

# Throat-slit body found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

The throat-slit body of a farmer was found at a bamboo cluster in Chandamari village of Panchagarh's Tentulia upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Tohidul Islam, 47, son of Mohim Uddin of the village.

Family sources said Tohidul went out of his house on Tuesday night and since then he did not return home.

Informed by locals, police recovered the body from the area in the morning and sent it to Panchagarh Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Sudarshan Kumar Roy said it might be a premeditated murder.

# One gets life for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A Jessore court sentenced a man to life term imprisonment for killing Yanur Rahman of Uttar Kagojpukur village under Benapole Port Police Station in 2006.

The lifer is M Ibrahim, son of late Yusuf Munshi of the village, Public Prosecutor (PP) SM Badruzzaman Palash said on Tuesday.

Special Judge Nitai Chandra Saha also fined Ibrahim Tk 20 thousand.

According to the prosecution, Ibrahim killed Yanur with a sharp weapon following an altercation on May 15 in 2006.

Later, a case was filed in connection with the incident, said the PP.

# Nature turns her back on Haor people

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Bangladesh is a country of six seasons. Probably, nowhere in the world is there such a great diversity of seasons in so small a geographical location. Since my childhood till ten or fifteen years back, we could feel the changes in the seasons, in nature. Now, it's very difficult to feel the difference in the nature and environment and even weather patterns in one single season. I can't remember when I felt the true ambience of hemanta (autumn). Generally, we see the hot and humid weather, rain and then a little bit of winter -- that's all. Everything has turned topsy-turvy.

As I have been roaming across the country since the early 80s, I could see the changes from very close. The nature has changed, and finally, seasons are no longer that much distinct.

Many days back, I watched a film, "The man who saw tomorrow". Later on, I watched "Day after tomorrow" and then "2012". All these fantasy stories depict the changes in the climate and their extreme effects, but these imaginary screenplays some way or other give me the hint that many of the stories are turning out to be real now. During my work across the world from Africa, Asia and America -- I saw the impact of climate change and it's happening pretty fast. A small town in Newfoundland, Canada, has a new visitor- one of the biggest icebergs (64-metre high) of the season.

These information and images remind me of the famous anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss' comment, "The world began without the human race and will

certainly end without it."

"Since the journey of earth, mankind tried to establish its dominance. Advanced technologies came in between for this dominance. A peculiar boast is triggering our desire and we started believing we can live without nature. We need to stay away from these kinds of bizarre concepts," said David Suzuki, Japanese environmentalist in a nature documentary, I watched couple of years back. The most astonishing quote was from the writer of Biomimicry, Janine Benius, "If January is the first and December is the last month of the year in

deepest regions of the oceans and over the ground -- nothing is functioning properly. The land and the deep structures of soil isn't working right as well.

And, Bangladesh is also suffering the changes. Salinity has increased and the southern salinity may travel to the Jamuna river and its surrounding regions. More hailstorms and 152% increase in rainfall in March and a very short winter indicate all the unexpected changes of climate.

Now, it's all about the despair and havoc in haor region of Bangladesh. The

Haor, locally known as 'rice mine', too went under water, submerging Boro paddy on 22,000 acres of land. Flash floods submerged around 48,670 out of 184,320 hectares of land targeted for Boro cultivation in eight upazilas of Netrakona, said Bilash Chandra Pal, deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension of the district.

Farmers cultivated Boro paddy on 4.5 lakh hectares of haor land this year. District agricultural offices say around 2.5 lakh hectares of land was submerged in the flash floods, 87 embankments were damaged and all the 142 haors went

affected fish, ducks and cattle. The images on the newspapers and videos on TVs were heartbreaking.

These early flash floods in haor areas is the result of climate change which is having a bad impact on agricultural productivity, natural fish breeding, land use practice, lifestyles and livelihoods in the haor areas.

Dear readers, we have saline, drought and submergence tolerant rice varieties, but it's time to check the sustainability of these varieties and our policymakers must foresee the disasters and its impact on people and biodiversity and plan accordingly. Or else, the entire food chain will collapse in these affected regions. For example, from the next year farmer should be able to harvest their paddy from the beginning of March instead of the end of the month, since we have seen how the flash floods starting from March 27, have destroyed everything. They must get a short-term variety of rice so that they can take home their golden crops. For example, monga, a near-famine situation in a few northern districts, has been prevented with the help of a short term rice variety that farmers harvest in only three months.

Our scientists and policymakers need to see the future and help farmers to overcome their troubles. If they can come up with a solid plan and right technology, farming and biodiversity of the haor and other regions of our country will be saved.

