

Bandarban AL man found dead in Cox's Bazar hotel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Nykhonghari upazila Awami League (AL) general secretary was found hanging in a residential hotel of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

Police recovered the body of Ismail Mehedi, 45, from Palonki Hotel around 1:00pm.

Ismail's family members claimed that his body was hung from a ceiling fan after he was murdered. He was killed due to internal feud of the upazila AL, they said.

Victim's wife Jyostna Akhtar said her husband received death threats several times from his party men.

Ismail posted a status on Saturday morning in his Facebook account where he said an upazila AL leader gave death threat to him due to internal feud.

Local AL leaders said Ismail was killed in a planned way.



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Blast disease has attacked paddy fields at Quarimill village in Panchagarh. Right, a farmer sees his blast affected crop at Begunbari Natupara village in Thakurgaon.

Blast attacks Boro in Panchagarh, Thakurgaon

MD QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

Farmers in Panchagarh and Thakurgaon are worried as several hundred acres of Boro paddy fields have been attacked by blast disease.

The antidotes prescribed by agriculture officials in Boda and Debiganj upazilas of Panchagarh are ineffective, farmers said.

The most affected villages are Quarimill, Dhoni para and Jugipara under Boda upazila.

Many farmers alleged that the cause of the attack is low quality seeds supplied by Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) of Panchagarh, who sold seeds without issuing receipts.

Sub-assistant agriculture officer in the union said the disease might have been caused by damp weather during cultivation period, adding that sunlight is essential during the grain forming stage for good Boro production.

The increasing proportion of nitrogen in the soil and sub-standard seeds could also

be reasons for the attack, he added.

Deputy Director (DD) of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Panchagarh Md Shamsul Haque said 30,650 hectares of land have been brought under Boro cultivation against the target of 30,690 hectares, with production target of 1,37,938 tonnes this season.

During a visit to some villages on April 23, this correspondent saw that over two hundred acres of land have already been affected and the sheaves are drying up.

Md Islam, 40, a share-cropper of Quarimill village in Boda upazila, said, "I have cultivated Boro on six bighas of land with seeds purchased from BADC. The disease attacked my Boro field about a week ago due to low quality seeds, and it spread through the cultivation area. The sheaves turned whitish and dried rapidly soon after the attack."

Islam said, "BADC's sales centre did not give any receipt when I asked for it."

He has submitted petitions to the deputy commissioner's office, office of the DD DAE, and the UNO's office, seeking compensation for the lost crop, he said.

Anikul Barman, 55, of Jugipara village said he cultivated Boro on eight bighas of land, which was attacked by the disease. "Insecticide is not working even after frequent spraying," he added.

Assistant Director of the seed sale centre of Panchagarh BADC Abdul Hai told this correspondent that though blast is a seed-transmitted disease, the attacks happened due to adverse weather this season.

"Every buyer who purchases seeds from the centre is given a receipt. The allegation that we are not giving receipts is not true," he added.

The DD of DAE said though blast disease can attack Boro fields through seeds, cloudy weather with frequent rain may have caused the attack this season.

The situation is under control now as the farmers are taking preventive measures as

People want polls under neutral govt Says Fakhrul

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

The people are eagerly waiting for a general election under a neutral government through which they can exercise their voting rights and elect the government.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said this while addressing the district Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) conference at Thakurgaon Zila Parishad Auditorium on Saturday.

He said the recent flood in haor areas has damaged thousands of tonnes of crops as there is no control on the water coming across the border.

During the conference, a new committee of Thakurgaon district unit of JCD was announced, twelve years after the expiry of the previous committee.

Mohammad Kayes and Ohidul Islam were made president and general secretary of the committee respectively.



A house lies badly damaged after two groups of local Awami League men clashed at Goalpara village in Faridpur yesterday. Inset, family members of slain Jiar Ali wail.



PHOTO: STAR

One killed, 31 injured as AL factions clash in Faridpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man died and 31 others including four policemen were injured as two local groups of ruling Awami League (AL) engaged in a fierce clash at Goalpara village in Saltha upazila under the district on Sunday.

The clash followed an altercation between Sujon Matabbar, supporter of Shahidul Islam, chairman of Atghar Union Parishad (UP), also joint secretary of Saltha upazila unit of AL, and Nishan Kha, supporter of Shahidul's opponent Kausar Matabbar, on Saturday afternoon, locals said.

A group of about 400 people led by Kausar with the supporters of Odud Matabbar, general secretary of Gati union unit of AL, and the supporters of

Fakir Belayet Hossain, chairman of Kanaipur UP, from different villages of the two unions attacked the houses and shops of Shahidul Islam and his supporters yesterday morning, locals said.

Five houses were set afire and 17 shops at Goalpara Bazar were damaged and looted during the incident.

Hit with sharp weapons, farmer Jiar Ali, 27, son of Shahajuddin Sheikh of Goalpara village under Atghar union, died on the way to Faridpur Medical College Hospital.

Later police came and opened fire to bring the situation under control.

Thirty-one people including four policemen were injured during the clash.

Shahidul Islam, said, "Men of Kausar Matabbar with Odud Matabbar and Fakir Belayet Hossain attacked the houses and shops of me and my supporters with locally made sharp weapons. They killed Jiar Ali with sharp weapons and injured my 27 supporters."

On the other hand, Fakir Belayet Hossain said, "I have no involvement with this clash. I have no friction with Shahidul Islam."

Subhash Chandra Saha, superintendent of police in Faridpur, said, "Police fired 40 rounds of bullets to bring the situation under control and arrested five people in connection with the clash that left one killed. Eight injured were admitted to Faridpur Medical College Hospital and others to Saltha Upazila Health Complex."

