

Three Sonali Bank officials held in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in the district yesterday arrested three officers of Sonali Bank in Pabna on charge of misappropriating Tk 28.3 lakh from government fund by forging bank cheques.

The arrestees are Md Abdus Salam, principal officer of the bank's town branch, Md Delwar

Hossain, principal officer of its Zila Board branch, and Arup Kumar Bhattacharya, officer of the town's branch.

The three were arrested when they were asked to come to the office of ACC for interrogation.

The arrestees along with three local LGED officials embezzled Tk 28.3 lakh by forging bank cheques from 2010 to 2011, said ACC Deputy Director Abu Bakar Siddique.



Robbed of childhood joy, these poor kids pass long hours on the street while their parents remain busy in menial work for a living. The photo was taken from Seujgari in Bogra Town on Saturday.

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The uncared for

Kids keep waiting on Bogra road as their parents go for work as house helps or day labourers

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

Little girl Moyna waits for her domestic help mother on the road divider of Satmatha-Tinmatha road in Bogra town on Saturday.

Moyna Khatun, 5, is daughter of rickshaw puller Abul Kashem and Shefali Khatun, who works in a students' mess. They hail from Bharatkhal village under Phulchhari upazila of Gaibandha and have been living in a rented tin-shed house in Seujgari area of the town for five years.

Moyna is waiting for her mother who will bring food for her and her brother Shakil, 3. Kashem will go to pull a rickshaw after Shefali returns home.

Like Moyna, Shimi, Ratna, Sadekul, Upama, Oishi, Shova and Alam were also seen on the divider. They were wearing shabby clothes and their thin bodies spoke of lack of nutrition due to utter poverty.

The mothers of the kids usually work as house help or in students' messes, while their fathers are mostly day labourers or rickshaw pullers. Many of them have come to the town from other districts.

Upama's father Utal Kumar, who hails

from Sariakandi in Jamuna basin area, said they cannot care for their children properly due to severe poverty.

Erfan Ali, father of Shova Khatun, 6, said he pulls a rickshaw-van in the town from dawn to dusk so that he can maintain his family, but he cannot feed his three children properly, or give them clothes.

Journalist Masudur Rahman Rana said local Shishu Kishore Organisation "Moumaci Khelaghor" and well-to-do locals have been providing clothes, books, educational materials and games equipment to the kids.

Dr Shafiqul Alam of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital said lack of proper food, inadequate care, and living in a dirty environment deprives the children of the opportunity to flourish.

Social Welfare Officer Md Kamrul Islam said the government is ready to provide full support to the children of the distressed and helpless families in the country.

Mayor AKM Mahbubur Rahman said the municipality is trying to build awareness among the parents about caring for their children.

Fishing cat, yellow turtle return to nature

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The wildlife department released a rescued fishing cat and a yellow turtle to Lawachara National Park in Kamalganj upazila of Moulvibazar on Sunday.

The fishing cat was rescued at Bonkadipur village under Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj on Sunday morning while the turtle was rescued from Sherpur fish market in Moulvibazar Sadar upazila the same day, said officials of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Department.

"After hearing about the rescue of the two creatures, we took them under our custody and returned them to the nature at Janokicherra beat under Lawachara forest," said Tabibur Rahman, assistant conservator of forests.

Entrance of wildlife into localities indicates serious degradation of their habitat in forests in recent years, said Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon's Sylhet unit.

"Wildlife was found in the villages around Lawachara on several times. Proper protection and development of forests and biodiversity spots is needed in addition to implementation of the legal procedures under Wildlife Protection Act," said Sarif Jamil, joint secretary of BAPA.

Under the Wildlife (Preservation) (Amendment) Act of 1996, part of the West Bhanugach Reserved Forest was declared "Lawachara National Park," which encompasses an area of 1250 hectares.

55-year-old rapes mentally challenged girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A 10-year-old mentally challenged girl, raped by a 55-year-old man at Baoitara village in Sirajganj Sadar upazila, is undergoing treatment at Sirajganj General Hospital.

Police arrested the alleged rapist, Md Shukur Ali, son of Nidan Ali of Baoitara village, on Sunday night and sent him to jail yesterday, following a court order.

"When I was working in a nearby handloom, leaving my mentally challenged girl alone at the house, neighbour Shukur took her to his house on Saturday noon and raped her. With serious injuries, my daughter was admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital," said Arjina Begum, mother of the victim.

