

# Where sand traders rule in monsoon

FARHANA MIRZA, Munshiganj

A syndicate of sand traders have removed the middle portion of two wooden bridges on a canal at Shologhar in Sreenagar upazila under the district to make way for movement of sand-laden vessels.

The practice, causing sufferings to the people of eight villages in Shologhar union, continues for a couple of months every year during the rains when the water level of the canal rises, locals said.

The two wooden bridges, each about 300 feet long, are at Bhairab Bari and Kali Bari launch terminals, about half a kilometre from each other, on Syedpur canal in Shologhar union.

During a spot visit, this correspondent saw about 100 feet portion at the middle of each of the bridges non-existent.

About 5,000 residents of Shologhar (Singher Majhipara, Purahito Para, Jaj Bari, Sodarampur, Samshabad, Chokerpara, Ardhipara and Munshirhati villages used the two bridges.

Now villagers including a good number of students have to cross the canal by boats. The elderly people and women, especially patients and pregnant ones, are the worst sufferers due to the situation.

Several accidents including sinking of boats occurred at the spots in different times.

Villagers alleged that the callous act

continues with the support of Shologhar Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Azizul Islam and UP members Mohammad Ali and Rafique for plying of sand laden vessels through the canal.

The sand traders' syndicate breaks the wooden bridges for around five months with the advent of the rainy season, said Jainal Abedin of Shingher Majhipara village and Russel Matbar of Jomshabad village.

The syndicate men threaten with cases and attacks if anybody protests the act, they said.

Shologhar UP Chairman Azizul Islam said, "I have split the two wooden bridges with my own cost to collect earth for construction of a building of the UP. When earth collecting ends, I will repair the two bridges. I have made alternative arrangements for people's movement on boats with my own money."

"I have split the two bridges after taking permission from the administration and police. During the rainy season in last year also, the two bridges were split for building a super mall in front of the police station. Later I repaired the bridges spending Tk 85,000."

"The bridges are separated in the middle for different needs and it has continued for the last several years," the UP chairman said.

Sreenagar Police Station Officer-in-Charge SM Alamgir Hossain said none have informed them about the matter.



This wooden bridge on Syedpur canal near Bhairab Bari launch terminal in Shologhar union under Sreenagar upazila of Munshiganj lies useless for a couple of months during the ongoing rainy season as a syndicate of sand traders removed its middle part to enable movement of sand carrying boats.

PHOTO: STAR

# HYV sugarcane brings smile to Gaibandha growers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Sugarcane growers of Gobindaganj upazila in the district and some areas of neighbouring Barga are earning better profit by farming HYV sugarcane Q-16 that is used for making juice and directly chewing.

Earlier, people of those areas cultivated inferior quality of sugarcane just for supplying to Rangpur Sugar Mills at Mohimaganj for low price.

Besides, the land remained occupied by sugarcane almost round the year, leaving no scope for cultivation of any other crop.

But Q-16 variety of sugarcane requires only six to seven months from planting to harvesting, so the farmers get the opportunity to grow additional crops, said growers.

Sugarcane growers of Bakchar village in Gobindaganj upazila first started farming of chewing sugarcane a decade ago and now its cultivation has spread in different areas of the upazila and Mokamtola and Mahasthan of Bogra.

It costs about Tk 20 thousand to cultivate this variety of sugarcane on one bigha of land, which brings output worth Tk 60 to 70 thousand, said Khalil Mia, a grower of Nayapara village of Gobindaganj upazila.

"The demand for chewing sugarcane sees rise in different areas, and so, we procure it from fields of Gobindaganj and carry at our own cost, said Ershadul Islam," a sugarcane trader of Bogra.

In towns and market places vendors

are often seen selling juice of Q-16 sugarcane for Tk 10 per glass.

They use mini crushing machines set on rickshaw-vans to extract juice from sugarcane.

Physicians, however, discourage taking such sugarcane juice from roadside mobile shops as it is prepared in dirty conditions where dust, flies and other insects make the item unhygienic.

Shahera Banu, upazila agriculture officer of Gobindaganj, said soil of the area is suitable for Q-16 sugarcane growing and the agriculture department extends all possible help for increasing its cultivation.

This year 17 hectares of land has been brought under its cultivation in the upazila.



A Q-16 variety of HYV sugarcane field in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha.

