

ATTACK ON AL LEADER IN 2002

14 Patuakhali BNP men jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A Patuakhali court yesterday jailed 14 opposition BNP men of Patuakhali district and Mirazganj upazila units for different terms in a case for attacking an Awami League leader in 2002.

The case was, however, filed in 2007 after then military-backed caretaker government took over.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Md Al Amin delivered the judgment after examining all records and witnesses after 10 years.

Of the accused, six were present in the court while eight others were absconding, said advocate Syed Mohsin, lawyer for prosecution.

The court sent the accused present to jail while issued warrant for arrest for the absconding accused, the lawyer said.

Of the convicts, Salim Khan, Shah Nawaz and Rasel were awarded seven years jail and fined Tk 10,000 each, Palash Howlader and Lovlu Jomaddar were awarded two years imprisonment, Manir Hossain, Md Karim, Babul Chowdhury, Jewel Khan, Delwar Khan, Habib Howlader, Jabbar Howlader, Liton alias Litu, Mizanur Rahman Bapari and Moshin Bapari were awarded imprisonment for nine months each.

According to the prosecution, during the countrywide violence after the 2001 general elections, a group of people led by Babul Chowdhury, younger brother of the then home minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, attacked the then Madhokhali union Awami League president Kazi Mokshur Rahman on February 28 in 2002, injuring him seriously.

Victim's son Lovlu Kazi filed a case accusing 17 people, including Babul Chowdhury and other BNP men on February 1 in 2007 after the BNP tenure ended. Mirazganj Police Station Sub-Inspector Md Mahabubul Alam submitted the charge sheet to the court against 14 on April 1 in 2007 after investigation.

Lawyer for the accused advocate Majibur Rahman Toton said the judgment given in political consideration, adding that they would appeal to the higher court challenging the judgement.

Of the convicts, Babul Chowdhury is the brother of former home minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury.



Fishermen and their hired labourers are passing busy time drying fish in Atrai upazila of Naogaon as they are getting good catches after the recent flood.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Flood boon for Atrai fishermen

Busy time for making dried fish

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Fishermen and their hired workers in Atrai upazila of Naogaon are passing busy times in drying the fish as they are getting good catches of local fish after the flood in August.

In the last couple of years, fishermen failed to get profit due to poor catches. But a festive mood is prevailing among the fishermen in the upazila this season as netting of fish has gone up after the flood in August. Besides, the price is also good.

"There is smiles on the faces of fishermen all around, and we are hoping to recoup the losses of previous years," said Zahedul Islam of Bhatuella village.

According to locals, hundreds of villagers

depend on fishing for their livelihood. Many of them produce dried fish due to absence of preserving facilities in the upazila, which has huge areas of wetlands (part of Chalan Beel) and the Atrai river that are key sources of fish in the upazila.

Fishermen have set up bamboo platforms in their areas for drying the fish.

Abdus Sattar of Bhatuella village said large quantities of local varieties of fish, including mola, walking fish, catfish, carp, barcha, tengra, pangas, eel and many others, are caught from the rivers and beels by the fishermen and dried on the bamboo platform.

"There is huge demand for sun dried fish due to its unique taste," said Md Altaf Hossain of the area. It also creates employment for a large number of men and women of the area, he said,

adding that around 7,000 people of ultra-poor families are involved with the industry.

The dried fish produced in Atrai are supplied to different parts of the country, including Dhaka, Chittagong, Dinaipur, Rangpur, Rajshahi and Sylhet, after meeting the local demand, traders said.

The price ranges from Tk 2,000 to Tk 20,000 per maund (40 kg), depending on the size, variety and quality of the fish.

The fishermen told this correspondent that they get one kg of dried fish after sun drying three to four kg of fish. It takes around 30 to 40 days for drying the fish.

"It is a hard work, but we are happy as we are getting good price," said Rampodo Shill, a dried fish producer in the upazila.

Encroachment on canal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A local resident has built a tin-shed on an important canal at Naubhanga village in Kalapara upazila of the district, hampering the normal flow of water.

Khalid Sheikh, who says he is an activist of ruling Awami League, built the shop on the canal around three months ago.

