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MADHYAPARA GRANITE MINE

# Production to resume soon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

After a break of nearly one and a half years, activities at Madhyapara Granite Mining Company Ltd (MGMCL) finally started yesterday to resume its production soon.

MGMCL authorities suspended rock production due to lack of machinery and other equipment on September 23 in 2015.

Germania Trest Consortium (GTC), a Belarus-based company, who took over the charge for producing rock at the state-run mine in Parbatipur upazila in 2014, recalled its two hundred local miners on Saturday to restart the development work of the mine.

About 600 jobless miners, who were working under no-work no-pay condition, have been passing days in hardship with their family members since production was suspended in 2015.

"At present, we are expecting 300 tonnes of rock production every day and are hoping to resume full production by the end of March," said Zabed Siddiqui, general

manager of GTC in Parbatipur.

After taking over charge in 2014, GTC started production in three shifts and produced up to 5000 tonnes of rock every day.

In September 2015, the company suspended its production as the underground machinery and equipment at the mine site became non-functional for overuse.

Besides, MGMCL could not import those necessary equipment for fund crisis.

Finally, the machinery arrived at the mine site in July last year after Petrobangla, parent organisation of Madhyapara mine, disbursed a Tk 100 crore loan to the company for importing the necessary equipment.

Mir Hannan, general manager (Operation) of MGMCL, said gradually all the 600 miners will join work within February.

Officials said due to the high demand stocks of 6.2 lakh tonnes of rock at the mine yard were sold out within eight months of the suspension.

PHOTO: STAR

# Betel, sugarcane fields burnt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Betel leaf gardens and a sugarcane plot were burnt in Shalika village in Kaliganj upazila of the district yesterday.

The betel leaf gardens covered around 50 decimals of land and the sugarcane plot owned by Sabdar Hossain was on 33 decimals. The total loss is estimated to be around Tk 10 lakh.

Locals said they saw black smoke rising from a betel leaf garden owned by Amirul Islam at around 2:00pm. They tried their best to douse the fire and informed the fire fighting unit of Kaliganj.

Farmer Montaj Ali said he cultivated betel leaf on 25 decimals of land this year at a cost of Tk 2 lakh. "I took loan from a local non-governmental organisation. I don't know how I will repay the loan and bear the educational expenses of my children," he added.

Amirul Islam lost the betel leaf from his 20 decimals of land, while some other farmers suffered slight losses.

Kaliganj upazila fire fighting unit Station Officer Amio Kumar said locals informed them about the fire. They reached the spot and extinguished it in about an hour.

A lighted cigarette might have caused the fire, he added. Kaliganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Sadekur Rahman visited the spot.

# Bridge without approach road

Owners reluctant to hand over land for approach road without fair price

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

A newly constructed bridge on the Charalkata river in Sadar upazila of the district could not be opened to traffic as there is no approach road on either end.

Construction of the bridge at Bazitpara village has been lying incomplete as no funds have been allocated for land acquisition to build the approach roads, said Kawsar Alam, senior assistant engineer of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED). The bridge will connect Kishoreganj upazila with the district headquarters.

A tender was called for construction of the 144-metre-long and 7.32-metre-wide concrete bridge with 970 feet approach roads at an estimated cost of Tk 6.05 crore, Kawsar said.

Messers Islam Brothers got the work at Tk 5.28 crore which is 12 per cent less than the estimated cost, he said. They got the work on October 1 in 2014 for construction of the bridge with approach roads to be completed by December 7 in 2016, he added.

Kawsar said they are persuading locals to donate the land for making the approach roads for the sake of thousands of people as well as themselves as it will boost trade and help spread of education.

Construction of the approach roads remained stalled as 70 decimals of land on the east side and 33 decimals of land on the west side are private property, he said, adding that the owners are unlikely to hand over the land without reasonable price.

Besides the land, much of the land for the proposed approach road is khas land, so

there should be no problem in proceeding with the work, Kawsar said.

Meanwhile, Executive Engineer Belal Hossain said work of railings of the bridge remained suspended for a few days as its design has been changed. The work would start shortly, he hoped.

