

Photos of PM, Bangabandhu torched

College principal arrested in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A college principal was arrested in Chatmohar upazila of the district yesterday on charge of torching photographs of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The arrestee is Md Abdul Hamid, 45, acting principal of Mirzapur Degree College in the area.

Police arrested Hamid from his house in connection with setting the photos of Bangabandhu and the prime minister on fire, said Officer-in-Charge of Chatmohar Police Station Ekramul Haque.

On Thursday, the arrestee set fire to the photographs with some waste papers at the college, it is alleged.

Later, Md Abdul Kader, president of the college managing committee, filed a case in this connection, said the OC.



This concrete bridge over a canal at Ismailer Dola village in Kishoreganj upazila of Nilphamari remains useless since completion of its construction about six months ago due to lack of approach roads.

PHOTO: EAM ASADUZZAMAN

Bridge without approach roads

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Thousands of people of eight villages have been suffering for months due to lack of approach roads on both sides of a newly built bridge in Kishoreganj upazila of the district.

The 40-foot-long and 15-foot wide bridge on a canal at Ismailer Dola village under Sadar union has been lying virtually unused since its construction was completed nearly six months ago.

The Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management built the concrete bridge at a cost of Tk 32.53 lakh under Rural Infrastructure Development Programme.

During a visit in the area yesterday this correspondent saw villagers walking past the bridge on the dried up canal.

Locals said about 10,000 inhabitants of Ismail, Kamarpara, Nitai, Chandkhana, Nagarbondh, Bahagla, Nannur Bazar and Sorinjabari villages face inconvenience for want of the approach road.

Rafiqul Islam of Ismail village said even a bicycle cannot ply over the bridge due to the situation.

Due to the lack of approach road they have to travel an additional eight kilometres to reach the upazila headquarters, Rafiqul further said.

Minara Begum, a Class X student at Kishoreganj High School, said girl students are the worst sufferers as the newly built bridge is unusable.

Anisul Islam, chairman of Sadar union parishad (UP), said he had raised the issue at the upazila coordination committee meeting last month.

Moazzem Hossain, Kishoreganj acting project implementation officer (PIO), said the former PIO had released most of the project fund to the contractor concerned before constructing the approach roads.

The PIO said they would take legal action against the contractor concerned soon.

Rampaging fishing cats injure 20

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least 20 people of six villages were injured as fishing cats, entering localities in search of food, attacked human beings in the areas under Dinajpur Sadar upazila.

"The people of Sahapara village noticed four fishing cats in the area on Thursday. They sneaked in localities and took away many domestic birds and animals including hens, ducks and sheep," Gulzar Ali, a member of Awliapur union of Dinajpur Sadar.

"As villagers started guarding at night to save their domestic animals, the fishing cats started attacking the villagers in paddy fields in broad daylight," said Sabina Yasmin, another ward member.

Villagers have stopped going to paddy fields and started guarding their areas with sticks, said Gulzar Ali.

The 20 victims, including seriously injured Nur Jahan, Rubina Khatun, Jesmin Akter, Sonia Akter, Sohrab Ali, Hasim Uddin and Md Babu, took treatment at Dinajpur Medical College Hospital and Dinajpur General Hospital.

They are from Karimullahpur, Sahapara, Mashimpur, Tarimpur, Chowliapur and Hariharpur villages.

"A fishing cat tried to attack me when I was working in my paddy field this noon. Somehow I managed to save myself and called villagers there. And the animal disappeared into another paddy field," said Azmal Ali of Karimullahpur village.

"We are guarding our village to prevent any attack of fishing cat. We did not face such a situation before," he said.

Informed, officials of Dinajpur forest office including Divisional Forest Officer Mohammad Abdul Awal Sarker visited the area yesterday afternoon.

They set up four traps at different villages to capture the fishing cats.

The fishing cats are entering the villages and moving around in search of water and food, forest officials said, adding that the hungry animals are now attacking animals and even human beings.

No fishing was captured as of filing this report in the evening.

40-day scheme yet to start for fund crisis

Farm labourers become jobless

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A good number of farm labourers of five upazilas in the district are going through a serious job crisis.

They will face the situation until harvest of aman paddy that will start in the last week of November, said locals.

Most of the labourers, who throng the town to get hired for any menial labour, come back home everyday without getting any job. The jobless labourers said they get job opportunity under government-run 40-day job scheme every year during the Bengali months Ashwin-Kartik (October-November).

But the project is delayed this time as the government is yet to sanction any fund in this regard, they said.

Farm labourer Azizul Islam, 55, of Saralkhan village in Aditmarti upazila, said every year they face a serious job crisis at this time until the start of aman harvest.

Farmer Zahir Ali, 55, of Chaklarhat village in Kaliganj upazila, said many jobless farm labourers are receiving advance payment against their labour during the aman harvesting period.

Lalmonirhat District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer Idris Ali said the farm labourers will get job under the government programme soon after getting fund.

Struggle for education

Poor father seeks support to take ahead bright daughter's medical education

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

The father of a girl newly admitted to a medical college is very worried as he is unable to bear the expenses of her education.

Sadika Barat, daughter of Suruzzaman of Mahishabaduria village in Sarishabari upazila of the district, was admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College (SOMC) on October 22. Her classes will start on January 10 next year.

Sadika studied from Class VI to Class XII at local Bhatara School and College overcoming financial constraints. She secured GPA 5 (golden) in the JSC, SSC and HSC examinations.

Though her dream has apparently come true, Sadika faces a tough journey to make her future career successful due to poverty, said Jahangir Alam, principal of the college.

Suruzzaman has only one bigha of parental land with which to support his five-member family.

