

Land official held while taking bribe

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Officials of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday arrested a land official red-handed while he was taking bribe at Bhuapur upazila of the district.

The arrestee is Ansar Ali, assistant land officer of Bhuapur Upazila Land Office.

Dhaka divisional ACC chief Nasim Anwar said acting on a complaint by one Abdul Karim, the ACC officials arrested Ansar Ali at Govindasi union land office while he was taking Tk 5,000 from the complainant as bribe.

Ansar had been harassing Karim for long over mutation of his father's land, even though he had paid the government fee.

At one stage, Ansar demanded Tk 10,000 from Karim. As per suggestion of the ACC officials, Karim settled the bribe amount at Tk 5,000 with the land officer and fixed Thursday for giving the money.



The illegal practice of setting banas (bamboo-made fence) to catch fish in the Sati river in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat is quite rampant during the dry season. The photo was taken from Kamlabari village in Aditmari a couple of days ago.

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2 Sherpur rice dealers fined

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sherpur

A mobile court here yesterday fined two dealers for giving less wheat to buyers at Open Market Sale (OMS) at government fixed fair price.

The convicts are Kohinoor Begum of Madhabpur area and Md Jahangir Alam of Meerganj area in the district town.

Executive Magistrate Md Moktadirul Islam, who led the court, fined them Tk 10,000 each. In default, they are to suffer seven days' imprisonment.

Upazila administration and court sources said, they had secret information that some dealers had been giving less rice and wheat to buyers in OMS.

In a drive, the court found the two dealers at some shops giving 500 grams to 900 grams less on sale of 5 kgs of wheat to the beneficiaries under the programme, said magistrate Moktadirul Islam.

100 illegal banas in Sati river for fishing

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Around 100 illegal banas (bamboo-made fence) for catching fish have been set up on a 50-km-long stretch of the Sati river in different areas under Aditmari and Kaliganj upazilas of the district.

As some local people are following this practice, professional fishermen are being deprived of the opportunity of catching fish in the Sati river, one of the biggest sources of fish in the district.

Ayub Ali, 56, of Kalistan village under Aditmari said, "Sati is one of the biggest sources of fish, and many people depend on catching fish in this river every day."

Mobarak Hossain, 45, of Shialkhowa village under Kaliganj, said, "There are around 100 illegal banas in the Sati river, but the owners never face any trouble from any corner."

Saber Ali, 65, a farmer at Kamlabari village under Aditmari, said the river is about half a kilometre wide during the rainy season, but becomes half as wide during the dry season.

"During the dry season some local

people catch fish by erecting banas in the river," he said, adding that bana users don't allow other local people to catch fish upstream of the river.

Sirajul Islam, 52, of Chaklarhat village of Kaliganj, said 10 to 15 people work together in each bana, and each of them can catch four to five kg of fish every day. "We sell the fish at around Tk 230 per kg in the local market," he said, adding that they catch fish using chatka jal.

"We invest Tk 70,000 to Tk 80,000 for making a 200 to 250-metre-long bana every year," said Hatem Ali, 48. "There is no shortage of fish in the Sati, although many illegal banas are being used," he added.

Professional fisherman Narayan Chandra Das, 50, of Bamonerbasa village under Kaliganj, said they catch fish during the rainy season when there are no banas, but they face obstacles during the dry period when local people erect banas. "We have been facing this problem for the last ten years," he added.

District Fisheries Officer Latifur Rahman said he will take steps to free the Sati river from banas, and everybody will be able to catch fish.

Smuggled cloths seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized huge quantity of smuggled Indian winter cloths from Nabinagar border in Sunamganj Sadar upazila on Tuesday.

A team of the border guards, acting on a tip-off, raided the area at night and seized the clothes worth around Tk 3 lakh in an abandoned condition.

Lt Col Nasir Uddin Ahmed, commanding officer of BGB 28 Battalion, said a strong syndicate of local smugglers considers bordering areas in Tahirpur and Sadar upazilas as their safe zones for smuggling Indian goods for the last few years.

Smugglers usually prefer distant borders in the two upazilas as a number of river ways make their tasks much easier, he said.

Motorised or non motorised vehicular communication is one of the main barriers for proper patrolling through the border line in Sunamganj, Nasir added.

Now we have taken a zero tolerance policy in this regards, Nasir said.

Detained outlaw's aides kill Pabna Jubo League man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Some men of a detained leader of an outlawed party hacked a local Jubo League leader to death over previous enmity at Shtagacha village under Atghoria upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim Rafiqul Islam, 30, son of Juran Sardar of the village, also an activist of union unit of Jubo League, was a fertiliser trader.

Outlawed criminals killed him over the arrest of Abul Kalam Azad, 35, regional leader of outlawed Nakshal Bahini, Rafiqul's family members alleged.

Police had arrested Azad with firearms on November 5. Police and the family sources said seven to eight armed men attacked Rafiqul while he was taking his 11-year-old son Siam Hossain to school on a motorbike.

"Rafiqul's son narrowly escaped from the attackers, but the criminals hacked Rafiqul in front of him," Monir Hossain, elder brother of the victim, said.

Siam recognised some of the attackers, so Rafiqul's family could know that they were men of Azad, he added.

