



Goats, a means of achieving solvency for many people in Dharsa river basin chars, are being taken for grazing to a field in Shiberkuti char under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

Self-reliant thru' cattle rearing

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Many people in the Teesta and Dharsa river basin chars (lakes formed from riverbeds) areas have adopted solvent through rearing cattle. They however complain that they do not get fair prices for their cattle and milk in the remote char markets or the district.

"We rear cows, buffalo, sheep and goats as open grass fields are available in the char areas for seven to eight months in a year," says a representative.

Farmer Kayum Ali, 48, of Dharsa river basin Char Dhamaropan, Lalmonirhat, said he has seven cows, including two milk cows, and let them in the open grass fields in the char. "I get five litres of milk that I sell for Tk 200 in the local market," he said, adding that he sells the milk for Tk 40 per litre in the char, while the price

is Tk 50 per litre in the mainland.

"We are also compelled to sell our cattle at lower prices in the char markets than in the mainland markets as we have no access to the mainland market," he said, adding that he does not get fair prices for their cattle and milk in the remote char markets or the district.

Safai Rahman, 52, said, he earns around Tk two lakh a year through rearing cattle. "Of course, we face considerable rearing cattle during the rainy season as the excess fields in the char do not fluctuate," he said, adding that he has stocked fodder for their cattle during rainy period.

Amena Begum, 48, of Char Shiberkuti said they have nine goats and five cows. "We earn around Tk 50 thousand from selling goats every year, and most of the money is spent for education of my four children," she added.

"We gather grass from the char areas for our

three milk cows," said Nurulah Begum, 42, of Char Kulaghat. "We go out every day after breakfast to collect fodder and come back at noon," she added.

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Library at Promoth Chy's house

Foundation stone laid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dhaka

Local administration on Monday laid the foundation stone of a library at the ancestral house of leading writer of the early 19th century Promoth Chowdhury.

Earlier this year, the district administration removed illegal structures and freed the writer's ancestral house at Haripur in Chatmohar upazila.

Assistant Commissioner (Land) Md Mizanur Rahman laid the foundation stone of the library at the historic house in the morning, where local elites were present.

Promoth district administration has allotted Tk 2.5 lakh for establishing a library at the historic house for keeping alive the memory of Promoth Chowdhury, said Iqbal Kabir Roni, president of Promoth Chowdhury Smriti Sangrakshan Parishad.

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Promoth's library at his ancestral house at Haripur in Chatmohar upazila, which was built with costly metals in the early 19th century, was grabbed by Britishers.

Backed by influential people, illegal occupiers grabbed the ancestral house of Promoth Chowdhury and set up many houses on the three acres of the ancestral house after independence. Promoth Chowdhury Smriti Sangrakshan Parishad began a movement along with cross section of people in 2016 demanding freeing of the historic house to keep the memory of Chowdhury.

Muhibh slams media

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But the comment is too small to be taken into consideration.

"You know that the trade and commerce in the country is operated through banks. As the banking system of Switzerland is very advanced, our dealings with neighbouring countries are settled through Swiss banks," he said.

Citing a BB report, he said the trade between Bangladesh and Switzerland through the banking channel has also increased significantly. "In reality, it is not at all money laundering."

"I hope this explanation will end the misunderstanding," he added.

Freedom fighter

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freedom fighters as their contributions boosted the morale of the freedom fighters as well as that of the persecuted.

Host MR Akbar Moulud of the popular satire programme of the radio station Charchapatta, filmmaker and actor Shubhash Dutta, singers Timir Nandi, Fakir Alamgir, Kalyani Ghosh, Milon Bhattacharjee, Begum Mustari Shafi, and Manjusha Neogy are among the artists who were recognised yesterday.

They would receive the same benefits as freedom fighters - a monthly allowance of Tk 10,000, two annual bonus, and special quota in government jobs and other benefits for their children and grandchildren.

With the latest, a total of 253 wartime radio artists have been accorded freedom fighter status by the government.

Singers of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra had not only played key roles in inspiring the nation in 1971, but also financially assisted Bangladeshi refugees in India. The station, which evolved from the Kalutrapur transmission centre in Chittagong, was bombed by the Pakistan Air Force on March 30. It resumed operations on April 3, 1971, from Tripura of India and was moved to Kolkata on May 25, 1971.

Tamim

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source, Tamim, his wife Ayesha Siddiqua -- who wears a hijab -- and their one-year-old son were dining out when some miscreants chased them and attempted to throw acid at her.

Contacted, Tamim, however, said he was returning home purely for personal reasons.

Earlier yesterday, Essex had released a statement on their website announcing that Tamim would cut his stink short due to "personal reasons".

There have been acid attacks in the UK against Muslims recently, with two Muslim cousins being the victims of an acid attack as recently as June 21.

Mentally ill man kills niece, himself

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A 'mentally disturbed' man hacked his niece to death and later killed himself at Moiklakandapara village in Gouripur upazila on Monday.

Mizanur Rahman, 35, son of Mohammad Ali, suddenly attacked his niece Jannat, 12, daughter of day labourer Mohammad Shahjahan of the village, when she was studying for her half-yearly examinations, leaving her critically injured.

Mizan, a day labourer, hacked Jannat with a knife on different parts of her body.

Hearing the screams of the girl, family members and neighbours rushed to the spot and took her to Gouripur Upazila Health Complex where the doctors declared her dead, said Dewar Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Gouripur Police Station.

