

FARID MURDER IN TANGAIL

Key accused made local AL unit secy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

One year into the killing of former organising secretary of Bhuapur upazila unit of Awami League Rokibul Islam Farid, police are yet to submit the charge sheet in the case. Rather, Aloa Union Parishad Chairman Nurul Islam, one of the main accused in the case, was made general secretary (GS) of the union unit of AL a few days ago, said the victim's family members and police. Farid's throat-slitted body was recovered from a pond near his house on December 6 last year, a day after he went missing. Later, a murder case was filed with Bhuapur Police Station accusing unidentified criminals. On December 15, Farid's younger brother filed another supplementary case with Judicial Magistrate's Court in Tangail, accusing seven

people. The accused include upazila AL joint conveners Taherul Islam Tota and Abdul Hamid Bhola, and UP chairman Nurul Islam. Eight people were later held. Of them, arrestees Nurul Islam, Mokbul Hossain, Mainul Hossain, Shawkat Hossain and Nasir Uddin Rana gave confessional statements to the court admitting their involvement with the killing over establishing supremacy in the area. Of the arrestees, five were freed on bail, court sources said. The victim's brother expressed his concern over getting justice as Nurul Islam, one of the main accused, was made union AL GS recently after getting bail. OC Ashok Kumar Sinha, also the investigation officer of the case, said charge sheet against the accused will be pressed within the next two weeks.



An Aman paddy field at Char Miajan in Baufal upazila of Patuakhali.

PHOTO: STAR

Unidentified youth found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

The body of an unidentified young man was recovered in Guimara Bazar bridge in Guimara upazila of the district yesterday morning. Police and army personnel recovered the body after local people saw it in the morning and informed them. Officer-in-Charge of Guimara Police Station Shahadat Hossain Tito said the body had several injury marks on the neck and right hand. The reason behind the killing is not yet known, he said, adding that investigation is underway. Khagrachhari Superintendent of Police Ali Ahmed Khan visited the spot after the recovery of the body. The identity of the deceased could not be known as of filing of this report.

Porno videos seized 19 arrested in Comilla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Comilla arrested 19 people from the town on Tuesday and seized pirated pornographic videos and equipment for copying discs from them. The arrestees are Md Sumon, Md Mohiuddin Sohad, Sujon Chandra Das, Nayan Datta, Md Tarek, Md Kamrul Islam, Md Saiful Islam Misu, Jony Saha, Md Abdur Rahim, Md Roman, Sree Ajit Kumar Dey, Shyamol Chandra Karmokar, Surjo Chakraborty, Md Rafat, Md Khokon Mahmud, Saurav Das, Md Ali Riad, Mahmud Hasan Choton and Arjun Debnath. In a press briefing yesterday, Comilla Camp Rab-11 Commander Major Arifur Rahman said an anti-piracy task force, led by its member MR Alam Chowdhury and assisted by Rab, conducted a drive and arrested 19 people and seized 20 monitors, 20 CPUs, one laptop and hard disk, six cables and 2,495 pirated CDs from Comilla Town Hall Super Market. The arrestees told Rab that they secretly copy newly released movies from different cinema halls. They also collect new music videos from music studios and advertisement firms, they said, adding that they mix pornographic movies with those videos and sell those. They also collect photographs of Bangladeshi stars and make CD covers through Photoshop editing. Major Arif said the drive will continue, adding that investigation is going on in different markets of the district headquarters and upazilas.

Coastal farmers lose out for early Aman sales

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Marginal farmers in the southern coastal regions of Bangladesh are cashing their main crops in a hurry due to a lack of money for their sustenance. They are currently selling out their early Aman paddy for Tk 450 to Tk 500 a maund (44 kilograms), for which they could have fetched Tk 1,100 to Tk 1,200 if they had waited till the end of December or early January. The main reason for this is a cash crunch. The farmers are being deprived of better prices when Aman is in season, which is their main crop. Due to the high salinity in the region's water, they are able to grow a limited number of other crops like chillies, watermelon and sweet potato the rest of the year. This has become a common scenario for farmers of char (coastal island) areas including Char Barret, Miajan, Kachua, Diarakachua, Roysaheb, Wadel, Basudevphasha, Nimdi, Char Federation, Mominpur -- all under Baufal

upazila in the district. Md Azahar Khan, a farmer of Diarakachua, cultivated Aman paddy on 45 acres of land in September. But waiting for a payout till January is unimaginable for him as he has to fend for a family of 12 that includes his parents, five daughters and three sons. "Finding no solution to my current dire state, I sold 300 maunds of paddy in advance to a local moneylender at Tk 480 a maund. I also had to repay the money I borrowed to buy fertilizers and pesticides for the Aman crop." Abdus Salam Howlader, a farmer of Char Miajan, cultivated paddy on 50 acres that has an estimated yield of 200-250 maunds. "I already sold 100 maunds of paddy in advance at Tk 490 a maund to make ends meet." Azahar Ali Bapari, another farmer of Char Miajan, sold off the entire lot of paddy he grew on three acres of char land. "I know I could have fetched Tk

