

Man on remand in Farid murder case

OUr COrespondent, Tangail
A court here yesterday placed a youth on two days' remand in Farid murder case. The accused is Lal Chand, 23, of Bharoi village in Bhuapur upazila. Senior Judicial Magistrate Farzana Sultana gave the order when he was produced before the court with 10-day remand prayer, said Court Inspector Anwarul Islam. Lal Chan was arrested from DC lake area in Tangail on Monday as per confessional statements of Bhuapur Awami League leaders Taherul Islam Tota and Nurul Islam during interrogation, said Tangail DB police OC Ashok Kumar Sinha, also investigation officer of the case. Lal Chand is one among seven people who took part in the killing directly, said the IO.

Who cares?

26 people were killed at level crossings in Santahar-Kaunia railway section last year

KM REZUL HOQUE, Gaibandha
At least 26 people were killed at different level crossings along Santahar-Kaunia section in the northern region during the last year due to lack of protective devices at the crossings. Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Bonarpara Government Railway Police Station Ataur Rahman said most accidents took place when running trains hit vehicles at level crossings. Several pedestrians also got run over by trains while crossing the tracks. Such accidents take place due to carelessness and lack of protective devices. Most of the crossings do not even have gatekeepers. Police undertook different motivational programmes, including distribution of leaflets, pasting of posters, hoisting of banners in prominent places and public announcements, to persuade people and drivers of vehicles to be more careful while crossing the rail tracks. There are 27 rail stations and over 50 level crossings in Kaunia-Santahar section. Of them, only a few have protective equip-

ment and gatekeepers, while the others remain open round the clock. In many places the trains cannot be seen as houses and trees hide the tracks and adjoining roads, so careless driving of vehicles leads to accidents. The authorities have put up signboards at some level crossings to warn people, but those have not been able to stop the increasing number of accidents, said Khalilur Rahman, a trader in Bonarpara rail station. "Sometimes we cannot hear a train approaching the level crossing due to traffic noise on the roads," said Afzal Hossain, driver of a CNG-run three-wheeler. "We are conducting drives to tell people to be alert while crossing the rail tracks and have requested the authorities to set up protective devices at all level crossings," said OC Ataur. Divisional Traffic Manager of Lalmonirhat Railway Division Abdullah Al Mamun said renovation of all level crossings in different sections will be started soon.



Like several others on Santahar-Kaunia railway, this level crossing near Bonarpara College in Saghata upazila of Gaibandha remains without any protective measure, leaving commuters highly vulnerable to accidents. Inset, the authorities have 'completed' their duty just by putting a signboard warning people to cross the point at their own responsibility.



PHOTO: KM REZUL HOQUE



A blooming sunflower field at Baniary village in Nazirpur upazila of Pirojpur.

PHOTO: STAR

Sunflowers brighten fields, farmers' lives in Pirojpur

HABIBUR RAHMAN with **ANDREW EAGLE**
Sunflowers add joy to any landscape. The sunflower fields of Pirojpur are painting the district bright. And beyond their visual beauty, to farmers sunflower cultivation brings good profits. "We can make around Tk 10,000 per bigha of land from sunflowers," says grower Amulya Ranjon Mondal from Raghunathpur village in Nazirpur upazila. He has been growing sunflowers for the past three years. "Sunflowers aren't difficult to grow," says another farmer, Kishore Mondal from the same village. "They need only sufficient water. The only risk is from natural calamity. And sunflower oil is healthy. It has good demand and besides, we use it at home." Separating the oil from the sunflowers is

easier than other oilseeds, farmers say. In addition, where after the aman paddy season fields used to remain fallow, sunflowers now provide an extra income source. The flowers are sown in December, with seeds collected towards the end of April. "We get extra profit from growing sunflowers as well as paddy," says Mojibor Sheikh, a grower from Shekhmatia in Nazirpur upazila. According to the Department of Agriculture Extension, sunflowers in Pirojpur are cultivated on 178 hectares across the district, especially in Mathbaria and Nazirpur upazilas. Various NGOs had been encouraging the crop by providing sunflower seeds free of cost, but from this year for the first time farmers are not receiving any such assistance.