The victim sustained serious injuries apparently due to rape and she will require surgery, said Dr Sohely Momotaz, on-duty doctor of gynaecology department of Sirajganj General Hospital.

"The victim's mother filed a case against Shukur Ali on Sunday afternoon and the police arrested him from his house at night. The victim was taken for medical examination today [Monday]," said Basudeb Sinha, officer in charge of Sirajganj Sadar Police Station.



Shukur Ali, 55, alleged rapist of a 10-year-old mentally challenged girl, at Sirajganj Sadar Police Station yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Arrest fear drives men

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Kalyan Chakraborty, a sub-inspector of Gobindaganj Police Station, filed a case with his police station Sunday night accusing 442 people. Of them, names of 42 people were mentioned.

Police did not arrest anyone in connection with the case until yesterday afternoon, said Subrata Kumar Sarker officer-in-charge of the police station, adding that the situation was under their control.

The males of the ethnic people dominated villages, including Madarpur and Joyurhat, have fled from their homes to avoid arrest and harassment.

Philimon Baske a leader of the ethnic people alleged that valuables of 20 homes built on disputed land were looted Sunday night and early yesterday. Tins of home roofs, tube wells, shallow-tube-well engines and paddy from farmland of ethnic people were stolen and vandalised, he told The Daily Star over phone yesterday afternoon.

The clash erupted when mill workers of Rangpur Sugar Mill with hired workers started harvesting sugarcane on land belonging to the mill authorities.

During the Pakistan regime in 1952, the government acquired 1,840 acres of land at Shahebganj to set up a sugarcane farm.

The deputy commissioner's office acquired the land for the then Pakistan Industrial Development

Corporation, which established Rangpur (Mahimaganj) Sugar Mills between 1954 and 1957. The original land owners were given only Tk 8.07 lakh for the vast land. Later in 1962, the DC office, on behalf of the land owners, signed an agreement with the corporation.

The deal stated that the land was acquired for cultivation of sugarcane by the mill authorities. If the land was used for farming any other crops, the corporation shall surrender the land to the government (the DC office).

However, the agreement was violated as the mill authorities leased out most of the land for cultivation of crops like rice, wheat, mustard, tobacco, and maize.

According to the Gobindaganj upazila land office, 1,502 acres of the total 1,842.3 acres was leased out and used for farming other crops. A letter of the office, dated June 28, 2015, says only 92.97 acres of the total land was being used for the cultivation of sugarcane in 2014-15 fiscal year.

The ethnic families who had been evicted brought the issue to the attention of the ADC (revenue) of Gaibandha in March 2015. And after investigation, the ADC (revenue) found the allegations to be true.

Four months ago, indigenous people occupied around 100 acres of land and built makeshift sheds and homes on the plea that the land

belonged to their forefathers. Shajahan Ali Sarker of Sahebganj Bhumi Uddhar Sangram Committee said the clash erupted when the sugar mill workers tried to evict the ethnic people from their land on Sunday.

In the evening, additional police force and Rab personnel were deployed to evict the "illegal occupants", reports our Rangpur correspondent.

Later sheds of the Santal community were demolished and set afire, said locals.

They said by nightfall a section of people took away corrugated iron sheets and cattle from their areas.

"We are afraid, we might be attacked any time" said Lucas Marma of Joypur village.

"... Even the children are afraid of attending schools, said Rumila Kisku, a homemaker of the same village.

"Many of the Santal community fled the areas to avert arrest," said Gonesh Marmu of the village.

Abdul Awal, director Rangpur Sugar Mill, said the 1,842 acres was procured in 1962 for producing sugarcane. But, the ethnic people started claiming the land two years ago, he said.

But somebody was provoking the ethnic people from behind the scene, alleged the director after the clash.

Philimon Baske, president of Ikkuh Khamar Jomi Uddhar Sanghotti Committee, said the sugar mill authorities signed an agreement in 1962 with the land owners and that nobody was provoking them.

As per the agreement, the mill authorities cannot produce other crops on the land.

Earlier in a press conference, the Shahebganj-Bagdafarm Land Recovery Movement committee said once there were 15 ethnic minority villages but between 1955 and 1956, the then Pakistan government acquired all the land displacing the villagers to set up the sugar mill.

Exams under

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them, however, were sweating as there was no ceiling fan over them.

