

Abducted kid rescued, two arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A four-year-old boy was rescued from Netrakona on Wednesday, four days after his abduction in Tangail.

Police arrested two men in connection with the incident.

Al Wasir, son of Zakirul Islam of Tangail's Gopalpur upazila, was abducted from near his house in the area on Sunday.

The kidnappers later demanded Tk 40 lakh ransom from the victim's mother over mobile phone.

After negotiations, the ransom money was settled at Tk 5 lakh, said Md Ahduzzaman Miah, additional superintendent of police (crime) in Tangail.

Later, the victim's uncle gave the money to the abductors at Beluchi village in Madhupur upazila on Tuesday night.

At that time, a police team, on information, raided the village and arrested Likhon and Sumon with the ransom money.

Following the arrestees' confessional statement, the law enforcers rescued the boy from the house of another abductor Sajib's sister in Netrakona's Barhatta upazila early Wednesday.

However, Sajib managed to flee the scene, said the police official.

Police are trying to arrest Sajib and Nahid, the main mastermind behind the abduction.

Cop jailed for taking second wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A Tangail court sentenced a police officer to one year's imprisonment for marrying a woman without taking permission from the first wife.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Farzana Hasnat on Wednesday passed the order against Md Abdul Alim, an assistant sub-inspector working at the office of superintendent of police in Kishoreganj, said Anwarul Islam, court inspector in Tangail.

The same day, the court granted his bail in condition of lodging an appeal against the verdict, he said.

According to the prosecution, Alim of Jhunkai village in Tangail's Delduar upazila married Mobina Begum of the upazila in 2002. Alim demanded Tk 2 lakh as dowry from Mobina's family in 2015.

As the family refused to meet his demand, Alim beat Mobina and sent her along with their son to her father's house.

Alim later married Shahnaz Parvin Ruma of Kishoreganj without taking any permission from his first wife Mobina.

Mobina filed a case against Alim with a court in Tangail on January 19 in 2016 under Section 6/5 of Muslim Family Law.

Use of children at tobacco farms

Health at risk, schooling affected as the menace goes on increasing in Rangpur division

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

When other children of his age are at school, it was third grader Golam Rabbani's turn to tend plants at a field. His parents are growing tobacco in the field in Baje Majurai village of Mahendranagar union under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Rabbani skips school like this every now and then to help out his parents in the tobacco field. He does not even know the harm the crop causes to human body.

He did not seem to understand the risks of handling chemicals either. When asked what he does at the field, Rabbani said, "I spray the plants with a water solution mixed with fertiliser," adding that he likes to work in the field with his parents.

He said he was not sure how consumption of tobacco harms people and that his parents always encourage him to work at their tobacco field.

Rabbani's father Abdul Baten said he has been growing tobacco as it is more profitable than other crops. Considering the high margin of profit, as opposed to three bighas of land last year, he has expanded the farming on a total of seven bighas this year.

Moreover, after harvest, tobacco firms buy off the tobacco at a rate they assure beforehand, he said.

Aside from Lalmonirhat, schoolchildren in surrounding districts -- Rangpur, Nilphamari and Gaibandha -- are also being engaged in tobacco fields by their parents.

In Maminpur union of Rangpur Sadar upazila, fifth grader Mamun Islam and his brother, ninth grader Habibur Rahman, works in their parents' tobacco field on two acres of land in the village of Janpur.

Asked why they work in the field, Habibur, the older of the two, said, "It's because of the interests of our parents."

According to data from Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Rangpur division, tobacco farming is on the rise in the area as it is being grown on 13,787 hectares of land in the division this year, as opposed to 13,058 hectares last year.



Schoolboy Rabbani tending tobacco plants with his parents.

PHOTO: STAR

officials from the companies always provide technical support so we get better harvest," Azad explained.

Agriculture Officer Ali Noor, stationed at DAE office in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat, said farmers in the region find no interest in other crops due to all sorts of support provided by the tobacco firms.

"Their [tobacco firms] offers are so attractive that the farmers don't want to grow anything else now," he also said.

Speaking with the Daily Star, DAE's Additional Director in Rangpur division

Shah Alam said the activities of tobacco firms are behind the rise in tobacco farming in Rangpur region.

Although tobacco farming has negative impact on soil fertility, the DAE cannot do anything about it since there is no directive from the government against tobacco farming and engaging children in tobacco farms.

"We can only try to discourage the farmers, but they are too hung up on growing tobacco for the lucrative offers from the [tobacco] companies," he added.



Unscrupulous people have set two and a half kilometre-long bamboo enclosure with fishing traps to catch all kinds of fish including jatka (young hilsa less than ten inches long) in the Padma river in Shalipur Char area of Char Bhadrasan upazila of Faridpur. The act has continued for over a month, thanks to the callousness of the people concerned and negligence of the authorities concerned.

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Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited

Office of the Project Director
Installation of Optical Fiber Cable Network at all Govt. College/University and Training Institute Project
Telejogajog Bhaban (6th Floor), 37/E, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000

Invitation for Local Re-Tenders

Date: 07.02.2019

No. 14.33.0000.399.06.016.18-19

1 KEY INFORMATION
9 Procurement method OTM.

2 FUNDING INFORMATION
10 Budget and source of funds Gob.

11 Development partners (if applicable) None.

3 PARTICULAR INFORMATION
12 Project/programme code 2242390

13 Project/programme name Installation of Optical Fiber Cable Network at all Govt. College/University and Training Institute.

14 Tender package No. 02-Equipment Part.

15 Tender package name "Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Optical Fibre OSP for Optical Fibre Cable Network Development in all the Government College/University and Training Institutes all over the country (Equipment Part) on Full Turn-key Basis".