Dear readers, when this article will be published the facts and figures in the haor areas will presumably deteriorate. The whole world is one country -- that's how the global citizen should believe. The government should be steadfast to resolve the river and water issues with our neighbouring country. Or, everything will be too late. And, we do not want our farmers to suffer like this.

We must become literate about climate change and its effects and take effective measures accordingly. We must comprehend the impacts of climate change to combat it effectively, going beyond the traditional thought of getting aid and grants from international organizations and rich countries. We have to understand why the fate of haor can affect the fate of Bangladesh.



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the calendar, then, according to the earth's age, we're standing at the end of its life span, which means December."

These thoughts and observations seem somewhat real to me considering the drastic changes in nature.

The earth is not anymore the earth we used to know. Clear sky, fresh air, fertile soil and a friendly climate -- nothing is there any longer. A whole lot has changed. Only sunrise and sunset has remained unchanged. The heat, temperature, warming, biosphere and cold in the Himalayas or the snowy nature in the polar regions --nothing seem to be on track. The natural regulations in the

recent flash floods in the haor regions in north-eastern Bangladesh demonstrate the threat of climate change that looms large over Bangladesh. It also indicates our nation's lack of awareness of climate change and its impact on haors and other disaster prone areas. In six districts comprising large haor areas -- Habiganj, Netrakona, Sunamganj, Brahmanbaria, Kishoreganj and Moulvibazar, farmers suffer massive destruction of paddy fields. In Sunamganj, farmers cultivated Boro paddy on over 2,23,850 hectares of land this year. Already, 82% of the rice is ruined, says government accounts but farmers claim it's 90%. Lastly, Shanir

under water by the time I'm writing this article. The flash floods have reportedly caused damage to crops worth over Tk 4,000 crore. The Haor Advocacy Platform has come to disclose this, considering the loss of one million tonnes of rice, 2000 tonnes of fish and 11,305 tonnes of livestock feed. However, the loss is likely to go up to 10,000 crore taka.

Flash floods are not a new phenomenon for farmers of the haor regions but it usually come after they harvest a major portion of the Boro crops by mid-April. But this year, they were completely taken by surprise as the early floods inundated their croplands from late March. It also

# Boro goes under water

## Farmers in Mymensingh and Gaibandha harvesting the crops in nearly ripe or immature stage

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Boro paddy on thousands of hectares of land has gone under water in Mymensingh and Rangpur due to heavy rainfall for the last couple of days and onrush of water from hills across the border.

Our Mymensingh Correspondent reported that about 9840 hectares of Boro cropland in nine upazilas of the district have gone under water due to heavy rainfall and water coming across the border for the last one week.

The affected upazilas are Mymensingh Sadar, Trishal, Haluaghat, Phulpur, Dhobaura, Ishwarganj, Gouripur, Tarakanda and Nandail.

Farmer Rabiul Karim of Tara Amuakanda village in Phulpur upazila said he cultivated Boro on

one hectare of land this year but could not harvest the crop as it was in half-ripe stage.

In addition to the heavy rainfall, onrush of water from the adjacent hills through Kharia, Majhili and Kongsha rivers has inundated about 3448 hectares of Boro croplands in Phulpur and Tarakanda upazilas, said Habibur Rahman, training officer at Mymensingh Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE).

Besides, water coming through Netai river has badly affected Boro fields in Dhobaura and adjacent Haluaghat upazilas, the official said.

Golam Hossain, a farmer of Purakandulia village in Dhobaura, said farmers in many affected areas are harvesting Boro crops in nearly-ripe or immature stage due to the untimely

flood.

In Gaibandha, Boro crops on vast areas in Teesta and Jamuna river basin in Gaibandha Sadar, Sundarganj, Fulchhari and Saghata upazilas have been submerged by flash flood caused by the incessant rainfall in the last week.

Saghata Upazila Agriculture Officer Mobinuzzaman said such heavy rainfall during this time of the year is totally unexpected, adding that it might have happened due to the global climate change.

The recent flood has inundated Boro crops on about 73 hectares of lands in the upazila so far, added the officer.

Besides, vast tracts of vegetable fields in Teesta river basin areas also went under water due to the incessant rainfall, farmers said.

# Municipality staffs observe work abstain

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Around 100 staff of Lalmonirhat municipality observed a one-hour-long work abstention yesterday, demanding nationalisation of their jobs.

Driver Anwar Hossain, also district sports secretary of the association, said they have not been getting their salaries from the municipality funds for the last few months. If their jobs are nationalised, they will not have to suffer as they will get salaries directly from the government, he added.

Rangpur divisional president of the association, also the municipality's accountant, Shafiqul Islam Patwary said their demands are justified.

# Storm damages 200 houses

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Nor'wester swept through Moulvibazar and Sylhet in the last two days, damaging hundreds of houses.

