

Police need specialised training: IGP

A CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachari

Police need specialised training to tackle terror attacks, hostage taking and militancy.

Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque said this while inaugurating the APBN specialised training centre at Pankhaiapara in the district town yesterday. It is the first specialised training centre of police in Bangladesh.

Forty-five police personnel, including three assistant superintendents of police, will be trained in the first batch of Police Commando Course. The trained personnel will be deployed in Rangpur or Khulna division.

Deputy Inspector General of Police in Chittagong Range Shafiqul Islam spoke at the programme, among others.



Two women are taking care of gourds at Chandrapur village in Lalmonirhat's Kaliganj upazila, as farmers produce quality seeds at home.

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Gourd seed produced in courtyard

Farmers lack quality seeds at market

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Farmers in rural areas of the district are producing quality gourd seeds, as well as seeds of other vegetables, at home due to uncertainty in getting quality seeds in the local market.

Farmers now produce gourd seeds on their own as they also use the calabash of gourd as basket or for making *ektara* (monochord), a traditional musical instrument. Farmers produce gourd seeds from end of February to mid-March and they preserve them carefully. They plant the gourd seeds between mid-October and mid-November.

Anjoli Rani, 42, a housewife of Chandrapur village in Kaliganj upazila, said she produces gourd seeds at home every year to ensure quality seeds for the next season.

Subol Chandra Das, 55, a farmer of Chaparhat village, said they get 200 to 400 grams of seeds from each gourd, which are better in quality than the market seeds.

"After fulfilling our need, we sell the remaining seeds to other farmers at fair price," he added.

Sheikh Mahmud, 65, of Hajiganj village in Aditmari upazila, said he produces seed of different crops, especially vegetables, every year.

Nayon Chandra Sen, 55, a folk artiste of Bamonerbasa village, said he makes 30 to 35 monochords every year and sell them at Tk 150 to Tk 250 per piece. "I purchase each calabash of gourd at Tk 30 to Tk 35 from local farmers," he added.

Upazila Agriculture Officer in Aditmari Biplob Kumar Mohanto said the practice of producing seeds of crops, especially vegetables, at home is traditional and very good, but very few farmers follow this practice as it needs constant care and labour. He added that they help farmers to get good quality seeds from the market.

Hassle-free service at doorstep

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

It was a different day for the people of Maliat union in Kaliganj upazila under the district, as the upazila administration arranged trouble-free official services for the people in the remote area.

The initiative titled Amora Apnar Anginai (we are at your doorstep) is the brainchild of Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Sadekur Rahman and he initiated it at Maliat union, about 12 kilometres from Kaliganj upazila headquarters on February 6.

Since morning on the day, a festive mood prevailed on the UP premises as locals started thronging there to get their problems solved directly by the officials concerned, coming from Kaliganj upazila headquarters.

"I introduced the system to bring the services to the doorstep of common people. As per our arrangement, the upazila-level staff will provide service in a union one day

every week," UNO Sadekur Rahman said.

"Most of the rural people are not aware about the services available for them. They hardly know any officer at the upazila headquarters and often become confused about who to approach for services. Especially poor and uneducated people, the physically challenged ones, widows and elderly people will be benefited much if we continue the programme.

"Such programmes at the union level will also help develop close connection among the officers and locals. They will be able to inform the officer concerned about their problems and enjoy all the facilities provided by the government.

"We have provided service to 394 people here in a day. The programme went live on Facebook, creating opportunity for exchanging views and asking questions for the people," the UNO said.

Earlier the date of the programme and arrangements under it were announced through loudspeakers and the UP chairman and members with the help of chowkidars made sufficient publicity to make the local people aware about the service.

Bablu Rahman, 30, of Tattipur village in Kaliganj, said, "I faced problem after losing my national ID card. Now I am happy as I have filled up the form for a new ID card at Amora Apnar Anginai programme."

Kanan Bala, 65, a widow of Magura village, said, "Earlier I failed to get an elderly allowance card. Now I have filled the form for the allowance."