PSTU VC freed after 18 hours of confinement

OUr COrespondent, Patuakhali
The vice chancellor of Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) was freed yesterday after 18 hours of confinement. Students of the university confined VC Harun-Or-Rashid and other officials to their respective rooms in the administrative building around 10:30am on Tuesday, demanding withdrawal of semester drop system. Registrar Sawdesh Chandra Samonto said a discussion would be held between the university authority and the students to resolve the issue at a seminar on March 30.

For posting photo of hunted bird

OUr COrespondent, Nilphamari
A mobile court yesterday fined a man Tk 2,000 on charge of hunting a migratory bird and uploading a photo of the bird and his gun on the social networking site Facebook. In his Facebook post convict Badsha Aziz wrote a message saying, "Just now, I hunted a 'Banwar' bird with my gun." The accused Badsha, 50, is son of late Azizul Islam of Panga Motukpur village in Domar upazila. Ruhul Amin, an online activist, alleged that Badsha hunted a large migratory bird with his gun on Saturday while the bird was swimming in a pond adjacent to his house. Later, Badsha took a picture holding the bird in one hand and the gun in the other and posted the photo in his Facebook page. The offence created huge criticism among the Facebook users and many asked him to delete the post but Badsha did not pay any heed. Local voluntary environmental organization 'Setubondhon' brought the issue to the notice of Nilphamari Deputy Commissioner. According to the DC's directives, Domar Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Sabiha Sultana raided Badsha's house yesterday noon and fined him Tk 2,000 under Wildlife Protection Act. UNO Sabiha said she warned Badsha of taking stern action against him if he commits such offence again in future.



Trade in cow milk It brings prosperity to many Jhalakathi farmers

OUr COrespondent, Jhalakathi
Belayet's sweet and curd factory and shop has brought prosperity to at least two hundred families of Naikathi village in Rajapur upazila of the district. He needs around 1,000 litres of cow's milk for his factory every day, but can collect 400 litres to 500 litres from his village at Tk 60 per litre at present, said Belayet, who used to run a tea stall. "I always encourage the farmers to rear milk cows, and most of them are doing so," he added. Increasing demand for milk and fair prices are making more farmers interested in rearing milk cows, said livestock officer of Rajapur Alokesh Kumar Sarkar. Around 100 farmers are fully dependent on cow's milk for their income, said dairy farm owner Rafiul Islam. "We sell the milk to the sweet factory," said Rekha Rani Dhal, another farm owner of the area. "My family was poor but I have earned prosperity by selling milk to Belayet," she said, adding that many families have achieved solvency by producing milk. "I have been inspired to do the sweet business as it can bring prosperity for many village people who have a reliable place to sell their produce," said Belayet, adding that he was very poor a few years ago but the sweet business has brought prosperity for him and his family in the last eight years. He makes Tk 35,000 to Tk 45,000 daily and earns over Tk 1 lakh per month as profit, he added. "I use pure cow's milk for making sweets and curd as it enhances the taste," said Belayet. "Belayet's sweets and curd are famous for their quality, and many sweet lovers come to taste them from distant places every day," said Raju, who came from Barisal to buy the sweets. "Thanks to Belayet's initiative, the village is going to be a milk village where one could hardly get 20 kg of milk ten years ago," livestock officer Alokesh said. The farm owners would get more profit if one or two more sweet shops like Belayet's are set up, he added.

Labourer hacked to death in Pabna

OUr COrespondent, Pabna
A day labourer was hacked to death in Paikpara area of Santhia upazila early yesterday. Police arrested accused Abdus Salam, 50, of the area, said Officer-in-Charge Md Nasir Uddin of Santhia Police Station. The victim was Ataur Rahman, 55, of Bagbaria village in Shahzadpur upazila of Sirajganj. Ataur had been working at the house of Saidur Rahman for the last couple of weeks, said police. There was a longstanding conflict between Saidur and his neighbour Salam over a piece of disputed land, said the OC. Around 3:00am yesterday, the men of Salam swooped on Ataur and stabbed him, leaving him dead on the spot. The body was sent to Pabna Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy, said the police officer. Process to file a murder case is going on as of filing of this report around 6:00pm yesterday, said police.

