

JMB member gets 14 years' RI

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A court yesterday awarded 14 years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) to a member of banned Islamist militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh in cases under arms and anti-terrorism acts.

Judge of Special Tribunal-2 Ziaur Rahman, also additional district judge of Chapainawabganj, handed down the verdict in presence of the convict -- Abdul Munib, 25, son of Ajmol Haque of Koilar Diar village under Shibganj upazila in the district.

According to the prosecution, police arrested Munib from his house at Koilar Diar village in Shibganj upazila on June 18, 2009 and recovered one shooter gun and three bullets from his bedroom.

The same day, SI Mizanur Rahman of Shibganj Police Station filed a case against him under arms and anti-terrorism acts.

SI Siddique, investigation officer of the case, pressed charges accusing him on July 8, 2009.

Brisk trade in jhora on puja

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

About 2,000 Paul families in the district are doing brisk business making jhora on the occasion of Durga Puja, the biggest festival of the Hindu community in the country.

Jhora, an important element for celebrating the puja, is made of spong wood (shola), jute sticks, thread and red dye. It looks like a kadam flower.

Dilip Kumar Chakroborty, chief priest of Nilphamari Kalibari, said jhora is regarded as a blessing of Goddess Durga, without it the festival cannot be held.

It is mandatory for Hindu families to hang jhora in puja mandaps, temples and residential houses, on agricultural tools, and even around the necks of cattle.

Jhora maker-cum-trader Sukumar Paul of Kundopukur village in Sadar upazila, said the families usually start making jhora two months ahead of Durga Puja.

It is easy to collect jute sticks locally as it is jute harvesting season now, but spong wood is scarce as it grows in marshy land, most of which are filled up by grabbers. For collecting the material, they have to go to Kala Peerer Beel, a vast marshy land in Thakurgaon, he added.

Around six-foot-long spong wood is dried in the sun and painted red. Then it is cut into small pieces measuring two inches by two inches.

Minoti Rani, a housewife of Sonarai village, said they use a small knife, locally called katari, to make 350 to 400 fine white petals on each spong wood piece, using a particular technique. They are then attached with thread to three-inch-long piece of jute stick to make them look like kadam flowers.

"It takes only three minutes for an expert to make the petals of a jhora. A family of five members can make at least 250 to 300 pieces daily," Minoti added.

On a visit to different puja mandaps, it was



A vendor sells jhoras, an important item for arranging Durga Puja, in a bicycle near Nilphamari Kalibari. The photo was taken on Sunday.

PHOTO: STAR

seen that the makers were carrying huge stock of jhora, which cost Tk 2.50 to Tk 3.00 per piece.

Traders said though jhora price is cheap, the huge sale enables them to earn handsome profit.

Hundreds of families buy 50 jhoras each on an average, and each of the hundreds of mandaps requires at least 100 to 150 pieces.

Jhora maker Animesh Paul said, "My family made 12,000 jhoras this season and I

expect to earn around Tk 35,000 profit after spending only Tk 1,000 for buying jute stick, thread and red dye."

Akhoy Kumar Roy, president of the District Puja Udjapan Committee, said there are nearly 850 puja mandaps in the district, which need huge quantities of jhora. The poor people get a chance to earn additional money by making jhora, he added.

No tube-well in 83 schools, 62 without toilets

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Lack of tube-wells for safe drinking water in 83 primary schools out of 192 in Sadullapur upazila of the district is causing immense sufferings to hundreds of kids and staffs for long.

Besides, 62 primary schools in the same area are running without toilets for over five years, said Upazila Primary Education Officer Golam Mostafa.

Due to the situation, the children have to run to either croplands or bamboo grove at the call of nature, he said.

Headmaster of Salipur Government Primary School Saiful Islam said a tube-well was installed on the school premises five years ago but miscreants stole the top of the tube-well and since then, the students are suffering from serious crisis of pure drinking water.

Despite repeated pleas, the authorities concerned are yet to take any steps to install tube-well to mitigate suffering of the kids, said Rajib Lochan Badol, headmaster of Habibullapur Government Primary School.

Chairman of the upazila parishad Saidur Rahman, president of upazila primary education committee in Sadullapur, said the matter will be placed in the next parishad meeting to provide the schools with tube-wells and toilets.

SHARSHA, JHIKARGACHA Sudden jute price fall upsets growers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

The sudden price fall of jute in the local markets disappoints the farmers of Sharsha and Jhikargacha upazilas under Jessore district.

This year many farmers cultivated jute with the hope of getting high price for the cash crop that would help them recover the losses they earlier incurred due to damage of other crops by heavy rain.

But the unexpected price fall has come as a blow to them.

Farmers in Sharsha and Jhikargacha upazilas cultivated jute on 5,700 hectares and 3,850 hectares of land this year against the targets of 4,600 hectares and 4,885 hectares respectively, said sources at the Department of Agriculture Extension.

