

## 1 killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A man was killed during a scuffle between two groups of villagers allegedly over a disputed land in a in Chapainawabganj municipality yesterday.

The victim, Mojibur Rahman, 52, was son of Nazrul Islam of Horipur area in the municipality.

Police said following altercations, a scuffle

took place between two groups after Mojibur and his men obstructed Mosharof and his supporters when the latter went to take possession of a disputed land. At one stage, Mojibur suddenly fell to the ground and went unconscious.

Neighbours took him to Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital where the doctors declared him dead, Officer in Charge of Sadar Police Station Mozaffar Hossain said.

## Jaishankar arrives in Dhaka today

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Airforce Base in the capital at 10:00am.

They will hold a bilateral meeting for an hour at state guesthouse Padma and then hold a joint press briefing. Jaishankar will then call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the afternoon and then inaugurate a branch of the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre in Gulshan before flying back to Delhi in the evening.

Officials concerned said Jaishankar and Momen, during their meeting, will take stock of the bilateral relations and the MoUs that are likely to be signed during Indian Prime Minister's visit.

"We have some pertinent issues that will be discussed during the meeting. Those include sharing of common rivers, including Teesta, joint border management to bring border killings to a zero, reducing trade barriers and promoting regional connectivity," said a foreign ministry official.

During Modi's visit, he is likely to visit the Bangabandhu Memorial in Tungipara -- the birthplace of the Father of the Nation, join celebrations of the country's 50th year of independence, join the birth centenary of Bangabandhu and hold a summit-level meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

India seeks to speed up the connectivity projects -- rail, road and waterways -- to connect India to its North Eastern region through Bangladesh, while Bangladesh seeks to strengthen regional connectivity and cooperation.

"There are always some expectations

centring all the visits, or least to take the issues forward through discussions," M Shahriar Alam, Bangladesh state minister for foreign affairs, told reporters on Tuesday.

As Bangladesh is on its way to graduate from the LDC status by 2024, the government seeks to sign a comprehensive economic partnership agreement with India at the soonest, a foreign ministry official said.

Bangladesh also wants to join the India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway, an issue raised by Dhaka during Narendra Modi's virtual meeting with Sheikh Hasina on December 17 last year. The issue may be raised again during the two foreign ministers' bilateral meeting today.

"Dhaka also sought to get access to Nepal and Bhutan through five new routes. This can also come up during the discussion," the official said.

The post-Covid cooperation will be an important aspect of the meeting, he said. India is yet to start issuing tourist visas due to the pandemic, though it is issuing medical, official and business visas.

India also gifted Bangladesh two million vaccines, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India. Bangladesh is buying another 30 million vaccines from India through Beximco Pharmaceuticals.

As India is now a member of the UN Security Council, Bangladesh expects it to play a strong role during the Rohingya repatriation from Bangladesh to Myanmar, officials said.



1. Earth removed from a section of the embankment along the Katcha river in Char Kholpatua village of Pirojpur's Indurkani upazila. 2. A flattened part of the same embankment. 3. Liquid waste being released in a network of drainage that runs through surrounding crop fields.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Five illegal brick kilns in one village!

In brazen defiance of the law, the kilns are destroying the embankment of the Katcha river too

HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

Several unauthorised brick kilns have been removing earth from the embankment along the Katcha river in Indurkani upazila for over a year, but the authorities still seem to be oblivious of the criminal act.

In clear violation of environmental laws as well as the 'Brick Making and Kiln Establishment (Control) Act 2013', five brick kilns are being operated illegally within close proximity of localities and agricultural land in Char Kholpatua village of the upazila.

Despite the fact, no one dares to protest the crime, as the owners of the kilns are highly influential in the area, said villagers.

Aside from being victims of various forms of environmental pollution, they also face threat of flooding due to the damage inflicted on at least two locations of the Katcha river embankment.

The village has been experiencing floods ever since the authorities of HBI brick field levelled a part of the embankment over a year ago for easy

shipment of bricks using the adjacent waterway, they also said.

Moreover, not only it is surrounded by crop fields, pitch black effluent from the brick kiln is released into several ponds, dug in the middle of rice fields, and into a network of drainage running through the crop fields.

When this correspondent was visiting the area recently and asked HBI owner Ramiz Howlader about the matter, he refused to make any comment. However, a few of his employees claimed that the levee was damaged by flood.

AMBI is another brick maker that also caused a substantial damage to the levee of the Katcha river in the same village.

Its proprietor Monirul Islam alias Maruf however claimed that they were investing a large sum of money on construction of a second embankment to protect the original one.

The third illegal brick kiln, NBI, has long been making bricks with earth removed from the embankment. It is also causing severe air pollution by burning firewood in its furnace.

