



Learning in inundated classroom

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

Learning at two schools in the district is being hampered as the classrooms go under water even after a moderate rain.

About 1,000 students of Jharbari High School and Jharbari Government Primary School in Shotogram union under Birganj upazila suffered as their classrooms go under water if it rains.

The students have to attend their classes in ankle-deep water that entered due to incessant rain from Friday.

Maisha, a student of Jharbari Government Primary School, said classrooms and the playground of their school often go under water if there is a little rain. Many students avoid attending classes due to the water-logging as it often causes coughing and itching. "It is really difficult for us to keep our legs under water for a long time," she added.

Md Kawsar Hossain of the same school said stagnant

rainwater often causes skin problems and many skip classes for this reason.

Headmistress Shahnaz Parvin Jharna said her school, which was founded in 1935, is the oldest primary school in the district and has 294 students.

Blaming the poor drainage system for the water-logging, she said they have been holding classes in inundated classrooms during the rainy season for the last six years. Shahnaz said when the water recedes it smells so bad that it is quite impossible for the students to stay in their classes for long.

She said she had requested local UP Chairman KM Kutubuddin several times to solve the problem but in vain.

This correspondent tried to reach Kutubuddin for his comment but he did not receive the phone call.

Jharbari High School Headmaster Golam Mostafa said such water-logging would continue until a drain is built to pump out the water.

11 newsmen sued for 'defamation'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Patuakhali*

A lawyer has filed two cases against eleven newsmen of different regional newspapers and online portals with senior judicial magistrate court in Kalapara upazila town, accusing the defamations.

In the cases, one filed against seven journalists on Sunday and another against four others on Monday, Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Anisur Rahman asked the officer in charge (OC) of Kalapara Police Station to take lawful action after proper investigation, said OC GM Shah Newaz.

According to the case filed by lawyer Jalal Uddin Talukder, the accused published news in their media, terming him 'communal' and he filed a Tk five lakh defamation suit against each.

Mejbah Uddin Mannu, president of Kalapara Press Club, said the two cases are false and those were filed to harass the journalists.



A teacher takes class in an inundated classroom of Jharbari Government Primary School in Birganj upazila in Dinajpur while adjacent Jharbari High School premises, inset, remain under rainwater. PHOTO: STAR

SUDDEN BUS STRIKE IN SIX DISTRICTS Commuters suffer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Jhalakathi*

Thousands of passengers are suffering due to a sudden bus strike called jointly by the Bus Mini-Bus Sramik Union of Barisal and Jhalakathi.

The indefinite strike started from yesterday, protesting against Chairman of Pirojpur Sadar Upazala Parishad Md Mojibur Rahaman Khalek, who tortured a bus driver on September 24, said, President of Bus Sramik Union in Jhalakathi Md Mojibur Rahman.

Road communication between Barisal and Jhalakathi, Pirojpur, Khulna, Bagerhat and Barguna has been disrupted due to the strike.

Driver Nanna, a member of Jhalakathi Bus Sramik Union, was taken to Pirojpur Sadar Hospital and then shifted to Jhalakathi Sadar Hospital for his safety, Mojibur added. "We gave the authorities two days to settle the issue, but none pay any heed to it, so we were forced to call the indefinite strike for our rights," he said.

The sudden strike brought untold sufferings for the commuters as they did not find any transport.

"I wanted to go to Barisal to visit a doctor, but there is no transport," said Dulal, who was waiting with his sister for a bus at Bagri bazar of Rajapur.

"I had to pay five times more fare than usual for going to my college in Rajapur," said Kartik Chandra Das, a lecturer of Rajapur Degree College in Jhalakathi.

Like Kartik, some passengers hired auto-rickshaws at higher fare for going to their destinations.

"All kinds of communications will be suspended if we do not get justice for the torture on our colleague," the workers threatened.

No steps had been taken to solve the problem till filing of this report at around 5:00 pm yesterday.

"We are trying sincerely to solve the problem as soon as possible," said Subhas Chandra Saha, superintendent of police in Jhalakathi.

Five bamboo bridges for flood-hit people

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gaibandha*

Fulchhari upazila administration has constructed five bamboo bridges on temporary basis on different roads, that got damaged following breach of Ratanpur flood control dyke at Singira, to restore communications between the upazila and district headquarters.

Of the bridges, one was constructed at Purbo Salua and two at Hatathpara on Fulchhari-Goonvari road, one at Hajirhat on Goonvari-Badiakhali road and another at Dhakkhin Burail on Kalirbazar-Machervita road.

During the last flood, breaches developed in the dyke on the bank of the river Jamuna, damaging 35 kilometres of roads. Five concrete bridges collapsed and a bailey bridge was affected partially due to high velocity of surging water.

Hasan Ali, a rickshaw-van puller of Purbo Salua village, said they had to face acute financial crisis as they could not ply the rickshaw-van in the area after collapse of the concrete bridges.