"They killed my brother as they thought he was responsible for Azad's arrest," Monir said.

Ekdanta Union Parishad Chairman Md Ismail Sardar said Rafiqul had a longstanding enmity with Adam, but it is not clear why he was killed.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Atghoria Police Station Md Faruk Ahmed said police sent the body to Pabna General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

"We have come to know that followers of Azad led the attack, and we are trying to identify them," the OC added.

Some local issues might be behind the murder, the OC said.

Bullet-hit robber dies at hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An alleged robber, who was shot by police, succumbed to his injuries at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) yesterday.

Deceased Mahbub Hossain, 45, of Gazipur, was accused in nine robbery cases, said Mymensingh Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Noor-e-Alam.

On secret information, detectives raided Boilor area in Trishal upazila early in the morning.

Sensing presence of the DB police, a robber gang in a pick-up van attacked the law enforcers with knives.

In retaliation, police fired seven bullets, leaving Mahbub, the gang leader, injured. He was rushed to MMCH where he died in the afternoon.

They also arrested three cohorts of Mahbub from the spot, said the police official.

The arrestees are Alamgir Hossain, 28, Jamir Uddin, 30, and Manik Miah, 25, he said.

Minor boy sexually abused

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A seven-year-old boy was sexually abused allegedly by one of his neighbouring boys in Ambagan area of the district town on Wednesday.

The boy, also a nursery student at a local school, is now undergoing treatment at Bogra Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital (SZMCH).

Victim's mother Sobita Begum, a resident of Nishindha Mondalpara village, said Mashkurur Rahman Tarek, son of Toyez Uddin, also a Class IX student at local school, lured the boy to a nearby mango orchard by offering sweetsmeats in the afternoon.

Tareq later sexually abused the boy by tightening his hands and legs and fled the scene, she said.

Locals rescued the boy from the orchard in a critical condition and admitted him to the hospital around 8:00pm the same night.

Inspector (inquiry) Aslam Ali of Sadar Police Station said he had visited the victim at the hospital and they would take action

OLD AGE ALLOWANCE

Anomalies in distribution

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Nekjan Begum, wife of late Azizul Islam of Ksharigasa village under Natore Sadar upazila died on January 1, 2012, but her old-age allowance is still being withdrawn regularly.

Shahanara Begum, daughter-in-law of Nekjan Begum, said, "As the nominee of my mother-in-law, I got only Tk 900 after her death in 2012. After that, Piyara Begum, former female member of Tebaria Union Parishad (UP), took the card from me."

Aleya Begum, wife of Kafir Uddin of Bangabaria village, said, "Piyara member asked me to go to Sonali Bank to take an old age allowance card from her, but she has not given me the card in the last four years. She just used me to withdraw the money using Nekjan's old age allowance card after her death."

Piyara gives her Tk 100 per check and the rest of the money is divided between Piyara Begum and Aklima Khatun, technical trainer of the social welfare department, Aleya alleged.

Piyara said she has given an old age allowance card to Aleya.

Aklima Khatun, also social activist (in-charge) of Tebaria UP, said she does not know how and who has been withdrawing the money for years.

Rahman Munshi, son of Sujauddin of Baliadanga village, got an old age allowance card, though he is not 65 years old, by giving bribe to the UP member and the officials. Alal Sheikh, son of Haidar Ali, Moyna Begum, wife of late Amir Khan of Baliadanga, Ahad Ali, son of Fayed Uddin of Chandrakola, and Babar Ali of Ruyerbhag got old age allowance cards in the same way.

Rahman Munshi, Imam of Baliadanga Jame-Masjid said, "I am not 65 years old, but I gave local Jubo League (JL) leader Bacher Ali Tk 1,500 and got the card."

Bacher Ali, president of Ward No 2 unit of Tebaria UP JL, said he took Tk 3,000 from Rahman Munshi and Moyna Begum as they are not eligible for getting old age cards.

Shahabuddin Mandol, son of

Chhamed Ali of Bangabaria alleged that a member of the village police of Tebaria UP took Tk 1,500 as bribe for his old age card. Sajeda Begum, wife of late Ekabbar Ali, and Bilkis Begum, daughter of Sakhwat Hossain, also said the same thing.

Omar Ali Proddan, chairman of Tebaria UP, said he had received some verbal complaints about corruption.

Mohammad Nairuzzaman, nirbahi officer of Natore Sadar upazila, said, "We have started building a database of the recipients of old age allowance in Harishpur Union Parishad of the upazila. If we can apply this database system in every union, corruption will be uprooted," adding that a probe body led by Upazila Social Welfare Officer Afazuddin was formed on November 7 to look into the complaints about corruption.

Deputy Commissioner of Natore Shahina Khatun said the administration is going to digitalise the whole system, which will help stop corruption.

PBS employees threaten strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Around two hundred employees of Pirojpur Palli Bidyut Samity (PBS) yesterday threatened to go for an indefinite work abstention demanding regularisation of their jobs.

Following a human chain programme in front of the Palli Bidyut Samity Office at Marichal village in Sadar upazila they issued the warning at noon.

The speakers at the rally urged the authorities concerned to stop terminating the metre readers and messengers of the Samity after completion of their nine-year contract in three terms.



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