



Day labourers wait to get hired at Boithakata Bazar in Nazirpur upazila of Pirojpur, showing a typical picture there on haat days every Saturday and Tuesday. PHOTO: STAR

Market that sells labour

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Day labourers from different places gather at Boithakata Bazar in Nazirpur upazila to sell their labour on haat days on every Saturday and Tuesday.

The people who sell their labour usually come from Nazirpur, Pirojpur Sadar and Nesarabad upazilas of the district.

The employers bear all the cost of a day labourer, including food and other facilities, in addition to daily wage.

Over 200 day labourers gather at Boithakata Bazar on haat days. The market has been going on for years, which provides labourers for various types of household and farm works to the people of nearby areas.

The people hire day labourers for different purposes like planting paddy seedlings and harvesting ripe

paddy. People from different areas of Gopalganj, Barisal and Pirojpur go to Boithakata Bazar for hiring day labourers round the year. The wage of the labourers is fixed depending on the nature of the work.

"The wage of the labourers rises during the period of planting seedlings and collecting paddy from the field," said Md Abul Bashar, a recruiter of labourers from Banaripara upazila in Barisal, adding that it remains low rest of the year.

Now wage of the labourers has increased two times compared to other times of the year as it is the period for collecting boro paddy.

The daily wage for a labourer was Tk 700 on Saturday, which was Tk 450 one week ago.

"The demand for labourers has increased now as it is the season for

collecting boro paddy," said Abdul Malek. He said they have little scope for bargain for determining wage as their paddy has ripened fully and started getting damaged in the water. They are to pay high wage to the labourers during this season, he added.

The labourers, however, said they don't get any scope for demanding high wage in the other seasons.

"During the time of planting and collecting paddy we have great demand," said labourer Md Babul Hawlader, adding that he gets Tk 700 for a day.

Labourers said they can work five to seven days at a house at a time. Sometimes they can shift to other houses or return home, they said.

Jubo League man stabbed to death

Prime accused arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A local Jubo League activist succumbed to his stab injuries at Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) yesterday.

Son of Abdur Razzak of Lahuri village in Pirojpur's Indurkani upazila, Rasel Sheikh, 35, was a ward level Jubo League activist, said Abdur Razzak, president of the party's upazila unit.

He worked for a construction contractor in Masimpur area of Pirojpur town.

Witnesses said a group of youths numbering five to six attacked the Jubo League activist with sharp weapons around 5:45pm on Monday.

Critically injured Rasel was rushed to KMCH where he died yesterday.

Prime accused Abu Sayeed, son of Abul Bashar Akon of Adarshapara area in the town, was arrested, said Md Masumur Rahman Biswas, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

Mamata still 'reluctant'

FROM PAGE 1

Behar on Monday, Mamata reiterated that there is no water to spare for Bangladesh. This is what she had conveyed during her talks with Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Modi in Delhi on April 8.

Mamata's hardened stance is also reflected when her party Trinamool Congress' Lok Sabha member Sultan Ahmed refused to join a parliamentary standing committee team on energy. The team was scheduled to visit Sikkim on April 21-23 to study the barrages on the Teesta used for generating electricity from eight plants and availability of water during the current lean season.

Trinamool Congress sources told The Daily Star that Mamata did not clear Ahmed's joining the standing committee's visit to Sikkim. Interestingly, the committee's visit to Sikkim had to be cancelled because of absence of the Trinamool Congress lawmaker as its government in West Bengal is a key stakeholder in any deal on Teesta. Instead, the committee, headed by BJP

lawmaker Virendra Kumar, visited Tripura, Burdwan and Kolkata.

"The purpose of the committee's visit to the power plants on the Teesta in Sikkim stands defeated without the Trinamool Congress representative in it," said a member of the committee.

Though the parliamentary committee's main agenda was to visit the power plants, according to the sources, it was looking forward to the opportunity to use the occasion to assess how much water was being used by the plants which were run-of-the-river projects and how much water was available in Sikkim part of the Teesta.

Mamata earlier claimed that West Bengal, being a downstream state, was not getting enough water in the Teesta from Sikkim which caused problems in irrigation and power generation in her state.

Noted hydrologist Kalyan Rudra, who was appointed by the Mamata government to assess water availability in the Teesta, has pointed to "poor" water

management saying the timing of the release of water from the eight hydroelectric projects in Sikkim is not coordinated with the peak time need of farmers in West Bengal.

It remains to be seen how the Modi government can work to persuade Mamata to agree to a deal on the Teesta which has been hanging fire for six years since it was scuppered at the eleventh hour by Mamata during the then Indian PM Manmohan Singh's visit to Dhaka in September, 2011.

Mamata has meanwhile asked Bangladesh not to contain water of the Atrai river as the inhabitants of one of its states are suffering from water crisis.

"By building dam, water of the Atrai is contained, that's why there is no water at Balur Ghat. No problem occurs. I'll request the friendly government of Bangladesh to free the water of the Atrai river," she said.

Mamata said this while addressing a reception ceremony organised by Kamtapuri Peoples Party of Cooch Behar yesterday.

Nothing found

FROM PAGE 2

Describing the raid as "unusual", some local residents said all the houses were not searched.

Abdur Rashid, owner of a one-storey building, said police looked through his house in the morning.

