

# Owners of 31 brick kilns sued for operating with fake HC writ

Police finds 29 unlicensed brick fields in Dinajpur, one each in Nilphamari, Rangpur involved in the devious act

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police has filed a case against owners of unlicensed 31 brick kilns for operating those with fake writ of the High Court.

Owners of 29 brick kilns in different upazilas of Dinajpur and one each in Nilphamari and Rangpur have been made accused in the case filed by Sub Inspector (SI) Abdul Hamid of Parbatipur Police Station on Thursday night.

A High Court bench led by Justice Md Ashraf Islam and Justice Mohammad Ali had directed police to file case against the 31 brick kiln operators on May 20, said police, adding that finally the case was filed after collecting necessary information through an investigation.

The accused are Hasan Shahriar,

owner of Jamuna Bricks, Rabiul Alam Munsi of RB Bricks, AZM Rezwanaul Haque of HB Bricks, Nur Alam and Ibrahim Ali of Arnab Bricks, Fakhrul Islam Shah of Bari Bricks, Rezwanaul Haque of ARB Bricks, Md Tashriful Islam of RT Bricks, Amanullah Pramanik of SA Bricks, Shahriar Iftakharul Alam Chowdhury of ZS Bricks, Nazrul Islam of 5 Star Bricks, Zikrul Islam of Haq Traders, Rezaul Islam of Maisha Bricks, Polash Kumar Roy of SP Bricks, Shafiqul Islam Azad of Shafi Bricks, Abul Kalam Azad of Azad Bricks and Md Mokaram Hossain of Hamid and Sons Bricks of Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur, Aatur Rahman Milton of Rahman Bricks, Masudur Rahman Chowdhury of Nabi Bricks, Lokman Hakim of LHB Bricks, Monjuri Ish

Shahdat of SB Bricks of Phulbari upazila of Dinajpur, Masud Rana of MB Bricks, Rabiul Hasan of AM Bricks of Biral upazila, Nazmul Huda of NH Bricks, Rafiqul Islam of RA Bricks-1 and RA Bricks-2 of Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur, Polin Chandra Roy of RP Bricks and Mahfuzul Haque of AR Bricks of Dinajpur Sadar upazila, SM Haidar of AS Bricks of Kaharol upazila of Dinajpur, Shafiqur Rahman of NRB Bricks of Saidpur of Nilphamari and Kudrati Khuda and Md Asaduzzaman of Kazi Bricks of Badarganj upazila of Rangpur district.

The incident of fake writ came to the fore when Maisa Mowara, a second grader of Hoybatpur village under Parbatipur upazila wrote a letter to the deputy

commissioner (DC) of Dinajpur in February this year, seeking his intervention for a remedial measure as huge smoke emission from Jamuna Bricks was causing breathing problem for a large number of people, especially students of nearby schools. The letter went viral in Facebook.

Later, Dinajpur DC Mahmudul Alam stopped operation of the brick field.

The unlicensed brick kiln had been operating with a fake writ of HC, the DC told this correspondent earlier.

Mokhesur Rahman, officer in charge of Parbatipur Police Station, said Abu Sayeed, second officer of the police station, has been appointed as investigation officer of the case.



Students of Sreemangal Government College, Birds Residential Model School and College and Gausia Shafiqia Sunniya Dakhil Madrasa bring out a procession in the municipality on Thursday demanding end to dumping of garbage in front of the three adjacent institutions.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA



A large number of vehicles wait at a level crossing at Chuadanga municipality a few days ago. The area sees the nuisance on a regular basis due to running of rail tracks through the district town.

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## Level crossings a trouble for Chuadanga townspeople

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

There are six level crossings in Chuadanga town through which trains pass 34 times a day, contributing to intense traffic jam, which is eating up almost five hours of townspeople every day.

People are now very much exhausted as the situation is worsening day by day. They have been facing the problem for years.

Abdul Khaleq, manager of Chuadanga Railway Station, said there are a total 30 level crossings on two kilometres tracks in the district and of the crossings, six are in the town.

Four of the six level crossings are without any gatemen, he said.

Chuadanga is one of the key hubs

of the railway route in the country. Darshana International Railway Station lies there.

People and vehicles, including ambulances, get stuck on roads while at least 16 trains and wagons pass through the district to reach Chuadanga Railway Station during pick hours—9:00am to 2:00pm and 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Each train waits at the station for about 10 to 15 minutes.

It contributes to huge traffic jams, which is wasting valuable times of townspeople every day, said locals.

During a recent visit to Belgachi Railway Station area, this correspondent found that around 250 vehicles were waiting to cross the level crossing for about 20 minutes during the

passage of a train.

Rashid Choudhury, a resident of Bus standpara area in the town, said a number of students cannot reach their schools timely due to this problem.

Manager Khaleq of Chuadanga Railway Station said they informed the higher authorities about the matter several times but to no response yet.

Chuadanga Deputy Commissioner Gopal Chandra Das said he wrote to the ministry concerned about the matter.

Lawmaker of Chuadanga-1 constituency Solaiman Joarder Selun said he has given a proposal to government to build four overpasses on the main level crossings to ease people's sufferings.

