

# 'Rename PMCH after Dr Rabbi'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Local people have once again expressed their frustration over the slow progress of fulfilling their demand for naming Pabna Medical College Hospital (PMCH) after the name of martyred intellectual Dr Fazle Rabbi, a famous son of the soil.

Although the present government is determined to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War, surprisingly Dr Rabbi, a professor of Dhaka Medical College, who borrowed martyrdom only a few days before the victory on December 16 in 1971, is not properly recalled even on the Martyred Intellectuals Day on December 14.

"It is very shameful for the people of Pabna that we do not arrange a single programme recalling the memories of Dr Rabbi," said Abdul Matin Khan, secretary of Annoda Gobinda Public Library.

"To honour the glorious son of the soil local people have been urging the government to name PMCH after martyred intellectual Dr Fazle Rabbi since 2008," said Fazle Shahrar Bipu, a key member of Dr Fazle Rabbi Smrity Parishad.

Dr. Rabbi was born on September 21 in 1932 at Chhatiani village in Pabna Sadar upazila.



Dr Fazle Rabbi

# Imported fruits sans formalin test!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Huge quantities of imported fruits from Bhutan and India are entering Bangladesh through Burimari land port in Patgram upazila without formalin detection test, posing serious health risk.

According to Burimari land port sources, on average 200 tonnes of fruits like apple and orange are imported from Bhutan and India through the land port everyday.

Officials of quarantine department at the land port have been given the responsibility for conducting formalin test on imported fruits this year while it was the duty of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) last year.

Upazila Agriculture Officer Noor Alam said agriculture officials performed the duty at the land port last year, but they did not show their interest in performing the duty this year due to illegal pressure from businessmen.

Labourers, who are engaged in unloading and loading imported fruits at the land port, said they do not see any quarantine officials performing their duties to conduct formalin test on the imported fruits.

However, Sachindra Nath, sub-assistant quarantine officer at the port, claimed that they regularly conducted the test to ensure formalin-free fruits for the consumers.

Local consumers urged the higher authority concerned to monitor the issue strictly in the greater interest of human health.

