

Silicosis claims another

Five stone crushing workers die of the incurable disease in 6 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Another stone crushing labourer died from silicosis, a common occupational lung-disease caused by inhalation of crystalline silica dust.

Raju Islam, 25, son of Mohasin Ali of Ufarmara village in Patgram upazila died at National Institute of Diseases of the Chest and Hospital (NIDCH) in the capital.

With him, five labourers died from silicosis, an incurable disease, in the last six months.

Raju worked as a stone crushing labourer in Burimari land port area for the last five years, said father Mohasin.

Raju, who had been suffering from silicosis for the last one year, used to take treatment at local hospital but he was admitted to NIDCH last month as his condition deteriorated, he said.

Safar Uddin, labourers' leader at the land port, said 70 stone crushing workers affected by silicosis have been taking treatment and of them, Azanur Islam, 35, is now undergoing treatment at Mitford Hospital in Dhaka.

"From our level, we are providing a little support for treatment to the silicosis affected labourers," he said, adding that the workers became very panicky over the death of Raju.

Resident Medical Officer Dr Rafiqul Islam of the upazila health complex said silicosis is an incurable disease.



A farmer examines his blast disease affected boro paddy field at Pashchim Satnai Piazipara village in Dimla upazila of Nilphamari. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: EAM ASADUZZAMAN

Blast attack worries Nilphamari boro farmers

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Farmers in Dimla upazila are worried as around 200 bighas of boro paddy fields have been attacked by blast disease and the antidotes advised by the agriculture officials are not working.

The affected villages are Pashchim Satnai Piazipara and Thakurganj of the district.

Dimla Upazila Agriculture Officer (UAO) Humayun Kabir said the disease has been caused due to abnormal weather in the Bangla month of Chaitra (mid March-mid April) this year as it remains foggy in the morning with cloudy sky although there is supposed to be scorching heat helping production of boro.

He added that blast disease might also have been caused due to

lack of potash in the soil.

While visiting the area on March 5, this correspondent found that around 100 bighas of paddy fields of BR-28, BR-29, Bhatti-28 and Zira varieties were mostly affected by the disease, which is spreading very fast. The disease has now spread to neighbouring village Thakurganj affecting 100 more bighas of land.

Farmer Zakirul Islam Shibli said he transplanted Bhatti-28 variety of boro paddy on two bighas of land in the middle of February, but a week ago he found that the paddy plants in a section of the fields had turned reddish. He said the plants dried up like straw in two or three days.

He said he took a few affected plants to the upazila agriculture officer, who diagnosed the disease

as blast and advised him to spray fungicide Nativo of multinational company Bayer and spread potash fertilizer, but that did not work.

Alamgir Hossain said his 1.5 bighas of paddy field of Zira variety were also affected by the disease, but the remedy suggested by the agriculture officials was ineffective. Many affected farmers said blast disease has struck more than 100 bighas of land and is spreading very fast, but they can only watch helplessly as no remedy is working.

Nilphamari Deputy Director (DD) of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) GM Idris said spraying fungicide of Nativo or Tropper brand and spreading potash fertilizer on the

fields are very effective in combating blast disease.

Regarding the allegation that farmers are not getting results although they are using antidotes as per advice of the officials, Idris said it might be due to use of more or less than the prescribed amount of the medicines.

"The situation is fully under control and severity of the attack is decreasing," he claimed.

Territory officer of Bayer Abdul Hye said fungicide Nativo is the best medicine for combating blast disease in boro paddy fields and is used widely in Bangladesh. The fungicide needs to be used in the proper dose (40gm of Nativo mixed with 70-litre of water to be sprayed on 33 decimals of land), otherwise the desired result will not be achieved.

Tuku sent to jail

Local BNP demands his release

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Sirajganj court yesterday sent BNP Vice President Iqbal Hassan Mahmud Tuku to jail in a case for vandalism and arson attack on October 11 in 2010.

Tuku, also a former state minister, appeared before the District and Sessions Judge's Court seeking bail in the case, said Md Babul Hossain, inspector of the court.

Judge Jafrul Hossain rejected the bail prayer of the BNP leader and sent him to jail, the inspector added.

"BNP leader Tuku was charge sheeted in connection with the vandalism and arson attack on a train on October 11 in 2010. He was indicted for ordering the attack," Babul said.

Pro-BNP men brought out a procession in the court premises, protesting imprisonment of the BNP leader and demanding his immediate release.

Indrajit Shah, counsel for Tuku, said BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia attended a mass rally at Sayedabad on October 11 in 2010, during which a train crushed six people. Angry people then attacked the train and set it on fire, he added.

Seven cases were filed in connection with the incident, accusing Tuku and thousands of BNP men, the lawyer said.

Couple found dead in rented house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Police recovered the bodies of a young couple from their rented house in Majheer Ghat area of Cox's Bazar town yesterday.

The deceased are Abdul Sukkur Abu, 28, and his wife Hasina Akhter Arzina, 22.

Police said being informed by neighbours, police entered the house by breaking open the door around 3:30am and found Abu hanging from a ceiling fan of a room and Arzina's body lying on the floor in another room.

