

# People's initiative to save village

The villagers try to protect their homesteads from river erosion as govt fails to respond

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People of a village in Hijla upazila have been working hard for the last three months to protect their village from erosion by the Meghna river after the government had failed to take any step to save their homesteads.

The people of Paul Para are dumping geo bags in the erosion-hit areas on their own initiative with Tk 14 lakh collected from a local bazaar committee.

Villagers said they had to come forward on their own as the Meghna had eroded several hundred households during the last one year.

During monsoon, erosion turns severe, causing much suffering to the villagers, said Jamal Uddin Dhali, convener of River Erosion Prevention Committee (REPC).

The river has already washed away Profulla Nath High School, Arshigor Government Primary School and around one-third of agriculture land, said Abul Kalam Bepari, a committee member, adding that they are united to save their village.

The villagers hired a local contractor to supply geo bags filled with sand at Tk 110 a bag, said Taslim Majhi, also a member of the

committee. He said around 4,000 geo bags will be dumped in the erosion-hit area stretching 750 metres.

This correspondent on March 18 found a group of people were piling geo bags in the area to protect their village.

Dipok said the village is their ancestral home so they do not want to leave it, adding that they would continue fight to save their village.

"Hundreds of points in Hijla and Mehendiganj upazilas were badly affected by the river erosion. We have sent a project profile to save Ulania launch ghat, a secondary school and the property of Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury from the Meghna river at a cost of Tk 386 crore, but we did not submit any other project proposal due to fund constraint," said district Water Development Board Executive Engineer Abu Sayed.

"We have no plan to submit a project proposal for Paul Para area. We gave only technical support to their initiative," he added.

"I am trying to include Paul Para in the next project," said local lawmaker Pankaj Devnath, adding that he had donated Tk 5 lakh to the committee.



The people of Paul Para village in Hijla upazila of Barisal pile up sand-filled geo bags on the bank of the Meghna river to protect their village from erosion. The photo was taken a few days ago. PHOTO: SUSHANTA GHOSH

# Teacher's brutality makes madrasa boy imbalanced

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A 12-year-old madrasa boy is undergoing treatment at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) with physical injuries and mental imbalance, allegedly after severe beating by his teacher.

Omar Faruq with a stick severely on April 3. Afterwards, Faruq was kept confined to the madrasa for three days," AKM Mahub Alam, officer-in-charge of Phulpur Police Station, quoted the victim's father as saying. "Later someone from the madrasa asked the victim's father to

Phulpur Police Station accusing Harun-or-Rashid. Meanwhile, the accused teacher went into hiding.

"Police visited the madrasa but the teachers and students there did not say anything regarding the incident," said the OC.

Shukur Mahmud, maternal uncle of the victim, said the boy did not have any mental problem earlier.

Bikash Chandra Roy, a doctor of surgery department of MMCH, said, "The boy was taken to the surgery department this afternoon [Sunday] as he suffered injuries due to beating. He will require psychiatric treatment as well."

Earlier on March 5, Tauhidul Islam, 11, only son of Kawsar Ahmed of Panchgaon village and a student of Umar Faruq (RA) Hafizia Kindergarten Madrasa in Bhaluka's Jamirdia, succumbed to his injuries at Orthopaedic Hospital in Dhaka, following severe beating by Aminul Islam, a teacher of the madrasa, on February 27.

The victim's father filed a case with Bhaluka Police Station accusing Aminul Islam and Enamul Haque, head teacher of the madrasa.

The accused were arrested and now they are in jail, said Md Mamun-or-Rashid, officer-in-charge of Bhaluka Police Station.



Relatives take a visibly traumatised Omar Faruq to Haluaghat Upazila Health Complex in Mymensingh on Friday after his rescue from a madrasa where he was brutally beaten by a teacher. PHOTO: STAR

The victim, Omar Faruq, son of Nurul Islam Sheikh, a day labourer of Nasullah village in Haluaghat upazila of Mymensingh, is a student of Banshati Hafezia Madinatul Ulum Madrasa of adjacent Phulpur upazila. "Madrasa teacher Hafez Md Harun-or-Rashid allegedly beat up

take his son from there, saying that he is suffering from mental disorder.

"On Friday, the victim's relatives took the boy from the madrasa and admitted him first to Haluaghat Upazila Health Complex and then to MMCH. The victim's father lodged a case with

# Rab busts fake note factory

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The rupees look authentic as the gang tried to include all the security features. It was not easy to identify the fakes as India recently introduced new bank notes, the Rab official said.