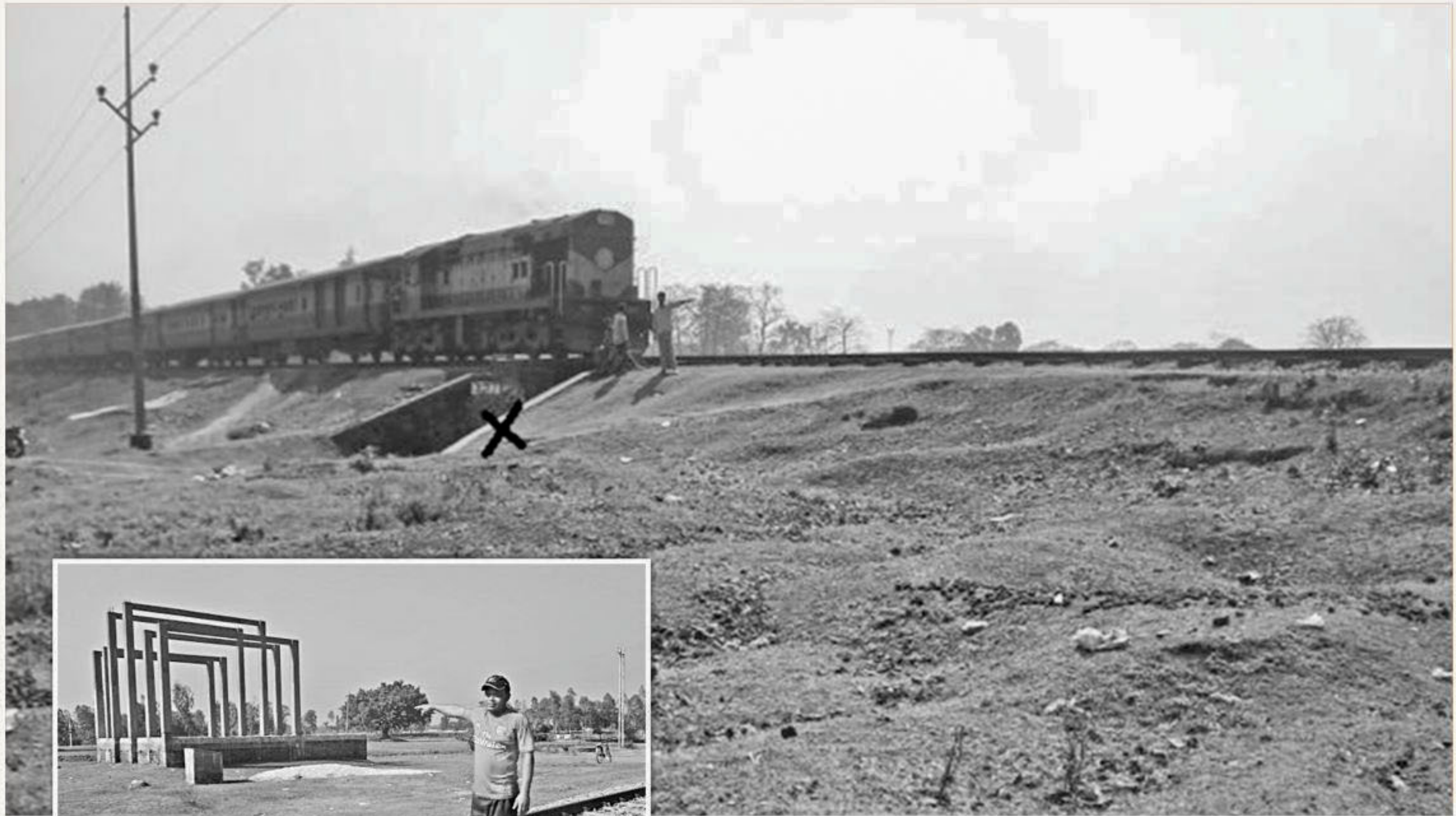


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Golahat mass grave, a reminder of the brutal massacre of 437 Marwaris by the Pakistan army and Urdu speaking Biharis near Saidpur railway station in Nilphamari on June 13 in 1971. Inset, construction of a memorial, initiated by locals, remains incomplete due to fund constraints.

# MASSACRE OF 437 MARWARIS BY PAK ARMY IN SAIDPUR'S GOLAHAT Mass grave in utter neglect

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Golahat mass grave near Saidpur railway station in the district bearing the horrifying memory of the massacre of 437 Marwaris by Pakistan occupation forces on June 13 in 1971 still lies uncared, 45 years after the independence.

Relatives of the victims and local people formed 'Golahat mass grave preservation committee' in last year and started building a memorial there but the work stopped halfway for want of fund.

"We have a plan to build a boundary wall around the 1.40-acre area, make a memorial, a concrete plaque with names of the martyrs, a garden and an artificial fountain here," said Niju Kumar Agarwal, convener of the committee, who lost his father and 10 relatives on that fateful day.

"With help of local lawmaker Shawkat Chowdhury and our own subscription, we earth-filled a portion of the spot and started building a memorial but the work stopped in midway due to fund constraints," he added.

Visiting the area on Sunday, this correspon-

dent found an incomplete memorial there.

Cows and goats were grazing there while some addicts were loitering around.

Prodip Agarwal, 60, a survivor of the massacre, narrated the horrific incident to this corre-

Local people planned to make a memorial, a concrete plaque with names of the martyrs, a garden and an artificial fountain. But the construction of memorial stopped in midway due to fund constraints.

spondent at his business office in Saidpur town.

"After March 26 of 1971, the Hindu Marwaris living in Saidpur railway town became confined to their houses amid security

concerns.

"At one stage, Pakistani army officers told our community leaders that the government decided to send us to India by train through Saidpur-Chilahati route.

"In evening of June 13, all the members of our community were taken to Saidpur station by army trucks and then taken onto a train.

"At midnight, the train started moving very slowly and after 10 minutes stopped at a lonely place near railway culvert No-338 at Golahat, two kilometres from the station.

"Suddenly civil dressed Pak army and Urdu speaking Biharis who were in two bogies of the train attacked us. They looted and killed 437 Marwaris in 3-4 hours with knives and bayonets. Only 10-12 youths could escape the massacre," Prodip said in a choked voice.

The bodies, left in ditches on both sides of the rail track, were mostly consumed by dogs and foxes.

Shamlal Agarwal, son of a martyred couple, lamented, "It is another tragedy that no memorial has yet to be built at Golahat mass grave while 45th Victory Day is approaching."



A female worker takes care of lemon at an orchard in Narsingdi. The photo was taken a few days ago.

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# Colombo lemon golden treasure for orchardists

BENAJIR AHMED with ANDREW EAGLE

In Narsingdi, the humble lemon signifies solvency, improved living standards and export earnings. To the district's orchardists, the large, scented Colombo variety has proved itself a citrus treasure.

"Lemons have brought good luck," says orchardist Babul Chowdhury, who started growing lemons on six bighas of land around a decade ago. Nowadays the size of his plantation has expanded to cover 35 bighas in total.

Each lemon tree is attached to a stake up to twelve feet high for support, with a distance between trees of around ten feet. Each tree can be expected to produce up to 100 kilograms of lemons per annum.

"When I started to grow lemons, the local agriculture officer helped to ensure the crop was disease free and suitable for export," he recalls. "Nowadays I've become one of the largest lemon growers in Bangladesh. It's really profitable."

Indeed lemons brought Babul more than luck. They made him solvent. He currently employs fourteen labourers in his orchards every day and as a result of his success many others have invested in lemon orchards.