During a recent visit to the area, this correspondent saw a tin-shed on

the middle of the canal, near a sluice gate. A wooden bridge was also built for going to the shed from the road.

Abu Hanif, a local resident, said Naubhanga canal is a vital source of water for irrigating vegetable fields round the year, adding that most of the villagers cultivate vegetables and depend on the water from the canal.

The shop on the canal hinders normal water flow, he said, adding that more establishments might be set up on the canal.

Khalid said he built the shop on the canal as he does not own any land. "I maintain my family with the income from the shop as I am a landless and helpless man," he added.

Nilganj Union Assistant Land Officer Syed Towhidur Rahman Emad said the shop is an illegal structure and will be removed soon.

Upazila Assistant Commissioner for Land Robial Islam said he will take legal steps after visiting the spot and investigating the matter.



This tin-shed in the middle of Naubhanga Khal in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali hampers the flow of water in the vital canal that provides water for irrigating crop fields throughout the year.

PHOTO: STAR

Mentally challenged woman raped

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Fariapur

A 35-year-old mentally challenged woman was raped allegedly by her neighbour at Bhatshala village in Rajbari's Bhatkandi upazila on Wednesday.

The victim's brother yesterday filed a rape case accusing Bazlu Sheikh, 45, of the village, said Bhatkandi police.

Family members said Bazlu came to the victim's house to take a spray machine when she was alone in the house and raped her.

Train kills imam

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

An imam of a mosque was crushed under the wheels of a train in Parbatipur upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim was Moshed Ali, 50, son of Tinku Haji of Jamirhat village.

Witnesses said a Dinaipur-bound train from Parbatipur hit Moshed, leaving him dead on the spot when he was crossing the rail tracks near Sakoa Bridge in the upazila around 9:00am.

Fishermen come to the aid of mother hilsa

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Eighty-seven local fishermen have joined a laudable initiative, working for protection of mother hilsa in the Andharmanik river in Kalapara upazila under the district during the ongoing ban on catching and sale of the popular fish, thanks to the initiative of Kalapara upazila fisheries officer.

Under the banner of 'community fish guards', they have formed several groups to keep watch on the river area round the clock so that nobody can catch fish there in violation of the official ban from October 1 to October 22.

"We have formed a unity of local fishermen who showed interest in voluntary service to help breeding of hilsa," said Md Kamrul Islam, Kalapara upazila fisheries officer.

"Eighty-seven fishermen of Nilganj and Mohib unions of the upazila have been included under the fisheries department's project named 'Eco-fish'. We gave them uniforms, caps, torch

slights, umbrellas etc to do the work smoothly. The initiative has been taken to increase awareness among local fishermen and encourage them to offer voluntary service to protect hilsa in the ban period. If anyone is seen netting hilsa, they try to prevent it. In case of failure, they inform us so that we can take lawful step," he said.

Abul Bashar, a community fish guards' leader of Fatechpur village, said they are contributing in the task considering the importance of protecting the valuable fish.

"We walk in the river bank areas in small groups to ensure that nobody can net fish here in violation of the ban," he said.

"It is a very interesting job to protect mother hilsa that come to rivers to lay eggs. We refrain from catching fish and encourage others to do the same during the ban," said Md Monir Hossain, another community fish guards' leader of Hossenpur village.

NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY
The only Bangladeshi university where all teachers have foreign Master's or PhD degrees primarily from USA, Canada, UK and Australia

Enhance your English, Empower Yourself
Certificate in English Proficiency (CEP)
Department of English and Modern Languages
Fall 2017

The CEP is a recognized certificate course for improving your proficiency in English. The program focuses on productive and receptive skills, i.e. speaking, writing, reading, and listening, as well as the improvement of vocabulary and grammar. It also emphasizes the development of business and professional English.

