



Forgotten graveyard for unforgettable war heroes

PARTHA CHAKRABORTY

A 1971 mass graveyard remains in shabby state due to lack of maintenance by authorities concerned in Shakhari Kathi village of Bagerhat's Kachua upazila.

In the graveyard, the then government in 1996 constructed a memorial plaque bearing the names of 31 martyrs.

Now, the names of the martyrs have become faded and plasters have started decaying in the concrete plaque.

As there is no boundary fence, people are now using the graveyard as a motorcycle parking yard and waste dumping place. Even, farmers now use the graveyard as cattle rearing space, said locals.

Freedom fighters and family members of the martyrs expressed their frustration over it and demanded government's immediate measure to preserve the graveyard.

"If the memorial cannot be preserved, it will be destroyed. The next generation will forget the heinous killing by Razakars and sacrifices of our valiant freedom fighters," said Nimai Chandra Das, 69, a freedom fighter, who now lives at Raghudautta Kati village under the same upazila.

He was an eyewitness of the heinous killing in Shakhari Kathi Bazar.

"In the afternoon of November 5, 1971, Razakars raided Shakhari Kathi Bazar and captured at least 42 people. Then, the killers tied people's hand, kept standing in row and opened fire," he was describing the incident.

Another eye witness Akkas Uddin Zamadder, 60, of Alokdia village in the



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same upazila, said the 42 bodies were kept in two boats. Then, the bodies were taken to Ramchandrapur which now popularly known as the Char of the Bishkali river. The bodies were buried in a pit there.

Monilal Das was one of the victims of the mass killing.

His son Ananda Lal Das said, "As a family member of a martyred freedom fighter, we did not get anything from the

government. Our only satisfaction is that my father's name has been inscribed in the memorial plaque. But now, it is also decaying. We want immediate preservation of the graveyard and the memorial."

Contacted, Kachua Upazila Nirbahi Officer Sujit Debnath said a process remains underway to construct a monument and to preserve the graveyard area covering around 20 decimals of land.

Covid-19 turns marginalised students into child labourers

About 80 percent of them are students of different educational institutions

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The closure of educational institutions due to Covid-19 has affected regular learning activities of many school children in Lalmonirhat. Due to the pandemic situation, especially marginalised students in the district have dropped out and engaged in child labour.

Although ten-year-old Ayub Ali from Fulgachh village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila was promoted to Class V from Class IV through auto-pass, he has never got a chance to turn the pages of a book.

Because his day labourer father Mostak Ali sent him to work in a motorcycle mechanic shop in the district town in June last year.

Now his father wants to see him a motorcycle mechanic, said Ayub.

Ayub added his studies have been stopped due to the pandemic and closure of the school.

Rajesh Chandra of Bhatbari village in Sadar upazila said he was promoted to Class VI through auto-pass. But when he was the student of Class V, he had to quit his study and join a motorcycle mechanics shop in the town as a labourer in May last year.

Although he wanted to continue his study, the Covid-19 pandemic shattered his desire, said Rajesh.

"My son stopped studying due to closure of the school. I have sent him to work in a motorcycle mechanic shop and he is now earning Tk 60 to Tk 70 every day," said Rajesh's father Samiran Chandra Barman.

Bhaborjan Roy, a motorcycle mechanic at Uttara Road in Lalmonirhat town, said at least 20 guardians brought their children to him to build



A marginalised schoolboy quits his study due to closure of school and works at a motorcycle mechanic shop in Lalmonirhat town. The photo was taken recently.

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them as motorcycle mechanic. He has managed to keep three of them in his garage. The three are students of class four, five and six.

Rafiqul Islam, a representative of a non-governmental organisation named Lalmonirhat Unnayan Songsta, said a number of child labourers in the town's businesses and technical centres have increased during the coronavirus situation.

He added that eighty percent of the child labourers are students of various educational institutions. Especially children from poor families quit their studies out due to the pandemic and closure of schools.

Lalmonirhat District Primary Education Officer Golam Nabi said the dropout rate will be known after reopening of schools.

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IMPORT SECTION

Corrigendum

Invitation For Tender (National) of 35,00,000 (±5%) (Thirty Five Lac) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil

Invitation Ref. No. 26.05.0000.016.08.123.21.715 Date: 01-03-2021

It is notified for all concerned that the above mentioned tender for (National) of Refined Soyabean Oil now is to be read as:

Sl. No.	Sl. of tender notice	Subject	Existing	Read as
1.	11	Package No.	TCB/Imp-27/Soyabean Oil/2021	TCB/Imp-33/Soyabean Oil/2021

All other terms and conditions of tender will remain unchanged.