Rs one lakh in counterfeit cash used to be sold for Tk 10,000-15,000 to members of the gang, he said.

The eight arrestees are-- Selim, his wife Ramisa and their relative Ranu, who are tenants of the flat, along with their accomplices Shaheen, Bashir, Al Amin, Khosru and Sabuz.

Selim, who started the illicit business, lived in the flat with his wife for

three years, Mufti said.

Bashir, who lives in a bordering district, collected at least three consignments of counterfeit Indian Rs 50 lakhs from Selim, he said, adding another consignment was prepared for delivery.

Rab also seized Tk 5 lakh Bangladeshi genuine currency from the flat.

Visiting the spot, this correspondent saw that the gang established the factory in the three-room flat, furnished with modern furniture so that visitors would be unable to understand that it was a factory.

The gang established the factory in a

flat to evade law enforcers, Mahmud said.

A Rab official, seeking anonymity, said the couple used to hide the equipment under the bed and inside other furniture.

Selim used to print the fake currency at night and the two women used to shape them during the day, he said.

Mohammad Delin, a security guard of the building, said Selim introduced himself as a readymade garments trader when renting the house.

"Recently, the couple did not allow me inside for even a moment when I went to collect the monthly rent," he said.

# Monitor medical

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The court ordered the health secretary and the DoE DG to submit a report on the progress in forming the committee in every division within July 22.

The HC also issued a rule asking the government to show causes in four weeks as to why it should not be directed to take necessary actions to protect the environment regarding the disposal of the medical waste, its recycling and transportation for the sake of nature and public health.

Secretaries to the ministries of environment and forest, health, and home affairs, DGs of DoE and DGHS, deputy director of the DoE in Chattagram, and Bangladesh Private Clinic and Diagnostic Owners' Association have been made respondents to the rule, petitioner's lawyer Syed Mohidul Kabir told The Daily Star.

The bench of Justice Moeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashraf Kamal came up with the rule and the

order hearing a writ petition filed by Md Al Amin, a staff reporter at daily Bangladesh Pratidin, seeking necessary HC directives on the matter.

The bench set July 26 for passing further order on the matter.

Amin submitted the petition on April 1 based on a report published in The Daily Star on February 4 with the headline "Hazardous waste heaped in open bins".

The report said hospitals and diagnostic centres in Chattogram were disposing medical waste in open bins, posing serious health hazards. A total of 87 hospitals and 180 diagnostic centres were operating in the district while only one private organisation -- Chattagram Seba Sangstha -- was working to dispose the medical waste.

The writ petitioner in the prayer said hospitals, diagnostic and other medical centres were disposing soiled, chemical and poisonous waste here and there and every such units needs to have individual or central ETP.

# Dhaka, Delhi

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inked between the two countries to implement different small projects in Bangladesh with the grant from Delhi.

The ERD official said India would approve three projects every year to be implemented under small grant from India and the projects will continue over the years as per the MoU. But the grant amount will not exceed Tk 25 crore for a single project.

As per the condition of the MoU, only the local government bodies in Bangladesh could execute this type of project.

The official said eight projects, involving Tk 332.19 crore, under small grant from the Indian government were being implemented.

Indian diplomats in Dhaka told The Daily Star that Gokhale's visit was a part of his familiarisation trip. He was appointed in February this year. On his first mission as the Indian foreign secretary, he visited Bhutan on April 1-2.

# Man killed, 15 injured in Tungipara clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man was killed and 15 others were injured yesterday over land dispute at Modhukhali village in Tungipara upazila of Gopalganj.

The deceased was Abul Kalam Montu Sheikh, 60, a farmer.

Locals said there was a longstanding conflict between Montu and Babul Sheikh over 50 decimals of land beside Montu's house. Montu asked Babul not to throw water towards his house. As a sequel, Montu's and Babul's men locked in a clash, which left 16 people of both sides injured.

Critically injured Montu was taken to Tungipara Upazila Health Complex from where he was shifted to Gopalganj General Hospital. The doctor, however, referred him to Khulna Medical College Hospital where he died. Police sent the body to Gopalganj General Hospital for autopsy.

"I shall file a case against those who beat us and killed my father," said victim's son Milton Sheikh. Babul did not receive this correspondent's phone call.

