CHT LAND DISPUTE Time for submitting application extended

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Land Commission at its second meeting here yesterday extended the time until further announcement for submit-

ting application to resolve land disputes in the hill districts.

The meeting was held at Rangamati Circuit House amid road blockade called by the five organisations of Bangalee settlers in Rangamati and Khagrachhari.

The meeting decided to extend time as many could not submit their application yet, said Anwar-ul Haque, chairman of CHT Land Commission. He said the commission has received 15,669 applications so far.

Chairman of the CHT Regional Council Jotirindra Bodhipriya Larma and Chakma Circle Chief Raja Debashish Roy were present.



Serious pollution poses a major threat to the very existence of the Kudalichera canal filled with waste materials in Moulvibazar town.

Save Kudalicherra canal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Serious pollution coupled with unabated encroachment for long poses a serious threat to the very existence of the Kudalicherra canal and survival of its aquatic life, apart from having harmful effects on humans.

Environmentalists and civil society members recently expressed their grave concern as no effective measures are being taken by the authorities concerned to stop pollution and illegal grabbing of the Kudalicherra canal in

Moulvibazar district town. When this correspondent visited Uttar Kolimabad, Arambag and Purbo Sultanpur areas under Moulvibazar municipality a few days ago, he found them filled with waste

materials like plastic bottles, bags and all sorts of rubbish. The encroachment spree unleashed by the grabbers has resulted in substantial narrowing down of the canal.

Environmentalists urged the government to take strict and sustainable steps to end the illegal grabbing and stop rampant pollution, which are threatening the very existence and operation of the once fast flowing canal.

Most of the residents of Kolimabad and Arambag areas

fear that the canal will die and water-logging will become a regular feature if the grabbing continues. General Secretary of the Sylhet chapter of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) Abdul Karim Kim told this corre-

spondent that short and long-term plans are urgently needed to save Kudalicherra canal. Unplanned short-term dredging complicates the prob-

lem, he said, adding that it needs specific long-term actions to arrest pollution and stop illegal grabbing. Joint Secretary of BAPA Sharif Jamil told this correspon-

dent that canals are very important for any urban area as they carry rainwater to the river and also recharge ground-Mayor of Moulvibazar municipality Fozlur Rahman said

he will take immediate steps to solve the problem.

AL lawmaker's men beat UZ chairman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Ruling party men allegedly backed by a local lawmaker yesterday assaulted the Tarash upazila parishad chairman in his office over establishing supremacy in the area.

The critically injured chairman Abdul Haque, 50, also a local Awami League leader, was taken to Dhaka for better treatment, official sources said. Heated debate with AL lawmaker

Amzad Hossain Milon at the monthly coordination meeting held in the Tarash Upazila Parishad auditorium is the reason behind the attack, they added.

Amzad, member of Sirajganj district AL, was elected from Sirajganj-3 constituency. Tarash Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Zillur

Rahman said, "The chairmen of Baruhash union and Tarash Sadar union started bargaining with the lawmaker in the meeting over local political issues. At one stage, there was a huge gathering in the official meeting, so we closed the meeting to avoid any untoward situation."

When the lawmaker left the meeting place, some people beat up Abdul Haque mercilessly in front of the parishad's officials. He was taken to Tarash Upazila Health Complex, and later shifted to Dhaka for better treatment.

Upazila parishad Vice-chairman Md Farhad Ali said the the lawmaker's men assaulted the chairman when he was busy with official work.

"The lawmaker's men attacked Haque as the two UP chairmen and the upazila chairman harassed the lawmaker in the upazila coordination meeting yesterday," Farhad said, adding that the party men attacked them for taking revenge over the matter.

The attack on the chairman and the harassment of the lawmaker were unexpected, he added.

"There has been a longstanding enmity between lawmaker Milon and upazila chairman Haque, also president of Tarash upazila unit of Awami League (AL), over establishing dominion in local politics, said Farhad, also an upazila AL leader.

This correspondent could not contact Milon as his cellphone was switched off.

The UNO said steps will be taken after investigation.

