

Construction work hampers Eid shopping in Pabna market

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Construction of a drain and a road from Pabna New Market to Boro Bazar is causing immense suffering to people shopping for the upcoming Eid.

Pabna municipality started construction before the month of Ramadan and the work is still going on, stopping vehicular movement on the busy market road and causing severe problems for shoppers.

Banker Shaira Ahmed went to Pabna New Market for Eid shopping on Saturday with her two children, but they returned home without shopping due to the sorry state of the road.

"Construction materials are piled up in front of New Market and there is no room for pedestrians to move easily. We cannot go to the market with our families as the construction work is going on," said Jakir Hossain, a trader in the district headquarters.

Sujon Hossain, owner of Taal Fashion House, told this correspondent that many customers have stopped coming to the New Market and adjacent markets for Eid shopping due to the bad state of the road.

"Construction of the road and a drain makes us happy, but it is hampering Eid shopping, which is causing dismay among the shopkeepers in New Market area," Sujon said.

Municipality Executive Engineer Tabibur Rahman told this correspondent that it will take more time to finish the Tk 28 crore construction work.

"This is one of the key development projects of the municipality and is likely to end by December this year as the work will be extended to another key road," Tabibur said.



The main thoroughfare in New Market area of Pabna town remains covered with construction materials, much to the nuisance of pedestrians, especially shoppers ahead of the coming Eid-ul-Fitr.

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Assault on govt official, 2 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A court here sent two people to jail on Monday in connection with a case for physically assaulting a government official in Mathbaria upazila on Sunday.

The arrestees are Abdul Gaffar, president of Hazi Gulshanara Orphanage in the upazila, and Mostofa Mahmud, a teacher of the orphanage home.

The victim, Md Akhlakur Rahman, Mathbaria upazila social welfare officer, said "Although 41 orphans reside at the orphanage, Gaffar has been withdrawing government allocations against 101 orphans."

A probe committee led by Mathbaria Assistant Commissioner (Land) Md Sohag Howlader conducted an investigation in this regard and found the allegation to be true.

On Sunday, Gaffar went to his office and became angry when he did not allow him to withdraw the money, the officer alleged, adding that at one stage Gaffar hit him on the head while his associates beat him mercilessly.

MADDHYAPARA GRANITE MINE

Production halted since Friday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Germania Trest Consortium (GTC), the contracted company of Madhyapara Granite Mining Company Ltd (MGML) in Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur, has stopped rock production on the ground of shortage of explosives since June 1, GTC officials said.

Meanwhile, MGML officials claimed that Ammonium Nitrate, a major raw material used in manufacturing the explosives, arrived at the mine site from Chittagong port on June 2.

Beside, GTC has sanctioned leave to its 550 out of 680 local miners to avoid paying their wages.

GTC Public Relation Officer Mosaddekul Mukul said rock production will resume from today (June 6).

Although GTC signed the contract with MGML in September 2013, it came into effect since February 2014.

As per the contract, GTC would produce 9.2 million tonnes of rock and prepare 12 stopes (underground pockets used for explosion) in six years.

Moreover, MGML authority will pay the contracted company USD

171.86 million in 13 separate heads.

But, the company has managed to produce only 1.9 million tonnes of rock in over four years, which should have been about 5.70 million tonnes, according to the contract.

Besides, GTC has developed only four stopes against eight stopes in the last four years.

Mentionable, GTC has already spent most of the money from allocated USD 171.86 million dollars under different heads.

Besides, at least three local miners have been killed in different accidents since GTC took over the mine.

According to the contract, USD 13.2 million is allocated for the miners' insurance and GTC should bring all its 680 local miners under the insurance coverage. But, the company is yet to bring the labourers under the insurance coverage even after four and a half years.

Although GTC has already spent most of its allocated money, it always keeps asking for money, which causes friction between GTC and MGML.

Recently, GTC placed a USD 1.7 million bill against its allocation of USD 12 million for spare parts,

although the company has already spent 96.2 percent of the total allotment in four years.

