

'They stole 1,000 bikes in last 7yrs'

Nine inter-district thieves arrested in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday claimed to have arrested nine inter-district motorbike thieves and recovered 20 stolen motorbikes conducting drives in different districts for the last two days.

Law enforcers said the gang stole nearly 1,000 motorbikes across the country and later traded them in different areas.

The arrestees are Md Mehedi Hasan (19), Md Mahmudul Hasan (24), Md Shakhawat Hossain alias Rubel (25), Shahadat Hossain Sajjad (27), Md Reaz (32), Md Anwarul Islam Ripon (38), Md Obaidul Kader (42) and Milton Sarkar alias Milton Kumar Shaha alias Sohel (44).

Among them, Milton, Rafiq, and Reaz are the kingpins of the motorbike stealing gang, said police.

CMP Additional Deputy Commissioner (South) Palash Kanti Nath told The Daily Star, "Arrested Rafiq and Milton met in jail and later organised the syndicate to steal motorbikes. Under the syndicate, over 15 members used to steal bikes."

"During interrogation, the duo admitted that they have stolen around 1,000 motorbikes from different areas in the

country over the last seven years," said the ADC.

Assistant Commissioner (Kotwali zone) Nobel Chakma said, "A team of Kotwali police first arrested Mehedi and Milton on March 25 night with an unregistered motorcycle without a number plate from Kadamtali area of the port city."

"Based on Milton's information, police recovered one motorbike from Sitakunda Sadar upazila, seven from Boro Darogar Hat of Sitakunda, two from Feni and one from Ramgar area," told the AC.

During the drives, police also arrested Anwar, Obaidul, Mahmudul, and Rubel in this connection, said the official.

"After modifying the motorbikes, they used to sell those in exchange for Tk 15,000 to Tk 30,000 based on the bike's condition. The stolen motorcycles used to run in remote areas of Khagrachhari, Sitakunda, Feni, and other parts where traffic police are not available," said Sub-inspector Mominul Hasan of Kotwali police station.

OC Nezam Uddin of Kotwali Police Station said Milton is accused in four cases, Ripon in three and Sajjad in four cases. Police were trying to arrest the other accused, he said.

DU alumni of Khulna publish book on Bangabandhu

CITY DESK

As part of Bangabandhu's birth centenary celebrations, Dhaka University Alumni Association Khulna (DUAAK) launched the book 'Chira Unnata Shir', a volume of essays edited by Sadhan Ranjan Ghosh, Sabiha Huq and Tuhin Roy recently at Khulna Government Model School and College Auditorium.

Prof Muntassir Mamon, historian and Bangabandhu Chair Professor of Chittagong University, attended the programme. Freedom fighter Sheikh Harunor Rashid was guest of honour, said a press release. Prof Sadhan Ranjan Ghosh, treasurer of Khulna University, presided over the programme.

Prof Syada Lutfun Nahar, Prof Sheikh Md Badiuzzaman, Dr Biswas Shaheen Ahmmad also spoke on the occasion.



This street near the capital's Tejgaon rail crossing area is more like a parking spot for three-wheelers. With barely enough space for vehicular movement, traffic congestion is almost a daily occurrence. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

BALUKHALI BLAZE Med supplies arrive from Turkey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A flight from Turkey landed at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chattogram carrying supplies for a field hospital for Rohingya yesterday.

A Turkish Air Force flight-C130 carrying 20 tonnes of goods including generators, tents and equipment landed at 2:30pm, said airport manager Farhad Hossain.

"Turkey government sent the materials to reconstruct the field hospital named Turkish Hospital - which was gutted in the fire at Balukhali rohingya camp," the official added. "It will be handed over to hospital authority in presence of the Turkish ambassador."

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"The life of Bangabandhu epitomized the freedom struggle of the people of Bangladesh for their rights, for the preservation of their inclusive culture and their identity." -- Modi wrote in the visitor book.