(Md. Shekhabur Rahaman)
Chief Officer (Commercial)
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in the early days of March, 1971. PIA's fleet of Boeings flew the troops in. Due to India's embargo on over-flights all Pakistani aircraft had to take a detour via Sri Lanka. The 9 Division from Quetta, under Major General Nazir Hussain Shah, and 17 Division from Kharian under Major General Shaikat Riza, were being flown in.

Khadim Hussain Raza, then general officer commanding 14 Division in East Pakistan, writes in his memoir that at the beginning of Tikka Khan's induction (March 6, 1971) as head of the Eastern Command the president's policy stipulated that the troops had to be confined to the cantonments and nothing was to be done to provoke an incident. [Khadim Hussain Raja, A Stranger in My Own Country, UPL, 2012, pg. 67]

East Pakistani leaders, including Bangabandhu and Bhashani, continued to protest the military build-up. They called upon people not to provide any support in the movement of military convoys across the country. In some cases, there were active resistance against such strengthening of armed forces. In Chittagong, for example, workers, taking their own initiative, suspended unloading of MV Swat that carried the first reinforcements from West Pakistan.

The military buildup in East Pakistan was seen by Indians as a tactic to cover the Bangalees into diluting their demands. [Srinath Raghavan, 1971: A Global History of the Creation of Bangladesh, Permanent Black, 2013, pg. 58]

SANGRAM PARISHAD DIRECTIVES

Swadhin Bangladesh Kendrio Chattro Sangram Parishad, in a statement issued today, warned hoarders, smugglers and conspirators of stern action if they don't desist from their evil-mongering immediately. They also directed oil suppliers not to provide oil to those who were conspiring against the liberation struggle of Bangladesh.

National Assembly member Jahiruddin today renounced his title 'Hilal-i-Quaid-i-Azam' in response to the call of Chhatra Sangram Parishad.

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newspaper reports on the incident before the bench.

DAG Bashar told The Daily Star that the HC wanted to know from the local administration of Chattogram whether any case was filed against Maulana Yahya, whether he was arrested and sacked from his job.

After examining the compliance report, the HC bench will pass necessary directives, DAG Bashar added.

"I have already talked to the deputy commissioner and superintendent of police of Chattogram and officer-in-charge of Hathazari Police Station over the phone about this issue. They have informed me that the victim's father has filed a case against Maulana Yahya under the Children Act, 2013, and Yahya has been arrested and produced before a lower court concerned. The court has sent Yahya to jail," he added.

Video footage showing the eight-year-old child, a student of Markazul Islami Academy Hafezia Madrasa, being beaten by Yahya has gone viral on social media.

In the footage, it is seen that the teacher is dragging the student by the neck into a room. Later, he starts beating the student violently with a cane, asking why he went outside the madrasa.

The little boy cried his heart out but was not spared. The incident happened at the madrasa. The upazila administration, after being informed of the matter, rescued the boy and detained the teacher on Wednesday morning.

Following the incident, the madrasa authorities reportedly sacked Yahya.

In a separate incident in Mymensingh, a mobile court on Wednesday handed a seven-day jail sentence to a madrasa teacher on charges of beating a student in Nandaail upazila.

The accused, Shafiqul Islam, 45, is a teacher of a local madrasa in Baliapara area of Nandaail municipality.

He mercifully beat a 11-year-old student of the same madrasa on Wednesday morning as he could not prepare his lessons, said Nandaail Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Mohammad Ershad Uddin.

On information, the victim's father rushed to the madrasa and rescued the boy. Then, he informed police about the incident.

Police went to the madrasa and detained the teacher. Hours later, the UNO conducted a mobile court drive there and handed the punishment to the teacher.

He was later sent to jail, said Mizanur Rahman Akanda, OC of Nandaail Police Station.

[Our Mymensingh correspondent contributed to this report.]

