



People immersed in books on Liberation War at Shaheed Mizan-Abdul Bari Smriti Sangsad Pathagar at Chikonmati Dhonipara village in Domar upazila of Nilphamari.

A library dedicated to two freedom fighters

The library at remote Nilphamari village highlights real history of Liberation War

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Shaheed Mizan-Abdul Bari Smriti Sangsad Pathagar, a library founded in honour of two local martyred freedom fighters (FF) in Domar upazila, is working to spread the spirit of the Liberation War among the present generation in a remote village.

The library, established in 2015 after the names of local martyred FFs Mizanur Rahman and Abdul Bari at Chikonmati Dhonipara village, offers people, especially the younger generation, opportunity to read various books on Liberation War.

Besides, it is also conducting different types of works on detecting unknown killing grounds and authentic list of the birangonas, war heroines.

Al-Amin Hossain, 50, founder of the library and son of one of the two martyred FFs Abdul Bari, said, "I have noticed that memories of the Liberation War and the martyred freedom fighters are fading away day by day as there is no initiative to let our next generation know the true history."

He said the library was formally inaugurated by Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor in 2015.

Former government official Mostofa Aurangzeb Karim, also president of the library managing committee, said the library has around 2,000 books on the Liberation War.

Many donate books from their own collections to enrich its collection, he said. Mostofa said Liberation War Affairs Ministry, Cultural Affairs Ministry and Janata Bank provide them financial support every year to add new books to the collection.

Hafizur Rahman, brother of martyred FF Mizanur Rahman, said, "We feel happy as memory of my late brother is alive through the library."

Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor said the library is playing a unique role in keeping the new generation on the right path.

More libraries like this should be set up across the country, the minister added.

Rangpur Sugar Mills starts seasonal production

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Rangpur Sugar Mills went into yearly production with the loading of cane into the crushing chamber in a ceremony at the compound of Mohimaganj mill on Friday.

Deputy Speaker of Parliament advocate Fazley Rabbi Mia formally inaugurated the crushing season for 2017-18.

This season, the mill is expected to produce 4,550 tonnes of sugar by crushing 70,000 tonnes of sugar-cane.

A discussion meeting was presided over by Managing Director of the mill Yusuf Ali Sikder.

Lawmaker of Gaibandha-4 Principal Abul Kalam Azad, Chief Engineer of BSFC Haresh Ali, Gobindaganj UNO Shilabrota Karmaker, addressed, among others.

Man stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A man was stabbed to death at Rahimanpur Madrasa Bazar in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila yesterday.

The victim was Anisur Rahman, 40, son of Nendu Mohammad of Rahimanpur village.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Sadar Police Station Abdul Latif Mia told this correspondent over cellphone that Anisur was buying paan from a stall in the bazar when, all of a sudden, Md Sujon Ali attacked him with an axe from behind, leaving him seriously injured.

Locals took Anisur to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Soon after the attack, Sujon also cut himself on different parts of his body with the weapon in a bid to pass himself off as a mentally disturbed man, locals alleged. They detained Sujon and later handed him over to police.

The OC said police are investigating the matter, adding that Sujon is undergoing treatment at the hospital under police custody.

V-DAY CELEBRATIONS



1) Students take part in a march past at Chapainawabganj stadium, 2) Students of Rajshahi Government College hold a large canvas with the map of Bangladesh and a portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the college ground, 3) School children at Gaibandha make a display symbolising construction of Padma Bridge with the country's own finance, and 4) Kids in an artistic display at Rafiq Uddin Bhuiyan Stadium in Mymensingh.

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FF beaten as he protests inclusion of fake FFs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A freedom fighter (FF) was beaten in Melandah upazila yesterday allegedly by a group of fellow FFs as he protested inclusion of fake FFs by unfair means.

Injured Nazrul Islam, 63, of Hazrabari village, who fought under Sector 11 and Sector 4 during the Liberation War, took primary treatment at Melandah Upazila Health Complex.

Nazrul went to Upazila Muktiyoddha Sangsad premises to attend a gathering of local FFs around 12:00noon.

