

## Villagers snatch 'drug peddler' from BGB men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Five Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) personnel were injured when a group of villagers snatched away an alleged smuggler from their possession in Haluaghat upazila of the district on Tuesday.

Ratan Miah, 38, Anwar Hossain, 35, and Biplob, 37, were given first aid while Ruchi Marma, 23, and Ujjol Mia, 24, were admitted to Haluaghat Upazila Health Complex, police said.

The villagers snatched away Hazrat Ali from the BGB men, said police.

During the incident, the villagers attacked the BGB men with sticks, Kamrul said quoting BGB sources.

None was arrested as of filing of this report yesterday, police said.

## PROTEST AGAINST LAND ACQUISITION 'Spare dwellings, farmlands'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Hundreds of people joined a rally at Char Durgapur Primary School ground in Mymensingh Sadar upazila yesterday to press for the demand to spare their homesteads and farmlands from the recent acquisition list.

They have continued the movement for nearly two months under the banner of Basotbitha and Fasolijami Rokkha Committee against the acquisition move by the administration for infrastructure development for proposed Mymensingh division.

Although there are vast tracts of khas land on both sides of the Brahmaputra river, the administration has made the acquisition list of some 4366 acres of land, mostly used for cultivating different crops and vegetables round the year, speakers said at the rally.

Some 20,000 families, mostly small and marginal farmers and sharecroppers, would be evicted if the acquisition plan is implemented, they said.

They demanded the use of the khas land on priority basis to save the villagers from losses.

The proposed acquisition area includes vast areas of farmlands and household areas in Char Anandapur, Char Gobindapur, Char Ishwardia, Char Bhawanipur, Char Durgapur, Char Jelkhana and Char Laxmir Algi in Sadar upazila.

Convener of the committee Prof Syed Mosharraf Hossain, Kazi Rafiqul Islam, Abul Mansur, Maulana Fazlul Haque, Nadim Mustafa, Sadequul Islam Sabuj, Shahidul Islam and Dr Harun-or-Rashid addressed the rally, among others.

## Smuggling of cattle on rise

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Rampant smuggling of Indian cattle through the borders in Sunamganj district has continued despite recurring drives by different law enforcement agencies, especially Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

BGB on Monday seized eight cattle worth about Tk 3.3 lakh in Madhanagor under Chinakandi border area in Sadar upazila of Sunamganj district. They seized 11 cattle worth about Tk 5.5 lakh from Matirabon border area in the district on October 16, and five cattle on October 28.

Powerful syndicates of cattle smugglers bring cattle through border points in the district from the neighbouring country and send them to different parts of the country.

Border areas of Tekerghat in Taherpur upazila and Naraontola in Sadar upazila are safe zones for drug smugglers, locals said.

# Water chestnut brings smile to farmers in two N-districts

BULBUL AHMED with ANDREW EAGLE

In the muddy marshlands of the north locals rely on a secret treasure that brings handsome profits to struggling families. The water chestnut, locally called 'paniphal' is not actually a nut but an aquatic vegetable: a type of grass-like sedge that produces edible corns. An advantage of water chestnut cultivation is that it grows in wetlands, an environment unsuited to other crops.

"I cultivated water chestnuts on 1.5 bighas of land," says Habibul Rahman, 40, a farmer from Borobhita village in Natore Sadar upazila. "It only cost me Tk 1,000 for the crop, but already I have sold water chestnuts worth more than Tk 12,000."

The land he used was traditionally waterlogged and fallow during the Boro season from July to November. "But now we make a handsome profit from this wasteland. It's our only income source during the Monga season," he explains, referring to the traditional annual season of famine in the country's north. "There is no other work to do during the rainy season so we rely on picking and selling water chestnuts for our livelihood."

Hazrat Ali, 38, another farmer from the same village, says he has been growing water chestnuts for twenty years. "I grew water chestnuts on five bighas this year, with a production cost of Tk 15,000. I will sell the harvest for up to Tk



65,000."

"Economically, we really struggle," says Parvez Ali, 28, a farmer from Diyarvitua area, also in Natore Sadar upazila. "In the rainy season, the water chestnut is our only hope."

"To get such a good profit from otherwise unusable land makes us very happy," says Mohammad Ali, a farmer from Kanpara village in Naogaon's Manda upazila.

Azhar Ali, a farmer of Paroil village under the Manda upazila of Naogaon said, "I spent Tk. 6000 only to cultivate water chestnut on one bigha and will sell the produce for Tk. 22,000 to 24,000 this season."

Mohammad Ali another farmer of Kanpara village of the same upazila said, "We are very happy because we are getting good profit from the wasteland which was unused for about six to eight

months of a year."

Mohammad Ali a farmer of Naogaon Sadar upazila said, there is a nearby market where they send the water chestnuts. Often the wholesalers come to the farming area to collect water chestnuts.

Abdur Razzak, a wholesaler of Natore said, "I bought each maund for Tk. 400 to Tk. 600 from the farmers and will sell each at Tk. 1,000 to Tk. 1400. So, the profit is Tk. 600 to Tk. 800 per maund."

Satyabrata Saha, DD of Naogaon Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), said, "Last year in Naogaon district farmers cultivated on 10 hectares of land. This year, the farm area will increase up to 18 hectares." We are inspiring the farmers because it is very profitable and the wastelands are becoming useful also.

