

Sand lifting threatens Faridpur river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Illegal lifting of sand from the Chandana river at Char Magchami in Madhukhali upazila poses a threat to agriculture and the people living along the river.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found lifting of sand by a dredger machine was going on and the sand is used in filling a ditch at Badhuli Khalkula Hafezia Madrasa under Jamalpur union in Baliakandi upazila of Rajbari.

A sand worker, seeking anonymity, said Jamalpur Union Parishad Chairman Younus Ali has been lifting the sand for the last two weeks.

On condition of anonymity, a number of local people said Younus, also President of

the madrasa managing committee, has been lifting the sand for the last 15 days which is posing a threat of erosion anytime.

"We told the chairman about the river erosion caused by the illegal sand lifting, but he did not pay any heed," they added.

Refuting the allegation, Younus said he has no idea about who was lifting the sand and will take necessary step to stop it.

Baliakandi Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Masum Reza said as the area is under the jurisdiction of Madhukhali upazila he informed the UNO concerned.

Being informed, a team led by Modhukhali Assistant Commissioner (Land) Monzur Hossain raided the area on Friday evening and stopped the illegal act.



This January 18 photo shows illegal lifting of sand from the Chandana river in Char Magchami area in Faridpur's Madhukhali by a local UP chairman to fill a ditch on the premises of a nearby madrasa.

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Colourful inauguration of the reunion of former students of Pabna Zila School on the school premises on Friday.

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Return of fond memory

Reunion of Pabna Zila School

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

It was a nostalgic occasion for the former students of Pabna Zila School, many of them now holding important positions in the society, as they joined a reunion on the school premises on Friday.

Around 11:00am, hundreds of former students belonging to different batches of the renowned school joined a colourful procession that paraded the main streets of the district town.

Convenor of the reunion committee Abu Bakar Siddique, registrar of Jahangirnagar University, chaired the reunion discussion while former students Land Minister Shamsur Rahman Sherif Dilu and businessman Masudur Rahman, among many others, reminisced their school days on the occasion.

Seven former students of the school -- Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Mirza Fazlul Karim Beg, Md Anwarul Islam, Md Ashraful Islam, Md Mamun, Anjan Chowdhury Pintu (director of Square

Group), were awarded for their contribution to the country.

Late litterateur Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal, a former student of the school, got a posthumous reception on the occasion.

Former teacher of the school, Liberation War martyr Moulana Kasim Uddin Ahmed was also given posthumous award.

"This is a wonderful occasion in my life. I feel nostalgic as I have come along with my two sons who are also former students of the school," said freedom fighter Rabiul Islam Rabi, a former student of 1965 batch.

Abu Bakar Siddique, president of Pabna Zila School Former Students' Association, said, "A large number of students of the school are now spread around the world, performing well with their brilliant contribution."

"We are trying to organise all the students of Pabna Zila School from across the world as we have a plan to organise an international conference of the former students," he added.

66 injured as AL factions clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

At least 66 people were injured in clashes between groups of ruling Awami League (AL) men in Saltha upazila under the district on Friday and yesterday.

There was a longstanding conflict between Majardia Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Habibur Rahman and Selim Mollah, organising secretary of Saltha upazila AL, over establishing supremacy, locals said.

Around 6:00pm on Friday, supporters of the two groups equipped with sharp weapons attacked each other at Majardia Bazar, triggering a clash that continued for three hours. Eleven people were injured and 11 houses were damaged and looted. Twenty-nine others were injured as the groups again clashed yesterday morning.

During the incidents, police fired 61 shotgun bullets and five teargas shells to quell the situation, said MM Mahiuddin, ASP of Nagarkanda Circle.

On Friday evening, supporters of Sahanur Biswas, member of Ramkantapur UP, and Kamal Biswas, a former member of the UP, clashed with sharp weapons at Ramkantapur village, leaving 26 people injured.

Police fired 27 shotgun bullets to quell the situation, said Saltha Police Station OC Delower Hossain.

