



Felling of trees beside the road at Lawacherra National Forest in Kamalganj upazila of Moulvibazar goes on unabated under social forestry. The picture was taken on Tuesday.

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173 Lawacherra trees felled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

At least 173, out of 348 marked trees, beside the road in Lawacherra National Forest in Kamalganj upazila have been felled under social forestry project.

The forest department planted the trees on a two-kilometre stretch along the roadside 24 years ago under the project, locals said.

Rajkandi Range Forest Officer under Lawacherra Forest Department Abu Taher said 348 roadside trees were divided into five lots and around 173 trees of three lots have been sold for Tk 10 lakh and 61,959 under a tender floated in 2011-2012.

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(Bapa) Sylhet unit General Secretary Abdul Karim Kim said the trees like akashmoni, kori, mahogany, kadam, chikarashi, jarul, pakiyara, gamari, lohakath, champusundori, bonak, rata and jam were cut down.

Bapa central committee member Tofazzal Sohel said, "During our visit, we saw that around 300 large trees had been felled. We demand a halt to such a callous act."

Tofazzal said this while he was talking to this reporter on Tuesday.

He said they want an immediate halt to the selling of chopped-down trees of the forest and cancellation of the project in the area.

"We receive foreign funds in the name of climate change adaptation projects but we fell down trees in our natural forests," Tofazzal said.

He alleged that some ministries, directorates, and the district administration are directly and indirectly encouraging felling of trees, killing of animals and destruction of forests.

Kamalganj Upazila Parishad Chairman Md Rafiqur Rahman said they have cut three lots, out of five, from Magurherra to Phulbari, adding that they will start cutting the other two lots soon.

Assistant Conservator of Wildlife at the district forest department Tabibur Rahman said they were not informed about the matter even when the trees were marked.

Divisional Forest Officer (wildlife) Mihir Kumar Doe said if a tree is marked for the social forestry project then it will be cut. However, they are trying to stop cutting of trees, he added.

Divisional Forest Officer of Sylhet Forest Division RSM Monirul Islam told this correspondent that he asked for a report about the trees from Rajkandi Range. After investigation, it was found that a large number of fruit trees were included in the remaining lots, he said, adding that they are trying to totally stop cutting of trees in the forest.

Two arrested in AL leader Swapna killing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Police yesterday arrested two people in connection with the killing of a woman leader of Awami League in Nabinagar upazila.

The arrestees are Sayeed, 35, son of Dhon Mia of Charpara village and Abu Jafer, 32, son of Abdul Kalam of Karabari village in the upazila.

The two were held from Jinodpur village, said Additional Superintendent of Police Md Iqbal Hossain.

On Wednesday night, unidentified miscreants shot dead Swapna Akhter, women's affairs secretary of Nabinagar upazila unit of AL.

On November 24, CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver Jahangir Mia was detained for interrogation.

Towel in woman's belly!

The object brought out through surgery after 3 months of caesarean

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Believe it or not, a delivery patient carried a towel inside her abdomen for three months after her caesarean section at a private hospital in Habiganj town.

The victim, Mollika Das, 38, wife of Sanjeeb Sarkar of Kakailseo village in Azmeriganj upazila of Habiganj, was saved from a life threatening situation as the towel was brought out after an operation on Saturday.

"My wife was admitted to Chander Hasi Hospital for a caesarean on August 23. There Dr SK Ghosh conducted her operation. After a few days, she started feeling severe pain in her abdomen and was again taken to the hospital," said Sanjeeb Sarkar, now residing in the district town.

"The doctor gave several tests for Mollika and the results showed something inside her belly. On Saturday afternoon, Dr Abul Kalam conducted an operation and brought out a towel from her belly," he said.

"We were surprised to find a whole towel inside the patient's belly," said Dr Kalam.

Dr SK Ghosh said, "It may have happened mistakenly."

Habiganj Civil Surgeon Suchinto Chowdhury said, "I have not received any complaint regarding the incident yet. If complaint is lodged, action will be taken after investigation."

Sugar mill workers for wage hike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Workers of Rangpur Sugar Mill in Gaibandha yesterday demanded declaration of new wage structure.

The demand was made at a rally in front of the mill. Rangpur Chinikal Sramik-Karmochhara Union organised the programme.

Speakers said the mill authority is paying only Tk 4,200 per month which is too little to maintain a family in these hard days.

Moreover, the workers have been rendering overtime services without getting any extra benefit.

Sugar mill workers in the country have been fighting for declaration of a reasonable wage structure of Tk 8,750 to Tk 13,500 per month so that they can maintain their families properly, said the speakers.

The speakers called upon the government to declare wage structure for the mill workers affecting from July 1, 2015.

They urged the government for immediate implementation of the demand, otherwise agitation would be intensified all over the country.

SM Jalal, president of Chinikal Workers' Union, and its secretary Tofazzal Hossain spoke at the rally.

RANGPUR MAYHEM

Titu's bail prayer rejected

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Rangpur court yesterday rejected the bail prayer of Titu Chandra Roy, an accused under ICT Act, on charge of demeaning Prophet Muhammad [pbuh] in a Facebook post.

The court fixed December 10 as the next date for hearing of the case.

Police produced Titu, 40, son of late Khagen Chandra Roy of Thakurbari village under Rangpur Sadar upazila, before the Court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Ariful Islam around 1:00pm, said Court Inspector Monoj Kumar.

At the hearing on Titu's bail prayer, Noresh Chandra Sarkar, who led 12 lawyers giving legal support to Titu, said, "Titu did not give any post in his Facebook demeaning the Prophet. The ID used for the alleged Facebook post does not belong to Titu."

The court rejected the bail prayer and ordered sending the accused to jail.

