

UP POLLS VIOLENCE IN CTG

Two gun-toting men arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday arrested two people who were photographed toting guns during the February 7 Khagaria Union Parishad election in Satkania, Chattogram.

Police also seized two firearms and two cartridges from the arrestees, Md Shamsuddin alias Nisan (20) and Joynal Abedin alias Ledaiya (47), said SM Rashidul Haque, superintendent of police in Chattogram.

"The duo possessed guns and worked for different candidates of the UP election," he said at a press briefing at his office.

Supporters of ruling party-backed candidate Md Aktar Hossain and independent candidate Md Jasim Uddin, and the shooters clashed at two centres during the UP polls.

At that time, the two arrestees along with Nasir Uddin, Rubel from Khagaria, Kamrul Alam Azad alias Sumon from Nalua, Shakhwat from Notun Charkhagoria, and Ezhar from Dohazari were seen carrying firearms and opening fire.

After the incident, police filed a case with Satkania Police Station accusing Jasim Uddin, claiming that the independent candidate led the violence.

However, locals alleged that Aktar also led his supporters during the polls violence, but he was not made accused.

The SP earlier had told The Daily Star that they were trying to arrest the gun-toting criminals.

Seeking anonymity, an officer-in-charge of a police station under the district's south zone said most of the gun-toting criminals are involved with the ruling party.



The number of cars imported through the Mongla Port has seen an increase over the last couple of years. Whereas 14,474 arrived here in fiscal year 2020-21, the port has already seen 11,492 imports in fiscal year 2021-22 till January. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

River filled, canals lost

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Within three decades, the once solitary and neat Tangail district town has almost turned into a concrete jungle within, with its waterbodies disappearing one after another. This has proved detrimental, to say the least, to the town's environment and the health of its residents.

Residents of the 134-year old municipality said they've been facing various problems, including waterlogging, due to the mindless destruction of the natural drainage system.

Take Burai river for example. According to environmentalists, the river flowing at the eastern part of the town has already been filled up due to dumping wastes there for decades.

Burai flows through Biswas Betka, Chorjana and Dorun areas in Sadar upazila, and falls into the Jhenai river in Suruj area. The smaller river, however, lost its flow due to the lack of water from its source,

Louhajang river.

As a result, wastes from a part of the town has been going straight into the river through a couple of drains, including the central drain, for twenty years.

"Only three decades ago, we could bathe in the waters of Burai and fish there. None of that can be imagined now," Shyamul Sutradhar, an elderly resident of Biswas Betka area, told this correspondent.

Sources said some influential locals started filling lands near the river, claiming ownership.

According to Cadastral Survey records, 27 canals flowing through different areas of the municipality were also grabbed.

Meanwhile, the municipality has killed a few of the canals, namely Shyam Babur Khal, also known as Victoria Canal, that flows through the middle of the town, by constructing several markets on it.

Local influentials have also grabbed the rest of the canals and constructed various concrete structures on these.

Such is the tale of Shyam Babur Khal. Originating from Louhajang at Paradisepara area in the town, the 5km-long canal falls in to Burai at Biswas Betka canal, which works as the main natural drain of the town.

Two decades ago, the municipality authorities turned the 30-foot wide canal into a 3-foot drain from Paradisepara to Godown Bridge area, ignoring objections from citizens and environmentalists.

They also constructed several markets and shopping malls on it from the Old Bus Stand area to Nirala Intersection, narrowing down the Victoria Road, known as zero point, which is the entrance of the main town.

Although water is supposed to pass through the drain and fall into Burai, it has now turned stagnant, with dirty water spreading bad smell in nearby areas. It's also become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER CANALS?

According to Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers

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According to environmentalists, the Burai river, that once flowed through the eastern part of the town, has been almost completely filled up as a result of decades of indiscriminate waste dumping.

Third-grader's brutal killing owing to enmity Police recover body after arresting murderer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A third grader was murdered in Chuadanga due to the murderer's prior rivalry with his father, police found after recovering his semi-decomposed body from a graveyard yesterday, after arresting the culprit the night before.

Chuadanga ASP Abu Tareq, during a press briefing yesterday, revealed that Momin, a resident of the same area, was behind the killing.

Abu Hurairah, the victim, was taken to the graveyard where he was strangled to death, according to the police official.

Two years ago, Momin and his friends were playing music on loudspeakers, when Hurairah's father, Abdul Barek, asked them to lower the volume. As they didn't comply, he went ahead and kicked the speakers. Momin was enraged and had been looking for a way to take revenge ever since, said the ASP.

Chuadanga Sadar police said on January 19 afternoon, Abu Hurairah left home for study and met Momin on his way. Momin lured Hurairah to go to Taltola Government graveyard with him, where he murdered the third-grader.