RESCUED FROM IN-LAWS' BRUTALITY

Traumatised Parvin sues six a written complaint against the six

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Parvin Aktar, rescued from brutal treatment under confinement at her in-laws' house at Khutamara Tahsildar Para village of Jaldhaka upazila, lodged a case with Women and Children Repression Prevention Court in Nilphamari yesterday.

Parvin, 20, filed the case with the help of district legal aid committee, following suggestion from upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Rashedul Huq Prodhan, who had rescued the woman along with her one-year-old child on October 24.

Six people including Parvin's husband Rokonuzzaman, 27, mother-inlaw Fazila Begum, 48, father-in-law Mominur Rahman, uncle-in-law Mobu Mia, brother-in-law Khokon and husband's associate Ashraful were made accused in the case.

The have been charged with brutal torture and confining Parvin with her infant child in a locked room for days without food and water to press for dowry.

The victim and her family members

alleged that her husband's relatives including his younger brother Khokon threatened her of dire consequences if she files any case while two local influential people on behalf of the mother-in-law Fazila Begum pressed them to compromise.

"Two days after my rescue by the



Parvin Aktar talks to an official after submitting her complaint at the legal aid committee office in Nilphamari yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

UNO, as per his advice, I sent my brother to Jaldhaka Police Station with

people, as I was too weak and unable to move," Parvin told this correspondent. "But OC (Investigation)

Mofizuddin pressed my brother to

exclude the names of Mobu Mia and Ashraful from the list of accused. As my brother didn't agree, the OC refused to accept the case," she said. OC Mofizuddin said he did not

receive the case as it was incomplete and the complainant did not come in person. Parvin's brother Shahidul Islam

said they had also sought justice from local Khutamara union parishad Chairman Abu Sayed Shamim several times before and after the incident but the chairman advised them to take shelter of law. Parvin Aktar said, "Finding no way, I

met the UNO today [Sunday] morning and told him everything. He advised me to file a case with the court."

UNO Rashedul Huq Prodhan said he will continue providing all out cooperation to victim Parvin Aktar who has filed a case, following his suggestion.

cheap rated rice seized OUR CORRESPONDENT,

123 sacks of

A mobile court in a drive seized 123 sacks of cheap rated rice meant for the poor from two godowns in Nandina Bakultola area of Jamalpur Sadar upazila on Saturday night. A total of 3,690 kilo-

grams of rice contained in 123 sacks (each contains 30kgs) was allegedly bought by a syndicate from black market and kept in the godowns, said sources. Upazila Nirbahi Officer

(UNO) Mohammad Abdus Salam led the court.

The godowns were sealed off later, said Nasimul Islam, OC of Sadar Police Station.

One Motaleb, Jilan and 5-6 unnamed people were sued for their alleged involvement in purchasing the rice through black marketing, he said.

Aman plants at a field under Baltoir village in Dinajpur Sadar upazila turn brownish due to attack by brown plant hopper.

Pest attack ahead of aman harvest worries farmers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Farmers in Dinajpur and Naogaon districts are worried as aman paddy fields in different villages have been affected by massive pest attack ahead of the harvest. The massive attack is also creating fear

among farmers about attaining the production target this year. According to the effected farmers in the

two districts, pests are destroying paddy

sheaves which will be ready for harvest in two weeks time. Officials of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) claim the situation is under

control and the attack is not alarming. But the farmers in the region said their aman fields have been attacked by brown plant hopper and the pesticides available in markets

are ineffective in controlling the disease.

DAE official in Dinajpur said aman was transplanted on about 2,56,750 hectares of land in different upazilas of the district this year. Azizar Rahman, a farmer of Boltoil area

in Dinajpur Sadar upazila said 'Irrigation was disrupted throughout the season due to excessive load-shedding and lack of rainfall this year'. But the attack of brown plant hopper ruined

their hope of getting a healthy yield, he added. Meanwhile, Abdur Rahman, a farmer o Sherbari village in Niamatpur upazila o Naogaon, said brown plant hopper attacked

aman plants on his five acres of land a week ago and wreaked havoc on 20 percent plants. DAE official Amir Abdullah Mohammad Waheduzzaman Niamatpur upazila said agriculture officials are giving advice to the farmers about use of pesticides to combat

the attack and not to be panicked.

