul, hitting him on his chest, he said, adding that Baharul somehow returned to Bangladesh territory where he fell to the ground and died.

The body will be sent to Kurigram Sadar Hospital for autopsy, said Rafiqul Islam, sub-inspector of Roumari Police Station.



To keep '71 alive

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

In memory of many of his slain relatives during the War of Liberation in 1971, Nandalal Roy took an initiative to arrange a permanent exhibition of clay made sculptures to uphold the spirit of the war.

Hundreds of enthusiastic people, especially the youths, have been thronging the remote Chaora Balapara village in Saidpur upazila to witness the sculptures for the last couple of months.

Herbal medicine seller Nandalal, who came from a middle income family, bears the entire cost with all his savings as the horrifying memory of genocides and gang rapes by the Pakistani occupation forces still haunts him.

A number of close relatives of

Nandalal were killed and violated by the Pakistani army during the war.

Visiting the site on Sunday, this correspondent found several statues on display, highlighting the War of Liberation.

At the entrance, a statue of Bangabandhu is seen as he delivered his historic speech of March 7, followed by the surrender of General Niazi to General Jagjit Singh Aurora, chief of the Allied Force, at the then Racecourse Ground in Dhaka.

Nandalal's family members said a group of local sculptors led by Sanatan Chandra Paul, 38, made the statues in four months at a cost of Tk 4 lakh.

Ekramul Huque, commander of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad's Saidpur unit, said through such exhibition younger generation can get answers of their many questions.



Man killed by addict son

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A man was beaten to death allegedly by his addict son as the latter failed to get money for purchasing drugs in Sarishabari upazila of the district early yesterday.

The deceased is Momtaj Uddin, 55, of Phuldah Nayapara village under Bhatara union in the upazila.

His son Omar Ali, 18, who was used to taking drugs, demanded some money for the purpose, which the father refused, police quoted locals as saying.

Omar entered his father's room around 3:30am yesterday and started searching for money there.

Momtaj woke up from sleep and seeing Omar searching for money, he rebuked him.

An altercation followed and at one stage, angry Omar beat up his father mercilessly with a stick, leaving him critically injured, said Rezaul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sarishabari Police Station.

He was rushed to Sarishabari Upazila Health Complex, but succumbed to his injuries on the way, said the victim's family members.

Omar fled the scene soon after the incident. Police recovered the body and sent it to Jamalpur General Hospital morgue for autopsy, said the OC.



Local lawmaker Ramesh Chandra Sen hands over a tiffin carrier to the mother of a student at a 'Maa Samabesh' held on the Farbari High School premises in Shakurgaon Sadar upazila yesterday. Akcha Union Parishad supplied 2,193 tiffin carrier under Local Government Support Programme-2 to 21 primary schools in the union for distribution among the students with the aim of increasing attendance, checking dropout and preventing malnutrition.



Urban Resilience Project

Dhaka North City Corporation

Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Specialist (National)", Individual Junior Consultant

- Urban Resilience Project (URP) is a multi-agency project being implemented by four agencies -- (a) Project Coordination Monitoring Unit (PCMU) of Programming Division under the Ministry of Planning; b) Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives; c) Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (RAJUK) under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works; and d) Department of Disaster Management (DDM) under the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief. The specific objective of the project is to enhance national-level and local-level DRM facilities and agencies in Dhaka and Sylhet to effectively plan and respond to urban disasters. This will be achieved by developing disaster response systems, including emergency operations center, interoperability communication systems, rescue and search equipment, and related training and drills etc. DNCC has already established a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and as per the requirement, DNCC PIU intends to hire an individual as 'Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Specialist (National)', hereinafter referred to as the 'Individual Junior Consultant'.
- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) has obtained a credit for the "Urban Resilience Project (URP)" from the International Development Association (IDA) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit for payment of the Consultant who will provide specific technical inputs for the effective execution of the project.
- The main objective of hiring the Consultant is to assist the Project Director of the DNCC PIU and the International ICT Specialist in all aspects, particularly pertaining to information and communications technology, of the operationalization and integration of an effective emergency management system in Dhaka and Sylhet.
- The qualifications/specialized knowledge/experience required are:
 - Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Degree is a "must" in one of the following disciplines: Electrical Engineering/Electronics Engineering/Computer Engineering/Telecommunication Engineering
 - Master of Science (M.Sc.) is preferred in the above disciplines; but any other master degree will be accepted. All masters degrees will be recognized as "not mandatory" but as a "plus".
 - Minimum of 5 years of industry experience in the relevant sectors.
 - Good knowledge of basic principles of TCP/IP, IT networking equipment (switch, router, hub, storage, etc.), telecommunications equipment (analogue/digital radio, satellite technology, (switch, router, hub, storage, etc.)
 - Clear and effective communication skills including written and oral communications.
 - Must be a good team player.
- The Consultant will provide his/her inputs on an intermittent basis as and when needed for a total duration of 6 (six) months (may be extended if required) over the project period till June, 2020). The consultant will be based in Dhaka.
- Applicants are required to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. This should include complete CV with detail information about employment history with duties and responsibilities, academic details, major publications (if any), expected remuneration, contact address including telephone number and e-mail.
- The Consultant will be selected using the Selection of Individual Consultants method in accordance with the World Bank Guidelines, "Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers."
- The Terms of Reference (TOR) providing Consultant's detail scope of works, responsibilities etc. is available on DNCC's website (www.dncc.gov.bd).
- Expressions of interest (in the form of hard copy or soft copy via e-mail) must be delivered to the address below by **17 October 2016, 5:00pm BST**.
- Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address of the undersigned during normal office hours.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

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