"His indomitable spirit and fortitude inspired millions, who emerged victorious despite challenging circumstances," Modi also mentioned.

During his visit to Orakandi, Modi said the two countries have proven their capabilities during the coronavirus pandemic and today, both are facing this pandemic strongly and also fighting it together.

India is working with consideration that it is its duty that "Made-in-India" vaccines reaches the citizens of Bangladesh, he added. Modi offered prayers at Harichandra Thakurbari Temple in Orakandi.

He started his day visiting Jessoreshwari Kali Temple at Ishwaripur village of Shyamnagar in Satkhira and offered puja there. Jayanta Chattapadhyaya and Krishna Chattapadhyaya from Sebayat family of the temple welcomed him around 10:15am.

At Jessoreshwari Kali Temple, Modi was welcomed with beats of traditional drum and blowing of conches, reports our correspondent from Satkhira.

He entered the temple and offered prayers along with the Sabayet (caretaker) of the temple, Jyoti Chattopadhyay told The Daily Star.

Inside the temple, Modi, who was wearing a mask, sat on the floor while the priest Dilip Mukharjee recited from holy books.

During the prayers, Modi offered golden crown, red saree, fruits and sweets to Goddess Kali.

According to news agency ANI, after offering prayers at the temple, Modi said, "I got the opportunity to visit this Shaktipeeth to pay obeisance to Maa Kali. I prayed to her to free the human race from Covid-19."

"When Maa Kali mela (festival) is held here, large number of devotees come from across the border. Therefore, a community hall is needed which should be multi-purpose so that when people come here during Kali puja, it is useful to them for social, religious and educational events."

"Most importantly, it should act as a shelter for all at the time of disasters like cyclone. The government of India will do the construction work. I express gratitude to Bangladesh Government that they have wished us well for this," Modi said.

The Indian PM left Dhaka last night.



Dust pollution in Dhaka remains as unceasing as ever even after winter is over. The situation is especially bad in some areas like the Shanir Akhra side of the Dhaka-Chattogram highway, where the streets are choked with dust. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Retaining

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"Since most students are outside of the online education system, they will surely fall behind compared to the rest," he said.

Among others, Rene Raya, lead policy analyst of Asia South Pacific Association for Basic Adult Education (ASPBAE) Quazi Faruque Ahmed, Education Policy Formulation Committee member, and Ehsanur Rahman, executive director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, spoke at the programme.

BRAC University Professor Emeritus Manzoor Ahmed presided over the session.

