



The premises of Wildlife Rescue Centre at Janakichhara of Lawachhara National Park in Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila gives the look of a derelict spot as the set-up is running without any regular staff. Inset, a monkey currently undergoing treatment at the centre.

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Services elusive at Lawachhara Wildlife Rescue Centre

The set-up in Moulvibazar runs without regular staff; Country to observe World Wildlife Day today

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

The Wildlife Rescue Centre of Lawachhara National Park in Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila hardly serves any purpose as the arrangement meant for the treatment of injured and sick wild animals is running without skilled manpower and treatment facilities for years. Visiting the centre at Janakichhara of Lawachhara National Park recently, this correspondent saw signs of neglect all around. In absence of any regular staff, a scout and a guard working under the forest department give additional part-time service to look after the wildlife rescue centre, the lone one of its kind in Sylhet division. Now two fishing cats, five monkeys and three Burmese pythons are being

taken care of there. "The centre, opened on March 23 in 2015, is plagued with manpower crisis and lack of treatment facilities. A veterinary surgeon appointed here left after serving for one year and the post has remained vacant till now," Monayem Hossain, ranger of Sreemangal range office, told this correspondent. "The two forest department employees who look after this centre as extra duty face problems when injured animals are brought here. Often such animals are taken to a nearby veterinary hospital or to the Wild Animal Services Foundation in Sreemangal. Seriously injured creatures have to be sent to Gazipur Safari Park for treatment, which is quite a long way from here," said the range officer. "Only animals with minor injuries are

treated here with the voluntary service of upazila veterinary surgeon. At least five persons including a veterinary surgeon are needed for maintenance of the centre. On several occasions, we informed the higher authorities about the situation," he said. Javed Bhuiyan, joint convener of Lawachhara Bon O Jibaboichitra Rokkha Andolon, told this correspondent, "Sometimes animals from Lawachhara National Park go to the nearby locality in search of food. A section of unscrupulous villagers trap and beat the helpless creatures, causing injuries to them." "After rescue, these wild animals are often released to the forest without any treatment. Earlier some of the injured animals died in the forest. It is necessary to arrange adequate manpower and

treatment facilities at the rescue centre in Lawachhara," he said. Dr Md Rurul Amin, veterinary surgeon of Sreemangal upazila, he often serves at Lawachhara Wildlife Rescue Centre although it is not within his duty list. He urged immediate appointment of required manpower including a veterinary surgeon at the centre. Wildlife lover Saju Marchiang, also a resident of Lawachhara area, made the same demand. ANM Abdul Wadud, divisional forest officer of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Division in Sylhet, told this correspondent, he has written to the higher authorities for appointment of manpower at the wildlife rescue centre, the lone one in Sylhet division.

'Arrest attackers of journo'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Journalists held a protest rally and formed a human chain in front of Kalapara Press Club yesterday demanding immediate arrest of the culprits who attacked one of their fellows. Monirul Islam, president of Mahipur Press Club, and also the Kuakata correspondent of GTV, has recently come under attack by the men of Sohag Akon, former president of Mahipur Sramik League. Senior journalists Mejbahuddin Mannu, Nasir Uddin Biplob, Kazi Sayeed, SK Ranjon, Farid Uddin Bipu and Saiful Islam, among others, addressed the programme with Humayun Kabir, president of Kalapara Press Club, in the chair. On February 29, Monirul was attacked by a gang led by Sohag Akon in Lacky Cinema Hall area. At the time, the attackers also took away his cellphone and camera. The injured is now undergoing treatment at Barishal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital. On March 1, Monirul's brother Rafiqul Islam filed a case, accusing five people including Sohag. Police were raiding different areas to arrest the accused, said Md Mahabubur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Mahipur Police Station.

Ex-UP member killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Criminals stabbed a former union parishad (UP) member to death yesterday allegedly over previous enmity in Sadar upazila. The deceased, Siddiqur Rahman Khaliph, 55, son of late Kashem Ali of Dakkhin Shankarpasha village, was a former member of Shankarpasha UP. Quoting an eyewitness, Shahidul Islam, one of the relatives of slain victim, said Siddiqur, also a layer's assistant, was going to Pirojpur court by a rickshaw around 8:00am. When he reached near Raribari area five youths, riding two motorbikes, waylaid the rickshaw and started stabbing him indiscriminately with sharp weapons. They also shot him in the foot, before fleeing the spot. Later, locals and relatives rescued Siddiqur and took him to Pirojpur Sadar Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead. Pirojpur Superintendent of Police Hayatul Islam Khan said slain Siddiqur had enmities with locals and relatives over property related and other issues. They were trying to arrest the killers and find the motive behind the murder, added the SP.