"It's quite hot in here," said Anita Rani of Koimari High School and College. Other examinees and invigilator Shawkat Ali echoed her.

Contacted, Ashfaq Uz Zaman, upazila education officer (UNO), said the situation arose as the number of examinees at the school was much higher than its capacity.

He said they had to hold the examination in the upazila town so that high government official could visit the centres easily and inspect vigilance.

The UNO, who is also the president of the upazila education committee, said the government was considering building a separate exam centre in the upazila town so that examinations could be held there smoothly.

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Invitation for Tenders (International)

Injectable Manufacturing Machinery
 (BFS, Autoclave, Vial & Ampoule Filling, Manufacturing Vessel & Storage Vessel etc.)

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
2.	Agency	Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL), Dhaka, Bangladesh
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj
4.	Invitation For	Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning, Qualification and Validation of Injectable Manufacturing Machinery
5.	Invitation Ref. No.	EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/ICT/IMM/2016/22
6.	Date	03 November, 2016

KEY INFORMATION

7.	Procurement Method	International Competitive Tender (ICT)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8.	Budget & Source of Funds	GOB (Government of Bangladesh)
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9.	Project Code	5-2701-5220
10.	Project Name	Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj
11.	Location of the Project	Gopalganj Sadar, Gopalganj.
12.	Tender Package Name	GD - 06: Injectable Manufacturing Machinery
13.	Tender Publication Date	08 November, 2016
14.	Tender Last Selling Date	Date : 22 December, 2016 , Time : 05:00 PM (Local Time)
15.	Tender Closing date and Time	Date : 28 December, 2016 , Time : 03:00 PM (Local Time)
16.	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date : 28 December, 2016 , Time : 03:30 PM (Local Time)
17.	Name & address of the Office (Selling, Receiving and Opening of Tender Document)	Office of the Project Manager, EDCL (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj C/O: Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL) 395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh
18.	Pre-tender Meeting (Place/Date/Time)	Conference Room of MD Essential Drugs Company Limited 395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh. Date: 05 December, 2016, Time: 11:30 AM

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

19.	Eligibility of Tenderer	Minimum 10 (Ten) years of general experience for Supplying Pharmaceutical Machinery & Equipment.
	General Experience	The satisfactory completion of Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning, Qualification and Validation of Pharmaceutical Machinery & Equipment with minimum value of Tk. 67.20 Crore (Sixty seven crore and twenty lac taka) only or equivalent USD 8.587 Million (Eight million and five hundred eighty seven thousand US Dollar) only under not more than 03 (Three) contracts within the last 10 (Ten) years. (i.e. years counting backward from the date of IFT Publication)
	Specific Experience	
	Liquid Asset	The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is Tk. 84.00 Crore (Eighty four crore taka) only or equivalent USD 10.734 Million (Ten million and seven hundred thirty four thousand US dollar) only.
	Other Criteria	Full filling all other terms and conditions mentioned in the tender documents.
20.	Brief Description of Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blow Fill Seal (BFS) Machine • Auto Clave • Automatic Washing, Sterilization tunnel Vial & Ampoule Filling Machine (Combo) • Automatic Washing, Sterilization tunnel & Ampoule Filling and sealing Machine • Manufacturing and Storage Vessel • Leak Testing Machine • Cap Welding Machine etc.
21.	Period of Validity of tender	180 Days after submitting the tender
22.	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 30,000.00 (Thirty thousand) only or equivalent USD 384.00 (Three hundred and eighty four US dollar) only in the form of Pay Order in favor of the "Project Director, Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj."
23.	Bank Guaranty for Tender Security	The Tender Security shall be Tk. 2.52 Crore (Two crore and fifty two Lac taka) only or Equivalent USD 322.00 thousand (Three hundred twenty two thousand US Dollar) only. (The Tender Security shall be in the form of an irrevocable bank guarantee issued by an internationally reputable bank and shall require to be endorsed by its any correspondent bank located in Bangladesh, to make it enforceable in favor of "Project Director, Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd plant) Gopalganj.")

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

24.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Prof. (Dr) Ehsanul Kabir
25.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj
26.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh.
27.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone : 8151080,8113463,9130036, 9130489-9130490 (PABX) Fax.: 8119697 E-mail: 3rdplant@edcl.gov.bd Website: www.edcl.gov.bd
28.	Tender Notice can also be found at www.edcl.gov.bd and www.cptu.gov.bd	
29.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.	

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