

Cold waves disrupt life in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Arrival of winter with heavy cold wave sweeping over the northern district for the last few days adds to the sufferings of poor people, especially those living in the slum and river basin areas, this year.

Besides, the cold wave accompanied by moderate wind is worsening the life of those living under the open sky.

According to Rangpur Met office, the mercury yesterday went down to 11.2 degree Celsius in Lalmonirhat and its adjoining areas while it was 10.9 degree Celsius the day before.

Cold hit Shamsunnahar Begum, 33, who returned empty handed from a blanket distribution programme in the town on Wednesday, said low income people are waiting for help from the government or non-government organisations as they cannot afford it from the market.

“My husband abandoned me and my two minor children months ago,” Shamsunnahar said. “I do not know how I will save my babies from the biting cold as I do not have the ability to buy warm clothes from the market,” she added.

Atiar Rahman, 48, a day labourer of Bowalmari village in Sadar upazila said like him many other labourers cannot go out early in the morning for work due to the cold.

Mogolhat union parishad (UP) Chairman Habibur Rahman said a number of cold bitten people living under the union are still crying for a blanket to save them from the cold.

District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer Idris Ali said he had already sent a letter seeking allocation of warm cloths to the ministry concerned.



Beds lie empty in the Divisional Railway Hospital at Saidpur as patients are reluctant to go there for treatment due to the lack of doctors and equipment for carrying out pathological tests.

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Hospital on verge of closure

Shortage of doctors, nurses and other employees at Divisional Railway Hospital in Saidpur

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Medical service in the Divisional Railway Hospital at Saidpur under West Zone of Bangladesh Railway is on the verge of closure due to shortage of doctors, nurses and other staff, and also unavailability of important equipment for diagnosing diseases.

The 82-bed hospital was established in 1885 on three acres of land to provide treatment to about 20,000 family members of officials and workers of Saidpur railway workshop. It used to be crowded with patients taking treatment in the indoor and outdoor facilities even a few years ago as it was regarded as a reputed place for treatment.

In a recent investigation by this correspondent, it was found that the lone post of Divisional Medical Officer (DMO), who is also head of the institution, has been vacant for a year. Assistant

Divisional Medical Officer (ADMO) Dr Shamim Ara of neighbouring Parbatipur Railway Hospital is working here on additional duty, but she comes only twice a week.

It was also found that only one doctor is posted here instead of the required six. He carries out indoor and outdoor duties and also does the daily administrative work.

There are only five nurses and one sister in charge, against 10 and two posts respectively.

In place of eight pharmacists there are only four, and there is no sanitary inspector. All the six posts of ayas are vacant and only 26 cleaners are working against 52 posts. There is no storekeeper, lower division assistant or upper division assistant, creating a chaotic situation. There is only one night guard against four posts.

As the building for conducting various pathology tests was declared risky by the railway

engineering department a few years ago, no pathology test is done at the hospital, which compels patients to have all the important tests done in private diagnostic centres, which is very expensive.

The infrastructure of the hospital is also vulnerable as many doors and windows are broken and plaster from the ceiling sometimes falls on the floor.

Sources in the hospital said only five to six patients, on average, are admitted daily, and the rest of the seats remain vacant.

The lone doctor Dr Anisul Huque, who is serving on contract, admitted that patients are unlikely to come to the hospital as they do not get the desired service due to shortage of manpower, especially doctors and nurses, and lack of equipment to diagnose diseases.

Md Istiaq Hossen, a wireman in the powerhouse of Saidpur railway

workshop, who admitted his son Arif to the hospital with various diseases, alleged that the treatment facilities in the hospital are not satisfactory.

General Secretary of Railway Workers' Union in Saidpur railway workshop Sheikh Robayetun Rahman said the then railway minister Suranjit Sengupta, while visiting the workshop on January 22 in 2012, declared that the railway hospital would be turned into a medical college.

Implementation of the declaration is a far cry, on the contrary, the hospital is on the verge of closure, Robayetun added.

Acting ADMO Dr Shamim Ara said she had urged the higher authorities to solve the problems of the hospital and expected that the situation would improve very soon as the railway department has undertaken various plans to upgrade service in the hospital.

Elephants kill 2 in Cox's Bazar

The wild animals also damage paddy fields at night

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Two people were killed by a wild elephant in Pekua upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Sayed Nur, 55, son of Moniruzzaman of Shapergara area in Shilkhali union, and Mohammad Alamgir, 34, son of Chand Mia and son-in-law of Moniruzzaman.

Locals said Moniruzzaman and Alamgir cultivated aman paddy in remote mountainous areas every year. They guarded the crops at night during the harvesting season.