Man to die for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing his wife for dowry about eight years ago. The convict is Ashraful Islam of Gorasin village in Delduar upazila. Tangail Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal Judge Khaleda Yasmin also fined the convict Tk 1 lakh, Court Inspector Tanvir Ahmed said. Meanwhile, the court acquitted two other accused of the case -- Ashraful's mother Achhia Begum and cousin Yakub Ali -- as charges brought against them were not proved, he added. According to the case statement, after failing to realise Tk 5 lakh dowry from his in-laws, Ashraful strangled his wife Saleha Begum at their bedroom on August 18, 2012. He later with the help others hanged Saleha's body from the ceiling fan in an attempt to make the incident as suicide. The following day, deceased's father Freedom Fighter Abdus Samad filed a case with Delduar Police Station accusing three people including Ashraful. After examining 13 witnesses, the court delivered the verdict yesterday noon.

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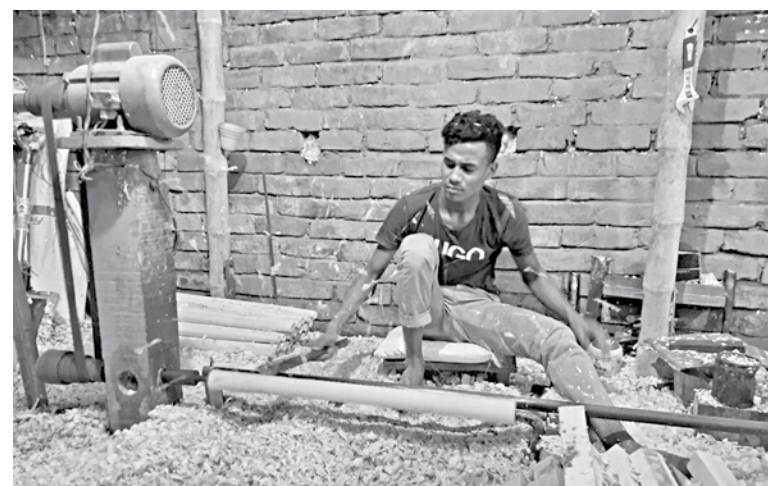
এতদ্বারা পিপিএ, ২০০৬ ও পিপিআর, ২০০৮ এবং পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট (সর্বশেষ সংশোধন) আইন/২০০৯ অনুসারে ১ম শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হতে নিম্নবর্ণিত নির্মাণ কাজ সমূহ বাস্তবায়নের লক্ষ্যে সিগমোহরকৃত বামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