Police arrested Titu on November 14 and produced him before the court that granted eight days' remand for him in phases.

Earlier on November 6, a case against him was filed with Gangachara Police Station under ICT Act.

On November 10, hundreds of zealots attacked the Hindus at Thakurbari village protesting the Facebook post.

Eleven houses were burnt and nine more were damaged.

A man was killed and 20 others were injured when police fired bullets to repel the attackers.

Two cases were filed with Gangachara and Rangpur Sadar police stations on November 11, accusing 2,000 people for the attacks.

Transport strike called off

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Transport owners and workers of the district called off their indefinite strike on the fourth day yesterday.

All sorts of vehicles started plying around 2:00pm yesterday.

Road Transport Owners' Group and Transport Workers' Union called the strike which began on Thursday morning after some students of Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) burnt two buses following a clash.

They demanded compensation for the buses burnt by the students, treatment expenses of injured workers and ensuring that students will not become unruly if something similar happens in future.

The transport workers and owners yesterday agreed to call off the strike when HSTU authorities at a meeting assured them of meeting their demands.

DC Mir Khairul Alam and SP Hamidul Alam arranged the meeting.

10 receive Mymensingh Press Club Award

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Ten journalists and litterateurs of Mymensingh region were awarded 'Mymensingh Press Club Padak' for their outstanding contribution to their respective fields.

Mymensingh Press Club on Saturday night awarded the 10 eminent personalities following a discussion at its auditorium, with Mymensingh Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Khalilur Rahman in the chair.

The award, which was introduced in 1986, went to 10 personalities (from 2011 to 2015).

Speakers at the programme urged the recipients to contribute more towards the society to make it congenial for all.

The award recipients are Shyamolendu Pal, Zia Uddin Ahmed, Sultan Uddin Khan (posthumous), Rafiqul Islam Ratan and Mustafa Babul for journalism, while Anjir Liton, Dr Aminur Rahman Sultan, Mahmud Kamal, Sohrab Pasha and Ashraf Mir were awarded for literature.

Minister for Religious Affairs Principal Motiur Rahman was present as the chief guest.



Mymensingh Press Club Award recipients pose for a photograph with Minister for Religious Affairs Principal Motiur Rahman, fourth from left, at the club auditorium.

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Office of the Principal

Feni Polytechnic Institute, Feni

Memo No. FPI/OTM/GOB/2017-2018/834

Date: 23/11/2017

Invitation for Tender

Sealed tender is hereby invited from the manufacturers/suppliers/local agents in their official pad for purchase of the following items for Feni Polytechnic Institute.

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.			
2	Agency	Directorate of Technical Education.			
3	Procuring entity name	Principal, Feni Polytechnic Institute.			
4	Procuring entity code	69015			
5	Procuring entity district	Feni.			
6	Invitation for	Goods.			
7	Invitation Ref. No.	FPI/OTM/GOB/2017-2018/834			
8	Date	23-11-2017			
9	Procurement method	OTM.			
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB.			
11	Tender package No.	FENI/GD-1, FENI/GD-2, FENI/GD-3			
12	Tender package name	GD-1 (Procurement of Raw Materials & Spare Parts), GD-2 (Procurement of Computer Goods, Book & Periodicals, Chemicals, Sports Goods, Equipment & other Parts), GD-3 (Procurement of Office Equipment, Educational Goods, Furniture).			
13	Tender publication date	28 November 2017.			
14	Tender last selling date	19 December 2017 (up to office hour).			
15	Tender closing date and time	20 December 2017 at 12:00 noon.			
16	Tender opening date and time	20 December 2017 at 12:30 pm.			
17	Name & address of the office(s)				
18	- Selling tender document	Feni Polytechnic Institute, Feni.			
19	- Receiving tender document	Feni Polytechnic Institute, Feni.			
20	- Opening tender document	Feni Polytechnic Institute, Feni.			
21	Eligibility of tenderer	1. Up-to-date valid trade licence. 2. Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate. 3. Up-to-date valid Vat registration certificate. 4. Other documents described in tender document.			
22	Price of tender document	Tk 1,000.00 (each package).			
23	Brief description of goods	GD-1 (Procurement of Raw Materials & Spare Parts), GD-2 (Procurement of Computer Goods, Book & Periodicals, Chemicals, Sports Goods, Equipment & other Parts), GD-3 (Procurement of Office Equipment, Educational Goods, Furniture).			
	Package No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks / months
24	FENI/GD-1	Lot-1 Civil & AIDT Technology	Feni	Tk 11,500/-	4 weeks
		Lot-2 Mechanical Technology	Feni	Tk 8,000/-	4 weeks
		Lot-3 Power Technology	Feni	Tk 4,000/-	4 weeks
		Lot-4 Electrical Technology	Feni	Tk 6,000/-	4 weeks
25	FENI/GD-2	Lot-1 Computer Goods	Feni	Tk 6,500/-	4 weeks
		Lot-2 Books & Periodicals	Feni	Tk 3,000/-	4 weeks
		Lot-3 Chemicals	Feni	Tk 2,000/-	4 weeks
		Lot-4 Sports Goods	Feni	Tk 2,200/-	4 weeks
		Lot-5 Equipment & Other Parts	Feni	Tk 17,000/-	4 weeks
26	FENI/GD-3	Lot-1 Office Equipment	Feni	Tk 10,000/-	4 weeks
		Lot-2 Educational Goods	Feni	Tk 12,000/-	4 weeks
		Lot-3 Furniture	Feni	Tk 10,000/-	4 weeks
27	Name of official inviting tender	Mohammad Mohidur Rahman.			
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Principal.			
29	Address of official inviting tender	Feni Polytechnic Institute.			
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 0331-74030	e-mail	fenipoly69015@gmail.com	
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				

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