They recovered the bodies and sent those to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

The couple might have committed suicide following a family feud, said Sub-Inspector Abdur Rahim of Sadar Model Police Station.

Two siblings drown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Two siblings drowned in a pond in Mathbaria upazila yesterday.

The deceased were Nazmul Hossain, 11, and Nayim Hossain, 8, sons of Firoz Hawlader of Sarisabari upazila in Jamalpur.

Around one and a half months ago, Nazma, mother of the victims, died of a disease.

After the mother's demise, their maternal grandfather Ismail Hossain brought them to Mathbaria and later, they got admission at Tafalbari Hasania Hefjul Nurani Cadet Madrasa as resident students.

Around 12:30pm, he found the clothes of the two on the staircase of the pond when he went there for taking bath, said Hafez Abdul Kuddus, a teacher of the madrasa.

Girl attends HSC exams with newborn on lap

Blind hawker Mofidul writes scripts with help of dictation writer

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

Mother of a newborn baby is appearing at the ongoing Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under Rajshahi Education Board at Syed Ahmed Degree College centre in Gabtoli upazila under the district.

A blind newspaper hawker, continuing his study defying the double challenge of visual impairment and poverty, is also attending the examinations at the same centre.

Visiting the centre on Saturday, Ankhi Begum, 18, an HSC examinee from Gabtoli Government College from humanities group, was seen writing her answer scripts with the baby on her lap on Saturday.

"Ankhi was married with my brother Shihab Mondal of Sheikhpara in Bogra Sadar on April 22 last year. She gave birth to a female child at a private clinic in Bogra town on Friday," Akhi's sister-in-law Shaira Banu said. She was taken to the examination centre from the clinic in an



ambulance for appearing in the English second paper examination Saturday morning, Shaira said.

Shihab now works in Malaysia. "Ankhi has eagerness for learning and we feel proud that she is attending the examination with her newborn," said her college friend Shonali Bala Roy.

Separate sitting arrangement has been made so that the mother of the newborn can attend the

examinations smoothly, said college teacher Monjur-e-Alam, also a member of the examination committee.

Meanwhile, blind newspaper hawker Mofidul Islam, 19, the youngest of three sons and a daughter of late Kolim Uddin of Telihata Pacanipara under Bogra's Gabtoli upazila is appearing at the HSC examinations at the same centre as a humanities student of Sonaroy Taslim Uddin

Tarafdar College in the upazila.

On Saturday, Mofidul was seen writing the answer scripts of the English second paper examination with the help of a dictation writer.

"I sell newspapers in the trains of Bogra-Lalmonirhat route for managing his education costs and helping the family," said Mofidul, who passed the SSC examinations in 2015 with GPA-3.72.

Md Saiduzzaman, principal of Syed Ahmed Degree College, also secretary of the examination



centre, said different sitting arrangement for disabled examinees was arranged there and a Class X student was selected as dictation writer for Mofidul.

22 shops gutted in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Fire gutted at least 22 shops at a local market in Indurkani upazila of the district early yesterday.

Shop owners said the fire originated from a sweetmeat shop at Indurkani Bazar and soon engulfed another 21 adjacent shops in a row, including restaurant, grocery shops, medicine and electronic shops around 3:30am.

On information, three fire fighting units from Pirojpur Sadar, Bhandaria and Nazipur fire stations went to the spot and doused the flames after an hour of frantic effort.

Man killed, 25 hurt in B'baria clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A man was killed and at least 25 others were injured, some of them critically, following a fierce clash between two rival groups of people at Nimbari village under Mulgram union of Kasba upazila yesterday.

The dead was identified as Rahiz Miah, 57, of the village.

The clash occurred over previous enmity. According to eyewitness and police, an altercation broke out between supporters of Kabli Bari and Pundob Bari in the village. At one stage, the two groups armed with sticks locked in a clash that spread over the entire village and its adjacent areas.

Police struggled for one and a half hours to bring the situation under control. They fired rubber bullets and teargas shells to break up the feuding parties.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Kasba Police Station Mohiuddin Ahamed said Rahiz Mia died on the spot while 25 people from both sides were injured. Riot police have been deployed on the spot, the OC added.

Local Invitation to Bid No. LITB-2017-9131040 For Procurement of Motorcycle for Men and Women under Long Term Arrangement (LTA)

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For detail specification and procedure for submitting the bid, please write to UNICEF at "supplybangladesh@unicef.org" or visit our website: https://www.unicef.org/bangladesh/supply_4914.html to download the bid.