PHOTO: STAR

# BCL men assault quota reformists

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"A group of Chhatra League men, who were present around the rally, kept following us on four motorcycles and intercepted our vehicle at Kantaban intersection.

"They dragged us out and we got into a scuffle," he said.

He added that while he and Ratul managed to escape, Sohrab could not and was beaten up.

Contacted, both BCL leaders denied beating up anyone.

"We were going through Bata Signal, where we stopped a CNG as it had collided with my bike. Later, we talked to the driver and we had an altercation," said Saidur.

He said he did not know who were inside the vehicle and had not spoken to them.

However, in a video clip run by a TV channel, around seven to eight BCL men, including Amir and Saidur, were seen beating up the three protesters.

They first labelled the quota reformists "muggers" and later Amir held Ratul's while the others slapped and punched him. They then beat the other two in the same way.

The video also showed two policemen at the spot trying to intervene but the BCL paid no heed to them.

Meanwhile, another group of Chhatra League activists, led by Ariful Islam Lemon, vice-president of the recently dissolved central unit, assaulted a protestor inside Suhrawardy Udyan.

Witnesses said the victim had managed to escape and his identity could not be immediately known.

Chhatra Federation activist of Jagannath University on the campus yesterday allegedly for criticising the BCL's role in the quota reforms movement on Facebook.

Witnesses said Rakibul Rakib, a student of Anthropology, was attacked by 10 to 12 BCL activists in front of the BBA building after he finished his classes around 12:30pm.

He was first taken to National Medical College and Hospital from where he was moved to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Since the quota reform movement reached its peak in April, BCL men have attacked quota reformists at least 17 times, injuring around 79 students of four public universities.

Chhatra League men first swooped on quota reform activists on June 30. Since then, neither the police nor university authorities have taken any action against the attackers.

Some quota reforms movement leaders were allegedly picked up by members of BCL and handed over to police. They were shown arrested in different cases and placed on remand.

Earlier in the day, around 300 students of DU staged a protest rally at the base of Raju Memorial Sculpture, protesting the recent spate of attacks on students and teachers in different universities and demanding immediate release of the arrested quota reforms movement leaders.

The speakers held the university authorities responsible for the attacks and criticised their inaction.

They also announced a protest rally on July 25 in all colleges and public universities across the country.

## TEACHERS PROTEST

Under the banner of "concerned teachers of Dhaka University", a section of DU teachers formed a human chain in front of Kala Bhaban, protesting the "evil attempt to disrupt educational atmosphere of the university".

They questioned the protest programmes of "Teachers Against Repression" which was vocal against the BCL.

They said they also want quota reforms but a vested quarter was "trying to catch fish in troubled waters".

CHITTAGONG UNIVERSITY Students of communication and journalism department of Chittagong University could not protest against the BCL declaration that the department's Assistant Professor Khandakar Ali Ar Raji was unwelcomed on the campus.

The programme was cancelled after BCL activists threatened the protesters.

Witnesses said the students gathered in front of the CU Social Science Faculty around 11:30am to form a human chain when a group of 50-60 BCL leaders and activists, led by former BCL CU unit vice-president Mansur Alam, went there and threatened them, witnesses said.

Before the protest programme, BCL men also threatened the department's students in their classrooms.

Failing to form the human chain, the students in protest attended classes with their faces covered with black cloths. Later, the students boycott classes for an indefinite period, demanding security in classrooms and protesting the BCL's threats.

# Mother, baby found 'murdered'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Throat-slit bodies of a housewife and her son were found inside their room at Tarabaria Khanbari village in Pabna Sadar upazila on Saturday night.

The deceased were Rushi Khaun, 25, wife of Sumon Jowarder, a fisherman of the village, and their two-year-old son Ruhana.

"Informed by the locals, police went the spot and recovered the throat-slit bodies around 8:00pm on Saturday," said Officer in Charge (OC) of Pabna Sadar Police Station Md Obaidul Haque.

Primarily, we suspect that the mother killed her son with a knife and then she committed suicide. The police are investigating whether it is a suicidal incident or a planned murder. Bodies

of the victims have been sent to Pabna Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy," the OC said.

"Rushi's husband Sumon had gone to catch fish before the tragic incident. He told us that Rushi was mentally sick for the last few months and she was undergoing treatment. Due to her mental agony Rushi might have killed her son and then committed suicide inside the house," said Inspector (Investigation) Md Jalal Uddin.