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Invitation for Tender
Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.			
2	Agency	Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board.			
3	Procuring Entity Name & District	Project Coordinator, c/o Senior System Analyst, ICT Directorate, Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, Dhaka.			
4	Invitation for Tender Name	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Hardware (1 phase and 3 phase Meter with HES, NIC, HHU, UCC, UVS, DCU, Repeater, DR, Data Centre accessories etc.) & Software for Implementation of AMI with MDM and related service Under BREB for 5 lac smart meter that will be scalable up to 2 crore smart meter.			
5	Invitation Ref No. & date	Memo No: 27.12.0000.112.35.019.18.120 Date: 25-03-2021			
KEY INFORMATION					
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM, NCB), Single Stage Two Envelope on package Trunking Basis.			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
7	Budget and Source of Funds	Own Fund (BREB)			
8	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
9	Project/ Programme Name	Installation of 5 Lac Smart Pre-payment meter and Meter Communication system Project under Rural Electrification Program.			
10	Tender Package No.	01) SPPM-MCS-01; Lot-1: 02) SPPM-MCS-01; Lot-2:			
11	Tender Publication Date	28.03.2021			
12	Tender Last Selling Date	25.04.2021 within 15.00 BST			
TENDER CLOSING AND OPENING					
13	Tender Closing Date and Time	26.04.2021 12.00 Noon (BST)			
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	26.04.2021 12.30 Noon (BST)			
15	Pre-Tender Meeting	12.04.2021 11:00 AM (BST)			
16	Name & Address of the office	Address - For Selling Tender Document: ICT Directorate - For Receiving Tender Document: BREB, HQ Building (5th Floor) - For Opening Tender Document: Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229 - For Pre-Tender Meeting:			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
17	Eligibility of Tender	As Per Tender Document.			
18	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Tk. 10,000.00 (Per Document)			
19	Brief Description of Goods and amount of Tender Security:				
	Tender Package No.	Description	Quantity	Tender Security in Amount	Delivery Schedule & Places
	SPPM-MCS-01; Lot-1:	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Hardware (4.8 lac 1 phase, 10 thousand 3 phase LT (whole current) with HES, NIC, HHU, UCC, UVS, DCU, Repeater, DR, Data Centre accessories etc.) & Software for Implementation of AMI with MDM Under BREB.	01 (One)	BDT :2,00,00,00.00 (In word: Twenty Crore)	24 (Twenty-Four) Months.
	SPPM-MCS-01; Lot-2:	Design, Supply, Installation of 10 thousand 3 phase, CT/PT Rated, Class 20, AMR meter with HES and integration with BREB MDM & Server System.	01 (One)	BDT :35,00,000.00 (In word: Thirty-Five Lac)	
20	Regarding Tender Document	Tender Document can be purchased by the interested-on submission of a written application in the address below upon the payment of non-refundable Tk. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) in the form of Pay order/ Bank Draft in favor of Senior System Analyst, ICT Directorate, BREB, Bangladesh. No Tender Document will be sent by courier or by mail.			
21	Mode of payment	Payment will be made directly to the Tenderers in Local Currency (BDT) by BREB.			
22	Completion Period	24 (Twenty-Four) Months from the date of contract signing.			
23	Special Instruction	Tender document can be viewed at BREB website that is www.reb.gov.bd for information only.			
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
24	Name of official Inviting Tender	Md. Fahim Uddin			
25	Designation of official Inviting Tender	Project Coordinator			
26	Address of official Inviting Tender	c/o Senior System Analyst, ICT Directorate, BREB, Dhaka.			
27	Contact details of official Inviting Tender	Tel: 8900513			
28	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders				

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ISLAMI ANDOLAN EXTENDS SUPPORT TO HARTAL

Meanwhile, Islami Andolan Bangladesh expressed full support to the hartal called by Hefajat-e-Islam today.

They also announced a protest rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital on April 1.

Over two thousand activists of the Islamist party thronged the north gate of the national mosque around 3pm after Hefajat-e-Islam activists moved from there, after staging a rally on the same demands.

They placed a six-point demand at the rally: suspension of police officers responsible and judicial probe into the killings at Chattogram and Brahmanbaria, suspension of Hathazari Police Station Officer-in-Charge, compensation for families of the slain Hefajat activists and treatment for the injured, release of all arrestees detained over anti-Modi protests and withdrawal of cases against the activists.

It also urged the government to identify ruling party "thugs" who carried out the attacks and bring back the constitutional rights to freedom of assembly and meetings.

Friday's clashes left four agitators dead

at Hathazari, Chattogram -- the home base of Hefajat, one in Brahmanbaria, and more than a hundred injured.

After the deadly clashes, members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) were deployed at different parts of the country, including the capital, to keep law and order situation in control.

Besides, police officials were asked to remain alert as police stations might come under attacks.

CASE FILED OVER ATTACK ON POLICE, VANDALISM IN CAPITAL
Meanwhile, a case was filed with Paltan Police Station in the capital over the mayhem that took place at national mosque premises on Friday.

The clashes left around 60 people injured including two Daily Star photojournalists, confirmed Syed Nurul Islam, deputy commissioner of Motijheel Division of police.

While addressing reporters at Paltan intersection, DC Nurul said the case was filed for the attack on police and vandalism in the mosque against unidentified people, but no one was named in the first information report (FIR).

Asked about today's hartal, DC Nurul said their job is to protect public property, and they will be on high alert to ensure security.

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