At least 200 houses were damaged as the heavy storm lashed Kulara and Kamalganj upazilas in Moulvibazar on Tuesday, reports our correspondent.

The storm accompanied by hail and rain damaged Iri-boro paddy and uprooted a good number of trees and electric poles in the areas.

Palli Bidyut Samity reinstalled the electric poles and restored power supply in the upazilas

yesterday noon, said Bakhor Ali Khan chairman of Prithimpasha Union Parishad.

Azizur Rahman, chairman of Moulvibazar district council, said he talked with the higher authorities about relief for the people affected by the storm.

Meanwhile, nor'wester hit some villages in Sylhet Sadar upazila yesterday, destroying a number of homesteads.

It also uprooted many trees, said reports our correspondent.

At least 170 families have been affected due to the storm, said Md Delwar Hossain, chairman of Khadimnagar Union Parishad.

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০১) এজেন্সী/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	ঃ আন্তর্জাতিক পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (এপিএসসিএল)।
০২) কাজের নাম	ঃ আন্তর্জাতিক পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (এপিএসসিএল)-এর ৫০ মেগাওয়াট গ্যাস ইঞ্জিন পাওয়ার প্ল্যান্ট হতে জমাকৃত লুপ অয়েল ও লুপ অয়েলের বালি ড্রাম (সে-ডাউন এলাকার রক্ষিত) নিলামে বিক্রয় করণ।
০৩) দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্য (অক্ষরভাষায়)	ঃ ১,০০০.০০ (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র।
০৪) ডেলিভারী গ্রহণের সময়সীমা	ঃ বিক্রয়াদেশ ইস্যুর তারিখ হতে বাৎসরিক ভিত্তিতে ও সিডিউলে বর্ণিত শর্তনুযায়ী দিন।
০৫) দরপত্র দাখিল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	ঃ ক) বিভাগীয় কমিশনার -এর দপ্তর, চট্টগ্রাম বিভাগ, কোর্ট বিল্ডিং, চট্টগ্রাম। খ) কোম্পানী সচিব-এর দপ্তর, এপিএসসিএল কর্পোরেট অফিস, মাজনা রহিম আরডেট (সেভেল-৮) ১৮৫, শহীদ সৈয়দ নজরুল ইসলাম স্মরণী, পল্টন, ঢাকা। গ) ব্যবস্থাপক (অর্থ), আন্তর্জাতিক পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড, আন্তর্জাতিক, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া।
০৬) দরপত্র দাখিল ও খোলার স্থান	ঃ ব্যবস্থাপক (প্রকিউরমেন্ট), আন্তর্জাতিক পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড, আন্তর্জাতিক, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া এর কার্যালয়।
০৭) দরপত্র দাখিল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ ১৫/০৫/২০১৭ ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
০৮) দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ ১৬/০৫/২০১৭ ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
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১০) দরপত্র জামানতের পরিমাণ	ঃ দরপত্র জামানত হিসাবে উদ্ধৃত দরের ২৫% টাকা আন্তর্জাতিক পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড, আন্তর্জাতিক, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া-এর অনুমোদিত বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ পে-অর্ডার আকারে দরপত্র দাখিলের সঠিক অবশিষ্ট দাখিল করতে হবে। অন্যান্য প্রান্ত দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
১১) দরপত্র দাতার যোগ্যতা	ঃ প্রকৃত ট্রিকার/ সরবরাহকারী/ বিক্রয়কারী প্রতিষ্ঠান, যাদের সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের পরিবেশ অবিস্তার কর্তৃক পরিবেশগত ছাড়পত্র রয়েছে।
১২) দরপত্র আহবানকারীর কর্মকর্তার নাম, পদবী, ঠিকানা ও যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম	ঃ মোঃ রফিকুল্লাহ, ব্যবস্থাপক (প্রকিউরমেন্ট), এপিএসসিএল। ই-মেইলঃ procurement@apscld.com, ফোনঃ ০৮৫২৮-৭৪০৩৩।
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# 'JMB's bomb expert'

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detonate IEDs from a distance of around 100 metres.

The 15 JMB men's target was a government establishment near Dhaka Cantonment, Jahangir claimed.

Replying to a query, the Rab official said they knew that the group had done an experimental remote-controlled IED explosion outside the capital some time ago.

However, Jahangir said they needed further investigation to be sure whether the group had already supplied the IEDs to their accomplices.

Following the arrest of his associates, Mushfiqur went into hiding in Sylhet and Brahmanbaria, said Rab.

On information, a team of Rab-10 arrested him from his house in Sector-12 of Uttara around 8:30am. A good number of equipment and components for making remote-controlled IEDs were also seized, Rab added.