This season's average yield is 11 maunds of jute per bigha in the two bordering upazilas.

Local farmers said earlier they had sold jute at Tk 1,800 to Tk 2,000 per maund (40 kg) but they are now selling it at Tk 1,500 to Tk 1,600.

The price of jute sticks has also fallen, they added.

"I cultivated jute on three bighas of land and the cultivation cost stood at about Tk 20 thousand per bigha. Now I fear losses due to the price fall," said Bablur Rahman of Khatbaria in Jhikargacha.

Aminul Islam Khokon, a jute seller at Chhalitbaria market, said the buyers are offering lower prices than that of last year and the number of buyers sees gradual decrease as most of the buyers have formed a syndicate.

Hirok Kumar Sarkar, Sharsha upazila agriculture officer, said, "The price fall in the local markets is a temporary matter. Farmers will hopefully get expected price of the cash crop soon."

One held with \$28,000

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested one person and recovered 28,000 US dollar and some cameras from him at the International Passenger Terminal here on Sunday night.

The arrestee was identified as Amir Hossain, 26, son of Anwar Hossain, and a resident of Sorikori village in Choudhagram upazila of Comilla.

Major Liakat Ali, acting commanding officer of BGB-26 Battalion, said they challenged Amir at the passenger terminal who was coming from India.

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2 killed under train wheels

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Two youths were crushed to death under the wheels of an intercity train near a level crossing in Sadar upazila of Jessore yesterday. The deceased were Shukur Ali, 28, son of Daud Hossain of Churamonkathi village, and Samir Hossain, 28, son of Mohiuddin of Badhdanga village in the upazila. Sub-Inspector Rejaul Islam of Jessore Government Railway Police (GRP) said the accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound train from Khulna hit the two when they were crossing rail tracks near Meherullah level crossing around 6:00am. Police later recovered the bodies and sent them to Jessore Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy, said the SI.

College student electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A college boy was electrocuted at Balavir village in Boda upazila of Panchagarh yesterday. The victim was Musa Ahmed, 21, son of late Nawab Ali of the village, and a second year student of English Department of Birganj Degree College in Dinajpur. Local people said Musa came in contact with a live electric wire when he went to hang his clothes on a GI wire at their courtyard. He later died at the upazila health complex.

'Punish Tonu's killers'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Speakers at a rally in Brahmanbaria yesterday demanded capital punishment of the killers of Nilufa Akther Tonu. They also threatened to go for tougher agitation if the culprits are not arrested immediately. The victim's brother Shelu Sana Ullah also spoke at the programme held in front of Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Sarail upazila of the district. Victim Nilufa Akther Tonu, 19, daughter of Chan Mia of Uchalia village, was killed allegedly by her husband and in-laws for dowry on August 21. A murder case was filed in this connection, said Sarail police.

Brac programme launched

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Brac launched flood agricultural rehabilitation programme in the district yesterday. Md Raisuddin, Brac's district representative, inaugurated the programme for flood affected people in Teesta basin area under Dimla upazila. Raisuddin said they launched the programme to provide vegetable seeds to the flood victims who have become homeless and taken shelter in different structures of Teesta irrigation project in Dalia division under Water Development Board (WDB).

Two arrested with Yaba

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Detective Branch of police arrested two men with 1200 Yaba tablets in Lalmonirhat town yesterday. The arrestees are Abul Kalam, 52, of Putia upazila in Chittagong, and Didarul Islam, 37, of Mirzapur upazila in Tangail. On secret information, the law enforcers raided the area at noon and arrested the two with the Yaba, said OC Lalmonirhat DB Kawsar Ali.



Awful condition of the five and a half kilometre Mahendranagar-Barbari road that connects the Lalmonirhat district headquarters with other upazilas. The photo was taken a few days ago.

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Business suffers as road in sorry state

Lalmonirhat RHD says road would be repaired soon

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

The five and a half kilometre road from the district headquarters to Mahendranagar-Borobari has been in awful condition for the last 10 months, severely hampering transportation of goods to and from the district and other parts of the country.

Mahendranagar-Borobari and Mahendranagar-Mostafi roads connect the district headquarters and four other upazilas of the district.

Mahendranagar-Mostafi road is not in use as it has been under repair by the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) for the last seven months. Mahendranagar-Borobari road

is open, but it is in awful condition, and so is the Kulaghat-Borobari link road. Truck driver Noor Islam, 45, said they do not dare to drive on the Mahendranagar-Borobari road as there is a risk of going off the the road.

Ramkanta Roy, 42, another truck driver, said they take the risk of driving on the road if they get higher fare from the businessmen, adding that the fare has increased by Tk 3,000 to Tk 6,000 per trip due to the risk of accident on the horrible road.

