

Grabbers' eye on govt pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A group of influential people filled part of a government-owned pond in Mirzapur upazila recently.

Abu Sayid Miah, former acting president of upazila unit of Krishak League and former vice-president of Mirzapur College Chhatra Sangsad, led the earth-filling work on the government pond.

There are 6.56 acres and 4.65 acres of land in daag (marking) Nos 382 and 383 respectively, under Baoar Kumarjani Mouja on the south of the Mirzapur Bypass bus stand.

Around 1.56 decimals of land in 382 dag were acquired for widening the Dhaka-Tangail highway, and around 1.50 acres are private property. The rest of the land is government property.

Around two acres of land in 383 dag are private property, while the rest is government khas land.

There is a big pond on the government-owned land in the two dags. Some local people are farming fish in the pond after taking permission from the authorities concerned, locals said.

Sayid, who lives beside the pond, and his men started filling the pond about a month ago, locals said.

Asked about the matter, Sayid said he and

25 others were filling a part of the land in 383 daag after buying the land from its owner.

Being informed, Assistant Commissioner (AC-land) in the upazila Md Asgar Hossain went to the spot and stopped the pond filling work.

Sayid and his men, however, resumed the pond filling again on April 18.

The AC (land) said getting direction from the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) in the district, they stopped the earth filling on Monday.

The people, who filled a part of the pond claiming ownership of the land were directed to show valid documents in favour of their claims, he said.

Those who filled earth on the government-owned pond will have to remove the earth from there on their own, otherwise, legal steps will be taken against them in this regard, the AC land said.

The pond is saving local people from waterlogging problem as the rainwater can flow into it, said Shahidul Islam of Baoar Kumarjani area.

If the pond is filled up, there will be shortage of water, if needed, to extinguish a big fire, said Station Manager of Fire Service and Civil Defense in Mirzapur Mohammad Kofil Uddin.



A group of influential people has filled up a part of this government-owned pond in Baoar Kumarjani area in Mirzapur upazila of Tangail recently.

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Brick field on cropland

It uses low-height chimney, burns firewood instead of coal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A brick field is being run on cropland, with low-height chimney and burning firewood instead of coal at Natunbazar village in Panchagarh's Debiganj upazila.

Upazila unit Awami League Organising Secretary Harun Or Rashid is operating the brick field, violating rules.

In a circular in May 2012, the Directorate of Environment (DoE) prohibited operation of traditional brick kilns with iron sheet chimney or fixed chimney.

The Brick Manufacturing and Brick Kilns Establishment (Control) Act-2013 has been passed to establish

control over brick manufacturing and brick kiln establishments for the interest of conservation and development of environment and biodiversity.

A 190-foot-high chimney is needed to run a brick kiln and no brick kiln should be set up in a cropland or in a village, according to DoE office.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw bricks being burnt at JSB brick kiln with a low-height iron-sheet chimney (not more than 40 feet) in a crop field alongside Bahadur Bazar to Kaliaganj road using firewood, polluting the environment.

Rafiqul Islam of Natunpara village said, "The field is operated day and night. We are compelled to shut doors

and windows of our houses to get relief from its dust and black smoke."

Hanun said he would set up a brick kiln with modern technology. Bricks are being burnt for meeting requirement of bricks for making his modern brick kiln's burner and chimney, he said.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Ramkrishna Barman said he will take legal steps after visiting the spot.

Civil Surgeon Saiful Islam said people may suffer with lung related diseases from the black smoke.

Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Zahirul Islam said, "There is no scope to burn bricks with iron-sheet chimney. I asked the UNO to take legal step in this regard."



The illegal brick field set up on a cropland at Natunbazar village in Panchagarh's Debiganj upazila pollutes the environment.

PHOTO: STAR

Dropout rate now below 20pc

It was over 50 percent at primary schools during BNP govt, says minister at mothers' gathering

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Primary and Mass Education Minister Advocate Mostafizur Rahman at a mothers' gathering yesterday said the dropout rate at primary school level has come down to below 20 percent during the present government's tenure.

He said it was over 50 percent during the rule of BNP government.

Mostafizur in his speech as the chief guest said there is no need for government help to arrange midday meal for children as only the sincerity of the mothers is enough for that.

Mostafizur said nobody remains unfed now as there is no poverty in the country.

The gathering was held on the Pirojpur Town Club premises, organised by the district primary education administration with Primary and Mass Education Directorate Director General Dr Abu Hena Mostofa Kamal in the chair.

The gathering was arranged to inspire mothers to arrange midday meal for the primary school children from the house.

The minister said contribution of moth-

ers is a must for developing the standard of primary education. Urging the mothers to spend time with the children, he said mother is the best friend of the child. "So, mothers must take special care of the children," he added.

