

Elderly man beaten dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Pabna*

An elderly man was beaten to death allegedly over a land dispute in Tarash upazila of Sirajganj yesterday.

The deceased was Khorshed Alam, 60, a farmer of Gonta village.

Police said there had been a longstanding rivalry between Khorshed and his neighbour Abul Hossain over the ownership of the land.

As a sequel, Abul's men beat up Khorshed mercilessly when he went to the disputed land yesterday.

Khorshed succumbed to his injuries on way to the hospital, said Officer-in-Charge Fazle Ashik of Tarash Police Station.

Six get life for abduction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

A Joypurhat court on Sunday sentenced six people, including a woman, to life imprisonment in connection with a case for abducting a boy for ransom in 2011.

The convicts are Ferdous Hossain, Abdul Kader, Soymuddin Mia, Ibrahim Hossain, Abdur Rahim and Fahmida Begum. They all hail from different villages in Dupchanchia upazila of Bogra.

Of them, Ibrahim and Rahim were tried in absentia.

Joypurhat Additional District and Sessions Judge Dr Mohammad Abdul Mazid also lashed the convicts Tk 20 lakh each. In default, they are to suffer two years more in jail.



People wade through the flooded yard beside a house in Kuakata municipality of Patuakhali yesterday as heavy rain coupled with tidal surges submerged most of the area and lack of proper drainage system compounded the problem.

PHOTO: STAR

Rain paralyzes life in Patuakhali

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Heavy rainfall and tidal surge disrupted normal life in coastal areas of Patuakhali, including tourist spot Kuakata, during the last couple of days.

Over 100 coastal islands in different upazilas of Patuakhali have been flooded by tidal surge and heavy rainfall, reports our correspondent.

Several thousand fish enclosures and ponds are affected due to the situation.

Patuakhali Met office reported a record 120 mm rainfall in six hours from 6:00am to 12:00noon yesterday while 140.60 mm rainfall was recorded in 24 hours from Sunday noon.

Most areas of Kuakata municipality have gone under water.

Over a hundred hotels and motels near Kuakata Zero Point

face waterlogging due to the heavy rain that badly affects over 1000 families living in the area.

"We are facing waterlogging for a week due to heavy rain. Most of the roads and yards of the houses, hotels and motels have gone under water, much to the sufferings of locals as well as tourists," said Abul Hossain, a trader at Kuakata Rakhine Market.

Md Shah Alam, councillor of ward No 3 of Kuakata municipality, said waterlogging persists due to lack of sufficient drainage.

The authorities should take proper steps for development in the municipality area, including building of drainage system, said Mizanur Rahman Bullet, former president of Kauakata Press Club.

Abdul Bareq Mollah, mayor of Kuakata municipality, said they could not develop sufficient drainage system and culverts due to lack of fund.

At least 18 dwelling houses were damaged and three people including a child got injured as a four-minute-long tornado hit remote Char Lakkhi and Khalifar Char villages in Rangabali upazila under the district at 10:00am yesterday.

The injured are Rojmoni, 2, daughter of Younus Howlader, Rahima Begum, 40, wife of late Shahjahan, and their son Jahidul Islam, 20, all of Khalifar Char.

Our Jhalakathi Correspondent reports: Four fishermen went missing in the Bay of Bengal near Charnizam area of Monpura in Bhola after their trawler sank in a storm on Sunday evening, said Shahin Khan, officer in charge of Monpura Police Station.

They are Kamal Majhi, 58, Bachchu, 45, Akash, 35, and Saiful -- all from Charmontaj under Charfashion in Bhola, he said.

Fifteen fishermen including the four went to catch fish in the sea on Sunday afternoon. Eleven of them were able to come to the shore after the trawler sank.

The trawler was rescued from Dalchar of Monpura yesterday morning.

Police and fishermen continued their search for the missing fishermen.

