

Robber killed in Kushtia 'gunfight'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An alleged cadre of outlawed Gono Bahini (GB) was killed in a 'gunfight' with police in Alampur under Sadar upazila of the district last night.

The victim was Amirul Islam, 45, of Ambaria village in Mirpur upazila.

Police said the deceased was a listed robber and second-in-command of notorious GB leader Serajul Islam's 'Seraj Bahini.'

Officer-in-Charge of Detective Branch (DB) of Kushtia Police Sabbirul Islam said, acting on a tip-off that Amirul and seven to eight accomplices were preparing for robbery at Alampur area, police rushed to the spot at about 2:30am.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the criminals opened fire. A 'gunfight' ensued when police returned fire.

With bullet injuries, Amirul was rushed to Kushtia General Hospital where doctors declared him dead, the police official said, adding that a firearm and four bullets were recovered from the spot.

Police said Amirul was held with nine firearms on June 16, 2014, and was released from jail on January 17, 2015.



An upset farmer shows late blight affected potato plants at his field of Taluk Khutamara village in Aditmari upazila under Lalmonirhat that sees the menace amid the persistent dense fog prevailing in the northern districts.

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PROLONGED DENSE FOG

Blight affects potato farming

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Late blight, a fungal disease caused by prolonged thick fog, has badly affected potato cultivation at different villages in five upazilas of the district, raising fears among the growers.

The disease has now become a cause of concern for the potato growers that they might not get expected production this season.

"I cultivated potato on 60 decimals of land, but potato plants on eight to ten decimals of land got

damaged by the disease two days ago," said Momtaz Ali, 48, a farmer in Taluk Khutamara village in Aditmari upazila.

"I sprayed pesticide on the field to save the remaining crops from the disease," he added.

Amzad Hossain of Kalmati village in Sadar upazila said he is worried as the blight attack will definitely hamper production this year as potato plants on his three bighas of land have already been affected by the fungal disease.

"I took preventive measure to save my potato plants from different diseases, but unfortunately a portion of the plants have been affected by the disease due to prolonged thick fog this season," said Jamal Uddin of Mogholhat village in the upazila.

According to Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Lalmonirhat, 5,530 hectares of land have been brought under potato cultivation against the target of 5,250 hectares in five upazilas of the

district this year.

"Cold weather is good for potato farming while dense fog is equally harmful for the crop," said Bidubhuson Roy, DAE deputy director in Lalmonirhat.

The blight attack occurred due to lack of awareness of the farmers as the DAE officials earlier had advised many of them to spray fungicides, he added.

Roy said those who followed their advice could save their crop while the others could not.

2 'MISSING' AL LEADERS RETURN Jim, Sadeq tell of horrifying event

Plainclothes people blindfolded, handcuffed and lifted them up

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

On January 10, when Sadeq along with Monwarul Hassan Jim, vice president of Sadullapur upazila Jubo League, was moving towards Naldanga at Lalbazar on a motorbike, some eight to ten plainclothes people waylaid them.

Before they could sense anything, the plainclothes men picked up them and boarded a microbus parked there.

They then blindfolded and handcuffed them, Sadequl Islam Sadeq, former president of Damodarpur union unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, recalled the horrific occurrence while talking to reporters yesterday.

Jim and Sadeq, out of four 'missing' leaders of Awami League and BNP in the district, returned in the morning.

The two along with Shafiul Islam Shapla, 32, assistant secretary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal's Naldanga union unit, and Maidul Islam Prince, 30, publication secretary of Awami League in the union, went missing nearly nine days ago.

"After dropping us off a microbus at a lonely place in Syedpur upazila of Nilphamari at midnight, some people told us to take our motorcycle and go straight, without looking back'. We later returned home," said traumatised Sadeq.

"We did not know about our whereabouts as we remained blindfolded all the time but they served food three times," he said.

"We never met each other and were staying in two single rooms. We are now very tired," Jim said.

"We don't know how the missing people returned, however, we are still searching for the other two missing men," said OC Farhad Emrul Quyes of Sadullapur Police Station.

Earlier on Wednesday, family members of the missing leaders at a press conference in the town said the four were picked up by plainclothes people from different areas.

They also urged the law enforcement agencies to take steps to trace their near ones' whereabouts.

Demanding return of her husband, Sathi Begum, wife of missing assistant secretary of JCD Naldanga union unit Shafiul Islam Shapla, 30, held the conference at Gaibandha Press Club.

On January 17, local people blocked rail tracks in the district for an hour during a half-day shutdown that was called in protest at the "disappearance" of the four leaders.



Students of Patuakhali Technical School and College form a human chain in front of Patuakhali Press Club yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the criminals who killed Mahubur Rahman, an HSC examinee of the college, on January 10.

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Bird poaching rampant in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Poachers, either professional or amateur, have become active, particularly in the wetlands of Teesta and Dharla river basin areas in Lalmonirhat, during the winter season that witnesses arrival of a large number of migratory birds every year.

Indiscriminate hunting, trapping and selling of different species of local and guest birds is posing a serious threat to wildlife in and around the area.

Unaware of the relevant law, a section of local people are engaged in the illegal act for earning extra money while others do it just for fun.

Mafiar Rahman, a schoolteacher in Sadar upazila, said people from different areas, holding airguns and other traps, crowd the Teesta basin area during this time of the winter.

"About a week ago, villagers caught two poachers with an airgun and later released the offenders when they publicly promised not to hunt any wildlife again," Mafiar further said.