Meghna Petroleum Limited

(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong

Invitation for Expressions of Interest

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).
3	Procuring entity name/executing agency	Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
4	Procuring entity district	Chittagong, Bangladesh.
5	Expression of interest	For Design, Supply, Installation, Integration, Testing & Commissioning of web based and mobile device (android & iOS) supported e-Filing software system and its Post Warranty Services.
6	Title of service	Appointment of IT firm for Design, Supply, Installation, Integration, Testing & Commissioning, and Providing Post Warranty Support Services of web based and mobile device (android & iOS) supported e-Filing Software System at MPL and its all up-country offices/depts on turnkey basis.
7	EOI Ref No. & date	PUR/ 083/ Date: 21.03.2017.

KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
9	Procurement sub-method	Quality Cost Based System (QCBS) under RFP (Request for Proposal).

FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	Own source of Meghna Petroleum Limited.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Project name	Design, Supply, Installation, Integration, Testing & Commissioning of web based and mobile device (android & iOS) supported e-Filing software system at Meghna Petroleum Limited.
12	Last date & time of EOI receiving	24-04-2017 at 15:00 hours.
13	EOI receiving place	Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

14	a) Background	Meghna Petroleum Limited (MPL) is a subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation. It is the largest oil marketing company of Bangladesh. The marketing network consists of one Main Installation (MI) at Chittagong, 4 regional office, 18 up-country oil depots and more than 600 filling stations scattered throughout the country. Details of our functioning maybe found at www.mpl.gov.bd
	b) Objectives	The company now wants to use the tools of Information and Communication Technology to modernize its operations. In this journey, an important milestone would be to turn the company into a fully electronic workplace with a "less paper" environment.
		The projects envisages (a) A study of the existing processes in the company (b) A study and appropriate design of the hardware and networking system to run the software properly (c) Development & implementation of a customized software solution (d) Digitalization of documents to get the system operation (e) Training to the end users (f) Annual maintenance of the software and support for the period of 5 years.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH EOI

15	a)	Application for Expression of Interest.
	b)	Brochures, Company Profile and Organizational Chart with position of experienced staff for each area.
	c)	Details of all IT/ITES projects executed in the past ten (10) years.
	d)	Details of two documents Digitalization & Management Projects including contracts and completion certificate, the applicant has satisfactorily completed during the last 5 (five) years ending last day of the month prior to the one in which the EOI has been invited.
	e)	Company's incorporation certificate, up-to-date trade license, VAT registration certificate, Income Tax certificate, bank solvency certificate, audit report/turnover report of the company.
	f)	The EOI with the proof of meeting the above should be accompanied by audited financial statement of the last 3 (three) financial years ending June 2016 is to be submitted along with the EOI application.

OTHER DETAILS

16	a)	Any IT/ITES company registered in Bangladesh solely or as a JV lead partner can participate. The bidder/lead bidder has to be registered under RJSC in Bangladesh. The bidder/lead bidder must be a member of BASIS for at least 5 years. In case of JV, the partner company has to be a registered limited company and must be 5 years old.
	b)	The bidder/lead bidder should be certified under various international Quality Standards in the same/related fields.
	c)	The bidder/lead bidder must have at least 5 years experience in the software development & implementation. The bidder/lead bidder must have at least 3 years experience in the ERP development & implementation.
	d)	The bidder/lead bidder must have a turnover of at least Taka 1 crore each year over the last three financial years from software services in case of JV, the total turnover must be more than 1 million USD.
	e)	Experience in setting up and successfully running Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP) including systems (Workflow, Document Management Systems, MIS, File Management System viz creation, processing and decision making on e-file, tracking and extracting.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

17	Name of official inviting tender	Md Hasinur Rahman.
18	Designation of official inviting tender	Assistant Manager (IT).
19	Address of official inviting tender	58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
20	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone: +88031-711891-7, Email: hasinroses_cse@yahoo.com
21	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders without any reason whatever.	

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Indian peacock rescued

OUr COrespondent, Lalmonirhat
Local people rescued a peacock from a maize field at Bejgram village in Hatibandha upazila of the district on Tuesday. They later handed over the peacock to Hatibandha Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO). Rathindra Nath Roy, councillor of 8 no ward in the upazila, said villagers caught the peacock as it entered Bangladesh territory after crossing the border on Tuesday noon. Hatibandha Upazila Nirbahi Office Syed Enamul Kabir said the rescued peacock would be handed over to the forest department soon.

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