"We provide advice and pesticides for the farmers," says deputy agriculture officer in Raipura upazila Mohammad Muzibur Rahman. "We run demonstrations to ensure a good quality of lemon is produced, fit for export."

Lemons are already being exported to 20 countries in Asia and Europe, with around 20,000 tonnes exported annually, which brings in about USD \$30,000 in foreign earnings.

"The Colombo lemon of Narsingdi is famous nationwide," says deputy director of department of agriculture extension Mohammad Lotafot Hossain. "Our lemons are healthy, without cankers, and thus popular with importers overseas."

With such success, the golden citrus that has already become a part of the landscape in Shibpur, Monohardi, Belabo and Raipura upazilas looks set to become ever more synonymous with Narsingdi into the future.

# Assault on journo protested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Newsmen of Dinajpur and Joypurhat at a human chain in Panchbibi upazila yesterday protested assault on a journalist by Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

The victim is Moslem Uddin, Panchbibi upazila correspondent of Dainik Khobor Patra.

The speakers said a BGB man came under attack by a drug smuggler at Atapara in Panchbibi of Joypurhat on December 6.

# Five Huji

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intersection of Rajshahi city on April 29.

He claimed Rab members on Thursday took him to a rented house in Uttar Kattali of Chittagong. Later, he was handed over to Akbar Shah Police Station where he saw the four other arrestees for the first time.

Nazim Uddin said plainclothes men picked him up from the capital's Mirpur on May 25. Nure Alam said some men, introducing themselves as "officials of administration", detained him in Ukiler Mor area of Nilphamari on April 11.

Gifari said he was picked up from Kushtia on July 28 while Tajul said he was detained at a madrasa in Manikganj on November 4 last year.

Kazi Shahabuddin Ahmed, assistant commissioner (prosecution) of CMP, told the court that the five "Huji operatives knew how to concoct a story".

He argued that the five should be placed on remand for enabling the police to glean information from them about the militant outfit.

# Young man found murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Unidentified criminals murdered a youth and left the body beside a road in Chawk Narayanpur area in Muktagachha upazila on Sunday night.

The deceased, Siddiqui Rahman, 32, was son of Abdul Jobbar of Kumargata village.

On information, police recovered the

body from Muktagachha Upazila Health Complex yesterday.

Quoting locals, OC Akhter Morshed of Muktagachha Police Station said villagers spotted Siddiqui in an unconscious state around 11:00pm and took him to the hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

The body bore several injury marks on its neck and throat, the OC said.

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৩।	দরপত্র সংগ্রহকারী সংস্থার নাম	ঃ	কাস্টমস বন্ড কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা।		
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৬।	দরপত্র আহ্বানের কারণ	ঃ	কাস্টমস বন্ড কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা এর ৩য় ও ৪র্থ শ্রেণীর পুরুষ ও মহিলা কর্মচারীদের পোশাক (সিডিউল মোতাবেক) সরবরাহের উদ্দেশ্যে।		
৭।	দরপত্রের স্মারক নং	ঃ	প্রযোজ্য নহে।		
৮।	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	ঃ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে।		
৯।	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	ঃ	জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের অনুকূলে "অর্থনৈতিক কোড-৪৮৩৬" এর আওতায় "ইউনিফর্ম" খাতে বরাদ্দকৃত অর্থ হতে।		
১০।	দরপত্র প্যাকেজ নং ও নাম	ঃ	প্রযোজ্য নহে।		
১১।	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	ঃ	১৩.১২.২০১৬খ্রিঃ।		
১২।	দরপত্র সিডিউল সর্বশেষ প্রাপ্তির তারিখ	ঃ	২০.১২.২০১৬খ্রিঃ।		
১৩।	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান, তারিখ ও শেষ সময়	ঃ	সম্মেলন কক্ষ, সাধারণ শাখা, ৮ম তলা, কাস্টমস বন্ড কমিশনারেট, ৩৪২/১, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা। ০৮.০১.২০১৭খ্রিঃ, সময় ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।		
১৪।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	০৮.০১.২০১৭খ্রিঃ, বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।		
১৫।	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী দপ্তরের ঠিকানা	ঃ	কাস্টমস বন্ড কমিশনারেট, ৩৪২/১, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা।		
১৬।	দরপত্রাদাতার যোগ্যতা	ঃ	"The Public Procurement Regulations, 2008" অনুযায়ী সরকারি/স্বায়ত্তশাসিত সংস্থা/বেসরকারি অন্য যে কোন সংস্থার ইউনিফর্ম সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতা। দরদাতা কর্তৃক হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি, আয়কর, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সার্টিফিকেট, নাগরিকত্ব সনদ, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ থাকতে হবে। উল্লিখিত কাগজপত্র/দলিলাদির সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।		
১৭।	কাজের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ	ঃ	সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে।		
১৮।	সিডিউলের মূল্য ও ধরন	ঃ	প্রতি সেট ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত টাকা) মাত্র।		
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