Our Manikganj Correspondent reports: Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) suspended launch services on Paturia-Daulatdia and Aricha-Kazirhat routes from 12:30pm yesterday to avoid any untoward accident amid the ongoing rough weather, said Faridul Haque, traffic inspector of BIWTA's Aricha office.

"The decision has been taken as the Padma turned turbulent due to the stormy weather," he said.

BARISAL-PIROJPUR-KHULNA ROAD Over 400 illegal set-ups removed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Pirojpur*

Over 400 illegal structures from both sides of the Barisal-Pirojpur-Khulna road were removed in a drive yesterday.

The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in the district conducted the drive between Pirojpur Teachers' Training Institution area and Pirojpur Old Bus Terminal.

Estate and Legal Officer of RHD Khulna Zone, also Executive Magistrate, Md Shariful Islam, and Executive Engineer of Pirojpur Roads and Highways Department Md Nazrul Islam were present.

The removed structures include restaurants, tea stalls, workshops, motor mechanic shops and furniture shops and a kitchen market.

The sides of the busy road were grabbed by influential locals to build the structures, which were hampering free movement of vehicles, Nazrul said.

He said they will continue the drives to remove the illegal structures from the roadside.

Road damaged 5 days into completion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Lalmonirhat*

Five days after completion of a newly constructed one kilometre road in Aditmari upazila, the carpeting wore away on Sunday.

Local people blamed Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) contractor and engineers for their alleged negligence in the construction work of the road.

Deed writer Abdul Khaleque said the contractor in unison with the LGED engineers constructed the road without following the schedule.

The road was carpeted with low quality and less quantity of bitumen without using a primer coating, he alleged.

"The engineers assured us that the carpeting would last for two years but it was damaged five days after construction," businessman Asadul said.

Contractor Shahidul Islam said he conducted the carpeting work in presence of LGED officials.

LGED Executive Engineer SM Zakir Rahman said the carpeting wore away for not using primer coating.

Departmental action will be taken against the officials and contractor responsible for the work, he said.

Boy tied to tree on theft charge



OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mymensingh*

An eight-year-old boy was allegedly tortured after being tied to a tree by a grocery shop owner on Sunday, on allegation of stealing cigarettes in Madan upazila of Netrakona.

The victim, Mazharul Islam, is son of day labourer Azharul Islam of Chawlk Morolpara village.

Police said Mazharul went to the grocery shop of Shanto Munshi on Sunday noon.

As the boy allegedly picked up a packet of cigarettes, the shop owner Shanto caught the boy and tied him to a roadside tree.

The shop owner later slapped the boy several times and kept him tied to the tree for nearly an hour, OC Mohammad Mazedur Rahman of Madan Police Station quoted villagers as saying.

Fearing public wrath, Shanto went to Madan Press Club and admitted to the journalists that he tied up the boy to a tree but denied torturing Mazharul.

Azharul said Shanto tortured his son over a false allegation and demanded proper investigation in this regard.

Man kills wife over second marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Jhalakathi*

A woman was killed allegedly over her husband's second marriage at Pashchim Charakhali in Jhalakathi's Rajapur upazila.

Police recovered the victim's hanging body from her husband's house in the village.

Deceased Minu Begum, 35, wife of Alamgir Sharif of the area, was mother of two children.

Investigation report confirmed that Minu was hung after killing, said SI Chan Mia of Rajapur Police Station.

A murder case was filed.

Minu might have been killed over her husband's second marriage, said OC Sheikh Munirul Gias.

Police arrested Alamgir in this connection.

The couple started staying in Chittagong after their marriage 20 years ago but Minu and her two sons were sent back to the village home by the husband five years ago, said the victim's father Abdul Mannan.

Alamgir recently married another girl in the port city where he worked, said Mannan.

"My daughter went to Chittagong last week and came back with her husband," he said.

