

## Three land in jail over gang rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A Noakhali court yesterday sent three men to jail in connection with a case for gang-raping a housewife in Hatiya upazila on Sunday.

The accused are Fazar Ali alias Helal, 25, Miraj Uddin, 28, and Nizam Uddin, 40. They all hail from Khirodia village in the upazila.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Hatiya Police Station Mohammad Abul Khayer said a police team arrested the trio on Tuesday night after the victim filed a case with the police station accusing the three the same day.

According to the case statement, the arrestees picked up the victim woman forcibly when she went out of her room to respond to the nature's call on Sunday early hours.

They took her to a nearby place and gang-raped her, before fleeing the scene. After recording Helal's confessional statement Noakhali Senior Judicial Magistrate Nizam Uddin sent all the three arrestees to jail, the OC said, adding that the victim was sent to Noakhali General Hospital for the medical test.

## 'Include independence manifesto in syllabus'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged the government to include the 'Manifesto of Independence' in academic syllabus to present the authentic history of the country's independence before the new generation.

The programme was organised at Tangail Press Club auditorium, marking the golden jubilee of reading out the independence manifesto.

Speakers said March 3 in 1971, was not only the day of reading out the manifesto, it was the day when Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was formally anointed the title 'Father of the Nation'.

They said if Bangabandhu was the leader, architect and source of inspiration, Chhatra League was the main driving force. If Bangabandhu was the engineer, Chhatra League was the mason.

Noor-E-Alam Siddique, one of the four student leaders in history, and Shahidul Islam, general secretary of Jatiya Party, joined the discussion virtually, with Rabeya Siraj, widow of Shahjahan Siraj, in the chair.

Shahjahan Siraj, one of the key organisers of the Liberation War, read out the manifesto of the country's independence in presence of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and millions of others on March 3, 1971.

## 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 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.



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.

 <b>Biman Flight Catering Centre</b> বিমান ফ্লাইট ক্যাটারিং সেন্টার			
<b>Invitation of Tender No. 03/2021</b>			
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.	
08	Receiving tender document	a. BFCC Main Security Gate, Hazrat Shahjalal Int'l Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b. Biann Balaka Bhaban, Security Counter Gate (Ground Floor), Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka.	
09	Price of tender schedule	a) BDT 1,000.00 (one thousand) only per set (non-refundable) (Ifar items). b) BDT 1,000.00 (one thousand) only per set (non-refundable) (Auction sale).	
10	1) Location	2) Tender security amount (Tk)	3) Contract period
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11	Procuring entity & fund	General Manager, BFCC, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka & BFCC's own fund.	
12	Official inviting tender	Dy-General Manager, BFCC, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka, Phone: 880-2-8901760-64, Ext. 13, Fax: 880-2-8901638	
13	Tender schedule and other related information will also be available at Biman website: <a href="http://www.biman-airlines.com">www.biman-airlines.com</a> for ready reference.		
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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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