"One hundred and fifty women were provided service at the programme. Of them, 103 women have been given VGD card and each will get 30 kg of rice per month," said Khandakar Sharifa Aktar, Kaliganj upazila women and children affairs officer.

Mina still not out of danger

Stalker stabs the visually challenged girl in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A visually impaired schoolgirl was seriously injured as a college student, who also has some visual problem, stabbed her inside Visually Impaired Rehabilitation Centre at Haribhanga in Lalmonirhat town yesterday.

The boy committed the brutal act allegedly after being rejected for his proposal for an illicit act, said several students residing at the centre.

The victim, Mina Akhter, 14, was taken to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital and later shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital as her condition deteriorated.

The girl was stabbed in her chest, waist, and hands and back, and she was not out of danger, said Azmol Haque, resident medical officer of Sadar Hospital.

The alleged attacker, Jahangir Hossain, 19, son of Shamsul Islam of Barakhata village of Hatibandha, was kept detained at a room of the rehabilitation centre as of filing



Critically injured Mina Akhter was taken to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital yesterday. Later, she was shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

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this report at 5:30pm.

Jahangir Hossain, an HSC second year student of Lalmonirhat Government College, has been living at the rehabilitation centre for the last seven years while Mina, a Class V student, was admitted to the centre four years ago.

The centre is run by non-government organisation RDRS Bangladesh.

Several students of the centre alleged that Jahangir on several occasions gave proposal for illicit act to Mina and she rejected it outright. Lastly a furious Jahangir brutally stabbed Mina.

Ahsan Ullah, hostel superintendent of the centre, said, "We were trying to know the reason behind the stabbing. We will arrange proper treatment for Mina."



Sirajul Islam tends his coriander field at Kafrikhal village in Mithapukur upazila of Rangpur.

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Coriander leaf farming gets popular in Rangpur

KONGKON KARMAKER, from Rangpur

Farming of coriander leaf, which adds to flavour and nutrition in dishes, is gaining popularity in the district due to its high profit.

Especially marginal farmers are opting for cultivation of the popular herb, called dhoney pata in Bangla, for its low production cost and for huge demand in the market, said local farmers.

Coriander is a winter crop, but the farmers of Rangpur are now producing it round the year for its cost effectiveness, less harvesting duration and high demand in market, said officials of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Rangpur.

Coriander leaf has been produced on 320 hectares in the district, said DAE officials, adding that it is 50

hectares more compared to last year. Many farmers cultivate coriander leaves four times in a year.

"I produced the leaf on my 50 decimals of land four times in last one year, spending a total of Tk 14,000. I have collected 4,200 kg of leaves and sold it at Tk 150 per kg," said Sirajul Islam of Mithapukur upazila of Rangpur.

Every day, traders send two to three truckloads of coriander leaves to different areas including Dhaka and Chittagong from Mithapukur, he said.

Like him, many farmers of Rangpur Sadar, Gangachara, Mithapukur and Kaunia upazilas switched to coriander leaf farming, leaving other crops like potato and mustard.

Saheb Ali of Ganjipur village in the

same upazila said he cultivated coriander leaves on 30 decimals for the third time this season.

"Coriander farming requires less production cost as it does not need much fertiliser and pesticide. The farming has created earning opportunity for women. A woman can earn Tk 100 by working only two hours, collecting the leaves from the garden," he said.

SM Ashraf Ali, deputy director of DAE in Rangpur, said coriander leaf farming is cost effective and it brings good profit as the demand is high.

"Farmers can harvest it within 35 days. In most cases, they can get healthy production without applying any fertiliser and pesticide if the land is fertile. In many places farmer produce the leave round the year," he said.

Missing boy found dead in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A seven-year-old boy, who went missing on Friday evening, was found murdered in Narashinghpara area in Ullapara upazila of Sirajganj yesterday.

The deceased, Tamim Hossain, was son of Solaiman Hossain of Chawk-Pangashi village in the upazila.