Responding to a question whether Mushfiqur had any connection with the bomb explosion near "Atia Mahal" during army-led "Operation Twilight" in Sylhet, the Rab official said they would interrogate him about the issue.

Seven people, including Rab's intelligence wing director Lt Col Abul Kalam Azad, were killed in the twin blasts on March 25.

Prof M Sohel Rahman, head of computer science and engineering department at Buet, said Mushfiqur was a '05 batch student of the university and his study was supposed to be complete in 2009 or 2010, but he extended his studentship.

# 2 more deaths take

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M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital in Dinajpur.

Of the initial 30 people injured in the explosion at Jamuna Automatic Rice Mill in Gopalganj village around 11:30pm on April 19, the condition of 21 was critical.

Two persons died that night and another the following day. Nine persons passed away on April 23 and another death the next day took the count to 13.

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MEMO NO.: APSC/Pro-02/2017/558 Date: 25/04/2017

**Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

01. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources / Power Division.
02. Agency	: Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. (APSC).
03. Procuring Entity Name	: Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd.
04. Procuring Entity code	: Not used at present.
05. Procuring Entity District	: Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh
06. Expression of Interest for	: Consultancy services for design & supervision of the construction of Bridge & Approach Road (Gaynaghat Second Bridge) under Ashuganj 400 MW CCPP (East) Project of APSC.
07. EOI Ref No.	: APSC/Pro-02/2017/558
08. Date	: 25/04/2017.

**KEY INFORMATION**

09. Procurement Method	: Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10. Budget and Source of Funds	: APSC's Own Fund.
11. Development Partner(if applicable)	: N/A.

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12. Project/ Programme code	: N/A.
13. Project/ Programme name	: Consulting services for design & supervision of the construction of Bridge & Approach Road (Gaynaghat Second Bridge) under Ashuganj 400 MW CCPP (East) Project of APSC.
14. EOI closing date, time and EOI submission place	: Date: 23/05/2017; Time: 12:00 Noon, Place: Office of the Manager (Procurement), Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. Ashuganj, and Brahmanbaria.

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT**

15. Brief description of the Assignment	: The objective of the Study is to provide Consultancy services for design & supervision of the construction of Bridge (60m) & Approach Road (300m) (Gaynaghat Second Bridge) under Ashuganj 400 MW CCPP (East) Project of APSC. The consultant will conduct the following works: 1. Detailed design for Bridge (approximate 60 M) & Approach road (approximate 300M): • Carry out all engineering surveys including soil investigation (Soil test). • Prepare details design & drawings for construction, details Bill of Materials or cost estimate, etc. • Detail design of electrical, water, gas & other related services if needed as per pass. 2. Construction supervision: • Supervise civil construction works. • Regularly monitoring work progress and recommendations for timely completion of works. • Verify & recommend on contractor's works statements. 16. Experiences, Resources and Delivery Capacity required. : The interested firm(s) must have to follow previous experience of consulting services. a) Design & construction supervision of at least 3 nos. Pre-stressed Concrete (PC) Girder Bridge minimum 60m length. b) Should have personnel who have carried out similar design works & supervision works. # No firm should form Joint Venture / Consortium / Association (JVCA) with more than one firm. 17. Other details (if applicable) : The intending consulting firms are requested to collect the "Detailed Terms of Reference as well as document" from the office of the Company Secretary, Corporate Office of APSC, Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-08), 185, Shaheed Sayed Nazrul Islam Sarani, Palton, and Dhaka or the office of the Manager (Procurement), Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited, during office hours till to date: 22/05/2017. The EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following: • Registration and age of Firm. • Experience of the firm in similar task (as stated above). • Availability of key professionals. • Availability of resources. • Managerial strength and financial capacity. • Experience of the firm in other works. Any application submitted later than the specified time shall not be entertained. RFP will be issued only to short listed firms.
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**Association with foreign firm is**

18. Association with foreign firm is	: N/A.
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**Phasing of services**

19. Ref. No.	: Two Phase	Location	: Adjacent to the Sonamrup & Shohagpur Canal near the intersection of B-type resident and Ashuganj Power Plant road of APSC.	Indicative start date	: 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase by September-2017 & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase by May-2018	Indicative completion date	: 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase by the end of October-2017 & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase by the end of October-2018
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**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

20. Name of official Inviting Expression of Interest	: Md. Rafiqudaula.
21. Designation of official Inviting Expression of Interest	: Manager (Procurement).
22. Address of official Inviting Expression of Interest	: Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.
23. Contact details of official Inviting Expression of Interest	: Tel: 08528-74033 Fax: 08528-74044. E-mail: procurement@apscld.com Website: www.apscld.com
24. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to cancel the notice of Expression of Interest and/or to reject any or all applications without assigning any reason there of.	

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