16 Tender publication date 8/2/2019

17 Tender last selling date 25/02/2019 during office hour (9am-5pm).

18 Tender closing date and time 26/02/2019 at 12.30pm.

19 Tender opening date and time 26/02/2019 at 14.00pm.

20 Name & address of the office(s) Office of the Project Director, Telejogajog Bhaban (6th Floor), 37/E, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000.

Selling tender document Office of the Project Director, Telejogajog Bhaban (6th Floor), 37/E, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000.

Selling tender document (others) Not applicable

Receiving tender document Office of the Project Director, Telejogajog Bhaban (6th Floor), 37/E, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000.

21 INFORMATION FOR TENDERER
All national eligible bidders having experience and other requirements as per conditions of tender document.

22 Eligibility of tenderer As per tender document.

23 Brief description of goods or works Supply and Installation of Rack, Router, Access Point, UPS & Balancing Equipment.

24 Brief description of related services

25 Price of tender document (Tk) 10,000/- (ten thousand taka only) (not refundable).

26 Lot No. 1 Identification of lot Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time (months)

1 Lot-1 178 sites of Dhaka & Mymensingh Division 12,00,000.00 06 (six) months

2 Lot-2 235 sites of Barishal, Chittagong, & Khulna Division 15,00,000.00 06 (six) months

27 PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAILS
Name of official inviting tender Md. Aminur Rahman.

28 Designation of official inviting tender Project Director.

29 Address of official inviting tender Office of the Project Director, Telejogajog Bhaban (6th Floor), 37/E, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000.

30 Contact details of official inviting tender 9320326 pdedu_ofc@yahoo.com www.btpl.gov.bd

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

Md. Aminur Rahman
Project Director

Headmaster held as two girls sexually harassed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police arrested headmaster of a kindergarten in Rangpur city for alleged sexual harassment of two schoolgirls yesterday.

The arrestee, Jahru Islam, 38, a resident of Jalkar area, is headmaster of Ideal Kindergarten School in Rangpur city.

Police quoted the victims' family members and locals as saying that the headmaster prevented two Class V girls of his school from going home after class around noon on Wednesday.

Later, he took the girls to a classroom and allegedly harassed them sexually.

He also threatened the girls with death if the incident is disclosed.

After returning home, the girls told their mothers of the incident.

On Thursday, the guardians gathered in front of the school and staged demonstration there protesting the incident.

Informed, police went to the spot at noon and took the headmaster to Kotwali Police Station, said Jahangir Alam, a sub-inspector of Kotwali Police Station under Rangpur Metropolitan Police.

Process was underway to file a case against him, he said.

Bangladesh Bank
Common Services Department-2
Head Office, Dhaka-1000

Invitation for Tender (Goods & Related Works) Through Web

01. Procuring entity name	Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
02. Invitation for	Goods & related works.
03. Invitation Ref No. & date	CSD-2(MES): 5/1/08/2019 Date: 05/02/2019.
04. Budget and source of funds	Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
05. Name of the work	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1000 Kg Capacity 01 (one) No. passenger lift including all other accessories for 8-Storied Building at Bangladesh Bank Training Academy, Mirpur, Dhaka.
06. Tender closing date & time	13/03/2019 up to 3:00pm.
07. Tender opening date & time	13/03/2019 at 3:30pm.
08. Name & address of the office(s) receiving/opening tender document(s)	General Manager (Engg), Common Services Department-2 (6th Floor of 30th Storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
09. Qualification of the tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Tenderers shall have at least 10 (ten) years of overall business experience in the supply and installation of mechanical machineries. (b) Tenderers having agency/distributorship certificate in current issue from internationally reputed lift manufacturer. Otherwise tender will not be considered. (c) The tenderer shall have 5 (five) years specific experience for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of proposed brand lift. (d) The tenderer shall have successfully completed similar lift's worth not less than Tk (one) crore maximum 02 (two) contracts in the last 05 (five) years. (e) The tenderers shall have to furnish certificate in this respect from the user issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer and shall meet all other criteria, terms & conditions as specified in tender documents without which tender will not be considered.
10. Tender security	Tender security amounting Taka 3,00,000.00 (three lac only) will be required in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee in favour of General Manager (Engg), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
11. Time for completion of the works	09 (nine) months from the date of signing the Contract Award.
12. Address of official inviting tender	Md Tafazzal Hossain, General Manager (Engg), Common Services Department-2 (6th Floor, 30th Storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
13. Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: +88-02-9530099, Fax: +88-029530321.
14. Special instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The tenderer shall submit tender through Bangladesh Bank Website (e-Tendering) & shall have valid e-mail address to participate in e-Tendering. (ii) Original PO/BD/BG as tender security shall reach at General Manager (Engineering), Common Services Department-2 within stipulated date and time of TDS. (iii) Scanned copy of Tender Security shall be submitted with the tender through web. (iv) Tenderer shall submit documentary evidence etc (attested or original whichever necessary) at the time of tender opening or when required, failing which the tender may be considered as non-responsive. (v) Tenderer shall duly fill in the Form G-1 (Tender Submission Letter) and Form G-4 (Tender Information Sheet) as per format given in tender document. (vi) G-1 Form shall be completed and signed by the Authorized Signatory on the Letter-Head Pad, attached by scanning during submitting tender and original will send to General Manager (Engineering), CSD-2 at scheduled time as per TDS. (vii) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents shall result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under rules 127 of PPR 2008. (viii) All sorts of security and Safety measures shall be carried out by the Contractor during execution of the work. (ix) Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard.

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