

16-year-old saved from child marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A 16-year old girl of Mocholondapur village in Pirganj upazila was saved from child marriage following timely intervention of police.

Bithi Rani Sharma, daughter of Somananda Sharma of the village, was going to be married with Chandan Chandra, 25, son of Dijen Chandra of Dinajpur on Monday night, said police.

On secret information, a police team rushed to the spot and foiled the marriage.

Missing woman found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A woman, who went missing on Saturday, was found murdered in Kishoreganj upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased, Marium Begum, 36, was the second wife of late Mojibur Rahman of Uttarpara village in the upazila.

Quoting the deceased's family members, police said Mariam went out of her house on Saturday and did not return home.

Locals spotted Marium's decomposed body covered with water hyacinth in a nearby ditch yesterday morning and informed the police.

Marium's son Moslem Uddin, 15, however, alleged that his step brother Farid Ali, 20, often used to physically torture his mother since his father's death a year ago.

Nearly a week ago, Farid even threatened to kill his mother, he added.

Officer-in-Charge Bazlur Rashid of Kishoreganj Police Station said Marium's brother Azim Uddin filed a murder case against Farid with the PS yesterday.

Bailey bridge deck sinks again

Road link remains cut in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Road communication on Lalmonirhat-Burimari route was disrupted again yesterday as the steel deck of the Bailey bridge over the Swarnamoti river in Aditdari upazila of the district sagged when an overloaded truck with stones was crossing it.

The bridge at Sarpukur village had been repaired on Monday after it was damaged on Sunday.

Over 100 vehicles, mostly trucks loaded with goods, were stranded on both sides of the bridge.

Truck driver Mobarak Hossain said the steel deck of the bridge sagged while his truck was going over it. "I was going from Burimari land port to Bogra," he said, adding that he was trying to bring the truck down from the spot.

Driver Ali Hossain said the bridge serves as connection between Lalmonirhat and Burimari land port. "We don't know when the bridge will be repaired to restore road communication," he added.

Bus driver Noor Jamal Miah said he had been



Steel deck of a Bailey bridge over the Swarnamoti river in Aditdari upazila of Lalmonirhat depressed when an overloaded truck with stones was crossing it on Sunday. PHOTO: STAR



Ghagra College in remote Kawkhali upazila of Rangamati. PHOTO: STAR

Five teachers for 700 students

No pay for teachers of the college in Rangamati for years

ANVIL CHAKMA with ANDREW EAGLE

A clever country invests in education. There can be no surer road to a nation's long-term betterment. But in remote Kawkhali upazila of Rangamati district it seems that higher education is not so important. There, fifteen years after the 2001 establishment of Ghagra College, the only college in the upazila, teachers are still awaiting pay.

According to college authorities, despite the commencement of classes in 2002 and the Chittagong Education Board's subsequent recognition of the college's board in time for the 2005 academic year, no monthly pay order, required to ensure teachers' salaries, has ever been set up.

Indeed, in 2005 in anticipation of a bright future for the college, students were admitted in three study areas: humanities, science and business. But unsurprisingly, without salary facilities for staff the college has been unable to provide full service or retain the teachers it needs. Through frustration the five remaining teachers, currently responsible for 700 enrolled students, are tempted to leave as well.

"Our lives are rather bleak," says Obaidulla Khan, lecturer in the biology department, when asked how unpaid teachers cope. "It's very difficult to support our families financially."

"Due to the lack of monetary earnings our teachers really suffer," agrees the college principal, Syamal Mitra Chakma. "Ultimately teachers cannot attend to classes properly because they need to work outside for income." For teachers, private tuition is currently the main income provider.

Despite the institution's obvious limitations enrolments remain robust, says college management committee president Santi Mani Chakma. With more than 200 students achieving their Secondary School Certificate in Kawkhali upazila annually, healthy enrolment figures are to be anticipated. Besides, for many students there is no viable alternative.

"After completing my Secondary School Certificate," says a student of the humanities group Suprava Dewan, "I was admitted at Ghagra College. I have no ability to study in Rangamati town or elsewhere, but after admission I saw that there aren't enough teachers here to teach us. I don't know what will happen to my life."