Certificates are awarded upon satisfactory completion of the course.
Course Fee: Tk. 7000 only
Course begins: 20 October, 2017
Duration of course: 3 months
Class days: Friday
Class time: 9am- 12 noon

The CEP course is taught by highly qualified and experienced instructors.
For information, please contact:
Department of English and Modern Languages
Room: NAC 957, Level 09, NSU
Bashundhara, Dhaka-1229
Tel: + 88-02-55668200, Ext: 2021
E-mail: tanjia.azmeen@northsouth.edu

কোর্সের নাম: ক-১
বাংলাদেশ
কর্তৃত্ব সংস্থা
কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত
জুলাই, আগস্ট ১৮, ২০১৭
বেসরকারি ব্যক্তি এবং কর্পোরেশন কর্তৃক অর্থের বিনিময়ে জারিকৃত বিজ্ঞাপন ও মোটরসমূহ
বিজ্ঞপ্তি
এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বিগত ২০১১-২০১২ ও ২০১২-২০১৩ অর্থ বছরে বাঙ্গালেশন কেন্দ্রিক ইভাউজিং কর্পোরেশন (বিসিআইসি) এর বিপন্ন বিভিন্ন কর্তৃক কাগজে নং (১) এমকেটি-০১৫৭/২০১১-২০১২/সিটি-২১৫(এল)/১৬৮ তারিখ ০১-০২-২০১১ইং, (২) এমকেটি-০১৬০/২০১২-২০১৩/সিটি-২২৭(এল)/২০৭ তারিখ ২৬-০৯-২০১২ইং, (৩) এমকেটি-০১৬৩/২০১২-২০১৩/সিটি-২৪৪(এল)/৪৫০ তারিখ ১৮-১২-২০১২ইং ও (৪) এমকেটি-০১৬৮/২০১২-২০১৩/সিটি-২৭৫(এল)/৯১৯ তারিখ ০৯-০৫-২০১৩ইং এর বিপরীতে ২,৯৯৯ মেঃ টন সার সংশ্লিষ্ট গুণানে অসরবরাহ এবং গুণানে সরবরাহকৃত ৪,১৭৫ মেঃ টন সারের মধ্যে ৩,০৪৫.৫০ মেঃ টন সারের বন্ডা রি-ব্যাণ্ডিং করে ৫০ কেজি ওজনকে বন্ডা হিসাবে গুণানে বৃদ্ধি করে ন সারের জন্য সরকারি সার আত্মসারের অভিযোগে মোসার্ন নুর ট্রেডিং কোম্পানী, ১৬৬৬ নুরুল ইসলাম বিল্ডিং, মিনি হাউজিং (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), পাটশাহী, চট্টগ্রামকে অসর বন্ডারের সংহার নিয়ন্ত্রিত করল করবরাহের অনির্দিষ্ট সময়ের জন্য টেজার অংশেবহ থেকে বিবর্ত রাখার জন্য অযোগ্য (Debar) যোগ্য করা হয়েছে।
মেঃ মঞ্জুর রেজা
মহাবাহাঙ্গারক (বিপণন)
বিপণন বিভাগ, বিসিআইসি

Rohingyas lack

FROM PAGE 2
Pintu Bhattacharya, deputy director of Family Planning Department in Cox's Bazar, said, "Most of the Rohingya women do not know about family planning. When we first started to distribute birth control tools, we faced a tough challenge."
"We had to deploy 500 volunteers to create awareness among them. Some have started responding but the number is still negligible."
Family planning workers have administered 2,000 long acting birth control injections, distributed 1,500 pills and 1,000 condoms among Rohingyas, he said.
Aid workers said the reason behind the reluctance to adopt family planning can be traced to their willingness to increase their population size, superstitions and lack of education.
Dilara Begum, 25, a mother of four, said, "My husband knows everything. I do not know anything [about family planning]."
Momtaz Begum, another mother of three girls, said she would like to have boys. "My husband wants sons."
Regarding family planning, she said, "Health workers have told us about it. I will take an injection, but after having a son."
Nasrin Akhter Monika, field coordinator of Research, Training and Management International Bangladesh, who has been working for 11 years with Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, said, "There is no birth control service in Rajshahi State of Myanmar. Rohingyas are in dark about the services."
She said the government should focus more on this. "Mass awareness campaign is needed. Food and shelter has to be ensured first, the focus then should be on family planning."