There are only three licensed brick kilns in

the entire upazila and the illegal ones continue to operate openly in remote areas where monitoring of the authorities is almost absent, said locals.

Abdur Rahim Khan, a resident of Kholpatua village, said, "Although the brick kiln owners are involved in numerous illegal activities, no steps have ever been taken against them."

When the attention of Khadija Akter, sub-assistant engineer of Water Development Board (WDB) in Pirojpur, was drawn over the situation at Kholpatua village, she claimed ignorance. "Since I've come to learn about the matter from you, I'll definitely look into it," she said.

This correspondent was unable to reach Kamruzzaman Sarker, deputy director of the Department of Environment in Barisal Division, for his comments as several calls made on his cell phone went unanswered.

Contacted, Pirojpur Deputy Commissioner Abu Ali Md Shazzad Hossain said they routinely conduct drives against such illegal brick kilns. "We won't allow any illegal brick kiln in the district," he assured.

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Invitation of Tender No. 03/2021			
01	Agency	Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd.	
02	Invitation for	a) Procurement of Iftar items for Holy Ramadan of 2021. b) Auction sale of Catering High-Lift van No. GSE-821 & GSE-822	
03	Invitation Ref:	a) 30.34.0000.063.45.002.21 b) 30.34.0000.063.07.025.20	Date: 21-10-2020
04	Tender document selling date	From 07-03-2021 to 21-03-2021 (During office hours).	
05	Tender closing date and time	Date: 22-03-2021 Time: 12:00 Hrs BST	Note: The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. If any unavoidable situation arises during specified date then tender selling/closing/opening date will be shifted to next (working) day without further notice.
06	Tender opening date and time	Date: 22-03-2021 Time: 15:00 Hrs BST	
07	Selling address of schedule	a. Manager Finance, Biman Flight Catering Centre, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b. Manager Cash & Banking, Balaka Bhaban, Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd, Dhaka.	
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**Re-Invitation for REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING FIRM)**  
Name of the Service: Selection of Consulting Firm for Conducting Diagnostic Studies to Assess Female Traders and Entrepreneurs Export Potential in the ICT Sub-sectors under BRCP-1 (National).

Name of the Project: Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project 1, Ministry of Commerce  
Credit No. 60020; Project ID No. 154580  
Reference number: BRCP/MOC/SD-10

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received an SDR 150 million Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) -- a member of the World Bank Group -- for financing the cost of the Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project 1 (BRCP-1), being jointly implemented by the Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA), National Board Revenue (NBR) and Ministry of Commerce. The second component of this umbrella project is being implemented by the Ministry of Commerce as a separate technical assistance project.

The objective of the study is to conduct a diagnostic analysis of the role of ICT sub-sector in facilitating and promoting export sectors of Bangladesh and the role that women currently (or can) play in ICT enablement of exports. To accomplish this, the diagnostic study will assess: (a) the current role of ICT in export facilitation for the top ten leading exports of Bangladesh; (b) compare and contrast the use of ICT in the aforementioned export sectors and the role of women as ICT workers and entrepreneurs/business owners; (c) identify barriers to ICT adoption in aforementioned export sectors, including regulatory barriers, infrastructure needs, and barriers to engaging women in ICT sector; (d) identify actionable ways in which to increase women's participation in ICT.

The Project Implementation Unit BRCP-1-MOC on behalf of the Ministry of Commerce invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. The interested consulting firm should provide evidence of the following in their applications: the firm should have at least 10 years of general experience in providing consulting services out of which at least 03 years of experience in national/international trade related research or studies for public and private sector; Preference will be given to firms having experience in ICT trade related studies within last 5 years; The firm should have experience in working with development partner's funded projects (IDA financed project experience would be desirable); Undertaking that the firm has not been blacklisted or debarred by any Government Organization or by IDA; List of key professional staff including proposed core team for the assignment, showing qualification and experience; The firm should have active web-page necessary information of company management, legal status, experience and present work with client list. The Company must submit the following documents: Company Registration document (trade licence/incorporation certificate), up-to-date tax payment certification and VAT registration certificate; Audited Financial Statement (last 03 years); Company Brochure. Details of the qualification requirements and responsibilities are available in TOR.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14 to 3.18 of the World Bank Group's Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers, Procurement in Investment Project Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank Group's policy on conflict of interest. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Terms of Reference (TOR) will be available in the office of the undersigned and also at [www.mincom.gov.bd](http://www.mincom.gov.bd) and <http://brcp-1.gov.bd/>. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (i.e. 09.00 to 17.00 hours). Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form 2 (two) copies (one original and one copy) and one soft (in MS Word) in sealed envelope to the address below (in person) by 03.00pm on March 20, 2021.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

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