Police quoted deceased's family members as saying that Tamim went to visit his maternal grandfather's house at a neighbouring village on Friday noon and later went missing.

Villagers spotted Tamim's body yesterday morning and informed the police, who recovered the body and sent it to Sirajganj General Hospital for autopsy, said Officer-in-Charge Dewan Kaushik Ahmed of Ullapara Police Station.

OC Kaushik said criminals might have strangled the boy over previous enmity.

DEATH IN LANDSLIDE 10 shallow machines burnt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A mobile court yesterday seized 10 shallow machines from Bisnakandi river area in Gowainghat upazila of Sylhet.

The court led by Gowainghat Upazila Nirbahi Officer also destroyed the machines, used for extracting stones, by setting fire to those on the spot.

Earlier, police arrested Jahid Mia and Razu Mia in a case filed in connection with the landslide that killed three stonemasons workers on Friday.

Three workers were killed around 2:30am when they were digging a pit to extract stone.

CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION CONSULTANT-1 PADMA MULTIPURPOSE BRIDGE PROJECT SERVICE AREA-3, PROJECT OFFICE, SHIVCHAR, MADARIPUR

Invitation for Tender

1.	Ministry	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Bridge Authority
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Chief Coordinator, Construction Supervision Consultant-1, Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project
4.	Invitation for	Tender Goods
5.	Invitation Ref No	Memo No - 609/Project/4/Padma
6.	Date	07 February 2017

KEY INFORMATION

7.	Procurement Method	OTM
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8.	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget (GOB)
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9.	Project/Program Code	-						
10.	Project/Program Name	Construction Supervision Consultant-1						
11.	Tender Publication Date	12-02-2017						
12.	Tender Last Selling Date	11-03-2017						
13.	Tender Closing Date and Time	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Time</th> </tr> <tr> <td>12-03-2017</td> <td>Upto 1200 hrs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12-03-2017</td> <td>1230 hrs.</td> </tr> </table>	Date	Time	12-03-2017	Upto 1200 hrs.	12-03-2017	1230 hrs.
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14.	Tender Opening Date	12-03-2017						
15.	Name and Address of the Office	Project Office, Service Area-3, Kutubpur, Shibchar, Madaripur						
16.	Selling Tender Document	Project Office, Service Area-3, Kutubpur, Shibchar, Madaripur						
17.	Name & Address of the Office Receiving Tender Documents	Major Md Zahidul Islam, Coordinator, CSC-1, PMBP Project Office, Service Area-3, Kutubpur, Shibchar, Madaripur						
18.	Opening Tender Document	Project Office, Service Area-3, Kutubpur, Shibchar, Madaripur						

INFORMATION FOR TENDER

19.	Eligibility of Tender	The Bidders should have valid Trade License, Manufacturer Authorization Letter, Current Bank Solvency Certificate, Income Tax Certificate, VAT Registration Certificate and the legal capacity to enter the contract. The Bidders should have qualified technical staffs and equipment and are not black listed by any Govt. organization in Bangladesh. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application on their own pad to the address below :			
20.	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Supply of Procurement of 02 x BK Barge, 01 x Motor Tug & 02 x Pontoon			
21.	Tender Documents Price and Type of Payment	BDT 8000.00 TK only in Cash payment for lot no-1. BDT 5000.00 TK only in Cash payment for lot no-2. BDT 3000.00 TK only in Cash payment for lot no-3.			
22.	Tender Validity	60 days.			
	Lot no	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time
23.	Multiple	Lot No1: 1 x Motor Tug	CSC-1, PMBP, Project Office, Service Area-3, Kutubpur, Shibchar, Madaripur	Lot No - 1: 150.00 Lac	09 months
Lot No2: 2 x Bk Barge			Lot No - 2: 90.00 Lac	06 months	
Lot No3: 2 x Pontoon			Lot No - 3: 2.00 Lac	04 months	
24.	Special Instructions:	a. Tender schedule purchase money receipt (original) should be attached with the dropping tender. b. General information regarding the bidding will be available at the Project Office. c. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any tender prior of acceptance.			

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