১। মঞ্জুরা/বিভাগ	বিমান ও পর্যটন মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা।				
২। বাস্তবায়নকারী সংস্থা	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, দিনাজপুর।				
৩। দরপত্র নং	০১/২০১৯-২০২০				
৪। দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ	জেলা প্রশাসক, দিনাজপুর।				
৫। বিজ্ঞপ্তি বরাদ্দ সূত্র ও তারিখ	বাংলাদেশ ট্রান্সপোর্ট বোর্ড, ঢাকার স্মারক নং-৩০.৩৩.০০০০.২১১.৩৮.০০.১৮-১৫৯৭, তারিখঃ ১৬/০৭/২০১৯খ্রিঃ।				
৬। সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (LTM)।				
৭। বাজেট/অর্থের উৎস	বাংলাদেশ ট্রান্সপোর্ট বোর্ড, ঢাকা।				
৮। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ	১৮/০৩/২০২০খ্রিঃ (অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত)।				
৯। দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ ও সময়	১৯/০৩/২০২০খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ০১.০০টা পর্যন্ত।				
১০। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১৯/০৩/২০২০খ্রিঃ তারিখ বিকাল ০৪.০০ ঘটিকা।				
১১। দরপত্র বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	(ক) জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয় (সাধারণ শাখা), দিনাজপুর। (খ) উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসারের কার্যালয়, নবাবগঞ্জ, দিনাজপুর।				
১২। দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয় (সাধারণ শাখা), দিনাজপুর।				
১৩। দরপত্র খোলার দস্তর	জেলা প্রশাসকের সফেলন কক্ষ, কাম্বন-১, দিনাজপুর।				
১৪। দরপত্রাদাতা/দাতাদের যোগ্যতা	এলজিইডি বিভাগের হালনাগাদ ১ম শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদারী হালনাগাদ লাইসেন্স, মূল্য সংযোজন কর নিবন্ধীকরণ, আয়কর সনদপত্রের হালনাগাদ কপি, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এর হালনাগাদ কপি, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদপত্র এবং সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র এবং দরপত্র ক্রয়ের রশিদসহ প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যাদি সমন্বিত কাগজপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে। উল্লেখ্য সত্যায়নের ক্ষেত্রে সত্যায়নকারী অফিসারের নামসহ সীল অবশ্যই থাকতে হবে।				
১৪। কাজের বিস্তারিত বর্ণনা	সংযুক্ত স্পেসিফিকেশন/দরপত্র সিডিউল মোতাবেক।				
১৫। কাজের সফলতা বিবরণ নিম্নরূপঃ					
ক্রঃ নং	প্রকল্পের নাম	প্রাকল্পিত মূল্য	জামানতের পরিমাণ (টাকায়)	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য (টাকায়) (অফরতযোগ্য)	কাজ সমাপ্তির সময়
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০৩	শেখ হাসিনা জাতীয় উদ্যানের আন্তরার বিল পর্যটন কেন্দ্রে পাবলিক টয়লেট বৈদ্যুতিক কাজ	১,৭৬,৭৫৫/-	১,৫০,১০০/-	২,০০০/-	৯০ দিন
০৪	শেখ হাসিনা জাতীয় উদ্যানের আন্তরার বিল পর্যটন কেন্দ্রে ০৩ (তিন)টি গোল ঘর নির্মাণ	১৩,২০,৫৪৩/-			
০৫	জাতীয় উদ্যানের আন্তরার বিল পর্যটন কেন্দ্রে ০৫ (পাঁচ)টি বসার সিট নির্মাণ	১,২০,১৩৭/-			

Becoming independent making cricket stumps

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Cricket is now one of the most popular outdoor games in the country and its equipment, especially the ones to be played with taped tennis balls, are high in demand. A resident of Basu Narosinhadia village in Sadar upazila is cashing in on the demand by setting up a cricket stump factory in the upazila. The 35-year-old man, Omar Faruk, now has six employees at the factory that he started eight years ago in Kanaipur Bazar area of Kanaipur union. Demand for the stumps reaches its peak during the winter when the workers often do not even find any time to talk to each other, trying to catch up with the orders pending for delivery. Speaking with this correspondent at the factory, Faruk said success did not come overnight. Before starting the factory, he spent two years in Dhaka at another factory where he



A worker carving wood to make a cricket stump at Omar Faruk's factory in Basu Narosinhadia village of Faridpur Sadar upazila.

worked full time and learned the skills to make cricket stumps. Now no one in surrounding areas has to go to the capital or to a larger town to buy quality stumps. "I feel really proud when I see kids playing cricket with stumps made in my factory." Locally available wood -- mahogany, shishu, akashi and chambal -- is used as primary raw material for making stumps and

he usually makes a profit between Tk 16,000 and 18,000 from selling 7,000 to 8,000 stumps each month, Faruk also said. Nazim Matobbar, a worker who has been working at the factory for three years, said they are paid Tk 2.25 for each stump and he can make 270 to 300 stumps a day. Buyers from different districts including Dhaka, Bogura, Rangpur and Sirajganj arrive at the factory every day to collect stumps at whole sale prices. Winter is the busiest time when they start work at 8:00 in the morning and close at 12:00 midnight. But during the wet season, the workers have no work to do as there is usually no order for stumps that time, he added. Fakir Belayat Hossain, chairman of Kanaipur Union Parishad, said, "Faruk's stumps are really high in quality. It's a good thing for the neighbourhood that six people are working at his factory."



These four double-decker buses of Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) are kept at Dinajpur depot for long. Service of the state-owned organisation has remained suspended for the last six months due to objections from transport owners and workers of local private bus companies.

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