"Sumon, however, could not show any documents of his wife's treatment. We arrested him this [Sunday] morning for interrogation to find out the reason behind the incident," he added.

Locals said Rushi was the third wife of Sumon Jowarder and there was longstanding dispute between them.

# Kurigram by-polls July 25

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Preparations have been completed for holding the by-election to Kurigram-3 constituency (Ulipur and some parts of Chilmari) on July 25.

Election Commissioner Md Rafiqul Islam observed the training programme of presiding officers, assistant presiding officers and polling officers in Ulipur upazila on July 20.

Awami League candidate MA Matin (with boat symbol) and Jatiya Party candidate Dr Akkas Ali Sarker (with plough symbol) are contesting in the by-election.

# Lawyer killed

Tangail Bar demands speedy trial of culprits

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A lawyer was murdered allegedly by his cousin over land dispute in Ghatail upazila on Saturday afternoon.

The deceased is Farzin Ahmed Farhad, 35, son of Hafiz Uddin of Betuapara village under Sagardighi union.

Quoting family members, Mosharaf Hossain, investigation officer of Sagardighi Police Outpost, said Farhad, a lawyer of Tangail District and Sessions Judge's Court, went to his village home on Saturday to spend holiday.

Farhad had a dispute over lands with his cousin Rubel Miah, 25, who lives in the same house for long, he said. Rubel asked Farhad for



Farzin Ahmed Farhad

some money while he was taking lunch at 4:00pm so that he can live with his wife at other place, Mosharaf said.


Rubel hacked Farhad with a chopper as he refused to give the money, leaving him seriously injured.

Farhad was rushed to Sakhipur Upazila Health Complex where on-duty doctors declared him dead, the investigation officer said.

Police arrested Rubel Miah, he added.

Meanwhile, lawyers in the district yesterday demanded exemplary punishment to the killers of Farhad.

Members of Tangail Bar Association at a rally on the Judge Court premises yesterday condemned the killing and demanded speedy trial of the culprits.



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শাহজালাল বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সিলেট