Upazila engineer of Local Government Engineering Department AKM Akhterul Ahsan said they have already written to the higher authorities for fund to construct new concrete bridges but to no effect yet.



Passengers suffer as Bus Mini-Bus Sramik Union of Barisal and Jhalakathi starts an indefinite strike on all routes of six districts yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Brutality on newlywed to divorce her husband

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Thakurgaon*

In-laws brutally tortured a newlywed woman for hours in a bid to force her to divorce her husband in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila on Monday.

The victim, Nehar Begum, 25, daughter of late Bashir Mohammad of Dangipara village in the upazila, with a fractured hand is undergoing treatment at Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital.

Police arrested Ashraf Ali, 50, a member of Ward No 3 of the union, for torturing the woman.

The victim's family members said Ashraf's nephew Nur Islam of Rampur village married Nehar about a month ago without the consent of his family.

Since their marriage, the couple had been living at a rented house at Madarganj village in the upazila.

In a bid to settle the matter between the two families, both of them went to their respective houses on Monday morning.

Around 11:30am, Ashraf along with his son Jewel and nephew Abdus Sobhan went to Nehar's paternal house and asked her to divorce her husband.

As she declined to accept their proposal, they beat her in front of her family members mercilessly with sticks.

At one stage, they forcibly picked her up, confined her to a room of the Jamalpur UP office building and tortured her for hours since 1:00pm.

Hearing cries for help, villagers informed the police of the matter around 9:00pm.

Later, a police team led by Sub-inspector Siraj-ud-Doula of Sadar Police Station rescued Nehar from her confinement and admitted her to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital.

Nehar filed a case with the police station accusing her husband Nur Islam, several in-laws and UP member Ashraf the same night.

This correspondent tried several times to contact with Nur Islam over phone but there was no response.

Doctor jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Lalmonirhat*

A doctor was jailed for running his medical centre illegally in Aditmar upazila of the district on Monday.

The convict is Dr Omar Farooque, sub-assistant community medical officer at Aditmar Upazila Health Complex, and son of Lebu Miah of Sirajganj.

Police said Omar Farooque has been running 'Tanisha Medical Centre' in commercial basis without valid documents near the health complex for long.

On information, Executive Magistrate Akterun Nesa raided the medical centre and arrested Omar Farooque.

The arrestee was later produced before a court, led by the magistrate, which sentenced him to one year's imprisonment, said Horeshwar Roy, officer-in-charge of Aditmar Police Station.

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Invitation for Tenders

Memo No. DGFP/L&S-3/2016-17/11/ 15 Date: 26/09/2016.

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare				
2	Agency	Directorate General of Family Planning				
3	Procuring Entity Name	Director (Logistics and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management), Logistics & Supply Unit (5 th floor), Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215				
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not Used at present				
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka				
6	Invitation for	PROCUREMENT OF Dispensing Envelope (14 cm x 9 cm).				
7	Invitation Ref No	Memo No. DGFP/L&S-3/2016-17/11/ 15				
8	Date	26/09/2016				
KEY INFORMATION						
9	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM)				
FUNDING INFORMATION						
10	Budget and Source of Funds	RPA (GoB)				
11	Development Partner (if applicable)	International Development Association (IDA)				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION						
12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	4954-BD				
13	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	HPNSDP				
14	Tender Package No.	GFP/MC-09/16				
15	Tender Package Name	Procurement of 7.12 million Dispensing Envelope (14 cm x 9 cm)				
Date						
16	Tender Publication Date	28/09/2015				
17	Tender Last Selling Date	17/10/2016 up to office hour				
Date						
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	18/10/2016 11:00 A.M.				
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	18/10/2016 11:30 A.M.				
20	Name & Address of the Office(s)	Address				
	-Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Office of the - Director (Logistics and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management), Logistics & Supply Unit (5 th floor), Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215				
	-Selling Tender Document (Others)	Not Applicable				
	-Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Joint Secretary (Family Welfare) Room No. 314 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.				
	-Opening Tender Document	Office of the Joint Secretary (Family Welfare) Room No. 314 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.				
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Pre-tender Meeting will not be held.				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER						
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	Mentioned in the tender document				
23	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Procurement of 7.12 million Dispensing Envelope (14 cm x 9 cm) [Self Locking Polybag]				
24	Brief Description of Related Services	Not Applicable				
25	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Taka 2000/- (Taka Two thousand) only, non-refundable. Mode of payment should be made by Treasury Chalan from Bangladesh Bank/ Sonali Bank Code no: 1-2781-0000-2366 in favor of Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.				
	Lot/ No.	Identificatio n of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks/Months	
	26	1	7.12 million Dispensing Envelope (14 cm x 9 cm)	Central Warehouse, Family Planning, Mohakhali, Dhaka, Bangladesh	Tk. 2,30,000.00	08 Weeks from the date of Contract Signing.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS						
27	Name of Official Inviting Tender					
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender					
29	Address of Official Inviting Tender					
30	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender					
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.					

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