## CONSTABLE RECRUITMENT

# Cop, woman arrested for taking Tk 10 lakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Detective Branch (DB) of police on Friday arrested a sub-inspector (SI) of police and a woman for alluring a jobseeker into paying them Tk 10 lakh for a job with police.

The DB made the arrests from in front of Tangail police superintendent's office and confiscated Tk 1.95 lakh in cash, a car and an ID card of a journalist from their possession.

SI Mohammad Ali, 40, from Chowbaria village in Tangail Sadar upazila, is posted at Jamalpur district court.

The other arrestee, Shahanatul Arefin Sumi, 35, from Islampur upazila of Jamalpur, is wife of Khairul Bashar, who according to the seized ID card is staff reporter of an

unrecognised daily newspaper named Anya Diganta.

A Tangail court yesterday sent both of them to jail after they were produced before it and a case was filed in this connection, naming three accused including the arrestees.

Tangail Superintendent of Police (SP) Sanjit Kumar Roy at a press briefing the same day said the SI of police, the woman and her husband took Tk 10 lakh from Wazed Ali of Sherpur Sadar upazila with the promise of getting his nephew Kabir Hossain a job in constable post of police.

On Friday, Wazed and his two relatives along with the arrestees came to the office of the SP in a car.

Sumi took the money and went

inside the premises of the SP's office while the others waited in the car outside. After noticing Sumi handing over the money to her husband Khairul, Wazed demanded a meeting with the SP.

As Sumi refused to entertain Wazed's demand, the two engaged in a noisy argument that eventually caught the attention of DB Sub-Inspector Farid Uddin and his team.

After hearing the accusations made by Wazed, the DB made the arrests and seized the car, SP Sanjit Kumar Roy said, adding that the money was found in Sumi's possession.

This year's recruitment of police constables -- 49 male and 9 female -- for Tangail is scheduled to start at Tangail Police Lines from July 1.



SI Mohammad Ali and Shahanatul Arefin Sumi being taken to a court in Tangail yesterday. Inset, the money and press ID card seized from them.

PHOTO: STAR

## ROAD WORK AMID RAIN



The contractor concerned continues carpeting work on Barishal-Khulna highway at Pingri in Rajapur upazila of Jhalakathi during rain, exposing the important road to early damage.

PHOTO: M JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL

## Newly married couple found murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A newly married couple were found murdered in Dakkhin Chandpur area of Kishoreganj's Karimganj upazila on Friday.

The victims were rickshaw puller Md Abu Bakkar, 25, and his wife Hima Khatun, 20, of Saterdoria village in the upazila.

Quoting family members and neighbours, Officer-in-Charge of Karimganj Police Station Md Mominul Islam said Bakkar, son of Mukter Hossain of the village, married Hima, daughter of Masud Mia of adjacent Gangail Pathanpara village, five months ago.

Around 2:45pm, Bakkar along with his wife went out of home to visit a relative's house in nearby Neelganj Kalahati area of Kishoreganj Sadar upazila.

When the duo reached Gatua Beel area at Dakkhin Chandpur, miscreants hacked them dead.

Informed by locals, police recovered the bodies and sent those to Kishoreganj General Hospital for autopsy, said the OC.

The couple might have been murdered over previous enmity, said the police official.

A case was filed, accusing unknown people, he said.

## BGB gets 20 trained dogs from BSF

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) on Friday received 20 trained dogs from Border Security Force (BSF) of India.

A team of BGB upon completion of a four-month-long training at BSF's Madhya Pradesh training centre brought the canines along as gift from BSF, said Lt Col Selim Reza, commanding officer of 49 BGB Battalion in Jessore.

The dogs were brought to BGB's Benapole camp from Petrapole camp of BSF on Friday night.

A 52-member team, led by Naik Subedar Mahbubul Alam, participated at the training programme, Lt Col Selim added.

The dogs will be first taken to 49 BGB Battalion in Jashore and later to BGB Headquarters in Dhaka.

## Widow cries for justice

Alleged killers of her son give threat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A widow yesterday demanded immediate arrest of the killers of her only son.

Amena Khatun, 56, of Bhusharbari village in Gafargaon upazila, made the demand at a press conference at Mymensingh Press Club.

Fish farmer Md Alamgir, 40, was killed in adjacent Nurapara area on May 8 as he protested criminal activities of a gang in the area. The deceased, father of four daughters, was also a member of Ulthi union unit of Jubo League.

The following day, Amena filed a case with Pagla Police Station, accusing some 20 people.

Police so far arrested seven accused in the case but prime suspects -- Rubel Mondol, 49, Mansur, 26, Salman and Rohit Mia, 40, -- are still at large, said Amena.

She alleged that the killers continued threatening the family members to withdraw the case or face dire consequences.

Alamgir's daughters -- ninth grader Sweet Akter, 15, and eighth grader Tamanna Akter, 13, -- have already stopped going to school due to threat by the prime accused. His eldest daughter got married while his youngest daughter is a nursery student.

Amena also alleged that police are reluctant to arrest the accused for some mysterious reasons while they are moving freely in the area.

She further said Alamgir, who lost his father several years ago, was the lone bread earner of the family.

Contacted, Sub-Inspector Md Hafizur Rahman, also investigation officer (IO) of the case, said police are raiding different areas to arrest the other accused.