4 farmers abducted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Armed criminals abducted four tobacco farmers from a farmhouse in Naikhongchhari upazila of the district early yesterday.

The victims are Abdul Aziz, 16, Abdur Rahim, 25, and Shah Alam, 40, of Ramu upazila in Cox's Bazaar, and Abu Syed, 42, of Naikhongchhari upazila.

Police quoted local people as saying that a gang of 10 to 12 criminals picked up the four at gunpoint from a tobacco farmhouse in remote Ledukal Mukh area under Dochhari union in the upazila around 4:30am.

Officer-in-Charge of Naikhongchhari Police Station Mohammad Sheikh Alamgir said they heard about the incident and were trying to rescue the abducted farmers and arrest the culprits involved in the abduction.

Mohammad Habibullah, chairman of Dochhari Union Parishad, said several gangs from adjacent Cox's Bazar have been engaged in such abductions for long.

GOLD ROBBERY IN JHENIDAH OC closed to Khulna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Moheshpur Police Station officer-in-charge was closed to Khulna police lines due to his negligence of duty, affecting the administration's work.

The deputy inspector general of Khulna range yesterday closed OC Ahmed Kabir Hossain, said Additional Superintendent of Police Ajbahar Ali Sheikh.

Earlier on January 4, a gang looted 47 gold bars from smugglers at Purandapur village in Moheshpur upazila when the gold was being trafficked to India.

Later, six constables and two sub-inspectors of the police station were closed to Jhenidah police lines after an investigation found their negligence in duty during the robbery, said the ASP.

Early Friday, Moheshpur police arrested two robbers with 30 gold bars. However, the arrestees said they were carrying 47 gold bars but the law enforcers could not recover the rest of the bars.

Cry for bridges over four Nilphamari rivers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Over one lakh people in three upazilas of the district have been suffering for long for want of concrete bridges over the Joubon-siri, Dhum, Chekadara and Jamuneswari rivers.

The people of 27 villages in Sadar, Jaldhaka, Domar and Kishoreganj upazilas voluntarily made makeshift bamboo bridges over the rivers that are unable to

meet their communication requirement as those are meant only for pedestrians.

On a recent visit to the 125-foot-long bamboo bridge over Joubon-siri river at Uttara Shashi village in Sadar upazila, this correspondent found that around 30,000 people from Uttara Shashi, Chapra, Panchpukur, Babrihar, Saitontola, Kisamat Kalkini, Fatultari, Madontari and Karbala villages have to cross a risky bamboo bridge to go to the district town and markets.

"Locals build the bridge every year with their own donation and support from local union parishad (UP) as it gets washed away in the rainy season," said Panchpukur UP Member Mahbubur Rahman.

UP Chairman Habibur Rahman said officials from Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) conducted a survey around three months ago, but construction of a bridge is yet to start.

During a visit to Golmunda village in

Jaldhaka upazila, it was seen that around 25,000 people of five villages have to use a bamboo bridge to cross the Dhum river.

"When the bridge gets damaged in the rainy season, we have to travel four kilometres more to go to the upazila headquarters," said elderly man Jamilur Rahman of nearby Shyampur village.

"Before each election, candidates make promises to do everything for making a concrete bridge here, but they disappear after the election is over," said another elderly man Raisuddin of adjacent Chowdhurypara village.

About 15,000 people of Noyani Bagdokra, Bagdokra, Nimojkhana, Halhalia, Boragari and Uttar Boragari villages in Domar upazila have been crying for a concrete bridge over the Chekadara river since independence.

Keshob Roy of Halhalia village said there are three schools on the other side of the river, adding that many students cannot go to the educational institutions as they have to wade through a portion of the river because the bridge is broken at one end.

"Pregnant women of seven villages suffer most as an ambulance cannot cross the bamboo bridge. Around 30,000 people live in the seven villages," said Kalipada Roy of Ismail village on the bank of the Jamuneswari river in Kishoreganj upazila.