Husband's brutality lands her in hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A housewife, brutally tortured by dowry-greedy husband, is groaning at Bakshiganj Upazila Health Complex in the district.

The victim, Selina Begum, 20, daughter of Abdul Khalek of Madarerchar village in Bakshiganj, was married with Rafikul Islam of Panatiapara in the upazila one and a half years ago.

"That time I gave Tk 2 lakh to Rafikul as dowry. Months later, he put pressure on Selina to bring Tk 2 lakh more from me. As she declined, he tortured her mentally and physically," said Khalek.

"One and a half months ago, Rafikul took my daughter to Tongi Board Bazar in Dhaka and stared living in a rented house there. On Thursday night, Rafikul again pressed her for money, beat her mercilessly and seared parts of her body with hot iron," he said.

As Rafikul went out, Selina with the help of neighbours got on a Bakshiganj-bound coach and reached her parents' house on Friday morning.

She was admitted to Bakshiganj Upazila Health Complex.

Selina, seriously ill and traumatised apparently due to torture, will take time to recover, said Dr Nader Hossain, resident medical officer of the hospital.

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Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Road Transport and Bridges Ministry Road Transport and Highway Division.
2	Agency	Dhaka Transport Coordination authority (DTCA).
3	Procuring entity name	Dhaka Integrated Traffic Management Project.
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
5	Invitation for	Improvement of Intersections at different locations as described below.

KEY INFORMATION

6	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

7	Budget and source of funds	GOB
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

8	Tender publication date	30.04.2017
9	Tender last selling date	Date: 23.05.2017 Time up to 3:00pm.
10	Tender closing date and time	24.05.2017 at 12:00 noon.
11	Tender opening date and time	24.05.2017 at 2:00pm.
12	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	-Selling tender document (principal)	Dhaka Integrated Traffic Management Project, South Nagar Bhaban, 13th Floor, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.
	-Selling tender document (others)	Not applicable.
	-Receiving tender document	Dhaka Integrated Traffic Management Project, South Nagar Bhaban, 13th Floor, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.
	-Opening tender document	Conference Room of DTCA, South Nagar Bhaban, 13th Floor, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

13	Eligibility of tenderer	1. Any individual(s) firm(s) who fulfill the qualification(s) criteria stipulated in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) and other conditions of the tender document are eligible to participate in the tender. 2. Joint Venture, Consortium or Associations (JVCA) is not acceptable for this tender.
14	Price of tender document (Tk)	500/-

15	Lot No.	Name of work	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
	1	Improvement of Intersection at Fulbaria and installation of ITS	Fulbaria	4,70,000/-	6 months
	2	Improvement of Intersection at Paltan and installation of ITS	Paltan	8,50,000/-	
	3	Improvement of Intersection at Mohakhali and installation of ITS	Mohakhali	3,70,000/-	
	4	Improvement of Intersection at Gulshan-1 and installation of ITS	Gulshan-1	11,30,000/-	

The tender security as bank guarantee is not acceptable.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

16	Name of official inviting tender	Dhaka Integrated Traffic Management Project.
17	Designation of official inviting tender	Additional Executive Director (TMPTI).
18	Address of official inviting tender	South Nagar Bhaban, 13th Floor, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.
19	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel No. 02-9566967 Fax No. 02-9568892 e-mail aed.tmpti@dtca.gov.bd
20	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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Abduction drama of own child

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police arrested a woman, her husband and her son from former husband on charge of staging the abduction of the couple's own child for harassing the woman's relatives at Modhya Fuldhigi of Shajahanpur upazila in the district on Saturday.

Police rescued three and a half year-old Megla Mantasha Nokshi, daughter of Nilufa Sharmin Rita, 35, and Mithu Ahmed, 35, of Adabar in Dhaka, from Shajahanpur upazila and arrested Nilufa, Mithu, and Fahim Nur Alam alias Nakkhatra, 14, Nilufa's son from her first husband.

Nilufa, who has been living at her father's house in Shajahanpur for a few years, staged the abduction drama to harass her brother Mohammad Ali and his son Durjoy.

She with the help of her husband and son sent the kid to her sister Chhobi Begum's house at Beragram in Dupchanchia upazila, said the police.

KALPANA CHAKMA CASE Hearing on no-confidence tomorrow

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

The hearing of the no-confidence petition in Kalpana Chakma abduction case will start tomorrow.

On March 22, Rangamati Chief Judicial Magistrate Sabrina Ali fixed the date for the hearing.

Kalpana's elder brother Kalindi Kumar Chakma filed the petition on November 28 last year, rejecting the probe report submitted by the investigation officer of the case on September 7, without identifying any abductors.

On June 11, 1996, armed criminals abducted Kalpana Chakma, the then organising secretary of Hill Women's Federation, from her Baghaichhari house in Rangamati.

KAPTAL LAKE Ban on fishing from today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Rangamati district administration has imposed a ban on fishing in Kaptal Lake from today.

Every year, the authorities enforce the ban for three months from May 1 to July 31 for safe breeding and boosting fish production. During the period, mother fishes lay eggs in the lake.

The district administration in a letter instructed the district officials of Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation (BFDC) to strictly enforce the ban during the period.

BFDC officials in Rangamati said all kinds of netting, marketing, drying, preservation and transportation of fishes have been banned till July 31.

District Fisheries Officer Mohammad Alamgir said as many as 19,476 fishermen, who earn their livelihood through fishing in the lake, have been brought under a three-month VGF (vulnerable group feeding) programme by the authorities to refrain them from catching fishes.

Under the programme, each fisherman family will get 20 kilogram of rice per month during the ban period, Alamgir said.

Mohammad Assaduzzaman, manager of BFDC in Rangamati, said during the ban a naval team will always be patrolling around the lake to prevent illegal fishing.