Boat-only transport a reality of monsoon life

MINTU DESHWARA with ANDREW EAGLE

In around 100 villages across three Moulvibazar upazilas the monsoon months leave small 'nouka' boats as the only practical means of transport. With heavy rainfall all roads in the area of Hakaluki Haor, including the Kulaura to Barlekha highway are submerged. At such times, for getting to school, the office or the market boats are the only option.

"During the rainy season, vehicular movement is usually suspended, even on the highway, for high water levels," says Komru Mia, an auto-rickshaw driver from Joypasa village in Kulaura upazila. "With Eid fast approaching, drivers in the area's are missing out on an income due to the flooding. Boats are the only way to get around."

"People are entirely dependent on boats here," says Bimol Da, an NGO worker from neighbouring Juri upazila. "And the boatmen know it! They take the opportunity to charge exorbitant fares of Tk 100 or more, which we are all forced to pay as there is no alternative."

"I realise a tidy profit thanks to the long-term flood, which will be helpful for covering my family's Eid expenses in about a month's time," says one Juri boatman, Munem.

According to Juri's upazila nirbahi officer Mintu Chowdhury, at least 22 villages in that upazila have been dependent on boat transport for the last two weeks or so. SM Abdullah Al Mamun, the upazila nirbahi officer in neighbouring Balekha upazila meanwhile says boat communication there is essential as the highways to both Juri and Kulaura are closed due to inundation.

The situation has a particular impact upon visitors to the area including tourists, many of whom are unaware of the reality of life in the haors. "I have visited Hakaluki before," says Md Moin Uddin from Bogra, "For the first time I tried to visit with my family. We are five members so I booked a rental vehicle, but when we reached Kulaura we found that the vehicle cannot go anywhere because even the main roads are flooded. The alternative is to travel by boat, but boat rental prices are high."

According to local business proprietors tourism to Hakaluki during the period is popular; but this year enjoyment has turned sour for many, due to the road closures. Profits for many tourism-related businesses are adversely affected.



Small boats are the only practical means of transport during the monsoon in Moulvibazar. The photo was taken in Borodol area of Kulaura upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

Municipality staff observe half-day strike

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Employees of Gaibandha, Patgram and Lalmonirhat municipalities yesterday observed half-day work abstention demanding nationalisation of their services.

As part of countrywide agitation, the staff of the municipalities observed the work abstention from 9:00am to 1:00pm, report our correspondents.

Speakers said as staff of 327 municipalities across the country are yet to get monthly pay and allowances regularly, they are passing their days in acute hardship.

They called upon the government to nationalise their services, otherwise they will continue the agitation.

