

To save children from drowning

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Nearly 10 thousand children, aged between six to eleven years, of three upazilas in Patuakhali and Barguna were taught how to swim to save themselves from drowning.

Centre for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh (CIPRB), a non-governmental organisation, took the noble initiative.

The NGO yesterday arranged a swimming competition on Barguna's Taltali upazila premises where 36 children, who received training from the organisation, took part in four separate events.

The competition was followed by a discussion at the venue where Taltali Upazila Parishad Chairman Moniruzzaman Mintu was present as the chief guest.

Directors of Royal National Lifeboats Institute (RNLI), a UK-based organisation, Vice Admiral Paul Boissier and James Vaughan, and Steve Wills, head of the programme, and associate directors of CIPRB Kamran-ul-Baset and Jahangir Hossain were present as special guests.

According to CIPRB, under a project titled 'Vasa', that started in April this year and will continue till December 2019, they will teach thousands of children across the country how to swim.

Mohammad Amirul Islam, coordinator of CIPRB, said around 10,000 children of Taltali and Betagi upazilas under Barguna and Kalapara upazila in Patuakhali learnt how to swim this year.

Besides, under the project, around 5 lakh children of 21 districts were taught how to swim this year and around 750 people were given training on how to treat drowning victims.



Children, who received training from Centre for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh, take part in a swimming competition at Barguna's Taltali upazila parishad pond yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Gold worth Tk 1cr seized at Benapole

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Customs Intelligence arrested three Indian nationals with 17 gold bars worth around Tk 1 crore at Benapole international check post yesterday.

The arrestees are Dhiman Sarkar, 38, son of Dhiren Nath Sarkar, Nitesh Singh, 25, son of Dharendra Singh, and Moheshlal, son of Birju Lal of North 24 Pargana district in Pashchimbariga.

Benapole Customs Intelligence Deputy Commissioner Abdus Sadek said, acting on a tip-off, members of customs intelligence conducted a drive in customs check post area and arrested them. The bars were in their stomachs.

The gold was deposited to the Benapole customs godown.

4 NSTU students suspended

A CORRESPONDENT, NSTU

The authorities of Noakhali Science and Technology University (NSTU) have suspended four students on charge of assaulting teachers and security personnel on Sunday.

The students are Mohaiminul Islam Nuhash of pharmacy department, Khairul Bashar Biplob and Abdur Rakib of agriculture department and Nazrul Islam Naim of economics department.

They have also been asked to show cause within the next seven days as to why they will not be expelled permanently, said Iftekhar Raju, public relations officer of the university.

On Sunday, the four students illegally entered an examination hall and assaulted several teachers and Ansar members when they were asked to leave the venue during the ongoing admission process, said university sources.

College girl killed for dowry

Dowry-greedy husband arrested in Jhalakathi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

A college student was killed allegedly by her dowry-greedy husband at Katpatti of Jhalakathi town on Sunday night.

The deceased, Suraiya Yasmin, 21, a degree student of Government Jhalakathi College, was wife of Mainul Islam Akon Himu of Katpatti area in Jhalakathi Sadar.

Police arrested Himu and he confessed to killing his wife, said Md Tajul Islam, officer in charge of Jhalakathi Sadar Police Station.

Himu and Suraiya fell in love and Himu married her two years ago without the consent

of Himu's parents, said locals.

On Sunday afternoon, the couple had a quarrel at Himu's house.

At one point Himu strangled Suraiya and kept her in a locked room at the house. In the evening Himu phoned Suraiya's uncle Tarikul Islam and said that Suraiya committed suicide by taking poison. The uncle rushed to the house.

Then Suraiya was taken to Jhalakathi Sadar Hospital where she was declared dead.

Himu, who had also taken some poison, was referred to Sher-E-Bangla Medical College

Hospital from where he was released yesterday morning.

"I killed my wife by strangling and later poured some poison on her mouth to pass it off as suicide. I also took some poison to make everyone believe it," Himu told police.

Suraiya's father Alam Farazi said, "Himu and his family demanded Tk 3 lakh to Suraiya and they continued pressing her for the money. My daughter was killed in a planned way."

A murder case was filed with the police station accusing five people and the body was handed over to family members after autopsy, said police.

Two arrested with hemp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police arrested two alleged drug peddlers with 110 kg of hemp from Badalgachhi upazila of Naogaon on Sunday.

The arrestees are Abdul Barez, 25, of Choudagram upazila in Comilla, and Selim Hossain, 40, of Shahrastra upazila in Chandpur.

The law enforcers also seized a Pajero jeep, used for carrying the hemp.

A police team, acting on a tip-off, intercepted a jeep at Balorampur village and recovered 110 kg of hemp from the vehicle, police said.

'Resume gas supply to fertilizer factory'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Workers and employees of Ashuganj Fertilizer Company Ltd in the district yesterday held a human chain to press for their two-point demand including resumption of gas supply to the factory and implementation of wage commission for the fertiliser factory workers.

Babul Mia, president of CBA at Ashuganj Fertilizer Factory, presided over the human chain programme that was held following an hour-long demonstration in front of the factory's main gate.