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Memo No. BBAGC/CEDP/2021/164 Date: 11/03/2021

e-Tender Notice 04/2020-2021

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following package:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of supply	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	557482	Supply & installation of Laboratory equipment & instrument for Department of Physics, Chemistry, Botany & Zoology at Bhawal Badre Alam Govt. College, Gazipur-1702	31-Mar-2021 13:00	31-Mar-2021 14:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to 30-Mar-2021 16:00. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং: ১৭/২০২১

পুনঃ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগে চুক্তিভিত্তিক ০১(এক) জন মহাব্যবস্থাপক নিয়োগের নিমিত্ত নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তাবলীে বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরবাখ আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

০১। বেকন : মাসিক সর্বমোট বেতন ৬২,০০০.০০(টাকা দুই লক্ষ মাত্র)। উক্ত অর্থের উপর প্রচলিত হারে আয়কর কর্তব্যযোগ্য। চুক্তিভিত্তিক নিয়োগকালীন সময়ে কোনরূপ বর্ধিত বেতন, ভাতা, আশ্রয়, ইন্ডেমিটি, বোনাস বা পেনশন প্রদান করা হবে না।

০২। শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা : ক) সশস্ত্র বাহিনী হতে অবসরপ্রাপ্ত লেঃ কর্নেল/কর্নেল সম্মতমান কর্মকর্তা। পিএসপি থাকতে হবে।
খ) ন্যূনতম স্নাতক ডিগ্রী। শিক্ষাজীবনের কোন পর্যায়ে তৃতীয় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী এছাড়া যোগ্য না।
গ) কেপিআই (Key Point Installation) তালিকাভুক্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানে ন্যূনতম ০২(দুই) বছর নিরাপত্তা সংক্রান্ত কাজ করার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
ঘ) সশস্ত্র বাহিনী হতে ব্যাবতমূলক অবসরে গমনকারী প্রার্থীরা যোগ্য হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবেন না।

০৩। বয়সসীমা (০১/০৩/২০২১ তারিখে) : সর্বনিম্ন ৫০ বছর হতে সর্বোচ্চ ৬০ বছর।

০৪। চুক্তির মেয়াদ : ০৩(তিন) বছর।

০৫। অগ্রাধিকার প্রার্থীদেরকে পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, নিম্নবর্ণিত জীবন বৃত্তান্ত (CV) ও এ সংক্রান্ত দলিলাদি (একাত্মিক সনদপত্র, অবসর গ্রহণ সংক্রান্ত আদেশ, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, কেপিআই-তে কাজ করার অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র ইত্যাদির সত্যায়িত কপি) মহাব্যবস্থাপক, হিউম্যান রিসোর্সেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-১, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০ এর বরাবরে সরাসরি/ডাকযোগে/ই-মেইলে (gm.hrd@bb.org.bd) আগামী ০১/০৩/২০২১ তারিখের মধ্যে প্রেরণ করতে হবে:

(A) Name (in block letters) :
(B) i) Father's / Husband's name
ii) Mother's Name
(C) Present Address with Contact No. :
(D) Permanent Address
(E) Date of Birth
(F) Age as on 01/03/2021
(G) Nationality
(H) Educational Qualification

Name of Exam.	Division/Class/CGPA	Board/University	Year of Passing

(I) Date of Retirement :
(J) KPI Experience (in details) :
(K) Signature of the applicant

০৬। চাকুরিক প্রার্থীদেরকে তাদের স্ব-স্ব নিয়োগ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদনপত্র প্রেরণ করতে হবে।

০৭। অসম্পূর্ণ/ সুলভা সমন্বিত দরবাখ কোন প্রকার যোগাযোগ ব্যতিরেকেই বাতিল করা হবে।

০৮। যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার ভিত্তিতে বাছাইকৃত প্রার্থীদের সাক্ষাৎকারের জন্য আমন্ত্রণ জানানো হবে।

০৯। বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের সাথে সম্পাদিত দ্বিপাক্ষিক চুক্তির শর্তাবলী অনুযায়ী নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত কর্মকর্তার চাকরি পর্যালোচিত হবে।

১০। বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ প্রার্থীদের কাউন্সিল নিয়োগ প্রদান করা বা না করার ক্ষেত্রে চূড়ান্ত সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণের অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

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তারিখঃ ১১/০৩/২০২১

ব্যক্তিগত ও আর্থিক সেবা পেতে হেরানির শিকার হলে কিংবা কোনো অভিযোগ থাকলে ১৬২৩৬ নম্বরে ফোন করুন।

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