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Directorate General of Food Ministry of Food 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka Website: www.dgfood.gov.bd				
No. 13.01.0000.093.46.21.17-1800			Dated: 24/07/2017	
International Quotation Notice for Import of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice (Package-02) under 2017-2018				
International quotations in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders for supply of 50,000 (fifty thousand) (±5%) Metric Tons of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice. The particulars of international quotation are furnished below:				
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
1	Ministry/division	:	Ministry of Food.	
2	Agency	:	Not applicable.	
3	Procuring entity name	:	Director General of Food.	
4	Procuring entity code	:	Not applicable.	
5	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka	
6	Invitation for	:	Procurement of 50,000 MT (±5%) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice.	
7	Invitation Ref No.	:	13.01.0000.093.46.21.17-1800	
8	Date	:	24/07/2017	
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procuring method	:	International Request for Quotation.	
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and source of fund	:	GoB Fund.	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	:	Not applicable.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	:	Not applicable.	
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	:	Not applicable.	
14	Package No.	:	Package-02.	
15	Package name	:	Procurement of 50,000 MT (±5%) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice.	
16	Notice publication date	:	24/07/2017	
17	Document last selling date	:	07/08/2017 up to 5:00pm (BST).	
18	Closing date and time of submission of quotation	:	08/08/2017, Time: 1:00pm (BST).	
19	Quotation opening date and time	:	08/08/2017, Time: 2:30pm (BST).	
20	Name and address of the office(s)	:	Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.	
	Selling quotation documents	:	Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.	
	Receiving place of quotation	:	1) Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. 2) Office Chamber of Joint Secretary, Room No. 114 (1 st Floor), Building No. 04, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	
	Opening place of quotation	:	Office Chamber of Additional Director (Procurement), Room No. 517 (5 th Floor), Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.	
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	:	Not applicable.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER/QUOTATIONER				
22	Eligibility of quotation	:	Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the quotation documents.	
23	Brief description of goods or works	:	50,000 (fifty thousand) (±5%) MT of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice at Chittagong and Mongla Port on CIF Liner Out term at both ends (Cost of the Cargo, Insurance and Freight including Stevedoring are on seller's account. Lighterage, if any, is also on seller's account). Single price per MT is to be quoted in US\$ for both Chittagong Port and Mongla Port. Quotation must be supplied 60% for Chittagong Port & 40% for Mongla Port.	
24	Brief description of related services	:	Not applicable.	
25	Price of tender document (Tk.)	:	Tk 5,000 (five thousand) or USD 100 (one hundred) non-refundable by Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of Director General, Directorate General of Food.	
	Mode of Payment	:	Through Letter of Credit (L/C).	
	Crop Year	:	2016 or latest.	
	Validity of the offer	:	Up to 17.00 hrs. BST on 24/08/2017.	
26 Quality & Specification:				
Quality parameters		Specification	Margin of tolerance with claim for deviation beyond specification	Rejection
Moisture (maximum)		13.0%	14.0%	above 14.0%
Broken grain (maximum)		5.0% (Rice of size 3/4th and below will be considered as broken and less than 1/4th broken should not be more than 2%)	8.0% (Rice of size 3/4th and below will be considered as broken and less than 1/4th broken should not be more than 4%)	above 8.0%
Foreign matter (maximum)		0.3%	0.5%	above 0.5%
Dead, damaged & discoloured grains (maximum)		3% in total	4.0%	above 4.0%
Radio-Activity (maximum)		50 Bq/Kg of 137 Cs/134 Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South East Asian country.	50 Bq/Kg of 137 Cs/134 Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South East Asian country.	above 50 Bq/Kg of 137 Cs/134 Cs
All the parameters must be limited to percentage mentioned against each item individually and separately.				
Pack No.	Identification of shipment	Country of origin	Location	Tender security amount (US\$)
Pack-02	50,000 MT (±5%) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice on CIF Liner out term	Any country of the world except Israel	Chittagong Port-60% and Mongla Port-40%	US\$ 5,000,000 in favour of Director General of Food for 50,000 MT Parboiled rice (±5%) in the form of a Bank Draft/Pay-Order
COMPLETION TIME				
Pack-02	40 (forty) days from the date of signing of the contract			
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
27	Name of official inviting quotation	:	Md. Abdul Aziz Mollah.	
28	Designation of official inviting quotation	:	Director (Procurement).	
29	Address of official inviting quotation	:	Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.	
30	Contact details of official inviting quotation	:	Phone: +88-02-9550261, 9556197 Fax: +88-02-9556302	
31	(i) Incomplete, conditional quotation and alternate offer shall not be considered. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all quotations partly or wholly without assigning any reason; (ii) Quotationer who has been awarded two LOIs (Letter of Intent) awaiting signing the contract or has signed two contracts but shipment under any of the contracts has not yet set sail for destination, will not be eligible to participate in the quotation; (iii) Quotationer who had been awarded LOIs (Letter of Intent) earlier but could not execute contract by submitting PG (Performance Guarantee) on time, will not be eligible to participate in the next two quotations; (iv) Quotationer whose bid-bonds had been forfeited twice for not submitting PG or signing contract on time, will not be eligible to participate in the quotation for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from the bid-bonds so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not; (v) Quotationer whose whole PG (Performance Guarantee) had been forfeited for non-supply of the contracted quantity, will not be eligible to participate in the quotation for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from PG so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not.			
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