# Snigdho defies disability

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Physically challenged Rubayet Hakim Snigdho is taking part in the ongoing Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under Barishal education board from Haji Akkel Ali College in Patuakhali.

Due to problems since infancy, he cannot walk and talk well, even cannot hold the pen tightly with fingers.

Snigdho, son of Abdul Hakim and Rubina Hakim, passed the SSC from Patuakhali Government Jubilee High School in 2016 with GPA 3.89.

His only brother Rakayet Islam Nahin is a student of Class VI.

Snigdho, a student of humanities, sits for the HSC exams at Patuakhali Government College centre in the district town.

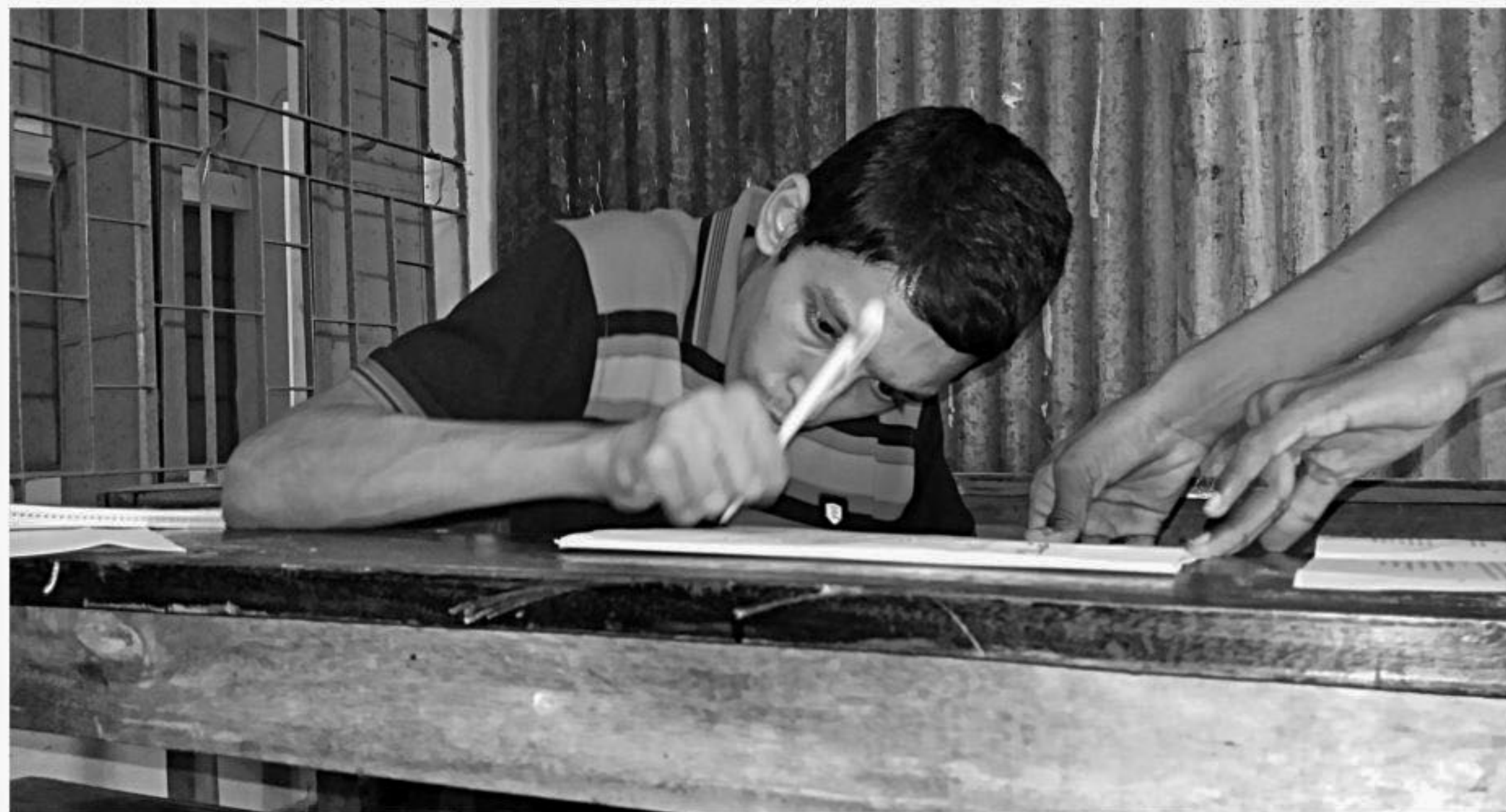
Muhammad Alamgir, vice principal of the college, also in-charge of the exam centre, said, "We are very sincere to help Snigdho attend the exam without any problem. As per rule, physically challenged students like him get extra 20 minutes to write the answers."