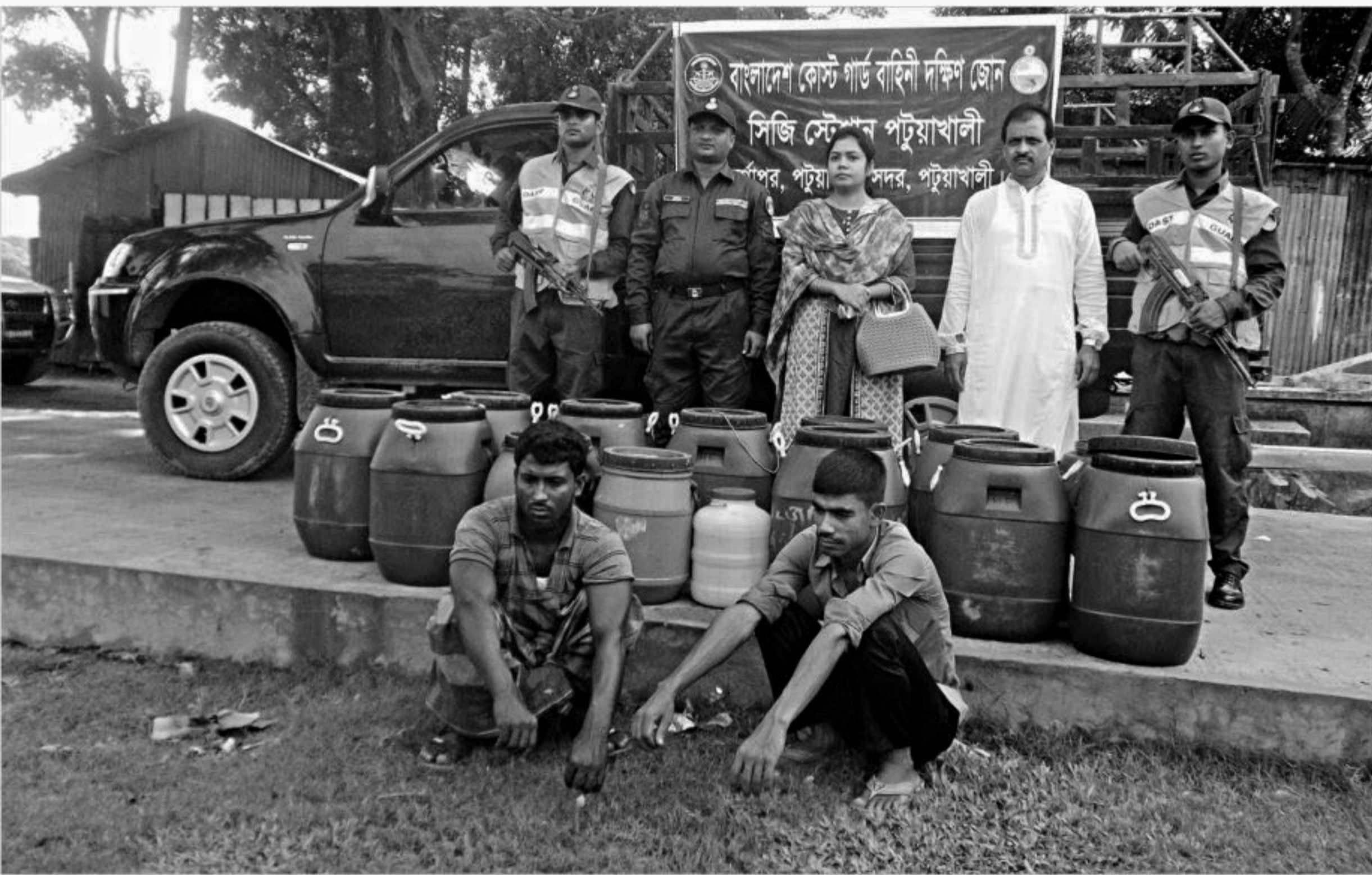
In October last year, GTC suspended rock production at the mine site demanding removal of MGML General Manager (GM Operation) Mohammad Mir Hannan, who was later replaced by Mohammad Asaduzzaman.

Petrobangla, parent organisation of MGML, has already appointed eight different GM's for different tenures since September 2013.

In the middle of 2015, MGML Managing Director (MD) Abdul Basar was transferred following friction between GTC and MGML over different issues.

Later, rock production at the mine remained suspended for nearly two years since September 2015 on the ground of equipment shortage, which was later resumed in November last year.

However, GTC Executive Director Zayed Siddique claimed that rock production was suspended for two years due to non-cooperation of MGML.



The coastguard seizes about three lakh shrimp fry from a truck at Lebukhali ferry terminal area of Patuakhali-Barisal road in Patuakhali and arrest the driver and the helper of the vehicle yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

DC arranges iftar for slum people

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

The deputy commissioner (DC) of the district arranged iftar for around 400 ultra-poor people living in the slums and railway station on Monday evening.