Farid Uddin, general secretary of fertilizer factory CBA, vice presidents Saifuddin Farooqi and Haji Taimur Rahman were present.

Speakers said Bakhrabad Gas Distribution Company Limited stopped gas supply to Ashuganj fertilizer factory on April 3 last year and since then fertilizer production has remained stopped there.

The CBA leaders threatened to block the highways and railways if gas supply is not resumed as early as possible.

Students scared to go to class

Risky bamboo bridge stands between them and school

EAM ASADUZZAMAN with ANDREW EAGLE

Many parents in Ranachandi and Garagram unions in Nilphamari's Kishoreganj upazila are nervous to send their children to school. Twice a day, there and back, the children have to cross a rickety, bamboo bridge over the Bullai river. With around three and a half thousand students of four educational institutions relying on the bridge, a serious accident is only a matter of time.

"I always feel afraid when I cross the bridge as it shakes terribly," says Saikat, a Class V student of Purbo Garagram Government Primary School.

"My mother holds my hand to help me negotiate the bridge," says class-four student of Pashchim Daliram Government Primary School, Shamin Akhtar.

"Many guardians are anxious to send their children to class because they must cross the vulnerable bridge on the way," says Abdul Wahab whose child is a Ranachandi college student.

Indeed parents do well to worry. Accidents have already occurred.

"A number of students from my school were injured in the last couple of months after falling into the river from the risky bridge," says Pashchim Daliram primary's headmistress. "But the authorities are seemingly indifferent to our request to build a safe concrete bridge in its place."

Class X student Arzina Begum from Ranachandi High School has firsthand experience of just how dangerous the bridge can be. "Last month while crossing the bridge on the way to school I fell into the river," she says.

"Somehow I was rescued by locals."

Locals report that they built the bamboo bridge five years ago of their own volition as a temporary measure. It is now weathered, old and risky.

Part of the reason for inaction on the part of the administration might stem from a lack of cooperation across jurisdictional boundaries.

"Half of the Bullai river is situated in my union," says the chairman of Ranachandi union parishad, Moklesar Rahman Biman. "The rest of the river is in Garagram union. We have both urged the upazila parishad chairman to have a concrete bridge constructed."

Upazila Engineer SM Keramat Ali Nannu says his office has recently surveyed the site and provided the data to higher authorities so that further action can be taken.



School kids cross the vulnerable bamboo bridge over the Bullai river in Nilphamari's Kishoreganj upazila amid risk of accident. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR



Journalists in Pabna form a human chain yesterday on Abdul Hamid Road in the town protesting attack on their colleagues.

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Attacks on journalists protested

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Journalists in Pabna and Thakurgaon yesterday staged demonstrations protesting attack on their colleagues.

In Pabna, the journalists at a human chain demanded arrest of the main accused and his cohorts for attacking three journalists and a cameraperson on November 29.

Police arrested eight people in connection with the attack, but the key accused Shirhan Sharif Tomal, Ishwardi upazila unit Jubo League president, could not be arrested even five days after the incident, our Pabna correspondent reports. Tomal is son of Land

Minister Shamsur Rahman Sharif.

Earlier, Tomal and 25 to 30 accomplices allegedly attacked journalists when they went to Ishwardi to cover preparations for the prime minister's visit to inaugurate the main construction work of Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant on November 30.

Meanwhile, local journalists formed a human chain in Panchagarh town protesting attack on their colleagues in Debiganj municipality on November 27.

Panchagarh Press Club organised the protest programme at Sher-e-Bangla Park, our Thakurgaon correspondent reports.

The journalists also submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina through Deputy Commissioner of Panchagarh Amal Krishna Mandal.

The human chain was followed by a discussion at the same venue.

The speakers said some local journalists were at Debiganj municipality office on November 27 when the men of Upazila Parishad Chairman Hasnat Zaman Chowdhury, also upazila unit general secretary of Awami League, assaulted and confined them.

The journalists demanded arrest and punishment of the attackers.

SP Park opens in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

SP Park, built at Hazraghat in the town after removing a den of drug addicts and criminals, was inaugurated yesterday.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) AKM Shahidul Haque inaugurated the park as the chief guest.

Nari Police Kalyan Sangstha President Shamsunnahar Rahman, Tangail Deputy Commissioner Khan Mohammad Nurul Amin, DIG of Dhaka Range Shafiqul Islam, SP Mahub Alam, Tangail Municipality Mayor Jamilur Rahman Miron and district Awami League President Fazlur Rahman Faruque attended the programme.

Laser show, fireworks and cultural function were arranged on the occasion. After sunset, locals did not dare to walk past the area for fear of mugging, while rickshaw pullers and auto-rickshaw drivers refused to take passengers there.

The district administration conducted drives in September last year to remove illegal structures on the banks of the Louhajang river, but the land grabbers returned.

The SP then decided to put his foot down and make a permanent change by turning the area into a park.

