

Single boat only means

Passengers pull the rope tied to the water transport to cross the Jalbhurunga river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A single boat is the only means of communication for thousands of villagers in Gouripur upazila of the district.

The boat without boatman is tied to a long rope that the passengers themselves pull to cross the Jalbhurunga river to go to their destinations.

The people, including students, of Gopinathpur, Khalijury, Kamarjani, Silimpur and Dulapatuli villages in Achintapur union are mainly the passengers.

Headmaster of Bhalukapur Government Primary School Mohammad Abdullah said there are around 300 students in the school and at least 100 of them have to attend classes by crossing the river.

Headmaster of Bhalukapur High School Paban Chandra Dhar said the school has around 500 students and about 50 per cent, mostly girls, come from the other side of the river.

The students have to face serious difficulties during the rainy season and some have fallen off the boat at different times, he added.

Five people drowned and a ninth grade female student was seriously injured in a boat capsized last year and she had to be admitted to a hospital,

Paban said. "The school was established in 1967 and I joined it 23 years ago. The problem has been continuing for decades," he added.

Taslina Akhter, a ninth grader from Khalijury village, said they have to suffer all the year round and it becomes much worse in the rainy season.

"We have to wait for a long time to cross the river and many times our books and dresses get drenched," said eighth grader Rekha Akhter.

Upazila Secondary Education Officer Md Saiful Islam said he visited the school on different occasions and requested the department concerned to solve the problems faced by hundreds of students.

Sahonati Union Chairman Md Abdul Mannan said allocation for a bridge is under process and the tender might be floated within a month. The decades-old misery of the people will be removed at last, hoped Mannan, also local Awami League leader.

Gouripur Upazila Nirbahi Officer Marjina Akhter said she was informed about the problem and Gouripur lawmaker Nazim Uddin Ahmed visited the spot. A project for a bridge has already been submitted to the department concerned, she added.



A man pulls rope tied to the boat with girl students and villagers to cross the Jalbhurunga river in Gouripur upazila of Mymensingh recently.

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Brutality on 14-yr-old boy by employer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Brutally tortured by employer on Friday, a 14-year-old boy in Raninagar upazila of Naogaon is undergoing treatment at Naogaon General Hospital.

The victim is Shariful Islam, son of Jamal Uddin Akand of Kaligram Munsipara village in the upazila. "Neighbour Abdul Khaleque along with Akkas Ali and his sons Ziarul and Tipu mercilessly beat my son," said Shariful's mother Aysha Begum.

The boy works as a domestic help of Khaleq.

"They pressed my son's throat with a scarf. They also used needle and blade for torturing him, keeping him confined to a room for around 16 hours," said the mother.

Khaleque alleged that the boy stole Tk 20,000.

Informed by locals, a police team led by SI Shafiqur Rahman of

Raninagar Police Station went to the spot, but mysteriously returned without rescuing the boy, said locals.

Later, Mostafizur Rahman, officer in charge (OC) of the police station, rescued the boy early hours on Saturday, said the family members.

Contacted, SI Shafiqur Rahman said he went to the same village for 'another raid'.

Aysha Begum, mother of the tortured boy, filed a case with Raninagar Police Station on Sunday and police arrested Khaleque, said OC Mostafizur Rahman.

Away in Kaunia upazila of Rangpur, Babul Mia, a roadside tea stall owner at Bakultola Bazar, tied Montaz Ali, 22, son of Mohsin Ali of Bakultola village in Kaunia, with a tree and tortured him in public, bringing allegation of money stealing against him on Sunday morning.

Later, Hazrat Ali, a local ward member, rescued the youth.

TANGAIL COUPLE MURDER Cops find no clue yet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Over a month after the incident, investigators are yet to find any clue to a Hindu couple murder in the district.

The deceased were Anil Kumar Das, 68, a retired teacher of Basirunnesa High School, and his wife Kalpana Rani Das, 59, of Rasulpur village in Tangail Sadar.

