

4 electrocuted in Dinajpur, Faridpur

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Four people were electrocuted in Dinajpur and Faridpur in the last two days.

Three people died of electrocution in Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur on Wednesday afternoon, reports our correspondent.

The deceased were identified as Abdul Khaleque, 35, son of late Yeasin Sheikh of Natunhat-Sheikhpara village in Joypurhat Sadar, Abdul Samad, 45, of late Lokman Ali of Nashratpur village in Chirirbandar upazila and Ershat Ali, 35, of Kurigram Sadar.

Police and locals said Abdul Khaleque climbed a pole to install a solar plate on Wednesday afternoon.

As the ground under the pole was soft, it suddenly tilted and fell on an electric pole, leaving the three dead on the spot around 5:30pm.

Meanwhile, a teenage boy was electrocuted in Purbo Hasamdia area in Bhanga municipality of Faridpur yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The victim was Nayem Munshi, 17, son of Abu Alam Munshi of Hogladandi Sodordi area in the municipality. Nayem worked as a helper of mason.

Family members said Nayem came in contact with a live electric wire while he was working on the roof of a mosque.



Stumps of felled trees bear testimony to theft of the resources at Lakshmi Baor, a swamp forest with rich biodiversity in Baniachong upazila of Habiganj.

Habiganj swamp forest under threat

MINTU DESHWARA with ANDREW EAGLE

Picture a forest where foxes and fishing cats prowl in good number, where lizard and snake species thrive, where aquatic birds and waders flock to forage. Imagine a hidden place of semi-submerged trees such as hijol, boruna and koroch growing among innumerable ragged bushes and rambling vines. Such a forest with waters that teem with fish does exist, where rich biodiversity still reigns. Few have heard of Lakshmi Baor, a wetland forest in Baniachong upazila of Habiganj that even locals claim is owned by none. Even fewer have been there.

Only twelve kilometres outside Habiganj town and five from Adarsa

Bazar in Baniachong, the 520-acre forest lies submerged under up to eight feet of water from May to October. It is fed by three tiny rivers: the Luhachurra river in the south, the Khorotir river in the north and the Nolai river flowing in the west. To the east is Gangajal Haor.

"The environment of Lakshmi Baor is tranquil. At times all one can hear are birds calling. In winter the area is dry but even then several pond-like water bodies may be found," says Warish Uddin Khan, chairman of the Uttar Pashchim Baniachong union council.

But the future of this forgotten, unprotected forest is far from secure. It's already suffering from the indiscriminate felling of trees. Local environmentalists are calling for

government recognition of Lakshmi Baor as the country's largest boruna forest and its second largest swamp forest after Sylhet's Ratargul.

"The ecology of Lakshmi Baor is almost identical to Ratargul forest in Sylhet," says one local activist Ikramul Wadud, "but only Ratargul is recognised and protected as a national treasure."

Currently the forest is under the management of a nine-member committee headed by Jalal Uddin Khan Babul. "Income earned from forest resources is usually spent on education and religious institutions in the area, as well as for the benefit of the needy," he says.

"Tree-felling is a particular problem in Lakshmi Baor," says another environmentalist, Tofazzal Sohel.

"There are a good number of rare trees in the swamp which actually have little value as timber, but they are still cut down for use as firewood. The trees are not only beautiful but provide crucial habitat for birds. There is no effective management of tree-felling activities, which are only increasing."

The Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Baniachong, Sandip Kumar Sinha says he is unaware of rampant tree-felling in the area, but that they would take action soon.

"It is very disappointing that the government has neglected this unique forest," says eminent conservationist Dr Mohammad Ali Reza Khan. "If the forest was properly conserved, it could also sustain a local tourism industry."

JMB leader Sohel on remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A court here yesterday placed Sohel Mahfuz, known as an explosives expert and the bomb supplier for last year's Gulshan café attack in the capital, on two days' remand in a case under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Shariful Islam passed the order after Officer-in-Charge (investigation) of Nachole Police Station, also investigation officer of the case, Mahtabuddin produced Sohel before the court and sought a seven-day remand for him.

Earlier, on July 8, a team of Chapainawabganj and Bogra police and Counter Terrorism Unit, Dhaka, raided a mango orchard in Shibganj upazila.

They arrested Sohel, one of the prime accused of the Gulshan café attack, and his three accomplices Jamal, Hafizur and Jewel when they were holding a secret meeting at the orchard.