A herd of wild elephants entered the area at dawn yesterday and damaged the crops and killed the two men, locals said.

Assistant Sub-Inspector of Pekua Police Station Nasir Uddin said the bodies were handed over to the families. An unnatural death case was filed.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Pekua Joynal Abedin said he visited the families of the deceased and gave Tk 5,000 to each family on behalf of the administration. He has submitted a written letter to the deputy commissioner for further financial assistance, he added.

BSF picks up one

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Indian border guards picked up a farmer while he was irrigating his tobacco field near Bonchowki border in Hatibandha upazila of the district yesterday.

The Bangladeshi farmer was identified as Maminul Islam, 25, son of Usuf Ali of the village.

The incident occurred when members of the Border Security Force (BSF) of Dhumerkhata camp under 100 BSF Battalion at Sitai Police Station in Cooch Behar of India were patrolling.

Local people said BSF picked up Maminul while he was irrigating the tobacco field near the no-man's land around 9:30am. Many others, however, said Maminul is involved with cattle smuggling and he was caught when he was crossing the border for bringing Indian cattle.

“We live in border area but I and my son were never involved with smuggling,” said Maminul's father Usuf Ali. “We don't know how is my son in the BSF camp and we fear as BSF tortures Bangladeshis there brutally,” he said, adding that they informed the matter to BGB men at Bonchowki camp.

Commander of BGB 15 Battalion's Bonchowki BOP camp Shamsul Islam said he has nothing to say in this regard and their commanding officer will say about it to media.

Commanding Officer (CO) of Lalmonirhat BGB 15 Battalion Lieutenant Colonel Ahmed Bazlur Rahman Hayati didn't answer the phone despite repeated attempts yesterday due to reasons unknown.

Guard found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

Police recovered the hanging body of a man from a tree at Manpasha Bazar in Sadar upazila on Wednesday.

The deceased, Harun Sardar, 45, son of Wazed Ali of Sabangal village in the upazila, was a watchman of the bazar.

Sub-inspector Majibur Rahman of Sadar Police Station said locals spotted Harun's body hanging from a tree adjacent to bazar in the morning and informed the police.

Meanwhile, local shopkeepers observed a day long shutdown alleging that Majibur was killed and later his body was hung from the tree.

Mahe Alam, officer-in-charge of the police station, said after autopsy it will become clear whether it was suicide or a murder.

Largest sugar mill in north region begins production

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Thakurgaon Sugar Mills, the largest sugar mill in the northern part of the country, started production for the fiscal 2016-17 yesterday.

Awami League Presidium Member Ramesh Chandra Sen, also the lawmaker from Thakurgaon-1 constituency, inaugurated the operation as the chief guest at a simple ceremony on the mill premises.

Engineer Enayet Hossain, managing director of the mill, said the production target was fixed at 7,975 tonnes of sugar by crushing 1,10,000 tonnes of cane and will continue for 75 days.

Enayet said the farmers have cultivated sugarcane in 6,172 acres of land this year against a target of 10,000 acres.