"Tender will be called soon for construction of a concrete bridge over the Chekadara river in Domar upazila and another over the Jamuneswari river in Kishoreganj upazila and we will conduct a survey on the Joubon-siri and Dhum rivers very soon in this regard," said Executive Engineer Belal Hossain.



A makeshift bamboo bridge over the Dhum river at Golmunda village in Jaldhaka upazila of Nilphamari. The picture was taken recently.

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আবেদনকারীকে শিক্ষা জীবনের সকল পর্যায়ে কমপক্ষে ২য় শ্রেণী/বিভাগ বা সমমানের GPA/CGPA সহ কোন অনুমোদিত বোর্ড/বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে অনার্সসহ মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রি/বিএসসি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/বিইউআরপি/বিআর ডিগ্রি থাকতে হবে। এছাড়া প্রধান নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা (CEO) পদের জন্য কোন অনুমোদিত শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে এমবিএ ডিগ্রি ও সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের ১০ (দশ) বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা এবং Assistant Director পদের জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের ৪ (চার) বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।

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Section 144 at Kumarkhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Kumarkhali upazila administration imposed Section 144 on a school premises yesterday as Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) called meetings at the same venue and same time.

A tense situation is prevailing between the two groups over formation of managing committee of Choraikol Government Primary School, said UNO Md Shahinuzzaman.

The BCL men on Friday beat a Kumarkhali upazila unit JSD activist over the issue.

JSD arranged a protest meeting on the primary school premises yesterday where Kumarkhali upazila BCL also called a counter meeting at the same time.

Additional policemen have been deployed in the area to avert any further trouble, said the UNO.

Week-long Madhu Mela kicks off

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

On the occasion of 194th birth anniversary of poet Michael Madhusudan Dutta, a week-long Madhu Mela began at Michael Madhusudan Academy in Sagardari of Jessore's Keshabpur upazila yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperative Minister Engineer Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain inaugurated the fair as the chief guest.

State Minister for Public Administration Ismat Ara Sadique, local lawmaker Monirul Islam, Khulna Divisional Commissioner Lokman Hossain Miah, Jessore Deputy Commissioner Md Asrafuddin and Keshabpur municipality Mayor Rafiqul Islam were present at the inaugural function.

Sagardari Madhu Mela committee organised the fair, said Mostafizul Islam, chairman of Sagardari Union Parishad.

The chairman said discussions will be held every day where eminent litterateurs, poets, educationists, writers, lyrics and dramatists will participate. The discussions on the life, works and teachings of the great poet will be followed by sessions of recitation, cultural functions, dances and dramas. Renowned singers and vocalists from Dhaka and other parts of the country will participate at the programmes.

The weeklong Madhu Mela will also include jatra, circus, puppet show and kabi gaan. A large number of people from all ages are expected to throng the fair every day.



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- ১) বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লেখিত তারিখ ও সময়ে প্রগতি ইনফ্রাস্ট্রাকচার লিমিটেড, প্রশাসন বিভাগ, ফিনলে হাউস (৩য় তলা), ১১, আত্মবাদ বা/এ, চট্টগ্রাম এবং প্রগতির ঢাকা আঞ্চলিক অফিস, ১৫১-১৫২, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা, ঢাকায় রক্ষিত বাস্তব দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
- ২) দরপত্র সিডিউল কার্যকালীন দিবসে নগদ মূল্যে (অফেরতযোগ্য) প্রগতি ইনফ্রাস্ট্রাকচার লিমিটেড, হিসাব বিভাগ, ফিনলে হাউস (৩য় তলা), ১১, আত্মবাদ বা/এ, চট্টগ্রাম এবং প্রগতির ঢাকা আঞ্চলিক অফিস, ১৫১-১৫২, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা, ঢাকার হিসাব বিভাগ হইতে সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।
- ৩) দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।
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- ৫) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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