Sohel was handed over to the Counter Terrorism Unit of Dhaka after arrest and the other three were taken under Chapainawabganj police custody.

Sohel, who played a key role in organising the JMB in Bangladesh and India's West Bengal, is a most-wanted criminal in both the countries, police said.

No headmaster in 131 Magura schools

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

One hundred and thirty-one government primary schools have been running without headmasters in Magura, hampering education of the students.

Acting Headmaster of Shaldha Government Primary School Md Sadiuzzaman said a school cannot run smoothly without a headmaster for six years.

Acting Headmaster Shakti Rani Singha Roy of Bezra Narandia Government Primary School under Mohamadpur upazila said the post of headmaster has been lying vacant since December last year, adding that it is very difficult to run the school with 450 students without headmaster.

Magura Assistant District Education Officer (DEO) Kumaresh Chandra Gachi said out of 500 primary schools in four upazilas of the district, 40 schools in Magura Sadar upazila, 27 in Sreepur, 25 in Shalikhra and 39 in Mohamadpur upazila have been running without headmasters for the last six months to eight years.

Administrative work as well as education is hampered when a teacher runs a school as an acting headmaster, Gachi said.

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International Quotation Notice for Import of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice (Package-04) 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 : Directorate 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. : 13.01.0000.093.46.25.17-2058
8	Date : 24/08/2017

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procuring method : International Request for quotation.
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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-04.
15	Package name : Procurement of 50,000 MT (+5%) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice.
16	Notice publication date : 24/08/2017.
17	Document last selling date : 11/09/2017 up to 5.00pm (BST).
18	Closing date and time of submission of quotation : 12/09/2017, Time: 1:00pm (BST).
19	Quotation opening date and time : 12/09/2017, Time 2:30pm (BST).
20	Name and address of the office(s): 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 (1st Floor), Building No. 04, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. Opening place of quotation : Office Chamber of Additional Director (Procurement), Room No-517 (5th 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. Quantity 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 : 2017 or latest. Validity of the offer : Up to 17.00 hrs BST on 21/09/2017.

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 137Cs/134Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South-East Asian country)	50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South-East Asian country)	above 50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs

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\$)	Completion time in weeks/months
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Pack-04	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	40 (forty) days from the date of signing of the contract
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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 General 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 sailed for destination, will not be eligible to participate in the quotation; (iii) Quotationer who has 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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Dyke work on to save Saidpur town

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

With a target to save various important infrastructures like Saidpur Airport, Railway Workshop, Cantonment and thousands of homesteads in Saidpur municipality from the disaster of flood, repair work of Saidpur town protection embankment is going on in full swing.

Bangladesh Water Development Board (WDB) and Bangladesh Army are jointly conducting the work to repair the damaged portion

of the embankment at four points.

A portion of the town protection embankment on the Kharkharia river, flowing beside the town, collapsed at four points on August 12 due to onrush of water caused by a record 277mm rainfall.

People living in Bosuniapara, Patwaripara, Palpara and Kashiram Madrasa areas shifted their belonging to safer places fearing further disaster.

WDB has given top priority to the repair work as onrush of

floodwater entered the Saidpur Airport compound through the breaches and posed serious threat to other important infrastructures, inundating several thousand homesteads.

Executive Engineer of Saidpur WDB Abdus Shahid said about 70 percent of the repair work, like bamboo made parallel rows, piling logs and dumping of sandbags at the basements is already completed.

Shahid said they hope to complete the remaining 30 percent of

the work by the end of this month.

"It may sound surprising that the contractors concerned are arranging everything from their own money as we do not have fund for emergency work right now," the engineer said, adding, "We will pay their bill after getting allocation of fund."

On August 14, Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud visited the affected areas and suggested local WDB officials to gear-up the repair work.

Burglars loot gold from Pabna temple

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Burglars took away gold and silver ornaments from statues in Joykali Mandir (temple) of the district headquarters early yesterday.

President of the temple committee Binoy Jyoti Kundu said the thieves entered the temple through back gate around 4:10pm and looted three tolas of gold and 75 tolas of silver from the statues.

Officer-in-Charge of Pabna Police Station Abdur Razzak said they are trying to arrest the criminals following the CC camera footage.

Deputy Commissioner Rekha Rani Balo and Superintendent of Police Zihadul Kabir visited the spot.

A case was filed in this regard, said the OC.

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