Plea to get enrolled as FF

Shafiar was a trainer of freedom fighters at a camp in Assam

Our Correspondent, Kurigram

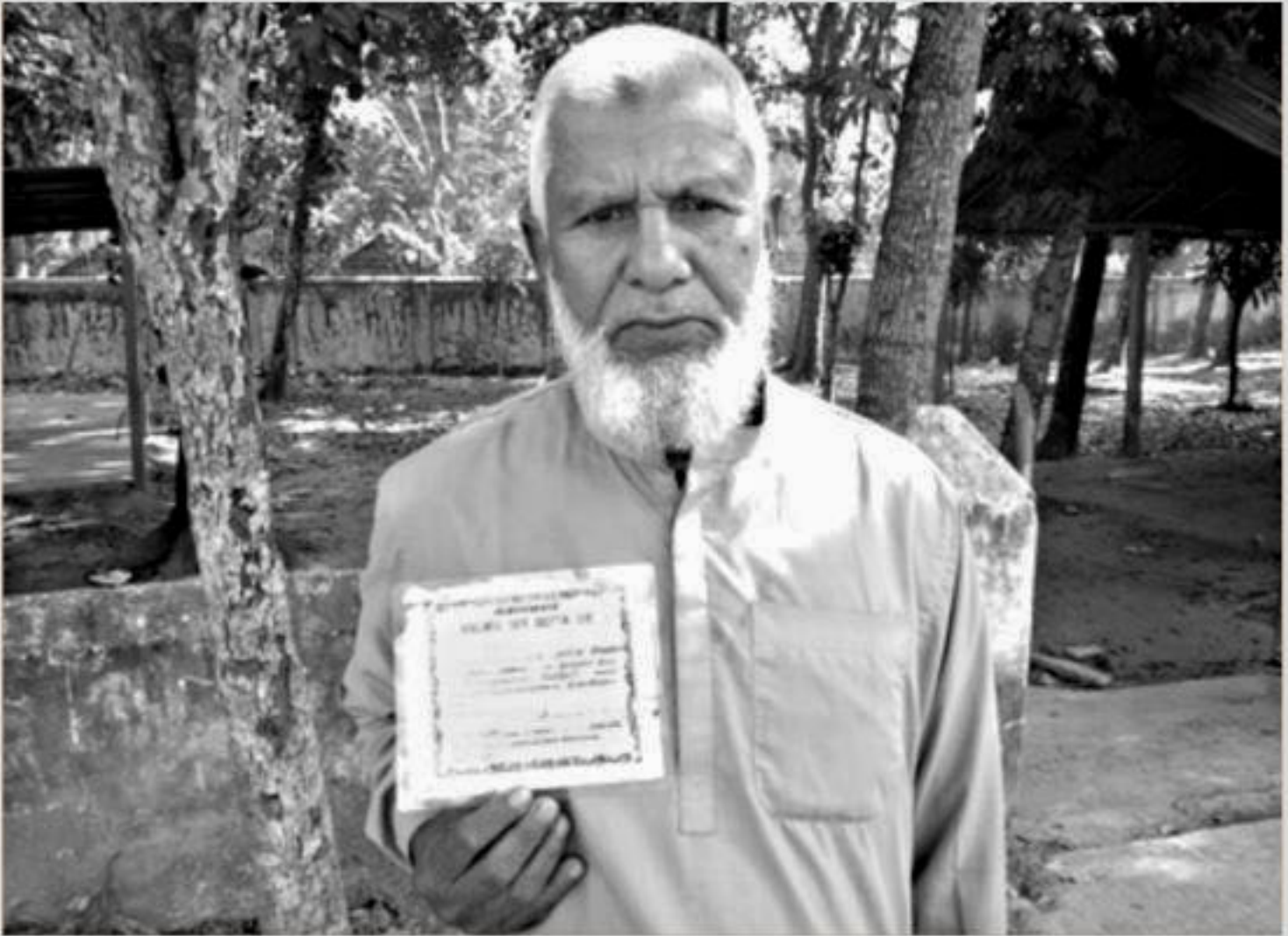
Shafiar Rahman, 64, a retired lashkar (sailor) of Bangladesh Water Development Board (WDB), was an assistant trainer of newly-joined freedom fighters in Jhaukuthi Training Camp of Aulipurduar Police Station in Assam state of India during the Liberation War of 1971.

He is a son of late Shafar Uddin Sarkar of Maratari village in Chogadaho union under Kurigram Sadar upazila.

Shafiar joined WDB as lashkar in 1975 and retired in June of 2010. He has been paralysed for about four years and lives in his home at Maratari village.

The government gave a scope to the freedom fighters of being enlisted through online in 2014, but he could not enlist himself due to illness.

Shafiar said, “Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman came to Jattrapur union under Kurigram Sadar upazila before the



Freedom fighter Shafiar Rahman shows his certificate.

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Liberation War in 1971, and I talked with him and shook his hand. I joined Jhaukuthi Primary Training Camp where new freedom fighters were trained after the crackdown on March 1971.”

“After around one month, the

sticks). I never participated in any fighting against the Pakistani army or their associate forces,” said Shafiar.

“I received the certificate signed by Shamsul Haque on December 21, 1971. As I was poor and educated up to class eight, I joined WDB in 1975. I did not know about the benefits for freedom fighters,” said Shafiar.

“I could not enlist myself through online due to my illness. I have submitted a prayer to the Jatiya Muktiyoddha Council to be a listed as a freedom fighter,” he added.

Upazila Commander of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Kurigram Sadar upazila Command, Abdul Baten Sarker said, “Shafiar is a freedom fighter as he has a certificate that he received primary training from Bangladesh Youth Reception Camp in Jhaukuthi. We will take steps on the matter after we get an office order.”