However, Ataur Rahman, a retired staff of Rajshahi Sugar Mills, said law enforcers didn't enter his house. He said he never saw such a raid in this peaceful neighbourhood.

Amir Jafar, deputy commissioner of RMP, said the police team took position at a two-storey house rented by Caritas Bangladesh around 11:30pm on Monday and raided houses nearby.

RMP AC Alam said they decided to conduct the drive suspecting militant activities in any of the houses there.

Additional District Magistrate Subrata Paul and Executive Magistrate Rumon Dey visited the area around 1:30pm.

Paul said law enforcers told him that they didn't make any arrest.

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Un-audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2017

RAK CERAMICS

Consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2017

	31 Mar 2017 Taka	31 Dec 2016 Taka
Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	3,437,529,656	3,500,775,257
Investment property	709,617,021	504,343,755
Intangible assets	5,863,044	6,740,159
Capital work-in-progress	92,170,377	28,726,285
Trade and other receivables	37,012,500	74,025,000
Total non-current assets	4,282,192,598	4,114,610,457
Inventories	2,676,762,392	2,527,507,042
Trade and other receivables	596,250,594	618,841,556
Loan to disposed subsidiary	-	201,898,000
Advances, deposits and prepayments	440,321,545	406,247,968
Advance income tax	2,555,792,173	2,485,841,759
Cash and cash equivalents	969,628,093	802,643,479
Total current assets	7,238,754,797	7,042,979,804
Total assets	11,520,947,395	11,157,590,261
Equity		
Share capital	3,536,931,410	3,368,506,110
Share premium	1,473,647,979	1,473,647,979
Retained earnings	627,655,531	1,269,570,793
Equity attributable to equity holders of the company	5,638,234,920	6,111,724,882
Non-controlling interests	1,224	1,501
Total equity	5,638,236,144	6,111,726,383
Liabilities		
Borrowings	547,065,298	601,200,132
Deferred tax liability	144,519,025	128,416,223
Total non-current liabilities	691,584,323	729,616,355
Employees benefits payable	21,826,430	3,458,783
Borrowings	520,011,505	566,254,999
Trade and other payables	1,332,802,751	590,472,114
Accrued expenses	336,682,727	269,520,037
Provision for income tax	2,979,803,515	2,886,541,590
Total current liabilities	5,191,126,928	4,316,247,523
Total liabilities	5,882,711,251	5,045,863,878
Total equity and liabilities	11,520,947,395	11,157,590,261

Sd/- Managing Director Sd/- Director Sd/- Director Sd/- Chief Financial Officer Sd/- Company Secretary

Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dated, 24 April 2017

Consolidated profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the period ended 31 March 2017

	31 Mar 2017 Taka	31 Mar 2016 Taka
Sales	1,567,265,392	1,311,182,196
Cost of sales	(899,212,028)	(745,724,126)
Gross profit	668,053,364	565,458,070
Other income	812,031	600,000
Administrative expenses	(95,548,840)	(76,314,082)
Marketing and selling expenses	(206,972,902)	(161,456,091)
	(301,709,711)	(237,170,091)
Profit from operating activities	366,343,653	328,287,979
Finance income	5,709,884	12,372,140
Finance expenses	(44,874,646)	(6,581,890)
Net finance income	(39,164,762)	5,790,250
Profit before contribution to worker's profit participation and welfare fund	327,178,891	334,078,229
Contribution to worker's profit participation and welfare fund	(17,602,781)	(13,878,036)
Profit before income tax	309,576,110	320,200,193
Income tax expense		
Current tax	(93,261,925)	(89,002,905)
Deferred tax	(16,102,802)	4,445,522
	(109,364,727)	(84,557,383)
Profit for the period	200,211,383	235,642,810
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	200,211,383	235,642,810
Profit attributable to:		
Equity holders of the company	200,211,260	235,642,675
Non-controlling interests	123	135
Profit after tax for the period	200,211,383	235,642,810
Basic earnings per share (Par value TK 10)	0.57	0.67

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Consolidated statement of cash flows for the period ended 31 March 2017

	31 Mar 2017 Taka	31 Mar 2016 Taka
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts from customers	1,555,517,828	1,209,594,140
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	(1,130,428,474)	(1,064,229,590)
Cash generated from operating activities	425,089,354	145,364,550
Interest received from bank deposit	949,318	995,109
Interest tax paid	(69,950,413)	(24,566,075)
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	356,088,259	121,793,584
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(117,265,204)	(271,354,485)
Sale of property, plant and equipment	-	129,500
Disposal proceeds of subsidiary and associate	37,012,500	-
Interest received from FDR	5,227,548	10,020,603
Income from rental	610,000	600,000
Intangible assets	(430,000)	(12,346,418)
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(74,845,156)	(272,950,800)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Finance charges	(13,563,898)	(9,121,930)
Avail/(repayment) of term loan	(54,134,835)	373,524,878
Avail/(repayment) of short-term loan	(46,243,494)	(261,462,566)
Dividend paid	(315,862)	(550,868)
Unclaimed share application refund	-	(345,600)
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	(114,258,489)	102,043,914
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	166,984,614	(49,113,302)
Cash and cash equivalents as at 01 January	802,643,479	1,101,566,520
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 March	969,628,093	1,052,453,218

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