He said the government of Sheikh Hasina has taken up the challenge of constructing the Padma Bridge and it has increased the salary of government employees.

Criticising the opposition BNP, he said farmers would not get fertilizer and fuel during its rule, adding that farmers do not have to face such trouble at present.

He said Sheikh Hasina's government will ensure 100 percent electricity to all within 2018.

Ruling party lawmaker AKMA Awal, Additional Secretary Md Gias Uddin Ahmed, Director (Administration) Md Saber Hossain, Director (Policy and Operation) Bijoy Bhusan Paul of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, and acting Deputy Commissioner Md Mostafizur Rahman were present.

Lightning kills 3 in Jamalpur, Thakurgaon

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Three people were killed by lightning in Jamalpur and Thakurgaon in the last two days, report our correspondents.

In Jamalpur, Sonabhan, 55, wife of Muraduzzaman Sheikh of Birhatija village in Melandah upazila, was struck by lightning near her house yesterday. She later died at Islampur Upazila Health Complex.

Meanwhile, a thunder-bolt struck farm labourer Farid, 30, son of Abdus Salam of Gujamanika village when he was cutting paddy in the area on Wednesday, said police and locals.

Away in Thakurgaon, a farmer was killed by lightning when he was cutting grass for cattle during rain at Beurjhari village in Baliadanga upazila.

The deceased was Safiqul Islam, 48, of the village.

Man strangles wife in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

The decomposed body of a woman, who was strangled allegedly by her husband, was found in Khadurail village under Bijoyagar upazila on Wednesday night.

The deceased was Parveen Akhter, 25, wife of Nur Hossain, 32, of Dolna village under Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj and daughter of Ashraf Ali of Kutubpur village under Bijoyagar upazila.

Bijoyagar Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) (investigation), Kabir Hossain said Nur Hossain married Parveen about four years ago. After the marriage, a feud developed between them.

Parveen recently returned to her father's house due to the feud. She went to sleep with her family members on Sunday night and was missing since then. Her father filed a general diary with Bijoyagar Police Station on Monday.

Locals found the body in a ditch in Khadurail village on Wednesday night and informed the police, who sent it to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Nur Hossain was arrested from Shayestaganj upazila of Habiganj yesterday morning, the OC said. During the primary interrogation, Nur confessed that he strangled his wife to death, he added.

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Invitation for Tender (Works)

e-Tender Notice No. 28/Post Graduate College/2017-2018

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Sl No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender ID	Last date & time of selling documents	Last date & time of submission documents	Tender security Tk
1	EED/Dinaj/17-18/PG/Exam. Hall/Vertical-1	Vertical extension (4th floor) of Academic-cum-Examination Hall including Sanitary Water supply & Electrification works of Dinajpur Govt. College under Sadar upazila Dinajpur dist.	190718	14 May 2018 Time: 17:00	15 May 2018 Time: 12:00	2,20,000.00
2	EED/Dinaj/17-18/PG/Exam. Hall/Vertical-2	Vertical extension (3rd & 4th floor) of Academic-cum-Examination Hall including Sanitary Water supply & Electrification works of Nilphamari Govt. College under Sadar upazila Nilphamari dist.	190719	14 May 2018 Time: 17:00	15 May 2018 Time: 12:00	4,00,000.00
3	EED/Dinaj/17-18/PG/Girls Hostel/Vertical-3	Vertical extension (4th floor) of newly constructed 100-bedded Girls Hostel Building with Sanitary & Internal Electrification works at Dinajpur Govt. College under Sadar upazila dist. Dinajpur	190720	14 May 2018 Time: 17:00	15 May 2018 Time: 12:00	2,20,000.00
4	EED/Dinaj/17-18/PG/Girls Hostel/Vertical-4	Vertical extension (4th floor, 32-bed) of newly constructed 100-bedded Girls Hostel Building with Sanitary & Internal Electrification works at Nilphamari Govt. College under Sadar upazila dist. Nilphamari	190721	14 May 2018 Time: 17:00	15 May 2018 Time: 12:00	2,20,000.00

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Sl	Tender ID No.	Name of package	Last date and time for tender selling	Last date and time for tender security submission	Tender closing date and time
1	189391	Procurement of therapy equipments (Traction Machine, SWD, IRR with 3 folding Stand, IRR, Tens, Advance Laser Machine, Static Cycle, Wax Bath, CPM, Ultra Sound Double Headed, Finger examination table, First aid box, Ice Box, height adjustable table, Trade mill and moist heat therapy unit etc.)	20 May 2018 (16:45)	20 May 2018 (16:45)	21 May 2018 (16:45)
2	192481	Procurement of therapy equipments (Traction Machine, SWD etc.)	27 May 2018 (16:55)	27 May 2018 (16:55)	28 May 2018 (16:55)

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