The incident occurred when Abul Hossain, Mohammad Ali and Nazir Hossain, who had been listed as freedom fighters, swooped on Nazrul and started beating him when he was talking about the inclusion of fake freedom fighters.

Seeing the untoward situation, FFs Idris and Gaffar rescued Nazrul.

An arbitration meeting was arranged to settle the issue, but victim Nazrul refused to reunite with the attackers and demanded exclusion of the fake FFs from the list, former commander of Upazila Muktiyoddha Sangsad Anwar Hossain said.

ATTACK ON HEADMASTER Barguna SMC chief removed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The chairman of the school managing committee of Khakuni High School in Amtali upazila of Barguna was removed from his post for attacking the headmaster of the school.

Chairman Abdus Sobhan Liton attacked Headmaster SM Mohiuddin over selection of an assistant teacher and an office assistant on December 2.

Inspector of Schools of Barisal Education Board Abul Bashar Talukder issued an order in this regard on December 14. The board also removed Liton from the position of donour, school sources said.

Liton is also organising secretary of Amtali upazila unit Jubo League.

The headmaster and the chairman differed in selection of candidates for appointment of an assistant teacher and an office assistant.

On December 2, Liton and his men, including his brother Santu Hawlader and brother-in-law Shimon Sharif, went to the headmaster's office to discuss the issue.

At one stage, Liton became very angry and he, along with Santu and Shimon, attacked Mohiuddin with sharp weapons. They later confined Mohiuddin to his room and allegedly looted Tk 86,000 by breaking a drawer of the headmaster's desk and took Tk 7,000 from his pockets.

Mohiuddin filed a case with Amtali Police Station in this regard the same day.

Police arrested Liton on the same day and sent him to jail.

Inspector of Schools Abul Bashar said they removed the chairman from his post as the allegation against him was found to be true.

Contractors demand removal of engineer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Contractors in Bandarban held a protest rally in the town on Thursday, demanding removal of a government engineer.

They alleged that Mohon Chakma, executive engineer of Bandarban Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), assaulted contractor Rafiq Ahmed on Tuesday.

Mohon rejected the allegation saying contractors who are in the ruling party are conspiring against him as he did not release more than the amount stipulated in the bill for construction of Baniachhara-Gazalia road under Lama upazilla.

Earlier, they submitted a memorandum to the chief engineer of LGED through the deputy commissioner of Bandarban.

To be his own boss

Educated Jhalakathi man opts for farming

M. JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL with ANDREW EAGLE

Not everybody is cut out to be an employee. Some prefer to be their own boss. While working in a private sector job in Dhaka, Khan Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad Bitu from Bagri village in Jhalakathi's Rajapur upazila found that conforming to the regulations that inevitably apply to a job-holder wasn't for him. In search of independence, he returned home to remake himself as a successful poultry farmer.

"I found it hard to follow all the rules," Bitu says of his job in Dhaka which lasted from the time of his graduation in 2004 until 2015. "It made me feel trapped and I had no mental peace. The whole time I dreamt of independent work and finally took the decision to resign."

He returned home from Dhaka jobless, with the idea of establishing a poultry farm.

It was a decision his family didn't take easily. In an expression of displeasure his father, a retired police officer, stopped talking to him for a time. "It was really tough because my parents didn't support my decision and they thought farming was a dishonourable

occupation for our family," Bitu says.

Nor was it only his family who found his decision difficult to accept. Neighbours teased him for giving up his job.

Nevertheless, Bitu pursued his plan. It took Tk 40,000 to start the farm, with 100 hens. He was fortunate since from the start profits were healthy. Upon seeing the early results, Bitu's mother came around to supporting him, and later worked with her son to expand the enterprise.