His scenario is common. Due to the tyranny of distance and the inability of many families to cover the cost of a student living away from home, Ghagra College is integral to the academic life of the upazila's coming generations.

"The college does not run properly due to the teacher crisis," says Suprava's guardian Putul Dewan, 45. "We are really concerned because our son's future is at stake."

"It's true that we can't provide proper service to our students due to the lack of teachers," agrees Santi Mani Chakma. "We raised the issue of implementing a monthly pay order with higher authorities of the education board without success, but we are hopeful that one day our staff will be properly paid."

While a lack of teaching salaries is foremost, it is not the only difficulty the college faces. "At first we need the monthly payment order," says the principal. "I am still hopeful we can get it. But we also need a student hostel since many of our students come from hillside villages far from the campus."

Schoolboy killed by classmates

Ninth grader held in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A schoolboy was stabbed to death allegedly by his classmates in Kewatkhali area of the district town yesterday.

Police arrested the victim's classmate Sakibul Hasan, 15, of Trishal upazila, in this connection.

The deceased Md Rasheduzzaman Leon, 15, son of Md Akhtaruzzaman Liton, an expatriate in Malaysia, was a Class IX student of Kewatkhali Railway High School. He hailed from Bhelamari village in Nandail upazila.

Leon stayed at his maternal uncle's house at Balashpur area in the town.

Quoting teachers and students of the school, police said one Nayeem, 18, an outsider, along with Sakibul Hasan and four other classmates of Leon attacked the victim at the school gate when he was going to attend classes around 9:30am.

At one stage, the attackers stabbed Leon indiscriminately, leaving him critically injured.

Hearing screams, locals, teachers and students rushed to the spot and found the criminals fleeing the scene.

Leon later died at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, said Mohammad Noor-e-Alam, additional police superintendent.

Love affair might be the reason behind the killing, said Md Kamrul Islam, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

Police are raiding different areas to arrest the accused, said the OC.

Meanwhile, students of the school brought out a procession on the campus, demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the killers.

Fishing with current nets goes unabated

2000 metres nets seized in Moulvibazar river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

People of different villages in Kulara upazila of the district alleged that use of illegal 'current net' is destroying the small fish fries in Anfanai river. They said the illegal netting of fish fry is rampant in the river.

However, local fishermen said they are catching fish using current net as they had no alternative.

Social worker Sabur Bauri, a resident of Bherkuri area in the upazila, said they repeatedly requested the local fishermen not to catch fishes in their locality but they did not pay any heed to their appeal.

Like many other fishermen in the area, Emon, Mukta and Nipu said if the fishing with current net continues unabated the variety of the local fish species in the river will be destroyed.

Monohar Mia, 45, of Bhuksimul village, said the Anfanai is one of the biggest sources for several species of sweet water fish and fish fries.

Most of the poor people, living along the river, depend on catching fish in the river, he added.

Earlier, a mobile court seized 2000 metres of illegal current net from different areas along the river on Monday.

The court led by Kulara Upazila Nirbahi Officer Tahsina Begum raided the areas around 5:00pm and seized the nets.

The seized nets were later burnt on the spot, said Upazila Fisheries Officer Sultan Mahmud.

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Corrigendum

With reference to the tender published in this newspaper on the 8th November 2016 regarding procuring GD-17 High-Powered GIS Database Management Software, sub-heading "Tender Last Selling date", "Tender Closing Date" and "Tender Opening Date" of serial no. 16, 17 & 18 should be read as 01.12.2016, 08.12.2016 & 08.12.2016. The time of tender submission and opening will be unchanged.