Shahidul Islam, 47, living at a slum in the town, said he has been poaching birds for earning a living.

"I am not aware of any such law that forbids hunting and selling of wild birds," Shahidul said.

"Most of the unscrupulous people engaged in poaching wild birds are not aware of the relevant laws," Nasir Uddin Khan, district livestock officer (DLO) in Lalmonirhat, said.

The DLO said he is planning to start an anti-poaching campaign to grow awareness against hunting of wildlife, especially guest birds, among the people living in the area.

District AL leader hurt

A CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Criminals injured Nirmol Chowdhury, a member of Khagrachhari Zila Parishad and acting general secretary of district unit of Awami League (AL) yesterday.

Witnesses said Nirmol was going to his office on a motorcycle when seven to eight criminals stopped him and beat him up near the district AL office at College Road.

Activists and leaders of the district AL brought out a protest procession in the district town.

Nirmol was admitted to the district hospital, and later referred to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

52 train passengers fined

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Fifty-two train passengers were fined on charge of traveling without tickets on Lalmonirhat-Burimari route in the district on Wednesday.

Tk 10,525 in fines were collected.

Divisional Assistant Traffic Superintendent of Lalmonirhat Division Sazzad Hossain conducted the drive on Karatoa Express.



A local sees a trapped migratory bird while an amateur bird hunter stands by at Rajpur village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila on Sunday.

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Invitation for Tender Through Web

Tender No. CSD(MES):5/3-10/2017 Date: 16/01/2017

Tenders through electronic media (e-Tenders) are invited from the bonafide Contractors/Firms/Reputed Suppliers or their local agents of internationally reputed Central Air Conditioning Manufacturer's for Operation, Maintenance, Servicing & Repairing works of 150TR capacity 02 (two) Nos. Screw Chillers & 25 Nos. Split type AC, 06 Nos. Window type AC, 11 Nos. Water Purifier Machine installed at Bangladesh Bank Training Academy, Mirpur, Dhaka. Necessary information are given below:

01	Procuring entity	: Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
02	Source of funds	: Bangladesh Bank.
03	Invitation for tender No.	: CSD(MES):5/3(AC)-10/2017
04	Method of procurement	: Open Tendering Method (OTM).
05	Eligibility of tenderer	: (i) Tenderer having genuine Agencyship/Sole Distributorship Certificate in current issue from the international reputed Manufacturer of Renowned Brand i.e. York/Trane/MaQuay/Dunhum Bush Centrifugal/Screw Chiller Manufacturers and having experience in Operation, Servicing & maintenance the same Centrifugal/Screw Chiller at least 03 (three) Nos. Chiller minimum 150TR capacity each in a single contract in any Govt/Semi-Govt/Autonomous Organization/Corporation or Public Limited Company in Bangladesh in last 05 (five) years. (ii) Tenderer should have the genuine Agencyship/Distributorship Certificate in current issue and capability of supplying spare parts at C&F value required for Operation & Maintenance of the York brand chiller from the manufacturer, M/S Johnson Controls Pte Ltd, Singapore. The value of the spare parts to be submitted along with the tender. The rate quoted for spare parts in the schedule of items of the tender document shall remain valid for 3 (three) years. (iii) The tenderer shall have to furnish experience certificate from the officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent and shall meet all other criteria, terms & conditions as specified in tender document.
06	Last date & time of submission tender	: 12/02/2017 on or before 3.00pm.
07	Name & address of the offices receiving tender security & other documentary evidence	: General Manager, Common Services Department-2 (6th Floor of 2nd Annexe Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
09	Last date and time for receiving original tender security	: 12/02/2017 within 2.45pm.
10	Date, time and place for tender opening	: All tenders will be opened at Common Services Department-2 (6th Floor of 2nd Annexe Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka on 12/02/2017 at 3.00pm. (Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the tender opening).
11	Brief description of works	: Operation, Maintenance, Servicing & Repairing of 150TR capacity 02 (two) Nos. Centrifugal Screw Chiller, AHU, FCU, Exhaust Fan, 02 Nos. Chilled Water Pump, 02 Nos. Condenser Water Pump, 02 Nos. Cooling Tower, Main Electrical Control Panel, Piping, Ducting etc & Operation, Maintenance, Servicing & Repairing works of 25 Nos. Split type AC, 06 Nos. Window type AC, 11 Nos. Water Purifier Machine installed at Bangladesh Bank Training Academy, Mirpur, Dhaka.
12	Time for completion of the works	: 03 (three) years from the date of signing of the contract/(From Date of 01/02/2017).
13	Tender security	: Tender security of an amount of Tk 2,00,000.00 (Taka two lac only) will be required in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee in favour of General Manager, Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
14	Special instruction	: (i) Original PO/BD/BG as Tender Security must reach at General Manager, Common Services Department-2 (6th Floor of 2nd Annexe Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka. (iii) Scanned copy of Tender Security document should be submitted with the tender. (iv) Tenderer should submit attached documentary evidence etc (attested or original whichever necessary) at the time of tender opening or when required, failing which the tender may be considered as non-responsive. (v) In case of authorization, the tenderer shall have to nominate & submit attested signature with all other particulars of the authorized person as documentary evidence to the General Manager, Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka. (vi) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents may result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under Reg 127 of PPR 2008/Reg 12 of BBPR 2004. (vii) Bangladesh Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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