

Woes mount as copiers of deed on strike

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Service receivers suffer a lot as an indefinite strike, enforced by extra-muharrirs (copiers) at sub-registry office, still continues.

"We refrained from serving people since the copiers of deed across the country called the strike on December 4, demanding their inclusion in the national pay-scale," said Md Shahidul Islam, president of Bangladesh Extra-Muharrir Association, Patuakhali unit.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman declared their job nationalised but the announcement is yet to be implemented, he said.

Abdul Hakim of Galachipa said he fell in a great trouble over purchasing a land as he could not manage certified copy of a deed due to the strike.

Jamalpur, Tangail taste freedom today

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Freedom fighters entered Tangail town and freed the district from the occupation of Pakistan Army on this day in 1971.

The occupation forces entered Tangail on April 3, breaking the blockades to the district town in Mirzapur.

The freedom fighters hoisted the national flag in the town on December 11 after the occupation forces moved back to Dhaka when about 2,000 members of the allied forces landed near Tangail town the day before.

Our Jamalpur correspondent reports, on December 11, freedom fighter Faizur Rahman formally declared Jamalpur free from the Pakistani forces and hoisted the national flag atop of local WAPDA rest house.

Peak time for brick kilns

Bad weather delays brick making for 2 weeks

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Workers at different brick kilns in the district are passing busy time making bricks after a delay of two weeks due to bad weather.

"We came here around one month back and started producing bricks two weeks ago after preparing the fields," said Masum Billah, a worker of a brick kiln at Chandipur village under Zianagar upazila.

Most workers of brick kilns are from Jessor and Sathkira, and they stay at different brick kilns during brick producing season, he added.

Saiful Islam, another worker, said they worked on contract basis.

Workers said they get Tk 160 for making 1,000 raw bricks, and a worker can make around 4,000 bricks a day.

Hafizur Rahman, leader of the workers of a brick kiln, said five to nine lakh bricks are produced at a time in a brick kiln, depending on its size.

"A maximum of 70 lakh bricks can be produced in a year from a brick kiln," said Hafizur, adding that bricks can be burnt around six to seven times in six months.

The production cost of brick has increased with the increase in price of coal and other materials and labour costs, he added.

"We have to invest Tk 6 to Tk 7 to produce one brick. The production cost increases if the bricks get damaged due to rain before burning," said Bellal Hossain, owner of Niaz Bricks in Zianagar upazila.

There are 22 authorised brick kilns in seven upazilas of the district. But bricks are also produced in unauthorised brick kilns that burn wood instead of coal.



Workers at a brick field at Chandipur village in Zianagar upazila of Pirojpur.

Road to century old temple demanded

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Dinajpur

Local Hindu people at a human chain in Chiribandar upazila yesterday demanded a pitch road to Chibuka temple, a 100-year-old Temple, at Majhinaville.

The hour-long human chain was formed on both sides of 1.3km earthen road around 11:00am.

Dulal Chandra Roy, president of the temple managing committee, said woes of devotees are mounting day by day due to the muddy road.

During monsoon, they suffer a lot as they have to walk through knee-deep water to

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