Anil left a huge amount of assets including a three-storey house. Occupying the assets worth crores of taka might have been the motive behind the murder, said Officer-in-Charge Kumar Sinha of Tangail DB police, also investigation officer of the case.

"We have sent letters to the local registrar and sub-registrar asking them whether any documents were made over purchase of Anil's lands this year," he said.

Police found the bodies of the couple in a sack of bricks at the bottom of a well beside the septic tank at their house on July 27.

The couple lived on the ground floor of a three-storey under-construction building in the village. Their only son Nirmol Kumar Das is a senior officer at the head office of Bank Asia in Dhaka and their daughter, Anjana Rani Das, lives in USA.

Nirmol filed the case against unidentified criminals with Tangail Model Police Station in this regard on July 28.

Police the same day detained Anil's two stepbrothers -- Ratan Chandra Das and Swapan Soumitra--for quizzing.

Four bombs, over 8kg gunpowder recovered

'JMB man' died in Mymensingh blast on Saturday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police yesterday recovered four bombs and more than eight kilograms of gunpowder from a house in Bhaluka upazila where a JMB suspect died in an explosion while making a bomb on Saturday.

The deceased was Alam Pramanik, 32, son of Abul Kalam Pramanik of Natore Sadar, said Mymensingh Police Superintendent Syed Nurul Islam. He was an alleged member of banned outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).

The police official at a press conference said a bomb disposal unit of DMP from Dhaka reached the spot in the morning and recovered the bombs and gunpowder from the house.

They also recovered different bomb making materials, suicide belt and a remote control device.

Of the four explosives, two are pressure cooker bombs, each weighing around 2-2.5kg, one is hand grenade and another is

hand bomb, he said.

The 'militant' wanted to turn the room into a bomb making factory, the SP said, adding that there would be a large number of casualties if any of the bombs had exploded in a crowded place.

Alam fled to Mymensingh from Kushtia in fear of raids being conducted there, he added.

The man rented a room of the house owned by one Azim Uddin at Kashor village five days ago and two days later, he started living along with his wife, Parveen Akhter, 30, and two sons Ibrahim, 8, and Ishak, 3.

His elder son Ibrahim also received splinter injuries during the incident. He is now being treated at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH), the SP said.

Police detained his wife Parveen with her two sons, Saturday night, he added.

Police also arrested house owner Azim Uddin, his wife Fatema and two sons--Hasan and Asif.



A flood affected farmer of Borobari village in Lalmonirhat Sadar is delighted after receiving Aman saplings for free from BNP leaders. Inset, BNP Vice-Chairman Abdullah Al Noman hands over bundles of Aman saplings to local farmers.

PHOTO: STAR

Tigers on top after more Shakib heroics

FROM PAGE 1 who was the epitome of the home side's exhibition of intensity, discipline, and patience during his record five-wicket haul after a scintillating 84-run knock on the opening day.

Shakib celebrated every success in his trademark style, he showed anger at fielders for dropping catches; more importantly his involvement in the match was as outstanding as the accuracy in his bowling, which fetched figures of five for 68 and placed him in an elite and exclusive club of four bowlers to have owned five-wicket hauls against all the nine other Test nations. The other members are legends such as Muttiah Muralidaran, Dale Steyn and Rangana Herath.

Except for Soumya Sarkar's madness in the penultimate over of the day, his earlier drop at slip and Shafiqur Islam spilling a sitter that ultimately allowed two Aussie tail-enders -- Ashton Agar and Pat Cummins -- to share a valuable 49-run ninth wicket stand,

Bangladesh's bowlers controlled proceedings in such a methodical way on a turning and bouncing track that it speaks of a good Test team growing in confidence.

Shakib demonstrated all his experience and craftiness after young Mehedi Hasan Miraz opened the floodgates by bewildering visiting skipper Steve Smith -- Australia's best player of spin and the main threat for the home side on the second day. Despite some wagging of the tail the bowlers' brilliant effort ensured a morale-boosting 43-run first innings lead.