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সোনালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এর আইন উপদেষ্টা পদের জন্য নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সোনালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এ ২ (দুই) বৎসরের জন্য আইন উপদেষ্টা পদে নিয়োগের নিমিত্ত নিম্নবর্ণিত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন বাংলাদেশী আইনজীবীদের নিকট হতে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র(সহ) নির্ধারিত ছকে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ-

০১। (ক) আইন উপদেষ্টা পদের জন্য আবেদনকারীকে হাইকোর্টে ন্যূনতম ১২ বৎসর মামলা পরিচালনার অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন এডভোকেট হতে হবে। তবে সুপ্রীম কোর্টে এ্যাপিলেট ডিভিশনে মামলা পরিচালনাকারী অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন এডভোকেটগণকে অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।

(খ) প্রার্থীদের শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা/পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতা যাচাইয়ের ক্ষেত্রে স্নাতক/স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রি, এলএলবি পরীক্ষার ফলাফল, হাইকোর্ট/এ্যাপিলেট ডিভিশনে সিনিয়র এডভোকেট/এডভোকেট হিসাবে পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতাকে অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে। এছাড়া নিয়োগের মেয়াদ উত্তীর্ণ আইন উপদেষ্টাগণের মধ্যে যারা পুনরায় নিয়োগের জন্য আবেদন করবেন তাদের ক্ষেত্রে মামলা নিষ্পত্তির হার বিবেচনা করা হবে।

০২। আইন উপদেষ্টাকে প্রতিমাসে ৪০০০/- (চার হাজার) টাকা হারে “রেটেনার-ফি” (Retainer Fee) দেয়া হবে এবং পাশাপাশি ব্যাংকের মামলা পরিচালনা ও অন্যান্য আইনগত মতামত প্রদানের জন্য আলাদাভাবে ব্যাংকের অনুমোদিত হারে ‘ফি’ দেয়া হবে। প্রদেয় ‘ফি’ থেকে ভ্যাট ও সরকারি কর কর্তনযোগ্য।

০৩। আইন উপদেষ্টা পদে নিয়োগ লাভে অগ্রহী প্রার্থীগণকে অত্র ডিভিশন হতে নির্ধারিত আবেদনপত্রের নমুনা সজ্জহপূর্বক যথাযথভাবে পূরণ করে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, বাংলাদেশ বার কাউন্সিল, সুপ্রীম কোর্ট বার এসোসিয়েশন এবং সুপ্রীম কোর্টের হাইকোর্ট ডিভিশন/এ্যাপিলেট ডিভিশনে তালিকাভুক্তির সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ছায়াছবিপিসহ সাম্প্রতিক কালে তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ২ (দুই) কপি সত্যায়িত ছবি সংযুক্ত করে তা সর্বশেষ ৩০/১২/২০১৬ তারিখের মধ্যে লিগ্যাল ম্যারিটার্স ডিভিশনে পৌছাতে হবে।

০৪। যে সকল আইনজীবী ১৩/০৭/২০১৫ তারিখে এই ব্যাংকে আইন উপদেষ্টা হিসেবে নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত হয়েছেন তাদের আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই।

০৫। ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন আবেদনপত্র কোন কারণে প্রদর্শন ব্যতীতকৈ গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

০৬। অসম্পূর্ণ/ত্রুটিপূর্ণ দরখাস্ত বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

০৭। উক্ত পদের জন্য দৈনিক ‘সমকাল’ এবং ‘দি ডেইলি স্টার’ পত্রিকায় ৩০/০৭/২০১৫ তারিখে প্রকাশিত নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির প্রেক্ষিতে আবেদনকারীকে পুনরায় আবেদনপত্র দাখিলের প্রয়োজন হবে না।

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JMB MAN SURRENDERS IN KUSHTIA

Promises to return to normal life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An alleged operative of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) surrendered to Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Kushtia yesterday, promising to return to normal life.

The militant is Salauddin Ahmed *alias* Suban, 34, son of Abdul Halim Mollah of Poba upazila of Rajshahi, said Rab officials.

According to Rab sources, Salauddin was a second tier leader of the banned militant outfit.

He surrendered before the elite force members at an event held at Rab-12 office in Kushtia. Rab officials handed him a cheque of Tk 5 lakh for his rehabilitation to normal life.

At a press conference held at the Kushtia Rab office, Rab-12 Commanding Officer Sahabuddin Khan

said Suban chose to surrender in a bid to return to normal life.

Rab officials could not say for how long he was involved in militancy. They said they were working on the matter.

On October 5, two JMB operatives -- Abdul Hakim of Shahjahanpur of Bogra and Mahmudul Hasan *alias* Bijoy of Shaghata of Gaibandha -- surrendered to Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and high officials of Rab in Bogra.

Hakim was a close associate of Khairul Islam *alias* Payel, one of the slain Gulshan café attackers.

Three more JMB operatives surrendered to the home boss in Rangpur on November 23. They are Hafiz Masud Rana, 18, Hafizur Rahman, 16, and Akhtarul *alias* Aktaruzzaman, 18, all madrasa students from Dinajpur's Ghoraghat upazila.

The government handed them cheque of Tk 5 lakh each for their rehabilitation.

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