On January 26, Abu Hurairah's father filed a kidnapping case with the Sadar Police Station. Momin then staged a kidnapping of Hurairah to take the investigation in another direction.

Momin demanded Tk 10 lakh as ransom for releasing the boy on January 29. The victim's family reached out to him on February 2 and offered to pay Tk 5 lakh, but he was adamant about his previous demands.

Following his arrest on Sunday night, Momin confessed to the killing and showed police the crime scene.

ACTOR SOHEL MURDER Find missing documents: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed authorities to immediately take steps to find documents of actor Sohel Chowdhury murder case, as those have reportedly gone missing from the HC and trial court.

In response to a writ petition, the court also issued a rule, asking respondents why the documents going missing shouldn't be declared unlawful.

Secretaries at ministries of law and home affairs, Supreme Court registrar general and HC registrar were made respondents to the order and rule, writ petitioner lawyer Abdullah Al Harun Russel told The Daily Star. He said the HC passed the order so that trial proceedings of the long pending murder case can resume at the court.

The bench of Justice Mamnoon Rahman and Justice Khandaker Diliruzzaman came up with the order and rule after the petition was filed as a public interest litigation.

Russel said film actor Sohel Chowdhury was shot dead in front of Trumps Club in Abedin Tower of the capital's Banani on December 18, 1998. His brother, Touhidul Islam Chowdhury, filed a murder case with Gulshan Police Station on the same day.

After an accused filed a petition, the HC in 2014 stayed trial proceedings and issued a rule. However, the HC in 2015 vacated the stay order and cleared the way for the trial court to run the proceedings. But, the HC's decision was reportedly not communicated to the trial court, and proceedings were not resumed.

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e-Tender Notice (LTM) No. 02/2021-2022

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works & goods as mentioned in the following table:

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of works	Source of fund	Tender last selling date & time	Tender closing and opening date & time
660202	CNP/ADP/2021-2022/P-01	Re-Construction of Road by RCC of Pourashava Office campus in Ward No. 15. Length 190.00m.	GOB (Revenue)	01 March 2022 at 5:00pm	02 March 2022 at 12:00pm
660203	CNP/ADP/2021-2022/P-02	a) Construction of RCC Slab on existing drain at different places of Pourashava. Length 218.00m. b) Construction of RCC Dusbin 15 Nos. of Poura area. c) Construction of CC Road & Brick drain with RCC slab at Huzrapur Porabag in Ward No. 02. Length 20.00m.	GOB (Revenue)	01 March 2022 at 5:00pm	02 March 2022 at 12:15pm
660204	CNP/ADP/2021-2022/P-03	Supplying of electric goods for street light of Chapainawabganj Pourashava.	GOB (Revenue)	01 March 2022 at 5:00pm	02 March 2022 at 12:30pm
660205	CNP/ADP/2021-2022/P-04	a) Supplying of necessary accessories for water supply of Chapainawabganj Pourashava. b) Supplying 80/100 grade bitumen & Well grade stone chips for O&M Works Chapainawabganj Pourashava.	GOB (Revenue)	01 March 2022 at 5:00pm	02 March 2022 at 12:45pm
660206	CNP/REV/2021-2022/P-05	Construction of 1st Floor Puraton Toha Bazar Market (4-Storied foundation) at Puraton Bazar under Chapainawabganj Pourashava.	Own fund	01 March 2022 at 5:00pm	02 March 2022 at 01:00pm

There are an online (e-GP System) tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tendering documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches. Further information and guideline are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) Contact Number (01762-625528-31).

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Date: 13/02/2022

Corrigendum Notice No. 01

All concerned are hereby informed that due to unavoidable circumstances the following changes have been made in connection with following Tender IDs invited vide this office Memo No. T-1/1596, date 01/02/2022.

e-Tender Corrigendum Notice (OTM)

SL. No.	Tender ID, tender status	Name of work	Type, method	Closing date & time
1	654398, Amendment/Corrigendum issued: 1	Bank Protective work along the right bank of Mogra river from km 0.00 to km 0.050 total 50.00m in cw NDR Budget near Atpara Thana in Upazila-Atpara, Dist. Netrokona under Netrokona O&M Division, BWDB, Netrokona during the FY-2021-2022.	NCT, OTM	Original 21/02/2022 14:00 New 23/02/2022 14:00
2	654401, Amendment/Corrigendum issued: 1	Repair and maintenance work of Inspection Banglau, Mosque, Office Building & Colony cw NDR budget at Upazila-Netrokona Sadar, Dist. Netrokona under Netrokona O&M Division, BWDB Netrokona during the financial year 2021-22.	NCT, OTM	16/02/2022 12:45 23/02/2022 12:45

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