

Youth killed over affair in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A youth was stabbed to death in Jessore town on Saturday over a love affair. Locals took him to Jessore Medical College Hospital where he died. The deceased was Babu Hossain Rony, 20, son of Ali Hossain of Shankarpur Golpata area in the town. He worked in Rajarhat Plastic Factory. Witnesses said Babu Hossain was talking with his girlfriend on Friday night in Jessore Collectorate Park when a youth named Firoz stabbed him. Firoz had a conflict with Rony over a love affair for a long time, they added. Jessore Kotwali Police Station Sub-Inspector Asad said police suspect that Rony was killed by Firoz. More details will be known after investigation, he added.

Missing college boy found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

The body of a college student was recovered from West Town area in Singair upazila of the district on Saturday, six days after he went missing. The deceased was Mohammad Russel, 17, a student of Legend College at Savar in Dhaka, and son of Ansar Ali of Purbavakum area in the upazila. Quoting the victim's father, OC of Singair Police Station Imam Hossain said Russel went out of his house on November 26 and did not return. Family members filed a general diary with the police station the following day, he said. Tracking the victim's mobile phone number, police recovered the body from the area on Saturday afternoon. The body was sent to Manikganj 250-bed Hospital morgue for autopsy.



Above: Visually impaired children play cricket on the ground of Visually-impaired Rehabilitation Centre at Haribhanga in Lalmonirhat town. Below: A learner reads using Braille system while a few kids practise music at the institution run by NGO RDRS Bangladesh. PHOTO: STAR

DREAMS FOR ALL

Lalmonirhat centre for visually-impaired students opens doors to independent living

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At the Visually-impaired Rehabilitation Centre in Haribhanga area of Lalmonirhat town twenty children from struggling families are given the chance to dream. The centre, run by development organisation RDRS Bangladesh, teaches Braille and vocational skills to children with vision impairment. Rather than facing a future as a burden for their families and the community, the children are excited by the potential to stand on their own. "I've lived at the centre for the last eight years," says Class VIII student Milon Hossain Bablu, "and I'm really happy about it. After completing my study I hope

to be a teacher. Light may not reach my eyes but here it reaches my heart and I am inspired to dream." He's also rather pleased that he's learnt how to play cricket. Another visually-impaired student now in his second year of study towards a Bachelor of Arts is Milon Islam, who has been at the centre for twelve years. "I've had vocational training. I learnt to play the tabla drums. Now I'm focused on a successful graduation." He also hopes to be a teacher in the long run. "I dream of being a singer," says Moumita Roy, a student at the centre in class five. She has been learning how to sing, especially folk songs. "I know I can achieve my goal with the centre's continu-

ing support," she says. Class VIII student Shubho Chakrobarty meanwhile is already an accomplished flautist. "I am often invited to perform at cultural programmes," he says, adding that he is concentrating on his studies too since he wishes to live an independent life. Resource teacher at the centre, Rubi Biswas, who herself is visually impaired, says she teaches songs to the children and also Braille. "Each of our twenty students has their own talents," she says. "They are on their way to becoming skilled and ready to pursue various vocations. In terms of study, they do well." The originally Dutch-funded centre opened in

2003 has more recently received financial support from a donor platform of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. But funding beyond 2017 is currently uncertain, which has both the centre's students and staff worried. Expenditure for the centre which employs three resource teachers and six supporting staff amounts to approximately Tk 40 lakh per annum. "We are not sure about funding for the coming years," says another resource teacher, Mumin Hossain Protik. "If we can't locate funds for the centre it will not be possible to continue its work indefinitely."



People from Dalit communities join a human chain on DB Road in Gaibandha town yesterday demanding steps to end all discriminations against them at different levels of the society and state. PHOTO: STAR

Ensure dignified life for Dalits

Say speakers at programmes on Global Human Dignity Day

STAR COUNTRY DESK

People of Dalit and other excluded communities yesterday held programmes at different places, including Gaibandha and Chapainawabganj, marking Global Human Dignity Day. Demanding steps to end all discriminations against them in social and professional activities, hundreds of people from Dalit communities formed a human chain along DB Road in Gaibandha town, reports our correspondent. Abalambon, Jono Udyog, Bangladesh Dalit and Banchito Jonogosthi Adhiker Andolan, Bangladesh Rabidas Forum, Bangladesh Rabidas Unnayan Parishad and Harijan Oikya Parishad jointly organised the programme in observance of Global Human Dignity Day. The speakers at the programme pointed out that the Dalit communities