Jannat was a sixth grader at Shyamganj

Pilot Girls' High School in Gouripur, police said.

Soon after hacking Jannat, Mizan killed himself with the same weapon by slitting his throat outside the house, the OC quoted local as saying.

Mizan was father of two children. His wife left their house and went to Dhaka with the children around 20 days ago as Mizan used to beat her, the OC said.

The 'mental problem' of Mizan increased after his wife left, and this might be a reason behind the incident, the OC said, quoting locals. There was no dispute between the two ultra-poor families, he added.

On information, police went to the spot, recovered the bodies and sent them to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Two cases were lodged with Gouripur Police Station.

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Invitation for Auction

Sealed offers are being invited from genuine Bangladeshi Citizens/Company/Firms for leasing out some commercial plots at Salimullah Road Commercial Area, Narayanganj for 99 years only. The detail description of the Plots are available in the Office of Deputy Director (Estate & Land-1), RAJUK, Dhaka. The interested auctioneer(s) may submit their offers with necessary documents.

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| 1. Invitation for auction No. | 1/2016-2017 | | | | |
| 2. Name of the work | Auction for commercial plots at Salimullah Road Commercial Area, Narayanganj. | | | | |
| 3. Auction method | Open Auction Method. | | | | |
| 4. Eligibility of auctioneer | Genuine Bangladeshi citizens/company/firms. | | | | |
| 5. Start date of selling auction documents | 18.07.2017 during office hours. | | | | |
| 6. last date and time of submission of auction documents | 21.08.2017 at 1:00pm. | | | | |
| 7. Date and time of auction opening | 21.08.2017 at 2:30pm. | | | | |
| 8. Name and address of the offices Selling auction documents | Manager, Sonali Janata/Agrani Bank, RAJUK Bhaban Branch, Dhaka-1000. | | | | |
| 9. Time for buying auction documents | From 18.07.2017 to 21.08.2017 during office hours. | | | | |
| 10. Name and address of the offices receiving documents | 1. Office of the Additional Secretary (Development-1), Ministry of Housing & Public Works, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. 2. Office of the Member (Development Control/Planning/Development/Estate & Land/Admin & Finance), RAJUK, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka-1000. 3. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, 1st 12 Storied Building, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. 4. Office of the Chief Engineer (Implementation/Project & Design)/Director (Estate & Land-1), RAJUK, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka-1000. 5. Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, PWD, Dhaka Zone and Executive Engineer, PWD, Eden Building Division, Dhaka. 6. RAJUK Board Room, 3rd Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka-1000. | | | | |
| 11. Place of opening auction documents | RAJUK Board Room, 3rd Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka-1000. | | | | |
| 12. Schedule of the plots: | | | | | |
| Gr. No. | Name of area | Plot No. | Plot area | Price of auction documents (for each plot) (Tk.) | Security Deposit (Tk.) |
| 1. | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. | Salimullah Road Commercial Area, Narayanganj | 03 | 3.92 katha | = 20,000/- (twenty thousand) | = 8,82,000/- (eight lac eighty-two thousand) only. |
| 2. | -do- | 4A | 2.75 katha | -do- | = 6,19,000/- (six lac nineteen thousand) only. |
| 3. | -do- | 05 | 7.51 katha | -do- | = 16,90,000/- (sixteen lac ninety thousand) only. |
| 4. | -do- | 06 | 6.05 katha | -do- | = 13,62,000/- (thirteen lac sixty-two thousand) only. |
| 5. | -do- | 08 | 4.49 katha | -do- | = 10,11,000/- (ten lac eleven thousand) only. |
| 6. | -do- | 15A | 2.56 katha | -do- | = 5,76,000/- (five lac seventy-six thousand) only. |
| 7. | -do- | 16 | 4.66 katha | -do- | = 10,49,000/- (ten lac forty-nine thousand) only. |
| 8. | -do- | 21A | 1.56 katha | -do- | = 3,51,000/- (three lac fifty-one thousand) only. |
| 13. | The minimum price of Rajuk per katha | | Tk. 75,00,000/- (seventy-five lac) only. | | |
| 14. | Name of the official inviting auction | | Md Abdur Rahman. | | |
| 15. | Designation of the official inviting auction | | Chairman, RAJUK. | | |
| 16. | Address of the official inviting auction | | 3rd Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka-1000. | | |
| 17. | Contact details | | Director (Estate & Land-1), RAJUK, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka-1000. | | |
| 18. | RAJUK Authority reserves the right to accept any auction or reject the whole auction or part of it, at any stage without assigning any reason thereof whatsoever. | | | | |

RAJUK (Estate & Land-1)

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Date: 10.07.2017

e-Tender Notice No. 01/2017-18

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works mentioned below under LGED Upazila Companiganj, Dist: Sylhet.

| Sl. No. | Package No. | Name of works | Tender last selling (date & time) | Tender closing (date & time) | Tender opening (date & time) | Tender ID |
|---------|---|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 01 | e-Tender/EPD-III/LST/COM/2016-17/W4.262 | Construction of Raypur Primary School (3 Rooms Horizontal & 2 Rooms Vertical) including Furniture Supply under Education in Emergency in Companiganj, Sylhet. | 07/08/2017 (12:30pm) | 07/08/2017 (13:30pm) | 07/08/2017 (13:30pm) | 103131 |

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches upto 07/08/2017 at 12:30pm.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) and also for e-mail u.sylhet.companiganj@lged.gov.bd

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