## Staff benefit dispute

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company's welfare fund and the remaining 10 percent goes to the government's labour welfare fund.

The demand for five percent WPPF came to the fore after Chevron in the middle of October this year announced that it would leave Bangladesh. The second-largest US energy company confirmed that it was in "commercial discussions" regarding sale of its assets in Bangladesh.

Since then, around 600 permanent employees of Chevron Bangladesh became uncertain of their future and careers. The possibility of a takeover by a Chinese company intensified their concerns, as they think the working environment, salaries and benefits would be completely different under the new ownership.

"Even, we are not sure that we would have our jobs under the new management," said a frustrated employee who joined Chevron more than 10 years ago, leaving a government job.

Many of Chevron Bangladesh's permanent employees are concerned about getting new jobs when they are in

their late 30s and 40s. The WPPF could cushion the blow.

An official of Petrobangla, the state-owned oil, gas and mineral exploration corporation, said Chevron has to follow the law of the land as per the production sharing contract (PSC) with the government.

"The business of gas and oil exploration is different. At times, there would be no return even after investing millions of dollars on exploration, but Chevron was not given exemption from the Bangladesh labour laws," said the official.

Chevron entered the Bangladesh market after buying US oil company Unocal's operation in 2005. It is the largest producer of natural gas in Bangladesh and presently supplies over 50 percent of the country's total supply. Chevron produces natural gas and condensate from three fields -- Bibiyana, Jalalabad and Moulvibazar.

In 2015, Chevron's net daily production averaged 720 million cubic feet of natural gas, which is about a third of the total production in Bangladesh. It also produced 3,000

barrels of condensate, also known as natural gasoline.

"As the management did not respond to our legal notice sent on November 21, we have no option but to go for legal remedy," said an employee who was one of the representatives at meetings with the Chevron management.

"Filing a case with a court is underway," he said.

Barrister Omar Sadat, who sent the legal notice on behalf of the employees, confirmed that Chevron did not respond to the legal notice.

The Daily Star called Chevron Bangladesh's President Kevin Lyon, but he neither received the phone call nor responded to the text messages. Later, this correspondent contacted Chevron's communications team and, as per their wish, emailed some queries on December 6.

"Chevron Bangladesh complies with all employment contracts and applicable laws, rules and regulations, including labour laws," said Sheikh Jahidur Rahman, communications manager of Chevron Bangladesh, on December 8.

## The same old

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Howered, road transport experts termed such hearings nothing but an eye-wash.

"They [BRTA officials] listen, take notes and give assurance for changing the situation. No effective measures are taken to implement it," said eminent road transport expert Prof Shamsul Hoque.

On May 9, the Anti-Corruption Commission organised a similar hearing on the BRTA's services at the capital's Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh. Around two dozens people had placed almost similar complaints there.

Their vehicle documents were missing, they were harassed by BRTA staff while getting retro-reflective registration number plates, driving licences and fitness certificates, they complained. Brokers in connivance with some BRTA officials added to their sufferings, they added.

On that day, the BRTA officials in response assured them of resolving the problems within a day but in real-

ity the situation has not improved.

Yesterday's hearing was almost similar.

When a person placed a complaint, the chairman instructed his subordinate officials to look into the matter and solve it.

"But it is not possible for the chairman to listen to all the people everyday. So, what will happen to others. Taking necessary measures to improve the entire service-providing system and to increase the number of manpower are needed," said Shamsul Hoque.

The BRTA, the government's lone body to regulate road transport, has been facing widespread allegation of corruption for many years.

The chairman yesterday also admitted that there were some corrupt employees and officers there. Actions have already been taken against them, he claimed.

During yesterday's hearing, Jebunnessa, a Jahangirnagar University teacher, alleged that BRTA officers on October 13 asked her to go to the office on December 14 for bio-

metric data collection.

"But today [Wednesday, December 14], they are saying their computer system has been facing technical faults for the last two months and asked me to wait for around two more months," she said.

Ashraf Ali Khan Khasur, a former lawmaker of Netrakona, alleged that the BRTA officers were now claiming that he had not paid tax for 2013-2014 fiscal year and the lawmaker claimed that he had paid.

Nahid Binte Hossain, of the capital's Modhubagh area, said brokers, through underhand dealings with some corrupt BRTA staff, were cheating people in many ways.

Aminur Haque, a resident of Ibrahimpur area, said private bus operators in the capital were charging additional fare on different routes but the BRTA had been turning a blind eye to it.

The chairman requested people to directly contact senior officials of the BRTA if they faced any problems, instead of talking to lower-level employees.

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01. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping			
02. Agency	Bangladesh Marine Academy			
03. Procuring Entity Name	Commandant, Bangladesh Marine Academy.			
04. Procuring Entity Code	-			
05. Procuring Entity District	Chittagong			
06. Invitation For	মেরিন একাডেমী লাইব্রেরীর Automation এর জন্য Library Management Software Installation, Customization & Security Instrument সহ অন্যান্য ইকুইপমেন্ট ও আসবাবপত্র ক্রয় সংক্রান্ত।			
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22. Place/Date/Time of pre-tender Meeting	Conference Room, Bangladesh Marine Academy, Chittagong. Date 28-12-2016 Time- 12.00 Noon			
23. Eligibility of tendered	All eligible persons/ Contractors/ Firms who have fulfilled the qualification criteria stipulated in the tender data sheet and other conditions of the tender documents with experience mentioned above			
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