To overcome the hardship, he worked as a labourer in a textile mill in Sylhet from 1982 to

2000, said Suruzzaman, adding that he could not give necessary support to his children's education with the money he earned from the job and the produce from his land.

Being determined to educate the children, he took another job in a garment factory as a security guard in Dhaka in 2006. With overtime, he was able to earn Tk 10,000 a month. But unfortunately, he was terminated from the job on October 1, Suruzzaman said.

After being sacked from the job, he faced problems to get his daughter admitted to SOMC for want of money required for the admission. Then he leased out his land to arrange the money.

"As I lost the job and leased out the land, I am in a fix as to how I can manage the high expenses for my daughter's medical education," he added.

He was able to educate his elder son Sohel up to MA in English while younger son Jewel is a student of Masters final-year in accounting at Anandamohan College, Suruzzaman added.

Mystery shrouds death of 2 friends

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Two friends were found hanging at Darepara village in Daulatpur upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased were Abdur Rakib, 18, son of Hujur Ali, and Moshir Rahman, 18, son of Shajahan Ali of the village.

Informed by locals, police recovered the bodies from the area around 9:00am and sent them to Kushtia Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, said Asaduzzaman, officer-in-charge of Daulatpur Police Station.

No injury marks were found on the bodies, said the OC.

Family members said Rakib and Moshir were bosom friends from very early life. They were engaged in cultivation at their farmlands.

They went out of home on Thursday and did not return since then. Later, locals found the two hanging from a flower tree with the same rope, they said.

Shahjahan Ali, father of Moshir, said his son had no enmity with anyone in the area.

Moshir went out of home to go to local Pirojpur bazar on Thursday afternoon and remained missing, he said.

On information, Kushtia Superintendent of Police Proloy Chisim visited the spot in the afternoon.

"The youths might have committed suicide as none of their families could provide us any clue," said the SP.

Police are investigating the incident, he said.

The reason behind the death will be known after getting the autopsy report, said the police official.



A section of the bank of the Moheshkhola river in Isamari village under Dharmapasha upazila of Sunamganj is in danger of being washed away by the river. Five other villages of the upazila face the same risk.

PHOTO: STAR

MOHESHKHOLA RIVER BANK COLLAPSES AT SEVEN POINTS 6 villages under threat of erosion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Around 1,500 families of six villages in Dharmapasha upazila of Sunamganj have been passing their days in fear of erosion of their homesteads by the Moheshkhola river as its bank collapsed at seven points a few days ago.

If immediate steps are not taken to repair the damaged sections, the entire bank will soon be devoured by the river, the villagers fear.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found families in Isamari village living under threat of erosion as the river was flowing just below the danger level near the embankment.

Bajli, Dakkhin Sreepur, Uttar Bangsikundo, Dakkhin Bangsikundo and Uttar Sreepur villages were also

under threat.

The river devoured about 25 houses of the village due to the collapse of the banks in different times, Bashir Miah said, adding that they were in constant fear of losing their lives.

"We could not cultivate our land last year as saline water entered the croplands during the rainy season," said Abdul Majid, a farmer in Dakkhin Bangsikundo.

Moin Uddin Monju, 45, said he hasn't slept in days due to fear of collapse of the embankment. The men of the village have been guarding the embankment by turn at night, he added.

Dharmapasha Upazila Chairman Abdul Mutalib Khan said he does not have any budget for repairing the

banks of the Moheshkhola river.

"Farmers had to count loss as their vegetables and boro paddy in vast areas were flooded by tidal flow. We had earlier demanded repair of the vulnerable flood control embankments, but to no effect," Mutalib said.

He said if immediate steps are not taken to repair the damaged sections the village could be washed away any time.

Executive Engineer of Water Development Board in Sunamganj Md Ashfar Uddin said he would send officials to visit the spots to assess the situation, but no repair can be done immediately due to a lack of funds. He said he would send a letter to the higher authorities after the investigation, seeking funds for repair work.

700 sacks of rice looted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Armed robbers looted a huge quantity of rice from a rice mill in Jhenidah Sadar upazila early yesterday.

Owner of RK Enterprise Rice Mill Moniruzzaman said a gang of 15/20 took away 700 sacks of rice.

Officer-in-Charge Harendranath Sarkar of Sadar Police Station said a gang boarding on two trucks entered the rice mill at Bishaykhali Bazar.

They tied up five labourers of the mill, looted 700 sacks of rice and fled the scene, the OC added.

CTTI-BCSIR (A project under the Ministry of Science and Technology)		Office of Project Director Establishment of Physical Facilities for Technology Transfer and Innovation in BCSIR-Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research Dr. Kudrat-A-Khuda Road, Dhaka-1205				
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Science & Technology.				
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR).				
3.	Procuring entity name	Establishment of Physical Facilities for Technology Transfer and Innovation in BCSIR.				
4.	Invitation for	Procurement of Equipment.				
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KEY INFORMATION						
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12.	Tender closing date and time	22.11.2016 at 12.00 noon.				
13.	Tender opening date and time	22.11.2016 at 12:30pm.				
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER						
16.	Eligibility of tenderer	Minimum 5 years experience as a supplier and application provider of scientific equipment and related service.				
17.	Brief description of goods	As per schedule specification.				
18.	Price of tender document	Tk 3000.00 (three thousand) taka only, non refundable.				
Group	Item	Identification lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk) (refundable) Pay Order	Completion time in days	
-	-	Laboratory Instruments	Dhaka	2.5% of quoted price	90 days on receipt of signing contract	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS						
19.	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Rezaul Karim.				
20.	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.				
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22.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Email: rezaul.karim.ctti@bcsir.gov.bd				
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