13 enclosures in Chalan Beel removed OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Chatmohar upazila adminis-

tration in a drive on Saturday removed 13 illegal bamboo enclosures put up by a section of fishermen in the Boral, Gumani and a few other connecting rivers.

During the drive, the UNO along with police found the illegal enclosures with shweti net (closely knitted net) in the rivers of Chalan Beel, said the upazila fishery officer.

A group of influential fishermen put up the enclosures obstructing the rivers' normal flow, contributing to the death of local variety of fishes, he said.



AUTHORISED 6,00,00,000 Ordinary Shares 000,000,000 ISSUED, SUBSCRIBED & PAID UP 31,925,632 Ordinary Shares **BALANCE OF FUNDS & ACCOUNTS** LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS 3,399,626 bodies carrying on insurance business 2,382,230 -29.93% 521,154,428 280,036,682 431,787 Sundry Creditors 1,102,328,699 2.07% 15,494,043,075 15,179,422,393 On Mortgage of Properties 40,948,444 7.54% Securities & Shares 5,070,602,819 4,861,292,248 487,633,679 House Property (At cost Less Dep. 11.96% 5,616,545,445 5,348,925,927 OUTSTANDING PREMIUM INTEREST, DIVIDEND & RENTS 438,829,940 ACCRUED BUT NOT DUE 952,432,562 4.87% ADVANCE, DEPOSIT & PREPAYMENTS 998.840.487 325,632,093 -0.98% 322,435,801 CASH, BANK & OTHER BALANCES: On FDR with Bankers 5,021,581,337 2,425,444,303 On C/D & STD A/C. 22,409,645 75,780,709 -70.43% 7,469,435,285 6,477,949,676 8,219,589 10,681,741 -23.05% 6,691,028 -10.02% OTHER ACCOUNTS Fixed Assets(At cost less Dep.) 182,491,153 mount due from other persons or 470,431 bodies carrying on insurance business Motor Cycle & Cycle Loan 15,494,043,075 Some Selected Explanatory Notes in the preparation of interim financial statements (BAS 34, Para 08) Same Policies and practices pertain to the users-focus area of significants have been adopted in the terim un-audited financial statements in the same manner as those are applied in the preparation of annual audited financial statements of our Company. Namely

BALANCE SHEET (UN-AUDITED)

AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

quarterly financial statements are being prepared and presented in condensed form in with the requirements of Bangladesh Accounting Standard (BAS-34) "Interim Financial eporting", Securities & Exchange Rules 1987. policies adopted for interim financial reports are the same as adopted for most recent audited

accounts (that is financial statements 2015).

Seasonality of interim operation: The Company's business is not heavily seasonal Unusual and Extra Ordinary items: There were no Extra Ordinary items the nature and amount of which can effect the assets, liabilities

income or cash flows because of their nature, size or incidents. Changes in estimates: There were no significant amounts of changes in estimates reported in the prior financial year which have material effects in the current interim report. Dividend Paid:

s proposed and recommended by the Board of Directors, the shareholders approved the dividend of (5% (Cash @ 20% and Bonus Shares @ 5% for each share of Tk. 10 each) on the paid-up capital of Tk. 30.40.53.640/- (Taka Thirty crore forty lac fifty three thousand six hundred forty only) at the 20th Annual General Meeting for the year 2015 held on 29th September 2016. The effect of the dividend has been ncorporated in the interim financial statements/reports in this quarter. Events after the reporting period:

the interim financial statements except the event that has been mentioned above under "Dividend Paid" Impact of major events, activities and circumstances: There were no changes in the composition of the enterprise during the interim period. Material changes in Contingent Liabilities: There were no material changes in liabilities of the company since the last annual balance sheet date

(Mohammad Tarek FCA) Chief Financial Officer

Narayan Chandra Rudra) NB: The details of the published quarterly financial statements are available in

the website of the company. The address of the website is www.meghnalife.com