"We usually arrange iftar mahfil with those people who have ability to buy delicious food items. I have decided to distribute some quality iftar items for the poor this time," said Shaheena Khatun, DC of Natore.

Shahera Begum, 70, now living in Natore Railway Station area, said this is for the first time in her long life that she got iftar from any DC.

3 lakh shrimp fry seized, two fined

Coastguard conducts the drive at Lebukhali in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A coastguard team seized about three lakh shrimp fry from a truck in Lebukhali ferry ghat area under Dumki upazila in the district on Patuakhali-Barisal road and arrested two persons in this connection.

The arrestees are Rafiqul Islam, 25, driver of the truck, and helper Al Amin, 29.

Later a mobile court conducted by Executive Magistrate Shabekunnahar, also upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Patuakhali Sadar, fined the arrestees Tk 5,000 each.

"Following a tip, we conducted the drive and seized a truck that was going to Khulna from Galachipa upazila town with three lakh shrimp fry kept in plastic drums. Later the mobile court fined the truck driver and his helper," said Md Moniruzzaman, commander of Patuakhali contingent of coastguard.

All the fry were released into the Payra river, he said.

TORTURE ON REPORTER Habiganj journo boycott cops' programmes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Habiganj journalists yesterday vowed to boycott all police programmes, demanding punishment of the policemen who tortured Shirajul Islam Jibon, reporter of a television channel, on May 31 and brought a false charge against him.

The announcement was made at Habiganj Press Club, said Rasel Chowdhury, general secretary of the club.



Bangladesh Election Commission

Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project
Nirbachan Bhaban (Floor-8)
Agargaon, Dhaka-1207

Invitation for Tenders

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Bangladesh Election Commission.
2	Agency	Election Commission Secretariat.
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Election Commission represented by Project Director, Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	HR Firm-to deliver necessary Manpower (31 personnel) for IDEA Project.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	BEC/IDEA/NCS16
8	Date	4 June 2018
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GoB) (Development Budget).
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/program code (if applicable)	0601-5130
13	Project name (if applicable)	Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project.
14	Tender package No.	NCS16
15	Tender package name	HR Firm-to deliver necessary Manpower (31 personnel) for IDEA Project.
		Date Time
16	Tender publication date	05 June 2018
17	Tender last selling date (must be the date prior to the day of tender closing date)	20 June 2018 5.00pm
18		Date Time
19	Tender closing date and time	21 June 2018 2.00pm
20	Tender opening date and time	21 June 2018 2.30pm
21	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project, Nirbachan Bhaban (Floor-8), Agargaon, Dhaka.
No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents		
	- Receiving tender document	Conference Room, Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project, Nirbachan Bhaban (Floor-7, Room-721), Agargaon, Dhaka.
	- Opening tender document	Conference Room, Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project, Nirbachan Bhaban (Floor-7), Agargaon, Dhaka.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
23	Eligibility of tenderer	ITT11.1 (a) The HR Firm should have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A proven track record of at least five (5) years experience in conducting large scale recruitment and selection of staff in projects of similar nature. (ii) Experience of conducting computer based examination. (iii) Experience to work with deferent semi-government or government organizations. ITT11.1 (b) The minimum specific experience as a prime contractor in providing non-Consultant Service of at least ONE contract of similar nature, complexity and methods/technology completed over a period of five (5) years each with a value of at least of Tk eighty (80) lac shall be required. Contract for providing service will be treated as similar nature. ITT11.1 (c) The HR Firm should have The essential equipment to be made available at the time of contract signing by the successful bidder: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online CV Submission Technology • OMR (Optical Mark Recognition) • Automated Coding Machine • Strong Database Platform.
24	Brief description of services	HR Firm-to deliver necessary Manpower (31 personnel) for IDEA Project.
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	BDT 2,000.00 (two thousand) only.
26	Package No.	Identification of package
		Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in months
	NCS16	HR Firm-to deliver necessary Manpower (31 personnel) for IDEA Project and NID Wing. Dhaka 3 (three) lac 31 December 2018 from the date of contract signature
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
27	Name of official inviting tender	Mohammad Saidul Islam.
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.
29	Address of official inviting tender	Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project, Nirbachan Bhaban (Floor-8), Agargaon, Dhaka.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone: 00-88-02-55007571 Electronic mail address: pd.idea.bd@gmail.com
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	
Mohammad Saidul Islam Brigadier General Project Director		

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