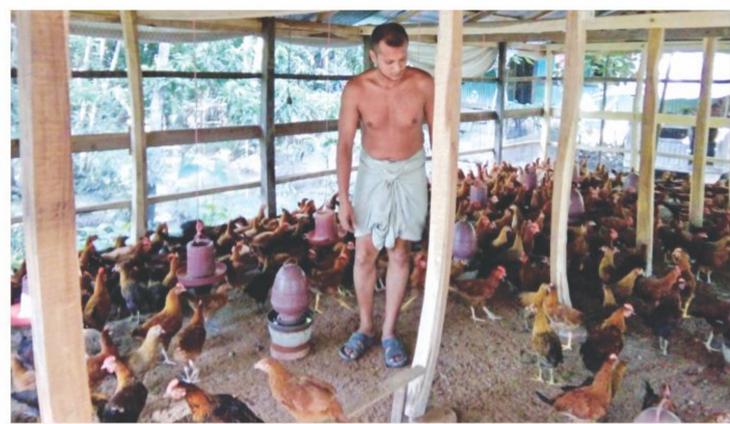
Currently they have 1,500 hens, a figure they plan to double within a month.

"At the beginning of this year I was earning only Tk 5,000 per month," says Bitu, "but now I earn Tk 50,000 monthly from the farm." Many of the locals who once jeered and criticised, now approach Bitu for advice on how to start poultry farms of their own.

"Bitu's outstanding success has inspired me," says graduate and neighbour Mahadi Hasan Jasim.

"I am planning to establish a farm at my house too."

Nowadays Bitu's mother is proud of her son. "He has used our previously unproductive land to establish the farm and build prosperity," she says.



Bitu at his poultry farm at Bagri in Rajapur upazila of Jhalakathi.

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Invitation for Tender				
01.	Ministry/division	Ministry of Shipping.		
02.	Agency	Bangladesh Marine Academy.		
03.	Procuring entity name	Commandant, Bangladesh Marine Academy.		
04.	Procuring entity Code	--		
05.	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.		
06.	Invitation for	1. Supply of 01 (One) unit 05 seated CAR.		
07.	Invitation Ref. No.	18.459.007.00.00.050.2017		
08.	Date	14-12-2017.		
09.	Procurement method	National Open Tendering Method.		
10.	Budget & source of fund	GOB.		
11.	Development partner (if applicable)	N/A		
12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A		
13.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A		
14.	Tender Package No.	Package No-OTM-05/2017-18		
15.	Tender package name	1. Supply of 01 (One) unit 05 seated CAR.		
16.	Tender publication date	17-12-2017 on or before.		
17.	Tender last selling date	02-01-2018 (During office hour).		
18.	Tender closing date and time	03-01-2018 at 12.00 noon.		
19.	Tender opening date and time	03-01-2018 on or before 12:30pm.		
20.	Name and address of the office for Selling tender documents	1. Office of the Accounts Officer, Bangladesh Marine Academy.		
21.	Name and address of the office for Opening & receiving tender documents	Chairman, Tender Opening Committee, Marine Academy, Ctg.		
22.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Conference Room, Bangladesh Marine Academy, Ctg/Date-26-12-2017 Time-10:30am.		
23.	Eligibility of tenderer	All eligible persons/contractors/firms who have fulfilled the qualification criteria stipulated in the tender data sheet and other conditions of the tender documents with experience the abovemention.		
24.	Brief description of goods or works	1. Any kind of reputed Brand, Country of origin-Japan/Equivalent, Manufacturing Year-2017 or Latest, Seating Capacity-05 including driver, CC-1496-1600 (Detailed in the schedule).		
25.	Brief description of related services	1. Related Service should be provided after delivery (Detailed in the schedule).		
26.	Tender document price	Taka 2000.00 (two thousand), non-refundable Bank Draft in favour of the Commandant (Drawable Sonali Bank Marine Academy branch), Bangladesh Marine Academy, Chittagong is to be submitted for each lot.		
27.	Lot	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security (Only Bank Draft, refundable)
	Single	1. Supply of 01 (One) unit 05 seated CAR	Marine Academy	2.5% of the quoted price
28.	Name of official inviting tender	Mar Engr. Sajid Hussain, Chartered Marine Engineer.		
29.	Designation of official inviting tender	Commandant.		
30.	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Marine Academy, Chittagong.		
31.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Marine Academy, Chittagong, Ph-031-2514151-6, Fax-031-2514160, e-mail-commandant@macademy.gov.bd		
32.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			

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