The deadline for submission of the bid is 24 April 2017 by 11:00am. Please note UNICEF does not charge any fee at any stage of the solicitation process.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

অ্যাটর্নি জেনারেল কার্যালয়
সুপ্রীমকোর্ট এলাকা, ঢাকা

আইন বই ক্রয়ের

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বাংলাদেশের অ্যাটর্নি জেনারেল অফিসের লাইব্রেরীতে আইন বই সরবরাহের জন্য প্রকৃত আইন বই বিক্রেতাদের নিকট হইতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। আইন বইগুলির বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অত্র অফিসের "লাইব্রেরী" হইতে সিডিউল ক্রয়ের মাধ্যমে জানা যাইবে। প্রতিটি সিডিউলের মূল্য ৫০০/- টাকা মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)। এই বিজ্ঞপ্তি পত্রিকায় প্রচারিত হওয়ার পর দরপত্র খোলার পূর্বদিন পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নগদ মূল্যে সিডিউল ক্রয় করিতে হইবে। সকল দরপত্র আগামী ১৭/০৪/২০১৭ইং তারিখ বেলা ৩.৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে অত্র অফিসে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাজে দাখিল করিতে হইবে এবং এদিন বেলা ৪.০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হইবে। আর্নেস্টম্যানি বাবদ প্রতি আইটেমের দর মূল্যের শতকরা ৩% টাকা হারে অত্র কার্যালয়ের প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তার অনুমুদিত ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (পে-অর্ডার) এবং হালসন নাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও ভ্যাট সাটিকিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি দরপত্রের সংগে অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র গৃহীত হইবে না। আইন বইগুলি সরবরাহের আদেশ পাওয়ার তারিখ হইতে ২৮ (আটাশ) দিনের মধ্যে অবশ্যই সরবরাহ করিতে হইবে। নির্দিষ্ট সময়সীমার মধ্যে বইগুলি সরবরাহ করিতে না পারিলে উক্ত কার্যাদেশ বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

মাসুদা খানম
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Bullet-hit deer found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Locals recovered a dead deer from Ruhita village under Pathorghata upazila of Barguna yesterday.

They handed over the deer to forest officials, who buried it after taking its skin, said Forest Range Officer Md Solaiman Howlader.

Md Zakir Munshi, a local youth, said

villagers found the deer on Ruhita char (landmass emerging from river bed) and informed the forest officials. It had been hit by a bullet, he said, adding that they thought it had died around eight to nine hours before.

The deer might have been hit by a bullet in the Sundarbans and floated to the char, the range officer said.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ সরকারি কর্ম কমিশন সচিবালয়
আগারগাঁও, শেরে বাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ সরকারি কর্ম কমিশন সচিবালয়ে আউটসোর্সিং এর মাধ্যমে ৩য় ও ৪র্থ শ্রেণীর জনবল সরবরাহের লক্ষ্যে সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান নির্ধারণের জন্য দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হয়েছে। এ সংক্রান্ত পূর্ণাঙ্গ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি বাংলাদেশ সরকারি কর্ম কমিশন সচিবালয়ের নিজস্ব ওয়েবসাইট www.bpsc.gov.bd এ প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে। দরপত্র সিডিউল নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস কক্ষ হতে আগামী ২৩/০৪/২০১৭ তারিখ বেলা ৪.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

মোঃ আব্দুর রহিম
উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন-৩)
জিডি-৭৫১

চিটাগাং ড্রাই ডক লিমিটেড

বাংলাদেশ নৌবাহিনী
পূর্ব পতেঙ্গা, চট্টগ্রাম

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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০১।	ক্রমিকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	চিটাগাং ড্রাই ডক লিমিটেড, বাংলাদেশ নৌবাহিনী, পূর্ব পতেঙ্গা, চট্টগ্রাম।
০২।	কার্যের বিবরণ	০১ টি বাথিং পক্ষী (৭০মি x ১০মি x ২.৫মি) আনডকিংকরণ।
০৩।	দরপত্রের নথি নং	২৩.০২.১৫৬৫.৩৪১.৫৩.০০৬.১৭, তারিখঃ ০৯-০৪-২০১৭ইং।
০৪।	ক্রয়ের প্রক্রিয়া	খোলা দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে।
০৫।	উৎস	নির্ভর্য তহবিল।
০৬।	দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ ও শেষ সময়	১১ এপ্রিল ২০১৭ইং হতে ২৬ এপ্রিল ২০১৭ইং বেলা- ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়)।
০৭।	দরপত্র জমাদানের শেষ সময়	১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
০৮।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৬ এপ্রিল ২০১৭ইং বেলা- ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা।
০৯।	দরপত্র বিক্রয় ও গ্রহণের স্থান	চিটাগাং ড্রাই ডক লিমিটেড, বাংলাদেশ নৌবাহিনী, পূর্ব পতেঙ্গা, চট্টগ্রাম।
ক।	দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান	চিটাগাং ড্রাই ডক লিমিটেড এর হিসাব বিভাগ।
খ।	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	চিটাগাং ড্রাই ডক লিমিটেড।
গ।	দরপত্র খোলার প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	চিটাগাং ড্রাই ডক লিমিটেড।

(১) চিটাগাং ড্রাই ডক লিমিটেড, বাংলাদেশ নৌবাহিনী, পূর্ব পতেঙ্গা, চট্টগ্রাম।
(২) দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও অনুমোদিত প্রতিনির্দিষ্ট দরপত্র খোলার সময় উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবে।

টাকাঃ ৫০০.০০ (পাঁচশত মাত্র) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
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চিটাগাং ড্রাই ডক লিমিটেড কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন/সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (বাণিজ্য)
জিডি-৭৫৩