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<p>০১। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ : শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়।</p> <p>০২। এজেন্ট/প্রতিষ্ঠান : শাহজালাল বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সিলেট।</p> <p>০৩। প্রকিউরিং এনটিটির নাম ও জেলা : প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, শাবিপ্রবি, সিলেট।</p> <p>০৪। কাজের নাম : অতিথি ভবনের জন্য ঢাকায় ফ্ল্যাট ক্রয়।</p> <p>০৫। দরপত্র সূত্র নং ও তারিখ : প্রকৌ/৩২৫(১৭)/২০৩ তারিখঃ ২২/০৭/২০১৮</p> <p>০৬। ক্রয় পদ্ধতি : উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।</p> <p>০৭। বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস : বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের নিজস্ব তহবিল।</p> <p>০৮। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ০৪/০৯/২০১৮ দুপুর ০১.০০টা পর্যন্ত।</p> <p>০৯। দরপত্র গ্রহণ সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ০৫/০৯/২০১৮ দুপুর ০১.০০টা পর্যন্ত।</p> <p>১০। দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময় : ০৫/০৯/২০১৮ দুপুর ০১.৩০মিঃ দরপত্রাদাতাগণ/ তাদের অনুমোদিত প্রতিনিধিগণ উপস্থিত থাকতে পারেন।</p> <p>১১। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের অফিসসমূহের নাম ও ঠিকানা : সোনালী ব্যাংক, শাবিপ্রবি শাখা, সিলেট। (হিসাব নং ৩৬০০০০৩৪)</p> <p>১২। দরপত্র দলিল গ্রহণ ও উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান : প্রধান প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর, শাবিপ্রবি, সিলেট।</p> <p>১৩। দরপত্রাদাতার যোগ্যতাঃ</p> <p>(ক) প্রসিদ্ধ ও স্বনামধন্য ডেভেলোপার কোম্পানী/বিভার্স/নির্মাতা প্রতিষ্ঠান/ব্যক্তিগণ/মৌখিক/বৈখিক দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন। রিহাবের সদস্যদের অগ্রাধিকার প্রদান করা যেতে পারে।</p> <p>(খ) দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত ফ্ল্যাট ভবনটি আবিষ্কার এবং যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত নকশা ও বিধি অনুযায়ী নির্মিত হতে হবে।</p> <p>(গ) ডেভেলোপার কোম্পানী/বিভার্স/নির্মাতা প্রতিষ্ঠান/ব্যক্তিগণ/মৌখিক/বৈখিক দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত ফ্ল্যাটের এবং জমির মালিক হতে হবে অথবা বিক্রয়কৃত ফ্ল্যাট ভবনটি খরিদদারকে নিবন্ধন করে দেওয়ার বৈধ আইনি অধিকার থাকতে হবে। জমির এবং ফ্ল্যাটের বিষয়ে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের নির্দায় (Non Encumbrance Certificate-NEC) ছাড়পত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।</p> <p>(ঘ) কৃতকার্য দরদাতাকে চুক্তি সম্পাদনের ৬ (ছয়) মাসের মধ্যে নিবন্ধনসহ ফ্ল্যাট হস্তান্তরের কার্য সম্পন্ন করে দিতে হবে।</p> <p>(ঙ) কৃতকার্য দরদাতাকে কার্যাদেশ প্রদানের পর ১৪ দিনের মধ্যে চুক্তি সম্পাদনের পূর্বে পারফরমেন্স সিকিউরিটি হিসাবে গৃহীত দরের উপর ন্যূনতম ৫% (পাঁচ শতাংশ) অর্থ "প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, শাবিপ্রবি, সিলেট"-এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ব্যাংক গ্যারান্টি দাখিল করতে হবে। কার্যাদেশ জারীর ২৮ দিনের মধ্যে চুক্তি সম্পাদন করতে হবে।</p> <p>(চ) খাজনার হালনাগাদ রশিদ/NEC, আয়কর প্রত্যয়নপত্র, হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা থাকতে হবে। হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন, ক্ষেত্র বিশেষে আয়কর সনদ ব্যক্তিগত/মৌখিক মালিকানা ক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য নয়।</p>	<p>১৪। কাজের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণঃ ঢাকা শহরের এলেনবাড়ি, মনিপুরী পাড়া, ফার্মগেট, ইন্দিরা রোড, হাতির পুল, বাংলামতর, কলাবাগান, অথবা উল্লিখিত এলাকা সমূহের নিকটবর্তী এলাকায় প্রশস্ত সংযোগ রাস্তার পাশে মোট ফ্লোর স্পেস সংযুক্তভাবে কমবেশী ৪০০০ হতে ৫০০০ বর্গ ফুটের মধ্যে (আনুভূমিক ও উর্ধ্বতল) আধুনিক ও মানসম্পন্ন ফ্ল্যাট হতে হবে। ভবনে টেলিফোন, ক্যাবল সংযোগ, গ্যাস, সিসি টিভি সংযোগ, আইপিএস সংযোগের ব্যবস্থা থাকতে হবে। ন্যূনতম ১টি লিফট ও জেনারেটর থাকতে হবে। শাহজালাল বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়কে প্রদানের জন্য ন্যূনতম ২টি গাড়ি পার্কিং বা গ্যারেজের ব্যবস্থা থাকতে হবে যা পাশাপাশি একসঙ্গে হতে হবে। রাজউকের/যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের নকশা অনুসরণ করে যৎসামান্য পরিবর্তনের সুযোগ থাকতে হবে।</p> <p>১৫। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য : ৪০০০/- (চার হাজার) টাকা অফেরতযোগ্য। ফ্ল্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সংক্রান্ত ব্যবসায় সরকারি রেজিস্ট্রেশন ফি, ভ্যাট, ট্যাক্স ও অন্যান্য কর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃক বহন করা হবে। এ সকল খরচ বাদ দিয়ে ফ্ল্যাটের মূল্য উদ্ধৃত করতে হবে।</p> <p>১৬। দরপত্র আবেদনকারীর নাম, পদবী ও ঠিকানা : সৈয়দ হাবিবুর রহমান, প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, শাহজালাল বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সিলেট-৩১১৪, ফোনঃ ০৮২১-৭২১৯৮৮।</p> <p>১৭। দরপত্র জামানত এর পরিমাণ : ৫০,০০০.০০ (পঞ্চাশ হাজার) টাকা প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, শাহজালাল বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় এর অনুকূলে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার দাখিল করতে হবে।</p> <p>১৮। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।</p>
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