Ahadul Chowdhury of nearby Kalikapur village said it is unrealistic for LGED to expect that owners would give up the land free of cost while land price is sky-high now.

Landowner Abdus Sobhan said they would give land if the authorities give them a reasonable price so that they could buy land somewhere else.

The farmers cultivated various crops on both ends of the bridge while around 3 lakh people of 10 unions were compelled to travel 22km to go to the district town, wasting time and money.

Kishoreganj Upazila Parishad Chairman Rashidul Islam said the distance between Nilphamari and Kishoreganj would be reduced by 10km if the bridge opens to traffic. The matter was discussed in the district coordination committee meeting, he added.

Contractor Mizanur Rahman said they were ready to build the approach roads as soon as the matter was resolved with the land owners, which was still uncertain.

Belal said Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor at a meeting with the land owners assured them of fair price for the land locally and the owners agreed.

"We're likely to start the work for approach road after the robi season ends," he added.

# TORCHING SCHOOL

## Ranju Mia on fresh remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A Gaibandha court yesterday granted two days' fresh remand for suspect Ranju Mia in connection with the torching of Gana Unnayon Academy High School at Kunderpara char in Gaibandha Sadar upazila.

Earlier the court granted three days' remand for him, which ended on Friday.

The Court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Moinul Hasan Yusuf granted two days' fresh remand for further interrogation of Ranju, said Mojibur Rahman, the investigation officer.

On January 27 night, criminals set fire to Gana Unnayon Academy, burning documents, education materials and furniture in the office room and seven classrooms.

Headmaster Asaduzzaman Asad filed a case with Gaibandha Sadar PS accusing unknown miscreants on January 28 and police on suspicion arrested Ranju Mia on January 30.

# Physical challenge no barrier for Mistar Ali

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

Defying the tragedy of losing both legs, Nofiz Uddin Pramanik of Hat Fulbari Paschimpara village in Sariakandi upazila under the district has set a laudable example of self-reliance through determination and hard work.

Nofiz Uddin, 68, earlier used to pull rickshaw in Bogra town but his left and right legs had to be amputated due to infections from road accidents in 1982 and 1987 respectively, said Nofiz, locally well-known as Mistar Ali.

"But my husband did not admit defeat in the struggle of life. He started making brooms. With the money earned by selling it, he maintained the family," said Ali's wife Belly Begum.

"He also learnt to make cradles for children, hand fans, containers for carrying different goods, and other

household materials with bamboo splits," she added.

"Later with the capital managed through loans from NGOs, he started making the materials in larger quantities and earned well by selling them at Naruamela, Fulbari, Durgahata, Baiguni and Hat Fulbari markets in the upazila.

"By the time, he bought a CNG-run auto-rickshaw for our elder son Bitul. As we gained solvency, we arranged marriage of our only daughter Bilkis Begum. Our younger son Feroz read up to HSC," she

added. "Mistar Ali has defied physical challenge to gain self-reliance. We will provide financial support if he wants to extend his business," said Md Abdur Rashid, upazila social service officer of Sariakandi.



# FEUD BETWEEN TWO FAMILIES

## Infant thrown on floor, dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An infant was snatched and thrown on the concrete floor during an altercation between two cousins over returning money in Dhobaura upazila in the district on February 2.

The victim, Mohana Akhter, was daughter of Musa Khan of Chakrana village in the upazila.

Quoting locals, police said Musa, president of 'Sonali Agriculture Product and Marketing Association,' had a feud with his cousin Jahangir Khan over returning security money of Tk 1 lakh which Jahangir deposited for getting a job at the samity office.

Jahangir, 40, son of Rabbani Khan, who was appointed as the manager of the samity six months ago, was recently sacked from his job for his alleged corruption.

Since the termination, Jahangir and his father had been putting pressure on Musa to

return the security money.

On February 2, Jahangir and Rabbani locked in an altercation with Musa's father Fazlul Khan over the issue and at one stage Jahangir allegedly hit Fazlul with a stick.

