

## 2 TANGAIL CONSTITUENCIES 734 Oikyafront activists sued in four days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Four cases were filed against 734 leaders and activists of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Jamaat-e-Islami and Krishak Sramik Janata League (KSJL) -- 404 by name and 330 as unidentified -- in the district in the last four days.

Of them, 458 were made accused in two cases in Tangail-8 (Sakhipur-Basail) constituency and 276 in two cases in Tangail-2 (Bhuapur-Gopalpur) constituency.

Sakhipur Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Amir Hossain said a police van was vandalised and a crude bomb was exploded at Borochna in Sakhipur on Wednesday, leaving four cops injured.

Sub-Inspector Mohammad Obaidullah filed a case with the PS in this regard on the same day against 194 local KSJL, BNP and Jamaat men by name and unidentified 150 others, he said.

Six of the accused of the case were arrested on the same day while police were launching drives to arrest others, the OC said.

Earlier on Sunday, three local leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) were injured in a criminal attack in Kachua area, he said.

Sajib Ahmed, convenor of upazila unit of BCL, filed a case with the PS in this regard on the same night against 54 KSJL, BNP and Jamaat men by name and unidentified 60 others, he added.

Police arrested Atoar Rahman, president of upazila unit of KSJL, in the case a day after the incident and sent him to jail through a Tangail court, the OC said.

Rafiqul Islam, president of Tangail district unit of KSJL, however, termed both the cases 'false' and also alleged that the cases were filed with the intention of keeping Oikyafront men in the constituency away from electioneering.

An election camp of AL candidate at Matikata in Bhuapur upazila was vandalised and a crude bomb exploded there on Monday, said Bhuapur Police Station OC Rashidul Islam.

Joaherul Islam, general secretary of Nikrail union unit of AL, filed a case with the PS in this regard on the same day against 64 local BNP-Jamaat men by name and unidentified 60 others, OC Rashidul said.

Another election camp of the same candidate at Meghar Potol in the same upazila was vandalised and torched and a crude bomb was exploded there on Tuesday, he said.

Alam Sheikh, general secretary of ward No 2 unit of Gabsara union AL, filed a case with the PS in this regard on the same night against 92 local BNP-Jamaat men by name and unidentified 60 others, he said.

Golam Mostofa, president of Bhuapur upazila unit of BNP, however, said the 'false' cases were filed against a large number of local BNP leaders and workers to clear the way to steal votes.

# Bridge damaged by kiln owner



PHOTO: STAR

A motorbike struggles to cross this bridge damaged due to movement of overloaded earth-laden tractors in Nilphamari's Domar upazila.

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

A dozen tractors heavily overloaded with earth crossed a bridge over a canal in Domar upazila, causing damage to it.

Movement of all kinds of vehicles except bicycle and motorbikes on the bridge has been stopped for the last two months, causing immense sufferings to people, said Solaiman Ali, a member of Domar Union Parishad (UP).

Earlier, tractors carrying about 15 tonnes of earth each for Shalki Bricks Ltd at Dolapara village plied the bridge 30 times every day, said drivers of the tractors.

To save the bridge from collapse, Belal Hossain, owner of the brick kiln, set some bamboo poles to support the bridge, said locals.

In 2013, the 40-foot-long and 7-foot-wide concrete bridge was built at a cost of Tk 38 lakh

to pave way to the people of Dolapara, Chikonmati, Patakata tari, Baishalutari, Babupara and Signalpara to go to the upazila headquarters in shortest time.

Only light vehicles like rickshaw-van, battery-run easy-bike and private car can ply the bridge, but it is now damaged due to movement of overloaded earth-laden tractors, said the villagers.

On a recent visit, this correspondent found that the wing wall of the bridge cracked and separated from the main structure while earth of approach road on both ends collapsed.

After the bridge became damaged, the tractors have been plying through the dried up canal bed near the bridge for two months.

Carpenter Golam Rabbani of Baishalutari village said before the bridge was damaged, they submitted a petition to Domar UP and upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) for taking steps

to stop movement of the earth-laden tractors, but to no effect.

Trader Azibor Rahman of nearby Patakata market said even rickshaw-vans cannot move through the bridge with essential goods or fertilizer and now they have to cross additional six kilometers via Sonarai Bazar on Nilphamari-Domar road, which is a waste of time and money.

Brick kiln owner Belal Hossain said "I have no tractor but gave contract to tractor owners for carrying earth from elsewhere. They are responsible for damage to the bridge not me."

Regarding use of bamboo poles to support the bridge, he said he did that out of civic sense.

UNO Umme Fatima said disrupting communication and damaging government structure are punishable offence and they will conduct mobile court against the brick kiln soon.



Paddy processing on the playground at Adarshapara Government Primary School in Hatibandha upazila of Lalmonirhat.

PHOTO: STAR

## Paddy processing on school ground

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Paddy processing on playground at Adarshapara Government Primary School in Hatibandha upazila is depriving students of a place to play.

Local farmers use the school playground for paddy processing every harvesting period but the school authorities never take any initiative against it due to unknown reason, said people of Adarshapara village.