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Memo No. LGED/XEN/Cox's/Tender-02(2016-17)/820 Date: 20/11/2016

Invitation for Tenders (Goods)

Tender Notice Number: 20/2016-17

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers (OTM) as defined in the tender documents for the under-mentioned list of works as per terms and conditions stated below:

| Package No. | Name of work | Tender security (Tk) | Time for completion (days) | Price of tender documents (Tk) |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| LGED/COX/Mech/20-16-17/G-01 | (1) Supply & Replacement of Spare Parts of China Road Roller No. 11 (ID No. Cox-RLS-10-12-11) Under XEN Office, LGED District, Cox's Bazar | 7000/- | 15 | 300/- |
| LGED/COX/Mech/20-16-17/G-02 | (2) Supply & Replacement of Spare Parts of Jessop Road Roller No. 02 (ID No. Cox-RLS-10-02) Under XEN Office, LGED District, Cox's Bazar | 9000/- | 15 | 300/- |

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| 1 | Name of project | : | |
| 2 | Procurement method | : | National Open Tender Method (NOTM). |
| 3 | Source of funds | : | GOB. |
| 4 | Date, time and place of pre-tender meeting | : | 27-11-2016, 11:00am. |
| 5 | Last date, time and places of selling tender documents | : | 07-12-2016, office hour. a) Office of the undersigned. b) The Executive Engineer, LGED, Chittagong. c) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Sadar/Ramu, District: Cox's Bazar. d) The Superintendent of Police, District: Cox's Bazar. e) The Deputy Commissioner, District: Cox's Bazar. f) The Superintending Engineer, Chittagong Region, LGED Bhaban, 1012, CDA Avenue, Soloshahar, Chittagong. |
| 6 | Last date, time and places of receiving tender documents | : | 08-12-2016, 1:00pm. a) Office of the undersigned. b) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Sadar/Ramu, District: Cox's Bazar. c) The Deputy Commissioner, District: Cox's Bazar. d) The Superintendent of Police, District: Cox's Bazar. |
| 7 | Date, time and places of opening of tender | : | 08-12-2016, 3:00pm. |
| 8 | Tender shall be valid for a period of 90 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by the tender security above. Interested tenderers may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in Cash/Treasury Challan/Bank Draft from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorised representatives are allowed to attend the pre-bid meeting and opening of tenders. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. This invitation for tender is available on the website www.lged.gov.bd. | | |

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Invitation for Tender

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| 1. | Ministry/Division | Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, Dhaka. |
| 2. | Agency | Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, Dhaka. |
| 3. | Procuring entity name | Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, Dhaka. |
| 4. | Procuring entity district | Dhaka, Bangladesh. |
| 5. | Invitation for | Procurement of 2 (Two) Sedan car. |
| 6. | Invitation Ref. No. & date | No. 80.404.026.00.00.048.2016-295 Dated: 20-11-2016 |
| 7. | Procurement method | Open tendering method (OTM). |
| 8. | Budget and source of funds | GOB. |
| 9. | Tender package No. | 01 (One). |
| 10. | Tender package name | Procurement of 2 (Two) Sedan car. |
| 11. | Tender publication date | 23.11.2016 |
| 12. | Tender last selling date | 13.12.2016 |
| 13. | Tender submission date & time | 14.12.2016, Time: 12:00 noon. |
| 14. | Tender opening date & time | 14.12.2016, Time: 12:15pm. |
| 15. | Name & address of the office i) Selling tender document: ii) Receiving tender document: iii) Opening tender document: | Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. |
| 16. | Eligibility of tenderer | (a) Trade licence (b) Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate (c) VAT registration certificate (d) 10 years experience in supplying of similar nature of goods to govt/semi-govt/autonomous organisation (e) Other requirements described in the tender documents/schedule. |
| 17. | Brief description of goods | Purchase of: 1490-1500cc 2 (Two) Sedan car with CNG conversion, power steering and all other modern facilities as per specifications described in the tender documents/schedule. (Octane/Petrol fuel system with locally fitted CNG system). |
| 18. | Identification of goods | Location Price of tender documents Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in days/months |
| | 1490-1500cc 2 (Two) Nos. Sedan cars | Dhaka 1,000/-(one thousand) 2,00,000/-(two lac) 45 (forty-five) days from contract award |
| 19. | Name & designation of official inviting tender | Md. Shah Alam, Deputy Secretary (Finance & Service). |
| 20. | Address of official inviting tender | Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. |
| 21. | Contact details of official inviting tender | 55006638. E-mail address: dsfinance@bpsc.gov.bd |
| 22. | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tender. | |

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