Tamim Iqbal and Soumya seemed to carry on with the serenity displayed by the bowlers when they came to open the second innings. Tamim just looked like he started from where he had left off in the first innings and remained unbeaten on 30 while Soumya suddenly lost his composure, running out to hit a looping, flighted ball from Ashton Agar that reached long-on, where Usman Khawaja completed the catch in the fourth attempt. Nightwatchman Taijul Islam

joined Tamim and successfully negotiated nine balls as Bangladesh finished the day with an 88-run lead after making 45 for one in their second innings at stumps.

Earlier, the day began brilliantly for the hosts as Australia stumbled to 33 for four within three overs of resuming on 18 for three when Smith danced down the pitch to flick Miraz but misjudged the line of the young off-spinner, who later said that he just executed the plan of bowling around the wicket devised by his captain.

A fightback came from Peter Handscomb and Matt Renshaw as the pair handled the bowlers well but their 69-run partnership was broken when Handscomb missed one from Taijul Islam and was rapped on the pads dead in front for 33. Renshaw was dismissed by a gem of a delivery from Shakib after surviving in the previous over.

Mehedi trapped Matthew Wade in front quickly, although replays showed the ball to be missing leg stump, to claim his third wicket after David Warner and Smith as

Australia were reduced to 124 for seven. Then Shakib came on the scene again to send Glenn Maxwell back to the pavilion as the batsman's confident 23 ended when he was lured out of his crease by Shakib, who turned the ball past the outside edge and Mushfiqur Rahim completed the stumping.

At 144 for eight, Bangladesh were relishing the prospect of a 100-plus lead but a 49-run stand involving Agar and Pat Cummins tested the nerves of the bowlers before Shakib removed Cummins after tea when the right-hander tried to drive through the off-side but was bowled off an inside edge.

Shakib finished the job by taking the last wicket of Josh Hazlewood and Australia were bundled out for 217 runs.

Bangladesh have already won four sessions out of six in the first two days but there is still plenty of work to do as they will need to win a few more sessions to test Australia in the fourth innings on a wicket that is favouring the bowlers greatly.

Bangladesh Food Safety Authority		
Ministry of Food		
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EOI Notice		
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Food.
2	Agency	
3	Name of procuring entity	Bangladesh Food Safety Authority.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Expression of interest for selection of	Consulting Firm.
7	EOI Ref. No.	13.02.0000.511.07.059.17-71
8	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	29/08/2017
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget.
11	Development partner (if applicable)	N/A.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A.
14	EOI closing date and time	12/09/2017
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
16	Brief description of the assignment	Raising awareness about food safety issues.
17	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	Experience of similar work.
18	Other details (if applicable)	N/A.
19	Association with foreign firms is	Encouraged.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
30	Name of the official inviting EOI	Mohammad Mahfuzul Huq.
31	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Chairman, Bangladesh Food Safety Authority.
32	Address of the official inviting EOI	71-72, Eskaton Garden Road, Dhaka.
33	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	Phone: 88-02-55138000
The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.		
Information for applicant Designing and implementing awareness/publicity campaign of Bangladesh Food Safety Authority through print & electronic media and other publicity medium as well.		
Experience, resources and delivery capacity required		
1. The applicant must be a Media firm/Event management company/Media consultant who have successful track record of designing and implementing awareness/publicity campaign for a government/semi-government agency for at least 5 (five) years.		
2. The applicant must have adequately trained and experienced human resource capacity for designing and implementing awareness/publicity campaign for Bangladesh Food Safety Authority including campaign strategy development team, computer graphics setup, activation team, print management team etc.		
3. Financial capability to smoothly furnish any task assigned by Bangladesh Food Safety Authority is required. As a proof of that capacity the applicant needs to provide supporting documents of implementing awareness/publicity campaign having financial value worth BDT 5 (Five) crore in the last 3 (Three) years.		
4. Logistics for independently running awareness/publicity campaign will be considered as an added advantage.		
5. All required legal documents (up-to-date trade licence, Vat registration certificate, IT certificate, bank solvency certificate from a scheduled bank) needs to be submitted along with the EOI.		
6. A list of manpower and logistics needs to be submitted while submitting the EOI.		
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