1,100 a maund if I had held on to the stock. But I have no alternative." "It would have really helped us if we could get access to local microcredit or banks to keep us afloat till January. But it is not easy to get credit," said Bapari. The farmers often approach the local wholesalers and offer their Aman paddy for lower prices. The wholesalers hold the stock in go-downs and sell off to rice millers across the country when the prices go up. This scenario is not unique to Baufal; it is prevalent in other char areas like Charborhan, Charhadi, Char Shahjalal under Dashmina upazila, and Char Biswas, Charkazol under Galachipa, Char Montaj, Chalitabunia, Char Lata under Rangabali upazila. Md Bellal Howlader of Char Montaj borrowed Tk 40,000 from a local mohajon (moneylender) in November, on the condition of paying back in paddy at a lower rate. "If I didn't need the money then, I could have cashed in on a

good amount later." Md Jahirul Islam, a mohajon of Kalaiya bazaar under Baufal upazila, said farmers come to them to help bridge the time gap between planting and harvesting. Md Likhon, another mohajon of Mowdubi under Rangabali upazila, said the farmers come to them to avoid the banking process, which they deem to be complicated. "They are uneducated and fear the system. Also, commuting to the mainlands to get finance is an added expense for them," he said. Md Farid Ahmed, deputy general manager of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, said the farmers have to maintain nominal banking to get a loan. Many char farmers do not have their own lands and cultivate on others' lands as sharecroppers; the farmer keeps two thirds of the harvest and gives a third to the land owner, he said. This further complicates the process for them, he added.



A girl yesterday paints graffiti on the wall of Sabera Sobhan Government Girls' High School in Brahmanbaria town on the occasion of freedom of Brahmanbaria from the Pakistani forces on December 8 in 1971. A facebook-based organisation named "Amrai Brahmanbaria" will observe the day with the slogan 'Rongin Hobe Amader School'. PHOTO: STAR



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Subject: Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Supervision Engineer (Contract Package No. BHTP S-1007)

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) has received a loan from IDA (IDA Credit No. 5769-BD for "Support to Development of Kaliakoir (and other Hi-Tech Park) Project" and it is intended that part of the proceeds of the loan and grant will be applied to appoint Supervision Engineer.

- Educational Qualification:**
A minimum B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from any recognised University, holding post graduate qualification (certificate/diploma/degree) will be added advantage.
- Requirements:**
At least 6 years experience in planning, design, construction and maintenance works of rural physical infrastructure (roads, bridges, culverts, buildings, river bank protection works etc.). Each Field Supervision Engineer shall be a qualified civil engineer, minimum bachelor degree in civil engineering; holding post-graduate qualification (certificate/diploma/degree) will be added advantage. A Member of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh will be added qualification. Good inter-personal skills. Proven multi-discipline team work skills. Good report preparation skills and experience. Proven communication skills (excellent command in English and Bengali). Must be computer literate and have user-at-ease ability to work on common office-use software.
- Responsibilities:**
The Supervision Engineer will be responsible for carrying out the following tasks, among others:
 - Supervise and monitor bridges, culverts, road works, river bank and road protection construction works etc in the relevant contract, as directed by the Authority;
 - Monitor the contractor's weekly programme of works and actual progress made;
 - Ensure the quality of construction works as per specification requirements;
 - Ensure that adequate quantity and quality recording is carried out at the field level;
 - Closely liaise with other Consultant team staff with respect to quality control, correct interpretation of construction drawings, and identification of problems requiring timely rectification;
 - Prepare reports (monthly, quarterly, and annually) of progress for the infrastructures and sending them to the authority timely;
 - Each Supervision Engineer will be required to work in consultation with the Authority (including outside standard working hours) to match actual work being carried out by the physical works contractor;
 - Any other official duties assigned by Authority.
- Other terms and conditions:**
 - Duration of employment: Duration will be up to 31 July 2019 which is renewable yearly basis.
 - Place of work: Kaliakoir, Rajshahi, Khulna, Chittagong Hi-Tech Park and any other place under the project.
 - Supervision Engineer will perform other relevant work as requested by the Authority.
- Selection criteria:**
 - Educational Qualifications.
 - Relevant working experience and its adequacy for the assignment.
 - Capability to carry out the assignment [overall suitability considering age, skill (Training, computer skills, proficiency in English and Bengali, knowledge of local conditions, administrative systems etc)].
- The consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedure set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: "Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers" dated January 2011." **Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview.**
- Project Director, Support to Development of Kaliakoir (and other Hi-Tech Park) Project now invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services.

The interested Applicants are requested to apply for the position providing information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (Complete CV with attested copies of educational, training and experience certificates as required for the position). Interested applicants are required to submit their Expressions of Interest in accordance with the Standard Application Forms which will be obtained from the website www.bhtpa.gov.bd. The applicant shall submit Expression of Interest (EOI) by 2.00pm of 31-12-2017, in sealed envelop, clearly marked "Request for Expression of interest (REOI) for Supervision Engineer" to the undersigned by hand/courier service/guaranteed express from post office. Any EOI received after the deadline will not be accepted. Any persuasion by the applicant will be treated as disqualification.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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০২.	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
০৩.	অর্থের উৎস	এনআইএলজি'র রাজস্ব খাত।
০৪.	মালামালের বিবরণ	'ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ প্রশাসন অবহিতকরণ' কোর্সের জন্য প্রশিক্ষণ হ্যান্ডবুক মুদ্রণ ও সরবরাহ (বিস্তারিত সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে)।
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০৭.	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	০৬-১২-২০১৭।
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Noakhali freed today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

People of the district got the taste of freedom on this day in 1971, nine days before the nation's final victory against the Pakistani occupation forces. On April 23, the Pakistani army captured the district, said local freedom fighters (FFs). At different times, they carried out arson attacks, loot and killing of innocent people in the town and Begumganj and Sonaimuri upazilas. At that time, the occupation forces shot and burnt over 150 people, including children, to death with the help of rajakars. They torched houses, shops and business establishments and took the women to their camps to rape and torture. The day before Noakhali was declared free from Pakistani occupation, the army had to leave Maijdee Primary Training Institute Camp and Begumganj Technical High School Camp for Comilla Cantonment as they failed to resist the FFs, said FF Fazlul Hoque Badal.