

# Son of martyred freedom fighter awaits allowance in despair

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"My father Bocharam Das is a martyred freedom fighter, recognised by the government. But we are not getting any facilities given to the martyred freedom fighter's family by the government," said Monaram Das, 51, son of the martyred freedom fighter.

"For the last 11 years, I have been appealing to the ministry concerned and local administration but got no response due to some unknown reason," he said.

"We only get invitation letter on Victory Day and Independence Day and except for the invitation letter, we have not been entitled to any facilities," he added.

"My father Bocharam Das along with ten other freedom fighters was martyred while fighting against the Pakistani occupation forces in Gaibandha's Trimohini Ghat area during the country's liberation war," said Monaram Das, adding they didn't get his father body.



The name of martyred freedom fighter Bocharam Das is on the memorial plaque in Lalmonirhat's Hatibandha upazila. PHOTO: STAR

Hatibandha upazila.

Monaram runs his family catching fish but nowadays he is almost unemployed due to scarcity of fish in local water bodies.

Monaram Das was one and half years old when his father Bocharam Das joined the country's Liberation War in 1971. Bocharam Das could not return to his little baby as he was martyred during the Liberation War.

After some years of independence, Monaram became an orphan as his mother Suniti Bala Das

died without getting a treatment. Since then, poverty has become his lifetime companion.

Martyred freedom fighter Bocharam Das's co-fighter Noor Ali said, "Martyred freedom fighter Bocharam Das is recognised only in papers but not in reality as his only son Monaram Das isn't getting any government facilities."

"We are working to get government facilities for him and his family members," he said adding they do not know why Monaram is not getting government facilities entitled to freedom fighter's ward. "Bocharam Das was a frontline fighter in the battle field during the liberation war in 1971," he added.

Monaram Das said taking help of his father's co-fighters he appealed to the ministry concerned for getting government facilities and he has been assured that he will start enjoying government facilities by this current year 2021. "But I don't know when I will get result," he said adding he got such promises earlier as well.

Hatibandha Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Samiul Amin said martyred freedom fighter Bocharam Das had all kinds of documents and was enlisted in both the Indian list and Bangladesh list.

"Our recommendation was sent to the ministry concerned for providing all kinds of government facilities to Monaram Das, the lone son of martyred freedom fighter Bocharam Das six months ago," the UNO said adding that he is also communicating to the ministry in this regard.

## We can improve the fate

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Bangabandhu's youngest daughter and the prime minister's younger sister Sheikh Rehana was also present.

At the ceremony, video messages of Pope Francis and Indian National Congress President Sonia Gandhi were screened.

The Bhutanese premier was the fourth among the world leaders to attend the celebrations.

To mark the 50 years of diplomatic relations between Bhutan and Bangladesh, Lotay Tshering handed over commemorative postage stamps to Hasina.

Sitting the next to Hasina, Tshering said a nation was born amid strife and turbulence, and it went on to make a remarkable progress. "I've come here to listen to the story of Bangladesh, that too seated next to Her Excellency Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, an inspiring leader and a mother-like figure to me," he said, report agencies.

"The improvements are so visible each time I visit the country, especially in the last one decade, the strides Bangladesh has made in its economy is highly commendable," he said.

Tshering said despite the Covid-19 pandemic, Bangladesh has been able to retain one of the highest GDP growths in the continent. "We are proud of the progress because a strong economy for Bangladesh will be an impetus for Bhutan and the region."

Termining Bangladesh "his second home", the Bhutanese premier said.

The theme of the celebrations is "The Eternal Mujib", but a separate theme for each day has been selected with yesterday's one being "Bangabandhu: Pioneer of Peace, Freedom and Humanity".

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen delivered the welcome address while eminent

political scientist Rounaq Jahan made the keynote presentation on yesterday's theme.

A video presentation by former foreign minister AH Mahmood Ali, MP, on yesterday's theme was also played.

### THE POPE, SONIA GANDHI CONGRATULATE BANGLADESH

Pope Francis has offered his heartfelt greetings to Bangladesh leadership and the people of the country, reports UNB.

He conveyed greetings to Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid, PM Hasina and the people of Bangladesh on the occasions. The Pope wished for an abundance of divine blessings for "Golden Bangladesh" and its citizens, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Indian National Congress President Sonia Gandhi said India has always had a special relationship with the people of Bangladesh because of the role that Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi played during Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971.

Indira Gandhi had declared full support for Bangladesh's war against Pakistan, sheltering the refugees, training freedom fighters as well as mobilising global support.

In her video message, Sonia said Indira Gandhi and Bangabandhu established deep friendship. "1971 was as much a transformative year for India as for Bangladesh, a year that saw Indira Gandhi in all magnificence a political leader as well as a statesman.

Soon thereafter, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman emerged on the world stage as the leader of the free people," she said.

She said over the five decades, Bangladesh's remarkable achievement in social development, community participation and economic growth and other areas have been very impressive.



The martyred freedom fighter Bocharam Das's lone son Monaram Das, and his family of five members are struggling for livelihood, living in a small house of government's Sonapukur Abasan at Daikhowa village of Lalmonirhat's

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## Acute gas crisis continues to hit parts

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Like them, thousands of people in different areas of the capital, including Mohammadpur, Adabor, Lalmatia, Dhanmondi, Eskaton, Indira Road, Razabazar, Green Road and Jigatola continued to face hardships for the second straight day yesterday due to a gas crisis.

Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd officials said the problem began after one of their feeder lines was damaged around 9:00pm on Monday while construction work was underway at Salehpur bridge over the Turag river in Amin Bazar, on the outskirts of the city.

Titas officials blamed the Roads and Highways Department (RHD), saying the pipeline was damaged by a RHD constructor.

RHD officials, on the other hand, claimed that they were unaware of the connection on RHD land since the pipeline was built without permission.

Titas officials, however, claimed they did take permission during the installation of the line.

"We are working and trying to repair the pipeline by today," Titas Director (Operations) Shafiqul Islam Khan told The Daily Star yesterday.

Unable to get gas at home, most of the affected people flocked to restaurants in their areas. Others used electric cookers.

Under the circumstances, restaurants in those

areas, which mainly use gas cylinders, were making good profits.

Md Abu Taher, manager of Café Modina and Kabab Ghar at Zakir Hossain Road, said their sales had almost doubled.

Similar was the situation at many other restaurants visited by this correspondent yesterday.

Many of the affected people expressed dissatisfaction at the delay in fixing the problem.

Meanwhile, Titas issued a press statement, expressing regret for the situation. It also said the gas pressure would remain low till noon today.

### GAS SHORTAGE

Titas Director Shafiqul said the gas crisis yesterday did not result from the damage caused to the pipeline on Monday. He said they were supplying gas through another connection in Amin Bazar, but the overall supply in the Titas network was low, making it difficult for them to get gas to residential areas.

"We are now getting less gas from Gas Transmission Company Limited [GTCL] and trying to keep the gas supply at normal level," he said.

He said there were two supply lines at Amin Bazar. "A 16-inch pipeline was not damaged, we are providing the gas through that," he said.

"Repairing the damaged gas line is taking some time as the connection goes under the river. We hope to repair it by today," he added.

Contacted, Titas Director (public relations) Mirza Mahbub Hossain said they need at least 1,900 million standard cubic feet per day (mmcf) of gas from GTCL to meet consumers' demand. Titas, however, was getting 1,600mmcf to 1,650mmcf gas yesterday, he said.

Titas supplies gas in areas including Dhaka, Gazipur, Savar, Narayanganj, Narsingdi, Sherpur, Kishoreganj, Netrokona, Jamalpur, Munshiganj and Mymensingh. It has approximately 28.55 lakh household connections, said its officials.

Contacted, Managing Director Md Atiquzzaman of GTCL told The Daily Star that their supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) yesterday was 300 to 350 mmcf less than that of Tuesday.

"Normally, GTCL gets up to 890mmcf LNG, but we are getting 565mmcf to 570mmcf LNG today," he said yesterday.

He said operations of Summit LNG, which used to supply 500mmcf, got halted following a technical glitch. The crisis may continue for two to three days, he added.

"We lower our gas supply in different sectors proportionately during the winter, but the irrigation season is going now. Because of this, residential areas are facing the crisis for the time being," he added.

The GTCL MD also said they usually get over 3350mmcf and supply 1900mmcf to Titas.

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মন্ত্রণালয়ের নামঃ সড়ক পরিবহন ও সেতু মন্ত্রণালয়।  
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০১।	ইজারা কোটেশন নং	:	০১-টোল/নিঃ প্রঃ/দি স বি/২০২০-২০২১(৬ষ্ঠ আহ্বান)।
০২।	ইজারার বিবরণ	:	দিনাজপুর সড়ক বিভাগের অধীন ২০২১-২০২২, ২০২২-২০২৩ এবং ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরের জন্য গোবিদগঞ্জ-ঘোড়াঘাট-বিরামপুর-ফুলবাড়ী-দিনাজপুর (আর-৫৮৫) আঞ্চলিক মহাসড়কের ৮৯তম কিলোমিটারে (Ch: 88+865 of R-585) অবস্থিত মোহনপুর সেতুর উপর দিয়ে চলাচলকারী যানবাহন হতে টোল আদায়ের ইজারা দরপত্র।
০৩।	ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ	:	০১/০৭/২০২১খ্রিঃ হতে ৩০/০৬/২০২৪খ্রিঃ (মোট ১০৯৫ দিন)।
০৪।	ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল মূল্য	:	টঃ ৫০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা মাত্র)।
০৫।	বায়নার টাকার পরিমাণ	:	উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে।
০৬।	ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	০৭/০৪/২০২১ খ্রীঃাব্দ তারিখ বিকাল ৫.০০ পর্যন্ত।
০৭।	মুখবন্দ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	০৮/০৪/২০২১ খ্রীঃাব্দ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০ পর্যন্ত।
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## Burnt woman fighting for life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

A housewife, severely burnt allegedly by her husband and in laws over family issues in Gaibandha Sadar upazila on Tuesday, in fighting for life a Rangpur Medical College.

Quitting the 22-year-old victim, Inspector of Gaibandha Sadar Police Station Mujibur Rahman said during an altercation over different family issues the husband and mother-in-law of Sharmin Akhtar set her afire around 1:00pm on Tuesday.

Hearing the news after nearly eight hours of the incident, Sharmin's parents rushed to her in-laws' house around 9:00pm, rescued her with 70 burn injuries and took her to Gaibandha General Hospital. She was later shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital the same night as her condition deteriorated.

Meanwhile, following a case filed by Sharmin's father Shafiqul Islam with Gaibandha Sadar Police Station, police detained victim's husband Korban Ali, 25, and mother-in-law Kulsum Begum from their house yesterday evening.

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