বাংলাদেশ লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র
 সাভার, ঢাকা-১৩৪৩
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 তারিখ: ০৪/১২/২০১৭

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। সংস্থার নাম : বাংলাদেশ লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র, সাভার, ঢাকা-১৩৪৩
 ২। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং : ০৬/২০১৭-১৮
 ৩। মালামাল/কাজের নাম ও বিবরণ : ক্রমিক ১৫ এর তালিকা অনুযায়ী
 ৪। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য : টা
 ৫। দরপত্র সিকিউরিটি : টা
 ৬। কার্য সম্পাদনের সময় : টা
 ৭। দরপত্রাদাতা/টিকাদারের যোগ্যতা : টা
 ৮। বাজেট এবং অর্থের উৎস : কেন্দ্রের রাজস্ব বাজেট
 ৯। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান : সহকারী পরিচালক (ফ্রেম ও ভাড়া), বিপিএটিসি, সাভার, ঢাকা
 ১০। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় : পত্রিকায় বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে আগামী ১৯/১২/২০১৭ তারিখ (অফিস চলাকালীন) পর্যন্ত
 ১১। দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ২০/১২/২০১৭ তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০ টা পর্যন্ত (সাপ্তাহিক ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত)
 ১২। দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান : কেন্দ্রের পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) এর অফিস কক্ষে অথবা আঞ্চলিক লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র, ৪৯, নিউ ইন্সটান রোড, ঢাকা
 ১৩। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান তারিখ ও সময় : পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) সম্মেলন কক্ষ (দোলনচাঁপা), বিপিএটিসি, সাভার, ঢাকা ২০/১২/২০১৭ বিকাল ০৩:০০ টা
 ১৪। Pre-Tender Meeting এর স্থান, তারিখ ও সময় : আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে (দোলনচাঁপা), বিপিএটিসি, সাভার, ঢাকা ১৭/১২/২০১৭ তারিখ বিকাল ০৩:০০ টা
 ১৫। দরপত্র প্যাকেজ/আইটেমের নাম :

প্যাট্র নং	মালামাল/কাজের বিবরণ (অফেরতযোগ্য)	দরপত্র সিকিউরিটি (ফেরতযোগ্য)	কাজের সময় (আদেশ জারীর তারিখ থেকে)	দরপত্রাদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের যোগ্যতা	
১	কেন্দ্রে কমিউনিটি সেন্টার নির্মাণ	৩,০০০/-	১,০২,০০০/-	৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিন	সংশ্লিষ্ট পূর্ত কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন টিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান
২	ওয়ার্কশপ সেড মেরামত	১,০০০/-	৮,০০০/-	১৫ (পনের) দিন	সংশ্লিষ্ট পূর্ত কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন টিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান
৩	সুইমিংপুলের ওয়াটার হিটার সিস্টেম স্থাপন	২,৫০০/-	৬০,০০০/-	১৫ (পনের) দিন	সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন টিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান
৪	সার্জিক্যাল মালামাল ক্রয়	১,৫০০/-	২৫,০০০/-	১৫ (পনের) দিন	সংশ্লিষ্ট মালামাল সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন টিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান
৫	অফিসার্স ক্লাবের বিবিধ মেরামত	১,০০০/-	১৫,০০০/-	১৫ (বিশ) দিন	সংশ্লিষ্ট পূর্ত কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন টিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান
৬	গাড়ি মেরামতকারী ওয়ার্কশপ প্রতিষ্ঠান তালিকাভুক্তিকরণ	১,০০০/-	৫,০০০/-	১৫ (পনের) দিন	নিজস্ব ওয়ার্কশপ আছে এমন যানবাহন মেরামতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান
৭	বিবিধ প্রকাশনা মুদ্রাকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান তালিকাভুক্তিকরণ (পুনঃদরপত্র)	১,০০০/-	৫,০০০/-	১৫ (পনের) দিন	নিজস্ব প্রকাশনা আছে এরূপ অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন মুদ্রাকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান
৮	আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে জনবল সরবরাহ (পুনঃদরপত্র)	২,০০০/-	২০,০০০/-	১৫ (পনের) দিন	আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে জনবল সরবরাহকারী প্রকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠান

১৬। দরপত্রাদাতার অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা ও দরপত্র দাখিলের শর্তাবলী টেন্ডার সিডিউলে বর্ণিত থাকবে।
 ১৭। কেন্দ্রের ওয়েবসাইট www.bpatc.org.bd এ উল্লিখিত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি পাওয়া যাবে।
 ১৮। কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কেন্দ্র কর্তৃপক্ষ সকল দরপত্র/দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি সংশোধন/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
 ১৯। অত্রকার্যের সকল পর্যায়ে পিপিএ-২০০৬ ও পিপিআর-২০০৮ এর সর্বশেষ নির্দেশনা অনুসরণ করা হবে।
 ২০। নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে ডাকযোগে পরিচালক (প্রশাসন), বিপিএটিসি, সাভার, ঢাকা বরাবরে দরপত্র প্রেরণ করা হবে।

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