are facing serious discriminations in educational institutions, workplaces, social activities and cultural affairs. They are even denied normal access to public places, hotels and restaurants. As citizens of the country, Dalit people want to live with dignity like other communities, the speakers said. They demanded enactment of a law to wipe out disparity in professional and other affairs, as recommended by the Law Commission in 2014. Probir Chakravarti of Jano Udyog, Kitton Basfore, president of Harijan Oikya Parishad, Dadhiya Rabidas, president of Haridas Unnayan Parishad, Khilon Rabidas, secretary of Bangladesh Rabidas Forum, Shefali Rani and Shamoli Rabidas spoke at the programme. Our Chapainawabganj correspondent adds: People of different Dalit and excluded communities joined a

human chain and rally in front of the deputy commissioner's office in Chapainawabganj town demanding implementation of anti-discrimination act. Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement, Chapainawabganj, unit arranged the programme. Dalit people are deprived of human rights and forced to live a dejected and isolated life as people in general consider them untouchable, speakers said at the rally. They demanded formulation of a law to eliminate social and job discriminations against the Dalit people and ensure their civic rights. Deb Sagor Thakur, vice president of Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement's Chapainawabganj district unit, its general secretary Dilip Kumar Pal, Popy Karmokar, advocate Saiful Islam Reza and advocate Mizanur Rahman spoke, among others.

RHD official assaulted, 4 siblings sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A team of Roads and Highways Department (RHD) staff came under attack during an eviction drive in bypass area under Patgram upazila on Monday. A case was filed accusing four siblings in this connection, said Aboni Shankar Kar, officer-in-charge of Patgram Police Station. The accused are Sadekul Islam Sajib, Rashedul Islam Sweet, Wazedul Islam Shaheen and Jahedul Islam Sohel, sons of Abdul Jabbar of the area. Around 80 illegal structures on 100 decimals of land of RHD in the area were demolished during the drive, said Lalmonirhat RHD Executive Engineer Sajedur Rahman. On Monday afternoon, the RHD team started demolishing the illegal structures made by the four siblings when the latter swooped on them, he said. They assaulted Saiful Islam, surveyor of RHD in Dhaka and Rangpur zones during the incident, the engineer said, adding that Saiful later took primary treatment at Patgram Upazila Health Complex. "I was assaulted by the accused in presence of police but they didn't take any action due to unknown reason," said Saiful.



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Invitation for Tenders (International)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Home Affairs, Public Security Division.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Ansar & Village Defence Party.		
3	Purchaser name	Director (Admin-Q) on behalf of Director General Bangladesh Ansar & VDP.		
4	Purchaser code	Not used at present.		
5	Purchaser district	Dhaka.		
6	Invitation for	Goods (Shot Gun & Cartridge).		
7	Invitation Ref. No.	No-44.03.0000.017.07.229.17-2139		
8	Date	03/12/2017		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement method	ICT	Open	
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget	Government	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A		
14	Tender package No.	Arms-01	A&B	
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Arms.		
16	Tender publication date	05-12-2017		
17	Tender last selling date	16-01-2018		
18	Tender closing date and time	17-01-2018	11:30am.	
19	Tender opening date and time	17-01-2018	11:35am.	
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Ansar & VDP Headquarters, Khilgaon, Dhaka (DPC Store).		
	Selling tender document (principal)	Ansar & VDP HQ, Khilgaon, Dhaka (Provision Branch).		
	Selling tender document (others)	N/A		
No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents				
	Receiving tender document	Ansar & VDP Headquarters, Khilgaon, Dhaka (DPC Store).		
	Opening tender document	Ansar & VDP Headquarters, Khilgaon, Dhaka (DPC Store).		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Place Name/Address	Date	Time
		Dpc Store, Ansar & VDP Headquarters, Khilgaon, Dhaka	03-01-2018	11:00am
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22	Eligibility of tenderer	Open to eligible tenderers from all countries, except specified in the Standard Tender Document (TDS).		
23	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Shot Gun & Cartridge.		
24	Brief description of related services	Supply and Transportation of Serial 26.		
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	1500 & 1000/-		
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)
	Arms-01	a) 12 Bore Short Gun SBBL b) 12 Bore Short Gun Cartridges	Ansar & VDP Headquarters, Khilgaon, Dhaka	38,00,000/- 2,75,000/-
PURCHASER DETAILS				
27	Name of official inviting tender	Sheikh Abdul Mannan.		
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Admin-Q).		
29	Address of official inviting tender	Ansar & VDP HQs, Khilgaon, Dhaka.		
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. 47214926	Fax- 47214959	dir_q@ansarvdp.gov.bd
31	The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			

Sheikh Abdul Mannan
Director (Admin-Q)

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