Students said they pass their leisure time in the classrooms as the playground is used for paddy processing. They demanded freeing the playground from the clutches

of the farmers.

Nur Islam, a guardian, said "Our children are deprived of playing at the school ground due to paddy processing."

Despite repeated pleas, the authorities concerned are yet to take any initiative in this regard, he alleged.

Schoolteacher Nahid Parvin said the students used to play cricket and football at the ground but they cannot do it during the paddy harvesting period.

They asked the growers several times not to use the school playground for processing paddy but the influential farmers did not listen to them, she said.

Farmer Ali Akbar of the village said students have no leisure time to play at present due to their ongoing annual examinations. Due to this, they are using playground for processing paddy during the harvesting period only.

Rokonuzzaman Khan Lavlu, head teacher of the school, said all students are now busy appearing at the final examinations and they have no time to play.

As the school playground remains idle at this time, local farmers are using it for paddy processing, he said, adding that he will not allow anybody to use the school playground next time.

## Missing farmer found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police yesterday recovered the body of farmer from Baniapara Nayagram village in Dewanganj upazila, two days after he went missing on Monday.

The deceased, Delwar Hossain, 45, was son of Abdur Rashid of the village. Quoting the deceased's family members, Officer in Charge (OC) of Dewanganj Police Station AKM Aminul Haque said Delwar went out of his house to go to Taratia Bazar in the upazila headquarters on Monday evening and remained missing since then.

Locals spotted Delwar's body lying in a brinjal field of the village yesterday noon and informed the police, who recovered the body and sent it to Jamalpur General Hospital for autopsy, the OC said.

Police primarily assumed that criminals might have killed him somewhere else and dumped the body there, he added.

## Mother, son die after taking 'energy medicine'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A woman and her son died after consuming energy stimulating medicine given by a kabiraj (herbal medicine practitioner) relative in Badarganj upazila of Rangpur on Wednesday.

The victims were Kasiran Begum, 102, and her son Nur Hossain of Foyezpara village under the upazila.


Two other family members also fell sick after consuming the homemade medicine. They are Abdus Salam, 50, and Nur Zahan, 32. All of them were taken in critical condition to Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

The kabiraj is Mozibar Rahman, 75, of Jamalpur and a son-in-law of deceased Kasiran Begum. He was arrested.

Badarganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Anisur Rahman said Mozibar came to visit to his relatives in the upazila 10 days ago. He prepared an energy stimulating medicine at home on Wednesday and gave it to his relatives to eat.

After consuming the medicine, they all fell sick.

As their condition was worsening at home, locals rushed them to Badarganj Upazila Health Complex. Later, doctors referred them to Rangpur Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated. The mother and son died there. The bodies were sent to RMCH for autopsy, the OC said.



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### Invitation for Bids (IFB) for

**Procurement of ICT Equipment for Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) at SCC**  
Package No. URP-DNCC/G-1.5  
(IDA Credit No. 5599-BD)  
IFB No. ICB-7/2018-19

- The Government of Bangladesh (GOB) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Urban Resilience Project-DNCC Part, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Procurement of ICT Equipment for Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) at SCC.
- The Urban Resilience Project-DNCC Part, Dhaka North City Corporation now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for Procurement of ICT Equipment for Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) at SCC. The location of delivery of goods is Dhaka, Bangladesh. The delivery period is nine (9) months from the date of contract. Qualifications requirements of the Bidders include: (i) general experience of manufacturing/supplying of the proposed goods is at least five (5) years; (ii) specific experience for the supply, installation, testing and commissioning of similar goods in command center/control center/operation center or similar establishment, systems and services in a single contract of at least USD 2300000.00 (two million three hundred thousand US dollar) or equivalent between January 01, 2013 and the date of submission; (iii) minimum total amount of available liquid asset and/or working capital and/or credit facility USD 2300000.00 (two million three hundred thousand US dollar) or equivalent. A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically shall be applied. More detail qualifications requirements are provided in the bid documents.
- Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures as specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director, Urban Resilience Project-DNCC Part, Dhaka North City Corporation, Electronic mail address: [tariqbinyousuf@gmail.com](mailto:tariqbinyousuf@gmail.com) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours (0900 to 1700 hours) at the address given below.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11.00am local time (GMT + 6 hrs.) on 10 January 2019 at the office of the address below.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BDT 5000.00 (five thousand Bangladesh Taka) or US\$ 60.00 (sixty US dollar). The method of payment will be cash or Pay Order.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 02.00pm local time (GMT + 6 hrs.), 7 February 2019. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on 02.15pm local time (GMT + 6 hrs.), 7 February 2019.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of in favour of the "Project Director, Urban Resilience Project-DNCC Part" in the form of an unconditional and Irrevocable Bank Guarantee/Bank Draft/Pay Order from a reputed bank. The amount and currency of the bid security shall be USD 60000.00 (sixty thousand US dollar) or BDT 5100000.00 (fifty-one lac Bangladesh Taka) or Euro 53000.00 (fifty-three thousand Euro).
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