Truck owner Lal Miah said he allows his drivers to go on the awful road if he gets higher fare. Shariful Islam, a businessman of the town, said they are paying addi-

tional cost for transporting their goods as there is no alternative road, which is causing losses for them.

President of Lalmonirhat Chamber of Commerce and Industries Sheikh Abdul Hamid said many businessmen have stopped transporting goods to and from the district town due to the awful road. This situation is affecting them badly as their business is dependent on transport.

Estimator of Roads and Highway Department in Lalmonirhat Shahidul Islam said they have been allocated Tk 12 crores for repairing 12 km of roads, including Mahendranagar-Borobari road. Repair work will start after processing of the tender, he added.

AL man shot dead in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

An Awami League activist was shot dead over previous enmity centring lease of a baor (water body) by some unidentified criminals in Jessore Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Ezaz Hossain, 50, son of Abul Hossain, a resident of Jhaodia village.

Locals said the miscreants shot Ezaz from behind in Chhatiantola Mallikpara area while he was returning to his Jhaodia village home in a motorcycle around 8:30 in the morning.

Local people rushed him to Jessore Medical College Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared him dead.

Radha Mandir without electricity

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Sree Radha Govinda Mandir at Hindu para of Jail Road in Lalmonirhat town has been without electricity as the 200-KV transformer is out of order, disrupting the Durga puja.

President of the Durga temple Shyamol Chandra Karmokar said they did not conduct worship on Sunday night due to lack of electricity. "We are unhappy PDB didn't give priority to Durga puja," said a resident of the area.

Executive Engineer of PDB in Lalmonirhat Abu Hasnath Zaman said he could not take prompt steps due to bad weather.

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০১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়।
০২।	সংগ্রাহক স্বত্বাধিকারীর দপ্তর	গভর্নমেন্ট প্রিন্টিং প্রেস, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা।
০৩।	সংগ্রাহক স্বত্বাধিকারীর নাম	উপপরিচালক, গভর্নমেন্ট প্রিন্টিং প্রেস, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা।
০৪।	সংগ্রাহক স্বত্বাধিকারীর জেলা	ঢাকা।
০৫।	অর্থায়নের উৎস	রাজস্ব (গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার)।
০৬।	দরপত্রের নাম/কাজের বিবরণ	পদ নং-০১। টোনার কাটিজ-৯০ এ। পদ নং-০২। টোনার কাটিজ-৮৫ এ। পদ নং-০৩। টোনার কাটিজ-৮৯ এ। পদ নং-০৪। Pen Drive। পদ নং-০৫। Kaspersky Internet Security।
০৭।	ক্রয় প্রক্রিয়া	উমুক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বানের মাধ্যমে (পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন, ২০০৬, পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০০৮ মোতাবেক)।
০৮।	কাজ শেষ করার মেয়াদ	চূড়ান্ত কার্যাদেশ জারির ১৫ (পনের) দিনের মধ্যে পণ্য সরবরাহ করিতে হইবে।
০৯।	দরপত্র তফসিলের মূল্য	৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)। দরপত্র তফসিল ওয়েবসাইট www.dpp.gov.bd/gpp হইতে ডাউনলোডের মাধ্যমে সংগ্রহ করিলে উহার মূল্য উপপরিচালক, গভর্নমেন্ট প্রিন্টিং প্রেসের অনুকূলে যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংক কর্তৃক ইস্যুকৃত পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে দরপ্রস্তাবের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
১০।	বায়নার টাকা	১৭,০০০/- (সতের হাজার) টাকা মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য)।
১১।	দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়কারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম ও ঠিকানা	ক। মহাপরিচালক, মুদ্রণ ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। খ। উপপরিচালক, গভর্নমেন্ট প্রিন্টিং প্রেস, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। গ। উপপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ সরকারি মুদ্রণালয়, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। ঘ। উপপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ স্টেশনারী অফিস, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। ঙ। উপপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ ফরম ও প্রকাশনা অফিস, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। চ। উপপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ নিরাপত্তা মুদ্রণালয়, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। ছ। ওয়েবসাইট www.dpp.gov.bd/gpp হইতে ডাউনলোডের মাধ্যমে সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।
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১৩।	দরপত্র খোলার দপ্তরের নাম ও ঠিকানা	উপপরিচালক, গভর্নমেন্ট প্রিন্টিং প্রেস, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা।
১৪।	দরদাতাদের যোগ্যতা	যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন সকল সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ঠিকাদার।
১৫।	মালামাল সংগ্রহ/কাজের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ	স্পেসিফিকেশন/সিডিউল মোতাবেক।
১৬।	দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়	বিজ্ঞপ্ত প্রকাশের তারিখ হইতে ২৫-১০-২০১৬ তারিখ পর্যন্ত (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে)।
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