Talking to this correspondent, Snigdho said he wants to get higher education in agriculture and contribute to the country, despite his challenge.

"After two years of Snigdho's birth, we realised that he is physically challenged. Treatment failed to cure him. Doctors said he is suffering from neurological problem," said his father Abdul Hakim, who works at a non-government organisation, residing in Rupadia Bazar area of Jessore.

"Seeing his interest, we arranged schooling for him. He can't catch pen tightly with his fingers but his will power is strong," he said.

Snigdho's mother Rubina Hakim said she had to accompany her son to college regularly due to her physical challenge.



Holding the pen with some efforts, HSC examinee Rubayet Hakim Snigdho writes answer scripts at Patuakhali Government College centre on Wednesday. PHOTO: STAR

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**নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

র‍্যাব ফোর্সেস সদর দপ্তর র‍্যাব নং-৩৩০/৪১/অকেজো/যানবাহন/অপারেশনস তারিখ ০৫ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০১৮ মূলে র‍্যাপিড অ্যাকশন ব্যাটালিয়ন-২, শেরেবাংলা নগর, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা এর অকেজো খোঁষিত ০১টি নিশান পেন্ট্রোল জীপ, ০১টি নিশান সানি কার, ১৯টি জংশন মোটর সাইকেল ও ০৯টি বাজাজ মোটর সাইকেল (গাড়ির বিস্তারিত সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত) নিলামে বিক্রয়ের জন্য অস্থায়ী ক্রেতা/প্রতিষ্ঠান/ঠিকাদারের নিকট হতে নিলাম দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাচ্ছে। নিলামের শর্তসমূহ নিম্নরূপঃ

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
২।	নিলাম দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির দপ্তর	অধিনায়কের কার্যালয়, র‍্যাব-২, শেরেবাংলা নগর, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা।
৩।	নিলাম দরপত্র সিডিউল গ্রহণের দপ্তর	র‍্যাব-২, শেরেবাংলা নগর, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা।
৪।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি র‍্যাব নং ও তারিখ	র‍্যাব নং-র‍্যাব-২/২২০০/এমটি/নিলাম/৪৬৯, তারিখঃ ০৮ এপ্রিল ২০১৮।
৫।	জামানত/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট	২০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য)।
৬।	দরপত্র/সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৯ এপ্রিল ২০১৮ তারিখ ১৭০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
৭।	দরপত্র/সিডিউল এর মূল্য প্রতিটি (অফেরতযোগ্য)	৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা মাত্র।
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৯।	নিলাম দরপত্র বন্ধ খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২২ এপ্রিল ২০১৮ তারিখ ১২৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১০।	নিলাম দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	২৫ এপ্রিল ২০১৮ তারিখ ১১০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১১।	নিলামযোগ্য মালামাল প্রদর্শন	নিলামযোগ্য মালামাল প্রদর্শনপূর্বক ব্যাংক ড্রাফট করা যাবে।
১২।	নিলাম মূল্য	বিআরটিএ কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত মূল্যের অধিক মূল্য ব্যতিত মালামাল নিলামযোগ্য হবে না।

**দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী**

- ১। দরপত্রের সকল কার্যক্রম "Public Procurement Act-2006", "Public Procurement Regulations-2008" (ভূতীয় সংশোধনী ২০০৯) মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে।
- ২। সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতার নিকট নিলামকৃত দ্রব্যাদি হস্তান্তর করা হবে। সরকারি বিধি মোতাবেক ক্রেতা ৪% ভ্যাট এবং ৫% আয়কর পরিশোধকরতঃ নিলামযোগ্য মালামাল সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।
- ৩। নিলামের দিন হতে সর্বোচ্চ ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে নিলামকৃত মালামাল সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।
- ৪। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল প্রকার দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা রাখেন।

মোঃ আনোয়ার উজ্জ্বল জামান, পিপিএম, পিএসসি, জি  
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