When Musa's wife Shirin, with Mohana in her arms, rushed to the spot to save Fazlul, Rabbani snatched the infant and threw her on the concrete floor.

Neighbours took the girl to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared her dead.

Musa filed a case with Dhobaura Police Station against Rabbani, his son Jahangir, daughter Morium, 32, and son-in-law Khalil, 37.

Meanwhile, police are yet to arrest any of the accused in a case filed for murdering the seven-month-old till yesterday.

Officer-in-Charge Shawkat Alam of Dhobaura Police Station said they are conducting drives to arrest the culprits soon.

# Bid to rape speech impaired girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A 55-year-old man was arrested on charge of attempting to rape a 14-year-old speech-impaired girl in Moheshpur village in Sadar upazila on Saturday.

The arrestee is Joynal Hossain, son of late Tojib Uddin of the village.

Police quoting locals said Joynal tried to violate the girl when none was present at home around 9:00pm.

When the victim's mother returned to their house and saw the incident she screamed for help. Neighbours rushed in, caught Joynal and handed him over to the police.

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### INVITATION FOR TENDERS (INTERNATIONAL)

1	Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2	Agency	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited.
3	Procuring Entity name	Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant.
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Narayanganj
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Goods (Single Lot)
7	Invitation Ref. No.	27.27.2666.103.03.006.2016.333
8	Date	05/02/2017
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
9	Procurement Method	ICT (Open Tendering Method)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (Own fund of EGCB Ltd.)
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
12	Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14	Tender Package No.	N/A
15	Tender Package Name	Procurement of I&C Spares for Control Valves of HRSG and Steam Turbine Bypass System of Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh
16	Tender Publication Date	06/02/2017
17	Tender Last Selling Date	20/03/2017 up to 15:00 Hr (BST)
18	Tender Submission Date & Time	21/03/2017 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)
19	Tender Opening Date & Time	21/03/2017 on 12:30 Hrs (BST) (Tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any, are allowed to attend).
20	Name and Address of the office(s) - Selling Tender Document	Executive Engineer (Procurement), Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited, Unique Heights (Level-16), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.
	- Receiving Tender Document	Executive Engineer (Procurement), Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited, Unique Heights (Level-15), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.
	- Opening Tender Document	Executive Engineer (Procurement), Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited, Unique Heights (Level-15), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre Tender Meeting	N/A.
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	(a) Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract, shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions under the provisions of laws and regulations of the country of its origin and shall not have a conflict of interest pursuant to Rule 55 of the Public Procurement Rules-2008. (b) The maximum three (3) numbers of arbitration against the Tenderer over a period of last five (5) years (c) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of five (5) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (d) The satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum BDT twenty five (25) million values under maximum two (02) contracts in the last five (5) years (i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper). (e) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is BDT thirty (30) million.
23	Brief Description of Goods	Procurement of I&C Spares for Control Valves of HRSG and Steam Turbine Bypass System of Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh
24	Brief Description of Related services	N/A
25	Price of Tender Document	TK 2,000/= (Two thousand) or USD 25/(Twenty Five) to be paid in the form of Bank Draft / Pay order in favor of "Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited"
26	Lot No.	Identification of Lot
	01.	Procurement of I&C Spares for Control Valves of HRSG and Steam Turbine Bypass System of Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh
		Location
		Tender Security Amount
		Completion Time
		USD 10,200.00 or BDT 8,000,000
		Within 240 days from the date of issuance of letter of credit.
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
27	Name of Official Inviting the Tender	Mohammad Noore Alam Siddiki
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer (Procurement)
29	Address of Official Inviting the Tender	Corporate office, EGCB Ltd., Unique Heights (Level-15 & 16), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.
30	Contact details of Official Inviting the Tender:	Tel: 880-2-55138633-36, Ext.-1114, Fax: 880-2-55138637, E-mail: noore.alam@egcb.com.bd
31	a) The Full Tender Document will be available in PDF format in the website of EGCB Ltd. (www.egcb.com.bd). b) The Tenderers are requested to read the tender document carefully before submission their offer.	
32	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.	

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